Riverside Ride

By Jeff Herrscher

On Sunday, October 29, we had a ride in Wichita in the Riverside area. The Saturday on the previous weekend, we planned a ride that was rained-out and turned cold. Only two motorcycles turned-out that morning and the ride was cancelled. This day turned out to be very warm for the time of year it is and eleven motorcycles came out to ride. The three oldest bikes were my '28 Indian Scout, Jeff Roth's '30 Excelsior Super X and Jerry Ottaway's '30 Harley V.

We departed from Bud Cox's house at about 1:30pm and rode through the residential areas and on to the parks in the area. The steering on my Scout was getting tight and finally I had to stop on the side of the road in a park to investigate it. The lower steering bearings were dry and getting tight. With a little luck and skill, we were able to dip a little bit of oil from the tank and soak a rag with it and press it up into the bearing area. That loosened it up and I was able to proceed (thanks to Buud Redmond for the technical help). I'll have to drop the front-end and give it the attention it needs. There is no grease-zirk on the frame in this location.

We went on to take a look at the progress of the bridge that's being built near Exploration Place. It's coming along nicely and it looks like we'll be walking across it soon. From there, we went to the Go Away Garage through some interesting parts of town.

At the Go Away Garage, we saw a lot of works-in-progress that Mitch Willis has over there. He always has a hot rod project or motorcycle in the works. There is usually motorcycle projects in-process over there and the day we went was no exception. There were a couple of bikes on work tables and more scattered around in various stages of completion. There is a lot over there to spark the interest of us machine-oriented people. Thanks for the tour and cold drink, Mitch!

From there we rode around ending at Friends University. It wasn't a very long ride but a memorable one.



Line up at Bud Cox's house before the ride



Buud Redmond & Jeff Herrscher working on Jeff's Scout



Bikes parked in front of the Go Away Garage



Buud is Thinking-"There should have been more arch in the frame work."