



AMCA EUROPEAN CHAPTER NEWSLETTER
"Having fun with old motorcycles"

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Hello AMCA Europe Members,

This time we have reports from a couple of small UK Meets, then the UK Pioneer Run and the big Mannheim show in Germany, plus auction results.

Raalte 30/31 May 2025

I recently signed the contract with the National, so this is a reminder to save the date for our next Meet in the Netherlands. It is again over the Ascension Day holiday and our theme is Original Paint.

Hamstreet Swap Meet 15 Sep 24

This is a local show with the usual array of modern take-off parts, used tools, older books, clothing and pot plants among a few old bike stands. There were plenty of ridden in bikes:



Here is an old AJS behind a Police 200cc water-cooled Velocette 'nobby bike' still with its radio.



I know our US readers like to see Velocettes, so here is a 1937 500cc 'rider' for sale:



Maybe it didn't sell, and you can call the cell phone number on the placard...

Romney Marsh Run 22 September

This is organised by the Sunbeam Club as a shake-down run for the Pioneer. It is a 20-50 mile ride through flat quiet roads in this part of Kent, England. I was on the 1914 Douglas and saw some interesting early machines. Here's a two owner 1924 Indian Scout in original paint and with a period London registration number:



And this is a 1920 Coulson Model B:



This early Rover was nicely presented as well:



Pioneer Run 06 October

This is the big UK London to Brighton run for pre-1915 motorcycles. Entry used to be over 300, but this year was down to about 120 despite good weather. It was the 84th Run, and well signposted and marshalled as usual. Here I am striking a pose on the 1914 Douglas:



The route runs south through Reigate, by-passes Crawley, and finishes at Brighton airport about 50 miles later. There is a civilised coffee stop at the half way point, where this ridden-in Brough Superior SS100 attracted a lot of interest:



These Wall auto-wheels have an enthusiastic following, with this one a 1913 example:



And this 1911 Wooler shows off its spectacular tank:



At the Brighton Airport (first in Britain in 1911) the finishers lined up. Here is a tasty 1913 Excelsior ridden by Erik Klinger from Germany:



Veterama Mannheim 11-13 October

Here are some words and pictures from Carolina Martorell, our Country Ambassador for Spain. Here she is with Claudia Krause at the AMCA stand in Germany:



The Veterama festival has established itself as one of the most important international events for vintage vehicle enthusiasts, especially classic cars and motorcycles. This annual celebration is not only a meeting point for collectors and fans but also a prominent exhibition of rare parts, well-preserved vehicles, and curiosities that transport attendees to past eras. This year's attendance was remarkable, attracting sellers and buyers from all around the world. Veterama has become a global event where borders blur in the shared passion for vintage vehicles. One of the most striking aspects was the presence of many young attendees, who showed great interest in antique parts, particularly those used for the restoration of classic motorcycles. This generational shift reflects the growing interest in preserving and restoring historic vehicles.

The quality of the parts and vehicles on display was outstanding. Veterama stood out not only for the wide range of components available for vehicle repair but also for the impressive selection of cars and motorcycles for sale. Every aspect of the event highlighted a strong commitment to quality and authenticity.



Another highlight was the participation of many members of the **Antique Motorcycle Club of America (AMCA)** – Europe. As tradition, they contributed greatly to the atmosphere of camaraderie. These enthusiasts not only shared the products they had collected over the years but also their joy in being part of such a close-knit and passionate community.

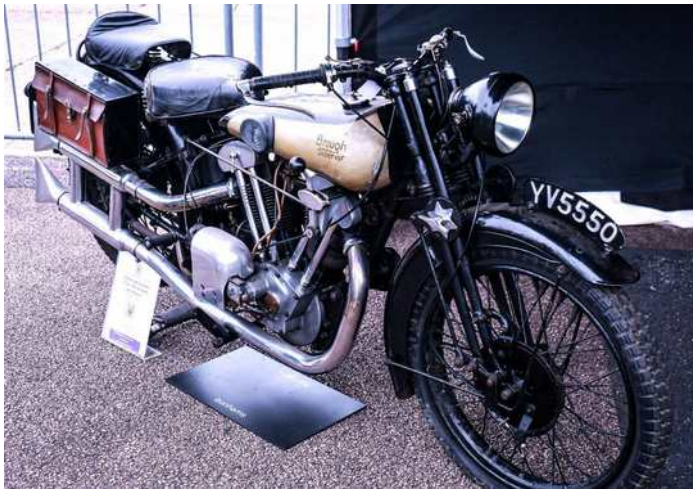
In conclusion, Veterama 2024 not only maintained its status as one of the year's most significant events for vintage vehicle lovers, but it also showcased a rejuvenation among its audience, with a strong international presence and exceptional quality in the products on display. Without a doubt, Veterama continues to be an undisputed reference in the world of vintage vehicle restoration and preservation.

Bonhams UK Auction 13 October

This is the second UK motorcycle auction at Stafford, following the earlier one in April. Bonhams had bought a few teaser bikes to the Pioneer Run finish, where these pictures were taken the week before. This 1913 Flying Merkel, said to be ex-Bud Ekins, fetched £132k, say \$170k:



This 1928 Brough Superior SS 100 fetched \$210k:



While this luxurious 1913 Wilkinson 4 made \$135k.



Top price was the Earl's Court Show 1936 Vincent HRD twin at \$420k, but there were still bargains to be had, with a 1947 Ariel Square Four fetching just \$10,000.

The Panhead Years

Yes my five volume 2,200+ page book series is out next week with, thanks to AMCA members worldwide, 130 mostly full page colour photos of 90 good bikes, with more than half in original paint. There is technical and business commentary, the dealer announcements through 1956, sales brochures for each year, and all 217 Enthusiast magazines published over the 18 year period. Price is \$500 a set including tracked shipping to the US. W&W Cycles should have single copies for sale in Europe soon.

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

Belgium

August 25 Oude Klepper Parade, De Haan

Czech Republic

May 15-19 Harley-Davidson Super Rally, Pasohlavky
www.superrally.com

Denmark

May 09-11, Skagen Run, this time Copenhagen to Skagen, for pre-1935 bikes. Details from
elleham07@gmail.com

Check. Aug tba Laholm Beach Jutland, pre-1947 beach racing and partying 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

Germany

January 15 Winter Classic Bike, Ruesselheim
www.diewerkhalle.de

March 23-24 Technorama Kassel www.technorama.de

April 12-14 Veterama Hockenheim www.veterama.de

April 27-28 Technorama Ulm www.technorama.de

April 25-28 Retro Classics Stuttgart www.retro-classics.de

May 13/14 Technorama Hildesheim
www.technorama.de

May 30-June 02 Magic Bike Week, Ruedesheim
magic-bike-ruedesheim.com

June 22 Velodrom Racetrack Darmstadt, board track racing 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

September 13-14 Hindenburg Dirt Track racing
hindenbergdirt-track.com

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

June 06-09 European HOG Rally, Senigallia
www.harley-davidson.com

June 13-16 FIVA Italian Rally, Manfredonia
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

Netherlands

May 10/11 AMCA European Meet – see you there

June 07-09 Silent Gray Fellows Meet, Oosterhout.
19th meet for pre-1966 American bikes.
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

June 22 Norgesloepet, Bodoe www.fiva.org

August 15-18 Indian Summer Rally, Hunderfossen
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, Mikolajki 400 km 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.toeffmaess.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

June 16 Banbury Run, Gaydon, 250 pre-1931 bikes
www.vmcc.net

July 08-09 Festival of 1000 bikes, Mallory Park
www.vmcc.net

Aug 01-04 International West Kent Run, 250+
runners at The Friars, Aylesford, ME20 7BX
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 January, 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,

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President AMCA European Chapter

