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SUNFLOWER CHAPTER MEETINGS

Monthly meetings of the Sunflower Chapter are held at 6:30 PM on the last Wednesday of each month. The meeting site is Spears Restaurant at 4323 West Maple Street, Wichita, Kansas.

SUNFLOWER CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

The Sunflower Chapter Newsletter is published quarterly and distributed to Sunflower Chapter members, AMCA Chapters, AMCA Officers, Sunflower Sponsors, and Sunflower commercial advertisers.

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Membership in the Antique Motorcycle Club of America is required to be eligible for membership in the Sunflower Chapter of the AMCA. Dues are \$20.00 per calendar year, and membership is open to any member of the AMCA. Members of the Sunflower Chapter will receive four issues of the club newsletter, and a membership card,

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello all you gear heads. It's the first of May and by now those bikes shouldn't need anything but gas and oil to be ready to roll. I finally got things lined out on my 48 Chief and a couple of weeks ago took it on its maiden ride around the block. Since then I have stayed close to home in the surrounding neighborhoods. Since this is my first foot clutch and tank shift, the side streets gave me room to kill it and not get run over. I finally got the hang of it and will be out on the road soon.

The local vintage bike community is buzzing with new venues this year. Sunflower member Kelly Modlin has opened his Twisted Oz museum in Augusta, you can read more about that in a separate article. Chapter member Mike Bahnmaier has been working with the city of St. Francis to open an antique motorcycle museum there.

Plans are progressing for the Sunflower National Road Run October 3 – 5. Registrations have started to come in and we are expecting a good turnout. If you have never been to a National Road Run, you Kansas Sunflower members won't have a better opportunity than this. On the Sunflower web site you can register for the event and reserve a hotel room. For those of you who prefer filling out forms with a pen, and licking stamps there is a form in this issue of the newsletter.

The National is holding the AMCA Lucas Oil Vintage Motorcycle Classic, AMCA's newest National event at Barber Motorsports Park on May 27-29 in Birmingham, Alabama. There is a swap meet with space for 500 vendors, commercial displays, The Wall of Death, a Kids Zone, Field Games, and Concessions. They are providing each Chapter with space in the Chapter display area with space for vehicles and tents. Robbie and I are going to represent the Sunflower Chapter, if you are interested in going, contact me. No charge to camp, just purchase a regular weekend pass. I hope some of you can make the trip.

See you on the road, Jim Wellemeier

The Case of the Sick Serpent

What do you do when your vintage Indian side car brace looks like snake that swallowed a big cork screw? Well first you consult someone with the engineering specs, or in this case Gene Harper who had a side brace that had not been modified. Then make a pattern of it.

Then you have to find someone with the knowledge, tools, and expertise of a blacksmith. Buud Redmond was the first person who popped into Larry Burkes mind. A visit to Buud's shop on a sunny March afternoon was just what the doctor ordered for the ailing snake.



First the patient had to be diagnosed so a proper remedy could be prescribed.

The Case of the Sick Serpent

After the diagnosis, treatment could begin. As is the case with many physical therapy prescriptions, heat is applied to the afflicted area. Selection of the proper method of heat delivery was critical.

Hey Buud, that may be enough heat to sooth the patients pain, but I don't think its enough to effect a cure.



The Case of the Sick Serpent

Now that torch should do the job. Application of the heat had to be in just the right location, and Buud guided heat to just the right location.



Once the patient is sufficiently warmed up there is some manipulation required. With the patient laid out on the message table, in this case a 3 ton surface plate, the pressure could be applied to the area of concern. Again the correct instruments had to be selected. Using a combination of porta-power, the treadle hammer, the arbor press, and a hydraulic jack, the serpent began to recover.



After the work out, the diagnosis prescribed more heat, and finally some stretching to get everything back into original alignment.



The Case of the Sick Serpent

Buud's blacksmith schooling must have included some physical therapy training also. With all the kinks worked out, this patient is ready to go back to work pulling that sidecar alongside of a 1928 Indian Four..



Garage Tour 2016

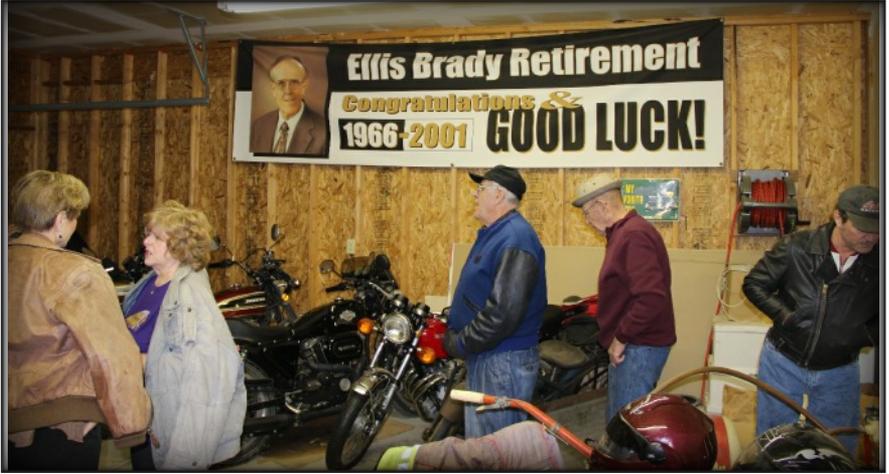
The Sunflower Garage Tour is an annual event that shows off our members personal collections. They can be small backyard garage displays of a few individual bikes or a large warehouse of amazing variety. This year included a little of everything and we had members come from Nebraska, Missouri, and Oklahoma as well as Wichita and surrounding Kansas cities.

The morning started by meeting at Emilia's restaurant with some coffee and or breakfast. The first stop was Ellis Brady's home and a visit to his garage and shop. Ellis's garage was filled with a wide-ranging assortment of vintage bikes. The tour group which number about 50, almost overwhelmed the space available. Never the less Ellis was a gracious host and we all enjoyed seeing his collection.



Ellis's neighbors must have wondered what was going on..

Garage Tour 2016



Looks like the bikes have kept Ellis busy since he retired.

Dick Chance hosted the next stop at Chance Rides, a long time manufacturer of amusement rides. Dick had recently moved his collection of antique motorcycles to a remodeled area in the corporate offices building. This now serves as Dick's shop and "man cave". Dick explained the history of some of the bikes which included some very early bikes like the 1908 Curtiss and a 1940 Indian Scout which Dick rode to a Bonneville Class record speed of 101 mph.





Jeff Roth explains the trains that Chance builds.

Tours of the manufacturing facility were given by Chance employees, and a BBQ lunch, provided by Dick, topped off the visit.



Jerry Ottaway and Sharon Hewitt pose beside a CP Hunington train engine in the assembly process.

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Dick Chance with the Ottaway Steam Engine #1.



After lunch and some fellowship we moved on to Scott Hall's place.

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SUNFLOWER ROAM ON THE RANGE REGISTRATION FORM

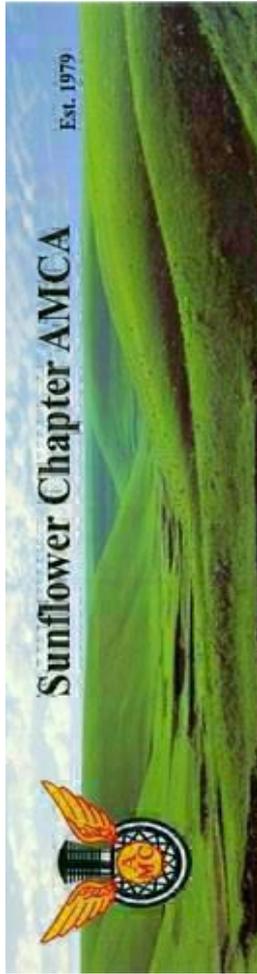
For all those who don't speak computerese, you can remove this page fill out the form and mail it in with your registration fee.

A much easier way to register can be found on our web page, www.sunfloweramca.org . The Road Run page has a link where you can fill out the registration and have it charged to your credit card.

There is also a link that will take you to the Marriott reservation page for our group rate at the Marriott Courtyard.

Make plans now to attend.

Roam on the Range With the



Monday, October 3 through Wednesday October 5, 2016

Come join us in Junction City, Kansas. Explore the Tallgrass Prairie in the Flint Hills of Kansas as we pass through historic cow towns, cross the Santa Fe Trail, visit the Kansas Motorcycle Museum, the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve, the Eisenhower Presidential Museum and other Kansas attractions. Sunday, October 2, 2016 will be road run check-in at the Junction City Courtyard by Marriott from noon until the rider orientation meeting at 6 pm at the hotel's banquet room. The three days of riding will take you through scenic areas of the Kansas Flint Hills. Wednesday will feature both long and short routes, enabling early-era motorcycles back to the teens to participate at a slower pace, followed by an appreciation banquet at 7:00 pm. Pre-Registration deadline is Thursday, September 1, 2016.

Registration Form

Rider Name _____ Date of Birth _____
AMCA# _____ T-Shirt - S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL ___ XXXL ___
Passenger _____ Date of Birth _____
T-Shirt - S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL ___ XXXL ___
Address _____ City _____
State _____ Zip _____ Email _____

[] Check this box to exclude your name and contact information from the Attendees' List.

Chapter _____ Year/Model of bike _____ / _____
Distance Ridden _____ Hauled _____

Rider cost includes Prime Rib Banquet Buffet, Museum Admissions and Day 3 Catered Lunch, and T-shirt \$135.00
Passenger cost \$80 (above meals, admissions and T-shirt) \$80.00
Extra shirt \$15 Size - S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____ XXXL _____ Qty. _____ \$15 ea \$ _____
Additional Prime Rib Banquet Buffet ticket (guest) \$35 \$35 ea \$ _____
Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

DEADLINE to PRE-REGISTER is Thursday, September 1, 2016.

All riders and passengers must register and sign the liability waiver.
Proof of liability insurance will be required for all riders.

No refunds for registration and T-shirt purchases after the September 1 deadline.

You are responsible for making your hotel reservations.

Host hotel is the Junction City Courtyard by Marriot. 785-210-1500

Reserve by Thursday, September 1st for the event rate. Check-in is 3 p.m.

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/mhkcvc-courtyard-junction-city/>

Return this form with payment to:

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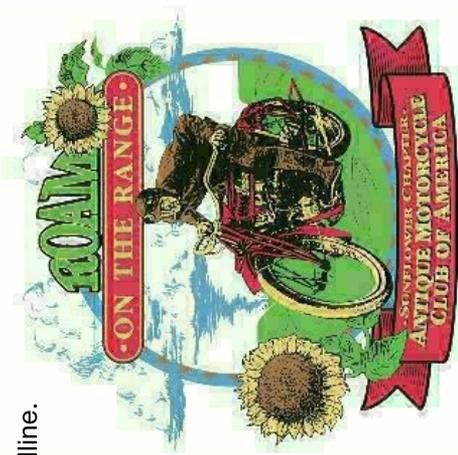
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You will receive confirmation via email and US mail.

Questions? Contact: Jim Wellemeier 316-461-1778 or Larry Burke 316-706-6421.





2016 ROAM ON THE RANGE

SUNFLOWER CHAPTER AMCA



JUNCTION CITY, KANSAS NATIONAL ROAD RUN

October 3-5 2016

RIDE THE BEAUTIFUL KANSAS FLINT HILLS

Come join us in Junction City Kansas. Explore the Tall Grass Prairie in the Flint Hills of Kansas as we visit historic cow towns along the Santa Fe Trail, the Kansas Motorcycle Museum, Eisenhower Presidential Museum, and other attractions.

The event will be hosted at the Junction City Marriott Courtyard. Make reservations at 785-210-1500. Request the Sunflower AMCA event rate, available until September 1.

Check-in Sunday October 2nd, 2pm -6pm with riders meeting following. Riding on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday with a banquet Wednesday evening.

Camping available at nearby Milford State Park.

Additional local info at www.junctioncity.org

Contact: Jim Wellemeier 316-461-1778, jwellemeier@cox.net

Registration form and details under EVENTS at www.sunfloweramca.org



Garage Tour 2016

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Scott has filled one of his buildings at Hall's Industrial Services with a massive collection of motoring paraphernalia. Nothing exemplifies the diversity of his collection more than Elbert, a 1929 Hudson truck that's not really a truck, but rather two 1929 Hudson sedans grafted together. In addition to Elbert, there were Brough Superior motorcycles, a Brough car, a Simplex car, WWII vintage aircraft engines, numerous other vintage bikes and parts. It's enough to boggle the average enthusiasts mind. A Rolls Royce Griffon V-12 engine, still preserved from overhaul, and an Allison V-12 that Scott fired up, were examples of WWII engines that powered aircraft like the legendary Mustang P-51.



Elbert is a side show of it's own.

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Wedged in between gas pumps, the Allison V-12, and the Simplex is a rare 1934 Brough car



Scott Hall works the throttle to keep the massive four cylinder of the 1913 Simplex running

Garage Tour 2016



The final stop was the Twisted Oz motorcycle museum in Augusta. More about this stop and Kelly Modlins museum in a separate article in this issue.

Many thanks to Ellis Brady, Dick Chance, and Scott Hall, for making this year's Garage Tour a great day.

Larry Burkes 1928 Model 401

Larry purchased the bike in January of 2005 from Howard Wagner. After talking to Howard on New Year's Day at the Sunflower finning party, Larry wasted no time in getting to Howard's place and checking out the Indian which was laid out in an orderly fashion in Howard's basement. Larry was anxious to secure the deal with a down payment but Howard was asking for full payment. So a few days later Jerry Ottaway and Larry returned to Omaha to load up the bike and bring it to Wichita.

The Indian Four was built by Indian Motorcycle Company from 1928 to 1942. It was based on the Ace motorcycle. Indian bought the Ace Motor Corporation in 1927. In 1928, the Indian Ace was replaced by the Indian 401 and August 1 1928 marked the first year of production for the Indian Four.





So Larry set out on a journey into the past, collecting as much information as he could find about the Indian. He wanted to restore the bike as accurately as possible, and of course Howard provided many pieces of information and advice. Larry's skills and attention to detail have produced this excellent example of the first year Indian Four. The 2016 Omaha Chapter National Meet provided the first measure Larry's efforts. At the meet, the Indian Four was judged and was awarded a score of 98 points.



Twisted Oz

Step into Kelly Modlin's Twisted Oz Antique Motorcycle Museum and you take a step back into early days of motorcycling. April 1st Kelly's vision of a place to display antique motorcycles became a reality. More than a museum, the Twisted Oz is a life size diorama with vintage motorcycles displayed in against realistic backgrounds of the period.

Kelly has assembled various pieces of old barns, farm buildings, even a bank teller cage inside the old Chevy dealership body shop. Then he set a wonderful collection of vintage, rare, and one of a kind motorcycles, as they would have appeared decades ago. Jerry Ottaway has placed many of his bikes in the museum and frequently he can be seen there explaining the details of the machines.

The Twisted Oz Museum is located in Augusta KS, at US 400 and Lulu Street. The museum is open 10 am - 5 pm Wednesday thru Sunday. Stop in and take a trip to the past.





Sunflower Chapter members, Kelly Modlin and Jerry Ottaway are sharing their vintage motorcycle history.



MEMBER CLASSIFIED ADS

Antique Motorcycle Swap Meet
June 4th and 5th
Free Admission
1380 South Jason Street
Denver CO.
Presented by the Rocky
Mountain Chapter
Contact 503-705-3633

The Sunflower Chapter welcomes these
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Lyle Henry

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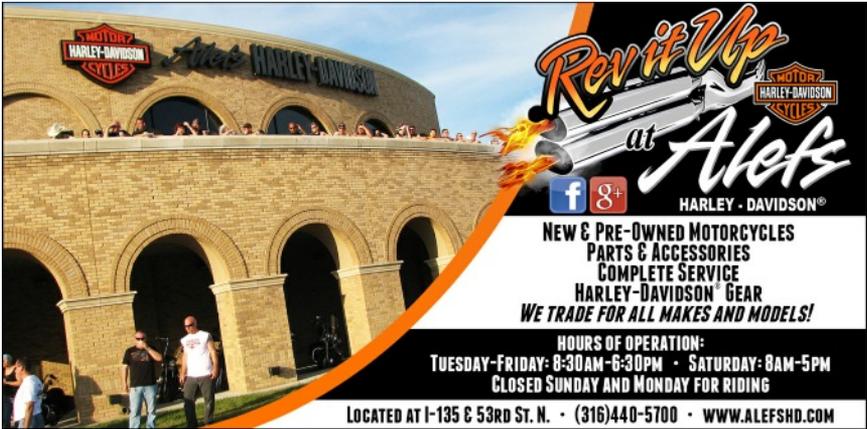
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SUNFLOWER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 25th ~ Sunflower Chapter monthly meeting at Spears Restaurant, 4323 West Maple (6:30 PM)

June 27th ~ Sunflower Chapter monthly meeting at Spears Restaurant, 4323 West Maple (6:30 PM)

August 31st ~ Sunflower Chapter monthly meeting at Spears Restaurant, 4323 West Maple (6:30 PM)

September 28th ~ Sunflower Chapter monthly meeting at Spears Restaurant, 4323 West Maple (6:30 PM)



October 3-5th ~ Sunflower Chapter National Road Run. More details in this issue



Sunflower Website ~ www.sunfloweramca.org

The Sunflower Chapter Newsletter will be published in February, May, August, and November. The deadline date for each issue will be the last day of the month preceding the month of publication. Please send articles, tips, humor, event dates, notices, personal ads, etc. to the editor as early as possible. Material submitted after the deadline will be published if page space is available.

AMCA 2016 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

NATIONAL ROAD RUNS

June 1-3	Phoenix Road Runner Road Run, Kanab, UT
Sept 6-8	Roosevelt National Road Run, Detroit Lakes, MN
Sept 25-28	Blue Ridge National Road Run, Asheville, NC
Oct 3-5	Sunflower National Road Run, Junction City, KS



NATIONAL MEETS

Feb 26-27	Omaha Chapter	Fremont, NE
Mar 4-5	Sunshine Chapter	New Smyrna Beach, FL
Apr 22-23	Perkiomen Chapter	Oley, PA
May 20-22	Southern National	Denton, NC
May 27-29	AMCA Lucas Oil Classic	Birmingham, AL
May 27-29	European Chapter	Raalte, Netherlands
June 10-12	Viking Chapter	St. Paul, MN
June 17-18	Fort Sutter Chapter	Dixon, CA
July 1-2	Rhinebeck National	Rhinebeck, NY
July 15-17	Wauseon Meet	Wauseon, OH
Aug 5-7	Yankee Chapter	Hebron, CT
Sept 30-Oct 1	Chesapeake Chapter	Jefferson, PA