

February 2019

Hello AMCA Europe Members,

A short report this time, much of it about preparations for our May Meet.

Rüsselheim

Claudia Krause was at the Winter Classic Bike show here in Germany on 20 January with numerous AMCA members, and snapped this Indian bobber from Michael Schneider.



Michael said he would bring some four cylinder bikes to our Raalte Meet, and help with the Indian judging, which is great news.

75th Anniversary of D-Day

It seems like just the other day we had the fiftieth anniversary of the landings in northern France, but this year it's the 75th, and a new generation of enthusiasts will be out there to celebrate. Anyone with an old Harley WLA/WLC, or a wartime BSA, Norton or Matchless needs to start now so their bike is in good shape for the celebrations. For our American readers, get on those travel websites now for that once in a lifetime trip down memory lane and to honour our veterans.

Greece Sidecar Adventure

Chris Leontopoulos E-mailed me about his travel company at www.greektravelgurus.com/small-group-tour. He is organising 9 night motorcycle tours from May to September this year of 3-5 bikes carrying 9-15 max passengers, children suggested over 7 years old. Price per person around \$3800. Check the website if interested in a sunny sidecar holiday.

Raalte Travel Arrangements

It seems like Brexit is all we see in the UK newspapers these days, and our May 24/25 Raalte Meet is after March 29 when the UK is supposed to leave the EU. In case our European friends become officious, here's what I've done as a UK resident in preparation.

- Bought an International Driving Permit at the Post office for £5.50. While I was there I also got another one, different of course, for my US Oley visit in April.
- Got a French air pollution certificate sticker from www.certificat-air.gouv.fr, about 5 euros. My old van is now not allowed in central Paris, but that is no great hardship.
- Put a GB sticker over the EU stars on my license plate, allegedly a requirement..

My van carries a copy of the registration papers and insurance, headlamp beam deflectors, spare light bulbs, enough yellow vests for all passengers (within arms reach of the driver), a breakdown warning triangle, a first aid kit, a fire extinguisher, and two breathalyser kits, as well as the usual spare wheel, jack, wheel nut key and wrench, jumper leads, tow rope, electric tyre pump and torch. Wow, it's like a jungle expedition!

I've paid the Raalte hotel bill already, and my Dover/Ferry crossings, so I just need more miles on the KJ and I'm ready to go. It's going to be good!

We've got AMCA Executive Director Keith Kizer and Chief Judge Don Dzurick both coming to our Raalte Meet for the first time, so let's show them our best hospitality and some stunning bikes...

The VMCC

The British Vintage Motorcycle Club is the largest old bike club in the world, with about 14,000 mostly UK members compared with 11,000 mostly US members for the AMCA. I've been a member of both Clubs for 25+ years and have been interested in how both clubs try to serve their membership through quite different organisations. The VMCC has a public meeting every year, which often gives the chance for a few hundred members to attend and criticise the management. Last year they struggled to find a quorum of Directors, and after their 03 March meeting this year they will have a fresh slate. They are now wrestling with producing a Club strategy and plan in the same way the AMCA did a couple of years ago. I'll be taking Keith Kizer up to meet the VMCC management after our Raalte Meet, so that should make for an interesting exchange of experiences.

Upcoming Events

I'll be at the UK Pioneer Run in March and the Oley Meet in the USA in April, and shall be reporting on both. If you can manage a paragraph and a photo from any motorcycle related event you attend, then please let me know.

Please also check our European show list at the end of this newsletter, and let me know of any additions or corrections.

2019 Events

Below is our latest timetable for the year. The AMCA events are firm, but some of the others may be provisional. Please advise me of any corrections, or additional events you would like to see included.

2019 AMCA National Meets

February 22-23, Omaha Chapter, Fremont, NE
March 08-09, Sunshine Meet, New Smyrna Beach, FL
April 26-27, Perkiomen Chapter, Oley, PA
May 17-19, Southern Meet, Denton, NC
May 24-25, European Meet, Raalte, NL
June 14-15, Viking Chapter, St. Paul, MN
June 14-15, Fort Sutter Chapter, Dixon, CA
July 05-07, Empire Chapter, Trumansburg, NY
July 19-21, Wauseon Meet, Wauseon, OH

August 02-03, Yankee Chapter, Terryville, CT
August 24-25, Australian Chapter, Sydney, AUS
September 27-28, Chesapeake, Jefferson, PA

2019 AMCA National Road Runs

April 08-10, Cherokee Chapter Road Run, Kerrville, TX
June 09-12, Allegheny Chapter, Ligonier, PA
September 04-06, Music City Chapter, Nashville, TN
September 23-25, Yerba Buena Chapter, Monterey, CA

Other 2019 Events

Austria

September 03-08 European Bike Week, Faaker See
www.europeanbikeweek.com

Belgium

Feb 23 Ruilbeurs Oude Motoren, www.earlyriders.be

Denmark

Aug 31 Lakolk Beach Jutland, pre-1947 beach racing and partying www.romomotorfestival.dk

Finland

Jan 12 Jyväskylä swap meet

June 05-09 Harley-Davidson Super Rally, Himos
www.superrally2019.fi

July 26-28 International Indian Rally, Sastamala
www.indianmotorcycle.fi

Croatia/Slovenia/Italy

June 27-30 FIVA World Motorcycle Run, www.fiva.org

Germany

Jan 20 Winter Classic Bike Show, Im Alten Opel-Werk, 65428 Rüsselheim

Jan 25-27 Motorrad Bodensee www.motorradwelt-bodensee.de

Mar 07-10 Retro Classics Stuttgart www.retro-classics.de

Mar 16-17 Technorama Kassel www.technorama.de

Apr 05-07, Veterama, Hockenheim www.veterama.de

June 20-23 Magic Bike, Rüdesheim, www.magic-bike-ruedesheim.com

Sep 07, Board Track racing at Bielefeld. Contact motoholic@web.de

Oct 11-13, Veterama, Mannheim. Biggest European swap meet. www.veterama.de.

Italy

Jan 17-20 Motorbike Expo Verona
www.motorbikeexpo.it

Jan 11-12 Harley and Snow Hillclimb, Bolzano
www.harley.bz.it/de/harley-snow

May 10-12 ASI Moto Show, Parma race track
www.asifed.it *provisional*

Sep 07 Roll'n Flat Beach Race, Caorle
www.venicebeachrace.com *provisional*

Latvia

July 10-13, Kurland Rally. A 60 bike limit this year, so book early at www.kurlandround.lv. *provisional*

Netherlands

Jan 12-13 Oldtimerbeurs Autotron, Rosmalen
www.oldtimerbeurs.net

Feb 17. Swap Meet, Hengelo, www.alemite-motoren.nl *provisional*

Feb 23 Oldtimer+Tweewielerbeurs Eurohal Zuidbroek,
www.lup25.nl

June 21-23 Silent Gray Fellows Meet, Oosterhout. 16th meet for pre-1966 American bikes,
www.silentgrayfellows.nl

Aug 09-11, Old Timers Run, Den Haag. Pre-1966 American bikes for the 41st time.

www.hdctheoldtimers.nl

Sep 06-08, Alemite Run, Beuningen. www.alemite-motoren.nl.

Poland

June 13-16 Old Timer Club summer rally, Bocheniec
www.oldtimerclub.com.pl

June 29-30 Antique motorcycle swap meet, Lodz
www.motoweteranbazar.com

Aug 21-24 75th D-Day anniversary, Hel
<https://www.facebook.com/DDAYHel>

Sweden

Jan 24 Eskiltuna swap meet, Harleys/bobbers 1940s up
provisional

Feb 07 Enköping Indianmarknaden. Indian/early Harley
provisional

Switzerland

Feb 21-24 Swiss Moto/Custom Zürich www.swiss-moto.ch

May 25-26 Swiss Classic World, Luzern
www.swissclassicworld.ch

June 22-23 Oldtimermesse, Uster *provisional*

Aug 26 Gran Prix Suisse Berne Memorial, Bern
provisional

Oct 27 Oldtimermesse, St. Gallen *provisional*

United Kingdom

March 24. Pioneer Run, 350 pre-1915 bikes, Epsom Downs to Brighton.

June 17 Banbury Run, Gaydon, 600 pre-1931 bikes

Oct 11-13 Stafford show and auction

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Please volunteer if you would like to be representative for a country not mentioned. You just need to know what bike-related events take place in your country, and answer occasional Email questions.

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And keep me up to date if you change Email address.

The next newsletter will probably be in April, so please keep sending me articles and photos on bike related items.

Wishing you safe and happy riding, and best regards,

Steve Slocombe,
President AMCA European Chapter

