



AMCA EUROPEAN CHAPTER NEWSLETTER
"Having fun with old motorcycles"

November 2021

Hello AMCA Europe Members,

This month we have reports from the Goodwood Revival and the Pioneer Run in the UK, plus the 2022 National Meet programme for our Club. I also report on Club background activities that help keep us on the road.

Goodwood Revival

This three day extravaganza of racing vehicles and period costume was held 17-19 September, and around 100,000 attendees showed it was nearly back to full strength. Racing highlights are now shown on television, but you had to be there to experience the full effect. The bike racing is mostly replica Manx Nortons, but we had AMCA members there showing off antiques as well. Here is a military Triumph TRW 500 cc side valve twin with a 1964 number plate:



Newsletter Distribution

European legislation is making it hard for me to hold distribution lists, so this newsletter is now sent out by the National based on the membership records. This means no more courtesy copies to expired members, so if you don't receive this it's because you forgot to renew your membership. Please do!



And this mid-1920s Rudge will need a lot of work:

Thor Run

You will remember the fun we had last time with the 1913 Thor. Well, the November 2021 'The Classic Motorcycle' magazine has a well researched and written report on that day.

Pioneer Run

This year the UK Pioneer Run for pre-1915 motorcycles was moved from its usual date around 21 March to 03 October. After early showers the weather was warmer than many early spring outings, so perhaps the move of date may prove popular. There were just over 200 machines listed in the programme, against 300+ for previous runs. The Pioneer Register now has 2034 machines entered, all built before 01 Jan 1915, and even then excluding 1915 models. The register is increasing by around 30 per year as new machines are unearthed and restored, and the most popular makes are Triumph with 232 examples and Douglas with 93, both these makes used extensively by WW1 dispatch riders.

Here is a 1912 350 cc flat twin Douglas with the distinctive outside flywheel and the optional two speed gearbox



As did this spectacular 1911 Wooler:



This 1912 Arno is a not a bike you see every day:



American bikes were thin on the ground, but our members were attending and here is a 1914 Harley-Davidson single:



And this 1912 Clyno 750 cc V-twin caught my eye:



Judging Committee

Pete Reeves and I are both on the AMCA Judging Committee, which is working on the Judging Handbook and the Judging Guidelines documents, both obtainable through the AMCA Website. We have a monthly Zoom meeting with ten experienced judges across eight time zones, and are discussing tweaks

to our judging system for next season. These will need to be approved by the Judging Committee and then the National Board, so don't expect anything soon. But this does show the volunteer work that goes into keeping our great Club going, so don't be shy if you think you can help.

Keeping Old Bikes on the Road

In Europe we have been aware for a while that our fun with old bikes can be removed with the stroke of a politician's pen, and our American friends are coming to the same view. I am now a member of the AMCA International Liaison Committee, with participation again across eight time zones from California to Canada and Europe. We are trying to maintain a watching brief on potential legislation, so that we can continue to ride our antique motorcycles.

Among the alphabet soup of organisations is **FEMA**, the Federation of European Motorcycle Associations, based in Brussels, which you can look up on the Internet. They lobby the European Parliament, mostly on modern bikes, commenting on horsepower limits, unsafe road barriers, inflatable rider safety suits, exemptions for technical inspection and so on, and have stopped some of the dafter proposals from becoming law.

Another organisation we have been in contact with for a while is **FIVA**, the Federation Internationale des Vehicules Anciens, now based in Italy. Again you can find details on the Internet. This is a lobbying group for all old vehicles – cars, motorcycles, trucks, military vehicles – to make sure modern vehicle legislation does not force us off the road. They are associated with **HVA**, the Historic Vehicle Association in the US which is much influenced by Hagerty Insurance.

I made an AMCA presentation to FIVA in Brussels years ago, and recently applied for a FIVA card for my 1929 Henderson KJ as a test and as a way to get closer to that organisation. There were 55 fields to fill out on the application form, followed by an inspection. FIVA emphasises the cultural and historic aspect of old vehicles, so they were interested in how many of this model were built, the owner history, and whether the several accessories were correctly in-period.

This was not like AMCA judging, and I think that, say, a first year unrestored 1948 BSA Bantam would not

be seen as of cultural or historic interest in the way the AMCA would view it. Anyway, I got the second FIVA card issued for a motorcycle, which might get me a discount on my vehicle insurance if I lived in Italy. As it is not even asked for on the FIVA International Motorcycle Rally, this looks like a vanity item at the moment, plus a way of interacting with the FIVA management. I volunteered as a FIVA scrutineer for future motorcycle applications, but don't expect to be very busy.

2022 Events

Below is our latest timetable for the next year. The AMCA events are firm, but all of the others are provisional, carry indicative dates from 2021, 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.

2022 AMCA National Meets

February 25-26, Omaha Chapter, Fremont, NE
March 3-5, Sunshine Meet, New Smyrna Beach, FL
April 22-23, Perkiomen Chapter, Oley, PA
May 27-28, European Meet, Raalte, NL
May 14-16, Southern Meet, Denton, NC
June 03-05, Empire Chapter, Trumansburg, NY
June 10-11, Viking Chapter, St Paul, MN
June 17-18, Fort Sutter Chapter, Dixon, CA
June 24-25, Colonial Chapter, Harmony, NJ
July 15-17, Wauseon Meet, Wauseon, OH
August 05-06, Yankee Chapter, *provisional*
August 27-28, Australian Chapter, Sydney, AUS
Sep 30–01 Oct, Chesapeake Chapter, Upperco, MD
October 14-16, Southern National, Denton, NC

2022 AMCA National Road Runs

September 06-08 Driftless Chapter, La Crosse, WI
September 14-16 Music City Chapter, Dickson, TN
September 19-21 Evergreen Chapter, Republic, WA
September 26-28 Fort Sutter Chapter, Tahoe, CA

Other 2021 Events

Austria

September 07-12 European Bike Week, Faaker See www.europeanbikeweek.com (provisional)

Belgium

Feb 21 Ruilbeurs Oude Motoren, www.earlyriders.be (provisional)

Aug 14 Where is Anna? 85 km run near Newport for pre-1931 bikes. whereisanna1418@gmail.com (provisional)

Denmark

May 21-23, 21st Skagen Run, this time Skagen to Copenhagen, for pre-1935 bikes. (provisional)

July 16-18 Windmill Rally, Hasbro for pre-1940 bikes. www.windmillrally.eu (provisional)

Aug 29 Laholm Beach Jutland, pre-1947 beach racing and partying www.romomotorfestival.dk (provisional)

Finland

Jan 10 Jyväskylä swap meet at the Paviljonki hotel. Mostly mopeds, Japanese, Eastern European and British bikes. About 250 km from Helsinki. (provisional)

France

24-26 September, beach racing pre-1947 cars and bikes in Ouistreham, Normandy www.normandybeachrace.com (provisional)

Croatia/Slovenia/Italy

to be announced FIVA World Motorcycle Run, www.fiva.org

Germany

Jan 17 Winter Classic Bike Show, Im Alten Opel-Werk, 65428 Rüsselheim

Jan 22-24 Motorrad Bodensee www.motorradweltbodensee.de (provisional)

Feb 25-27 Retro Classics Stuttgart www.retro-classics.de (provisional)

Apr 23-25 Veterama, Hockenheim www.veterama.de *

May 01-02 Technorama Kassel www.technorama.de (provisional)

June 11-13 Oldgeraffeltreffen, Vogelsberg.

August (date to follow) 10th Kaiserzeitausfahrt, 85410 Haag an der Amper (Munich area). (provisional) www.kaiserzeitausfahrt.de

Sep 11-12, vintage dirt track racing Hindenberg, www.hindenberg-dirt-track.com (provisional)

Oct 08-10 Veterama, Mannheim. Biggest European swap meet. www.veterama.de. Our AMCA stand is open to all members who want to sell their own parts. "cancelled"

Greece

May 20-24 Harley Super Rally, Igoumenitsa <https://superrally.com/>*

Italy

Jan 16-18 Motorbike Expo Verona www.motorbikeexpo.it (provisional)

Mar 14-16 Harley and Snow Hillclimb, Rio Pusteria-Alto Adige www.harley.bz.it/de/harley-snow (provisional)

May 7-9 ASI Moto Show, Parma race track www.asifed.it (provisional)

Sep 04-05 Roll'n Flat Beach Race, Caorle www.venicebeachrace.com provisional

Netherlands

Jan 09-10 Oldtimerbeurs Autotron, Rosmalen www.oldtimerbeurs.net (provisional)

Feb 14 Oldtimer+Tweewielerbeurs Eurohal Zuidbroek, www.1up25.nl (provisional)

Feb 14. Swap Meet, Hengelo, www.alemite-motoren.nl (provisional)

June 04-06 Silent Gray Fellows Meet, Oosterhout. 16th meet for pre-1966 American bikes. www.silentgrayfellows.nl

Aug 06-08, Old Timers Run, Den Haag. Pre-1966 American bikes for the 42nd time. www.hdctheoldtimers.nl (provisional)

Sep 04-05, Alemite Run, Twente. www.alemite-motoren.nl. (provisional)

October 31. Silent Gray Fellows swap meet, Chaam. www.silentgrayfellows.nl (provisional)

Norway

August 06-08 Indian International Rally* www.indianmotorcycle.co.uk/events.html

Poland

June 11-13 Old Timer Club summer rally, www.oldtimerclub.com.pl (provisional)

June 27-28 Antique motorcycle swap meet, Lodz* www.motoweteranbazar.com (provisional)

Slovenia

June 10-13, HOG International Rally, Portoroz www.harley-davidson.com/.../european-hog-rally.html

Sweden

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

Feb 07 Enköping Indianmarknaden. Indian/early Harley
provisional

Switzerland

Feb 19-21 Swiss Moto/Custom Zürich www.swiss-moto.ch (provisional)

March 20-21 Swap Meet Fribourg www.oldtimer-teilemarkt.ch (provisional)

April 24-25 Historic vehicle days www.shvf.ch (provisional)

April 25 GP Mutschellen www.gpmutschellen.ch (provisional)

May 1-2 Arbon Classics www.arbon-classics.ch (provisional)

May 15-16 Art and Wheels Pratteln www.artandwheelsbasel.com (provisional)

May 22-23 Rock this Town, Solothurn www.rockthistownsolothurn.com/oldtimer

May 23-24 Swiss Classic World, Luzern (provisional) www.swissclassicworld.ch

June 05-07 Lenzerheide Motor Classics www.lenzerheide-motorclassics.ch (provisional)

July 03-05 Swiss Harley Days, Lugano (provisional)

United Kingdom

April 24/5 Stafford classic bike show and auction (provisional)

June 01 Banbury Run, Gaydon, 450 pre-1931 bikes www.vmcc.net (provisional)*

July 29-Aug 01 International West Kent Run, 310 runners at The Friars, Aylesford, ME20 7BX (provisional)*

September 3-5 Beaulieu International Autojumble/Netley Marsh motorcycle jumble

Oct 03. Pioneer Run, 350 pre-1915 bikes, Epsom Downs to Brighton.

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

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

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

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