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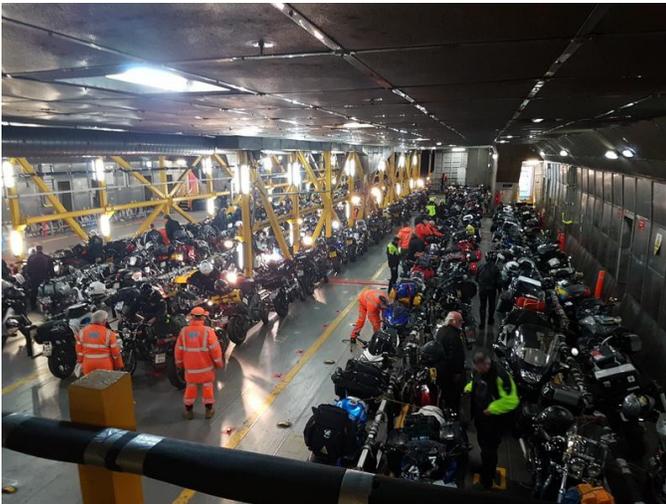
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Hello AMCA Europe Members,

This time we have reports on the Isle of Man Classic TT, the Davenport show in the US, and the Goodwood Revival in the UK.

Classic TT

UK member John Brookes sent me this report:



A friend and I attended the classic TT in August. The plan was to go early on Thursday 23rd August and stay for 6 nights. Unfortunately I ended up arriving at the campsite at 02:00 on Saturday morning due to the evening ferry being late. Even though we booked many months ago there were only bike spaces left on the ferry so we went on our modern bikes due to the need to carry a load of camping gear. I had to smile to myself at the number of BMW GS's with full Touratech luggage queuing up to board. I am sure some of them had luggage worth more than my entire bike. However there were plenty of more interesting bikes on the ferry, I spotted a guy on a Triton who had ridden from Germany with just a small rucksack. Also a tidy looking Ducati 900ss, a Norvin and a lovely BMW R60 combination caught my eye. The hold of a Steam Packet ferry is a unique place during a busy week.

Saturday morning started earlier than I had planned due to our Dutch neighbours liking the sound of Motorhead at 07:30 and wanting to share it with the rest of the campsite. However the early start gave me chance to

check out the bikes around the campsite. I initially spotted a side-valve BSA :



and also an AJS that looked like it would be making an appearance at Ramsay Sprint:



Whilst Saturday was fine weather, Sunday dawned wet and windy. We had a late breakfast and headed off to Jurby nearer lunchtime. We had hoped to see Rob Iannucci's original Honda 250/6 and his Benelli 350/4. Both were there but the Benelli was being fixed so whilst we saw both, we only saw the Honda running. There was lots to see in the car park from Norton Internationals to Sunbeams along with the usual array of replica parade bikes.



My favourite older bike at Jurby was a Moto Sacoche that when it went out on track was the third fastest behind the Honda 6 and an RC30:



The guy on board knew how to ride it and was going much faster than people on bikes 40 years newer. I didn't see much Americana at Jurby except for what looked like a teen Indian but it was in a van so I couldn't get a good look at it or any pictures. Also there was an Indian paddock bike, I didn't realise Indian did all tig welded frames back in the day!



Monday saw more racing and also the Parade lap. One thing I did notice during our trip was that I hardly ever see Hailwood Replicas and RC30's but over the course of five days I have seen more than I ever knew existed. In between racing we did some sightseeing, including the Manx Museum which had a small TT exhibition. We also went to Murrays Motorcycle Museum and the SRM Collection. There are too many bikes to list here but they are worth googling. Of special note at Murrays is the Honda 90 which has 300,000 km on the clock.

THE Mike Hailwood Ducati was on show in a tent, we had seen it on Saturday do a parade lap with John McGuinness on board. Incidentally we saw more Hailwood Replicas over the course of our stay than I think had ever been officially made by Ducati.





Overall it was a great trip with lots of great places to see as well as the bikes and racing. We saw lots of interesting bikes, mostly being ridden, that are not so common at home. Something that summed this up was when I went to buy a tee shirt and my friend remarked that you don't usually see too many four cylinder Kawasaki "triples" parked outside the shops let alone two of them. To which the guy stood near him said that it wasn't two of them it was three and at that point another one turned up.

If you haven't been to the Classic TT before then I highly recommend it. John.

Davenport

Martin van Kuijk and three more of our Dutch members were at this big swap meet over Labor Day weekend. Martin reports that Thursday 30 August was cooler than usual in Iowa, but the next day was back to the hot weather we are used to. This nice original Panhead caught their eye:



The show was busy as usual, with Saturday spent at the Anamosa motorcycle museum, then back to Europe on Sunday burdened with heavy suitcases.

Goodwood Revival

September 7-9th was the twentieth anniversary of this UK racing and dressing-up meet, with most visitors in period costume from the 1920s-60s, and women making up about half the attendees. The large site, with a 2.38 mile race track around an aerodrome, was packed every day. 2018 is also the 70th anniversary of the Land Rover, and numerous early ones such as these were to be seen at various points:



Our pals from the Hornets Club were also there, with a show of American bobber motorcycles:



By the time I left them they were well aware of the benefits of belonging to the AMCA, so perhaps we have some new members. There was something for everyone at the show, and here is an early radial engine French racer constructed by someone with good engineering skills, a sense of humour, and time on their hands:



I was there as a mechanic as part of a scratch team with a 1954 Norton Dominator 600 cc racer, seen here in the staging area with owner Chris:



There were several other Nortons in competition, including two or three Manxes. More typical were these two Velocette singles and two Triumph twins seen in the pits.



This Vincent Lightning sounded good on the track:



While this supercharged Brough with a big JAP engine was a monster:



Our road-registered Norton had been in pieces four weeks earlier, had the engine rebuilt, Manx forks and wheels added, and 80 breaking-in miles put on it in the days before the Meet. On Friday the bike completed morning practice and qualifying to get placed in the middle of the field for the Barry Sheene Memorial Trophy races at the weekend. The afternoon was spent sorting out the camshaft drive, then the bike was wheeled out

Saturday morning for the race. Our rider moved up six places in eight laps before the cylinder lifted off and he pulled to a halt. Being experienced backwoodsmen, the afternoon was spent with baling wire, duct tape, Araldite and Loctite, but the bike lasted only one lap in the Sunday final before being pulled over with an oil leak. The contrast between amateurs and professionals was seen with the BMW team next to us:



They had brought several '1929' and '1937' bikes built last year, with the supercharged replica R57 in the picture developing 75 bhp compared with 31 bhp from the original. Three German mechanics in Bavarian costume changed the wheels after every race, and they had hired world superbike champion Troy Corser as pilot. Sure enough he passed John McGuinness on his Manx Norton right in front of the grandstand to win the race, so it was a fine spectacle and a good return on the millions of euros BMW must have put into the team. Corser earned his money by spending five more hours in his racing leathers having his photo taken on the laurel-wreathed bike with various spectators and dignitaries. Maybe next time for us, with a spare bike or at least a spare engine?



At least I was cheered up by seeing this 1935 VLD Harley being used as a pit bike by Duncan Pittaway racing his Plymouth Barracuda...



And did I mention this 1917 Sopwith Camel in the airfield show?

More Stuff

We welcome **Sverre Gerber** as **Norwegian Country Ambassador**. We've seen him at European and US Meets, and noted his contributions on the AMCA Bulletin Board. Thanks for stepping up Sverre.

On **Harley Gardening**, my old Briggs and Stratton powered lawnmower was getting tired, so I cleaned the air filter and put in a used Harley No 4 spark plug from my son's old Sportster, and now it's flying!

2018 AMCA National Meets

February 23-24, Omaha Chapter, Fremont, NE

March 09-10, Sunshine Meet, New Smyrna Beach, FL

April 27-28, Perkiomen Chapter, Oley, PA

May 18-20 Southern Meet, Denton, NC

May 25-26 European Meet, Raalte, NL

June 15-16, Viking Chapter, St. Paul, MN

June 15-16, Fort Sutter Chapter, Dixon, CA

July 20-22, Wauseon Meet, Wauseon, OH

August 03-04, Yankee Chapter, Terryville, CT

August 24-26, Australian Chapter, Sydney, AUS

September 28-29, Chesapeake, Jefferson, PA

2018 AMCA National Road Runs

March 05-07, Sunshine, DeLand, FL

June 10-13, Hudson Valley, Round Top, NY

July 26-28, Oregon Trail, Cottage Grove, OR

September 04-06, Driftless, Onalaska, WI

September 12-14, Black Hills, Deadwood, SD

Other 2018 Events

Finland

Jan 6 Jyväskylä swap meet

Germany

Jan 21 Winter Classic Bike Show, Im Alten Opel-Werk, 65428 Rüsselheim

Jan 26-28 Motorrad Bodensee www.motorradwelt-bodensee.de

Mar 22-25 Retro Classics Stuttgart www.retro-classics.de

Apr 06-08, Veterama, Hockenheim www.veterama.de

Sep 08, Board Track racing at Bielefeld. Contact motoholic@web.de

Oct 12-14, Veterama, Mannheim. Biggest European swap meet. www.veterama.de.

Hungary

June 21-24 FIVA World Motorcycle Run, Budapest www.mavamsz.hu

Italy

Jan 18-21 Motorbike Expo Verona www.motorbikeexpo.it

Mar 09-11 Harley and Snow Hillclimb, Ridnaun www.harley.bz.it/de/harley-snow

May 11-13 ASI Moto Show, Parma race track www.fiva.org www.asifed.it

Sep 08 Roll'n Flat Beach Race, Caorle www.venicebeachrace.com

Latvia

July 12-15, Kurland Rally. A 60 bike limit this year, so book early at www.kurlandround.lv.

Netherlands

Feb 18. Swap Meet, Hengelo, www.alemite-motoren.nl

June 8-10, Silent Gray Fellows Meet, Ulicoten. 15th meet for pre-1966 American bikes, www.silentgrayfellows.nl

Aug 12-14, Old Timers Run, Den Haag. Pre-1966 American bikes for the 52st time. www.hdctheoldtimers.nl

Sep 07-09, Alemite Run, Beuningen. www.alemite-motoren.nl.

Sweden

Jan 27 Eskiltuna swap meet, Harleys/bobbers 1940s up

Feb 10 Enköping Indianmarknaden. Indian/early Harley

Switzerland

Feb 22-25 Swiss Moto/Custom Zürich www.swiss-moto.ch

May 26-27 Swiss Classic World, Luzern www.swissclassicworld.ch

June 23-24 Oldtimermesse, Uster
Aug 26 Gran Prix Suisse Berne Memorial, Bern

Oct 28 Oldtimermesse, St. Gallen

United Kingdom

March 18. Pioneer Run, 350 pre-1915 bikes, Epsom Downs to Brighton.

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

Oct 15-16. Stafford show and auction

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

Wishing you safe and happy riding, and best regards,

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