



AMCA EUROPEAN CHAPTER NEWSLETTER  
*"Having fun with old motorcycles"*

June 2024

Hello AMCA Europe Members,

This time we have reports from the Oley Meet and our own European Meet.

**Oley Meet 26/27 April**

I was in the USA photographing two Harley-Davidson Panhead collections for my upcoming book series, with the second in Pennsylvania. I was not going to miss the chance to attend the Oley show, where I had a pitch for about twenty years before missing the last two. I arrived on Wednesday afternoon to be met by glorious weather, plus some of our Dutch members making early-bird visits to see what was on show. My old hotel, The Inn at Reading, was being knocked down, as shown from my new hotel window:



The hotel will be known to many, not least for being so hard hard to get to before GPS. It was apparently built in the 1960s, possibly converted from a 1940s hospital, and is now being demolished for new-build apartments.

The Meet had bad weather the last couple of years, but the good spell lasted all weekend and the show was jammed. There were over-spill vendor spots a mile down the road at Reading Motorcycle Club (RMC) with a shuttle bus running between the two locations. Many bikes were on show in front of the administration building, and it was good to see groups of modern bike riders coming in to see the old stuff. Here is a ridden-in Vincent, alas a rare sight these days:



And an Indian Four was parked next to a late Servi-Car:



Here's another nicely presented military Indian:



And my nightmare for judging is that a Marusho turns up, and now I've seen one, interesting!



At the show this Curtiss V8 replica record breaker drew the crowds:



That shows the awesome skills of our restorers. Friday night I went to see the drag racing at RMC. This is one of the oldest US Clubs, from around 1914, with an excellent Clubhouse, a great atmosphere, and their own eighth mile drag strip:



You could see Scouts against WRs, Knuckleheads against Panheads, Shovelheads, Sportsters, little brother and sister racing, flag girls, burnouts, and an all round fun evening of entertainment.

Saturday was judging time, and I put my knowledge back into the Club on two 1930s VLs and a DL. Phew, another great Oley Meet.

### European Meet 10//11May

It was our turn two weeks later. We had weather like Oley, with clear skies, cool mornings, then warming up under strong sunshine. Here are reproduction knucklehead frames lined up by year:



We had nearly all American motorcycle parts with the other vendors, and one of our visitors found every missing part for his Indian Scout over two days of shopping.

Judging was on Saturday and we had just a dozen Harleys and Indians from 1933-48 to examine, and we know how to do that. Arguably this 1936 Harley knucklehead was a little over-judged:



Chris Bastiaansen brought this stunning 1938 Indian Four:



After the judging and the hotel barbecue we had our annual meeting and the judging prizes. I was able to report we have 381 European members from 21 countries, nearly 5% up from last year and a credit to our country ambassadors. Visitors from 17 countries attended the Meet. Among new members are Andreas Niehoff, Greg Polz, Olli Huber and Stephan Schoening from Germany, Kurt Thru from Denmark, and Jarek Roslik from Poland. At the Directors Meeting Thursday evening we voted unanimously for Jan Mulkens, another young Dutch enthusiast, to join our numbers, and for Cees Visser to

be President Elect, to take over from me next time. We also voted for Dave van der Linden to take over as Chapter Deputy Judge, and for volunteer Carolina Sales Martorell to be our new Spanish country ambassador.

The Chapter judging awards went like this. Oldest bike went to visitor Nils Bialuch with this 1909 Terrot



Longest distance went to Søren Lange and Kurt Thru from Denmark, who had ridden-in on their 1947 Harley FLs 793 and 715 km respectively. Best restored went to Jaap Hoekstra with a 98.5 point score and a Senior award for his red and black Art Deco 1933 Harley RE. As our theme was Overhead Valves, best in show went to Jan van der Werff's re-creation of an 8-valve Harley racer:



The bike was started up at various times during the Meet and really drew the crowds. Most Unique went

to Johan Wijer's 1924 Harley FHAC racer. This bike came second, to a lighter Norton, in the 1925 Dutch TT when it was ridden by Bertus van Hamarsveld.



The front cylinder was removed from the motorcycle so that it could compete in the 500 cc class. It also raced in Germany at the Opel Bahn and still holds the record at the Avis Berlin track.

For National judging, the 1933 RE took Senior as already mentioned, with Steven Gerrits' 1941 WL making Winners Circle and the others Junior awards. Krzysztof Pedryc our Polish Ambassador, and Old Timer Club Poland President Richard, then presented me with honorary membership in their Club, for which I was surprised and moved. Thank you guys!

After Sunday breakfast we booked in the hotel for next time then made our way home after another great European Meet. Next time we shall again be back at Raalte for the Ascension Day holiday, **this time 30/31 May 2025 and with the theme of Original Paint.**

### Italian Rally

Our friends at the Langhe Hills Chapter in Italy are organising another get-together June 28-30, this time pre-registration is mandatory. For registration or more information please contact Fabio or Cristiano directly or visit:

<https://www.instagram.com/patinagarageitalyfrance/>

### Money!

At our year end of 07 April the European Chapter was 323 euros in the red. We aim to break even, with a reserve against a wet weekend, but are now underwater even with all the volunteer effort that goes into the organisation. We had a stripped-down meeting this year, with no admission charge, no band, no raffle, and no guest speaker. I know times are hard but we did not sell all our Tee shirts and pennants to recover the cost of putting on this great show. If you would like a shirt or pennant mailed to you, please contact our treasurer Martin van Kuijk at [amcaeurope@gmail.com](mailto:amcaeurope@gmail.com). Martin will also be happy to accept donations to [hubbeldoos@hotmail.com](mailto:hubbeldoos@hotmail.com) sent through PayPal friends and family. Thanks for your help!

We have a few 2024 Tee shirts in small, XL and 2XL, and few 2023 shirts in large and XL. Please send 50 euros to [hubbeldoos@hotmail.com](mailto:hubbeldoos@hotmail.com) by PayPal and Martin will mail one to you. We also have pennants at 35 euros including shipping, but these will have to be folded to go in the mailer. Same address for PayPal, and any questions to Martin at his Email address above. Anything left will be at the AMCA stand 6/402 at Mannheim in October.

### 2024 Events

Below is our latest timetable for the year. The AMCA events are firm, but some of the others are provisional, and will be updated as more information is received. Please advise me of any corrections, or additional events you would like to see included. Any events cancelled or postponed are marked with an asterisk (\*). Please check with the organisers before travelling any distance.

#### 2024 AMCA National Meets

Feb 02-03 Music City Chapter, Lebanon TN  
Feb 29-Mar 02 Sunshine Meet, Daytona FL  
Mar 23-24 Omaha Meet, Fremont NE  
Apr 26-27 Perkiomen Chapter, Oley PA  
May 10-11 European Chapter, Raalte NL

June 14-15 Viking Chapter, St. Paul MN  
June 14-15 Fort Sutter Meet, Dixon CA  
June 21-23 Can-Am River, Waddington NY  
July 19-20 Wauseon Coalition, Wauseon OH  
July 26-28 Yankee Meet, Greenfield MA  
Aug 24-25 Australian Meet, Bulli NSW  
Sep 06-08 Colonial Meet, Harmony NJ  
Oct 04-06 Chesapeake Meet, Upperco MD  
Oct 11-12 Southern National, Denton NC

### 2024 National Road Runs

Feb 29-Mar 02 SoCal Chapter, Borrego Springs CA  
May 21-23 Cherokee/Diamond, Eureka Springs AR  
Aug 13-15 Badger Chapter, Eagle River WI  
Sep 23-25 Yerba Buena Chapter, Napa Valley CA  
Oct 07-09 Seaboard Chapter, Hamilton NJ

### European 2024 Events

#### Austria

September 03-08 European Bike Week, Faaker See  
[www.europeanbikeweek.com](http://www.europeanbikeweek.com)

#### Belgium

August 25 Oude Klepper Parade, De Haan

#### Czech Republic

May 15-19 Harley-Davidson Super Rally, Pasohlavky  
[www.superrally.com](http://www.superrally.com)

#### Denmark

May 09-11, Skagen Run, this time Copenhagen to Skagen, for pre-1935 bikes. Details from [elleham07@gmail.com](mailto:elleham07@gmail.com)

Check. Aug tba Laholm Beach Jutland, pre-1947 beach racing and partying [www.romomotorfestival.dk](http://www.romomotorfestival.dk)

#### Finland

January 06 Swap (Rompepäivä) in Jyväskylä 250km north from Helsinki. Mostly Japanese and Eastern

Europe bike parts, but some vendors of vintage American and British.

February 02-04 in Helsinki: MP 24 is said to be the largest motorcycle exhibition in Northern Europe. More info in English <https://mp.messukeskus.com/?lang=en>

30 March "Walkka Swap" in Helsinki, mostly chopper and later model Harley parts, but occasionally also old rust.

April, date tba. Vintage bike swap "Rompe" in Tampere 180km north of Helsinki

May 04-05 Classic Motor Show, emphasis on vintage cars, but also some old bikes.

mid-July Flathead Rally, Lieto, near Turku in SW. Location and date to be confirmed

July 13-14 (preliminary date) Dirt race for old bikes in Ramsöö near Tampere

August 02-04 28-30 Veteraaniralli a big vintage m/c meeting in Keuruu, southern Finland, some 270 km north of Helsinki.

August is the "Pannuralli" meet for Panheads. 60+ km NW of Helsinki. Mostly customized bikes, but some restored, too.

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#### France

Linkert Attacks – *is no more*

Beach racing pre-1947 cars and bikes in Ouistreham, Normandy. Next one is 2025.  
[www.normandybeachrace.com](http://www.normandybeachrace.com)

#### Germany

January 15 Winter Classic Bike, Ruesselheim  
[www.diewerkhalle.de](http://www.diewerkhalle.de)

March 23-24 Technorama Kassel [www.technorama.de](http://www.technorama.de)

April 12-14 Veterama Hockenheim [www.veterama.de](http://www.veterama.de)

April 27-28 Technorama Ulm [www.technorama.de](http://www.technorama.de)

April 25-28 Retro Classics Stuttgart [www.retro-classics.de](http://www.retro-classics.de)

May 13/14 Technorama Hildesheim  
[www.technorama.de](http://www.technorama.de)

May 30-June 02 Magic Bike Week, Ruedesheim  
[magic-bike-ruedesheim.com](http://magic-bike-ruedesheim.com)

June 22 Velodrom Racetrack Darmstadt, board track racing [www.vollgas-rennspass.de](http://www.vollgas-rennspass.de)

July 14-20 Black Forest Road Run. Small locally organized Road Run with day tours through Germany's Black Forest for a limited number of participants. [amca.europe@aol.de](mailto:amca.europe@aol.de)

September 13-14 Hindenburg Dirt Track racing  
[hindenburg-dirt-track.com](http://hindenburg-dirt-track.com)

Oct 11-13 Veterama, Mannheim. Biggest European swap meet. [www.veterama.de](http://www.veterama.de) Our AMCA stand is open to all members who want to sell their own parts.

## Greece

## Italy

Jan 19-21 Motor Bike Expo Verona, custom bikes  
[www.motorbikeexpo.it](http://www.motorbikeexpo.it)

June 06-09 European HOG Rally, Senigallia  
[www.harley-davidson.com](http://www.harley-davidson.com)

June 13-16 FIVA Italian Rally, Manfredonia  
[www.fiva.org](http://www.fiva.org)

June 28-30 Langhe Hills Chapter Oil Leakers Party  
<https://www.instagram.com/patinagarageitalyfrance/>

October ASI Vintage Vehicle Day, to be announced  
[www.asifed.it](http://www.asifed.it)

## Netherlands

**May 10/11 AMCA European Meet – see you there**

June 07-09 Silent Gray Fellows Meet, Oosterhout.  
19<sup>th</sup> meet for pre-1966 American bikes.  
[www.silentgrayfellows.nl](http://www.silentgrayfellows.nl)

August. No Old Timers Club International Rally this year.\*

tba November Silent Gray Fellows swap meet

## Norway

June 08-11 Trondheim rally, from Oslo, 1200 km on pre-1945 bikes [www.fiva.org](http://www.fiva.org)

June 22 Norgesloepet, Bodo [www.fiva.org](http://www.fiva.org)

August 15-18 Indian Summer Rally, Hunderfossen  
[www.indianklubb.no](http://www.indianklubb.no)

## Poland

Here are the proposed dates for Oldtime Club Poland (OCP) events in 2024.

April 26-28 opening of the season. Brzeg (Brodziakówka)

May 23-26 Moto Rally -Kościelisko (Szyna)

July 15-21 Bałkans Tur -Szyna

September 04-08 FIVA Polish rally, Mikołajki 400 km [www.fiva.org](http://www.fiva.org)

September 6-8 Indian Days -Kazimierz Dolny

October 18-20. End of the season OCP

## Sweden

## Switzerland

March 23 Auction Oldtimer Galerie\_Toffen  
<https://www.oldtimergalerie.ch>

April 21 American Bike Meet Ace Cafe Luzern  
<https://www.acecafeluzern.ch>

April 27-28 Swiss Retro Mecanika Palexpo  
Geneve <https://retromecanika.ch>

May 03-05 Goudron Bike Days, Brig VS  
<https://www.goudron.ch>

May 05 Love Ride Switzerland, Dübendorf ZH  
<https://loveride.ch>

May 19 Harley Davidson Meet, Ace Cafe  
Luzern <https://www.acecafeluzern.ch> and monthly  
classic meets <https://www.acecafeluzern.ch/events>

May 19 The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride (in  
different cities in Switzerland)  
<https://www.gentlemansride.com>

May 25-26 Arbon Classics <https://arbon-classics.ch/arbon-classics/ac2024/programm2024>

May 31-June 02 Swiss Classic World, Luzern  
<https://www.swissclassicworld.ch>

June 7-9 Lenzerheide Motor Classics  
<https://www.lenzerheidemotorclassics.ch>

June 14-16 Race Kerenzerbergrennen  
<https://www.kerenzerbergrennen.ch>

June 14-16 Harley Davidson Mountain 4StarWeekend  
Arosa <https://www.waldhotel.ch/de/harley-davidson-mountain-weekend>

June 28-29 Hangar Rocking in St. Stephan  
<https://www.hangarrockin.com>

June 30 Oldtimertreff Schwägälp  
<https://www.oldtimertreff-schwaegalp.ch/index.htm>  
July 5-7 Swiss Harley Days, Lugano  
<https://swissharleydays.ch>

August 11-12 Motorfestival by Gasoline Friends,  
Elgg ZH <https://motorfestival.ch>

August 24-25 Töffmäss by motorworld, Kempthal  
ZH <https://www.töffmäss.ch>

September 7-8 Memorial Bergrennen "Kleiner  
Klausen", Opfertshofen SH <https://kleinerklausen.ch>

October 27 Oldtimermesse St. Gallen  
<http://www.oldtimermesse-ch.com>

### **United Kingdom**

April 20-21 Stafford classic bike show and auction  
[www.staffordclassicbikeshows.com](http://www.staffordclassicbikeshows.com)

June 16 Banbury Run, Gaydon, 250 pre-1931 bikes  
[www.vmcc.net](http://www.vmcc.net)

July 08-09 Festival of 1000 bikes, Mallory Park  
[www.vmcc.net](http://www.vmcc.net)

Aug 01-04 International West Kent Run, 250 runners  
at The Friars, Aylesford, ME20 7BX [www.vmcc.net](http://www.vmcc.net)

September 13-15 Beaulieu International  
Autojumble/Netley Marsh motorcycle jumble

Oct 06. Pioneer Run, 350 pre-1915 bikes, Epsom  
Downs to Brighton.

Oct 12-13 Stafford classic bike show and auction  
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And keep me up to date if you change Email address.

The next newsletter will probably be in September, so please keep sending me articles and photos on bike related items, and safe riding until then.

Stay safe, wishing you happy riding, and best regards,

Steve Slocombe,  
President AMCA European Chapter

