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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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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The summer has been busy for me. In June went to Colorado to visit my son Jeff in Denver. While there we made it to the Rocky Mountain Chapter Bike Show and Swap Meet, this is a great event and a good excuse to haul a bike to Colorado. We got in a couple of days of riding the mountains, visited a lot of local hangouts, and saw a Rockies game. He is planning on meeting us in Deadwood for the Black Hill's Chapter Road Run. I got in a couple of local rides, a really great one into the Flint Hills a couple of weeks ago. I freed up a little space in our garage by building bigger storage building in the backyard. Room for a couple of bikes and the yard equipment. Finally its done, been working on that since last fall.

There are lots of preparations going on in the Sunflower Chapter for this fall. There are bikes to get ready, trailers to get outfitted, reservations and plans to be made. Robbie and I are planning on making two National Road Runs in September and meeting up with the Cannonball riders in Sturgis. Those riders include 5 from the Sunflower Chapter, Kelly Modlin, Bill Page, Billy Page, George Unruh, and Terry Richardson. You may remember an email I sent out, telling you about my trailer getting stolen. So I bought a replacement trailer similar to the last one and have been getting it setup and outfitted. I am sure the Cannonball riders have been making similar preparations for their epic ride across the country. Plans are being made for the Sunflower Fall Ride, details on page 22, with the location in Clinton Missouri I am hoping to have a good turnout from our neighboring Chapters.

I hope your summer has been enjoyable and you are making plans for the fall with the Sunflower Chapter, starting with our second vintage bike night on August 9th. Check the events calendar, the date for the Christmas party has been set.

Many thanks for the article contributions in this issue, makes putting the newsletter out easy.

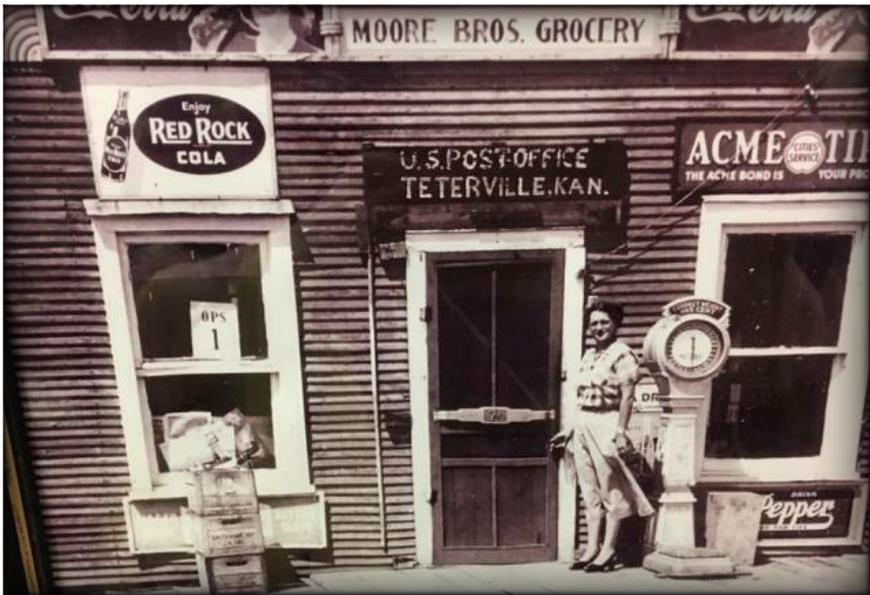
See-ya on the road,

Jim Wellemeyer

Teter Rock

For a number of years Kelly Wardell has been suggesting that we take a ride out to Teter Rock, Teter Rock a monolithic rock located in the Flint Hills about 12 miles east of Cassody.

Teterville Kansas, was a small community which formed near the Teter Oil Fields in southeast Kansas in the 1920's. The community was named for James Teter who owned the land where the oil and homes were located. Teter Rock was a pile of local rocks which James Teter erected at a high point on his land as a guidepost for homesteaders searching for the Cottonwood River. As Teterville grew, the rocks were used in the construction of



several of the buildings and the Teter marker disappeared.

The Teterville community faded away as the Teter Oil Fields played out. Today a few foundations are the only part of Teterville which remains, but Teter Rock was reconstructed in 1954. A 16' slab of rocks was erected in honor of Mr. Teter.



Teter Rock



Sunflower riders in the distance on Teter Hill Road

Photos by Jeff Roth



The rock rises from the prairie like a monument.

Teter Rock



So on a beautiful Saturday morning in June a group of 8 bikes left Augusta for a ride into the Flint Hills. We stopped at the Cassoday Country Store for a short break before Kelly led us east on Teter Hill road. After 2 miles of blacktop, it turns into a gravel road, 10 miles of it. Although the road is maintained, much of the “gravel” is the size of golf balls and you need to pay attention the track you are taking. After each big hill you crest you can see for miles and the gravel road goes on with no end in sight. After 20 or 30 minutes, Kelly slowed at a hilltop that is marked with a weathered sign “Teterville and Teter Rock” .



Teter Rock



Herding cattle on two wheels

Crossing the cattle guard at the gate leaves behind the gravel and we continue on a well-worn track through the Flint Hills tall grass. Spring rains had been sufficient to keep the tall grass prairie green and seemingly endless. Almost a mile across the prairie we come to Teter Rock. Getting off our bikes we look around and at the bottom of the hill we can see a large herd of wild horses. These mustangs descended horses brought to the Americas by the Spanish more than six centuries ago. They are mares and geldings. No stallions, so the herd population remains the same. They were brought here by Bureau of Land Management under the Wild Free-Roaming-Horse and Burro Act of 1971. The ranchers are paid a daily rate for their care.



Teter Rock



The view from Teter Rock is spectacular. You can see for 10's of miles to the horizon in any direction and see nothing but native tall grass prairie. We spent our time enjoying the wonderful weather, the peace and quiet of a calm morning, and the monument called Teter Rock. Thanks to Kelly and Ellen for taking us on a memorable ride.



Teter Rock



OKC Mile

By Kelly Wardell

On June 16, 2018 we traveled down to Remington Park in Oklahoma City for the Flat Track races.

Jerry Ottaway was bringing his 1925 Indian 101 The Scout race bike that his dad rode to victory in the 1930 Oklahoma State Championship. The bike was going to be on display and Dick Chance was going to ride a lap around the track before the races started.

When we arrived, Kelly Modlin's brother, Tracy, had the Scout and a Henderson race bike set up for display and they were drawing a large crowd. Also, there was a large group of Sunflower members who came down for the races.

When it was time the Scout was moved to the track entrance ramp. The bike was put on the roller starter and Dick climbed on. The bike started right up and sounded really strong. Unfortunately, when the bike was pushed out on the track it refused to start when it was pushed. Even when it was put back



**Sunflower members with Jerry and the Scout .
Pictured at the bottom is Herb Ottaway with his racer.**

OKC Mile



Dick Chance and Jerry Ottaway

on the roller it would not start and seemed to have lost spark. Although it was disappointing not to see the bike make a lap around the track it was exciting to see it back at the race track.

When the track was cleared, the races started. Remington Park has what is called a padded track which means the surface is very loose. This is not a problem if you are in the lead but if you are in the leaders rooster tail it's like being in a sandblaster. When the riders were up on the platform after a race, the first place rider was nice and clean while the 2nd and 3rd place riders were completely filthy. There are two classes of race bikes – Singles and Twins. Jared Mees has been dominating the track on an Indian and this was no different as he easily won all of his races. Shayna Texter is a crowd favorite in the singles class for Husqvarna. Shayna was in second place in the main event until late in the race when her tire was bumped by another rider and she fell to third place.

OKC Mile

These were some great races and well worth the trip to OKC. They are running at 120 to 130 mph and not letting off the throttle when they broad slide into the corners. Amazingly, a couple of these riders are still in high school. The Harley XR-750 is still running after almost 50 years and with a good rider is still competitive, but Harley has gotten back into racing and now has the XG 750. I don't know anything about these bikes, but they look like water cooled twins. I am just glad that Harley-Davidson has gotten back into racing, because Indian is cleaning up. Of course I cheer for both teams, I am just happy to see that Flat Track racing is getting more popular and is making a comeback. These races are recorded and you can see them on Fanschoice.tv.com and [NBCSN](http://NBCSN.com).



Herb Ottaway and the 1926 Indian Scout

OKC Mile



Dick was ready but the Scout faltered.

Photos by Kelly Wardell



2018 Hot Rods and Harleys

By Ellen Hittle

On June 2, 2018, Sunflower member Bill Page and his friend Robbi Wade hosted the 1st Annual Hot Rods & Harleys in Eureka, KS. Billy Page, Eric Erickson, Dave Bushey and many others were there to help unload bikes and organize cars. Billy's wife, Marcella, had a booth in the vendor area selling her Trubey Rose Boutique merchandise.

Dave's wife, Kim and I sat in the shade and waited for the parade to start. After the parade Kelly and I perused the food vendors and decided to eat the BBQ lunch that was being provided by the Greenwood County Fire Department. We have come home twice to find fire trucks all over the hay field and the house, dog kennels and garage still standing so we are very appreciative of their efforts and support them any time we can. It looked like the Boy Scouts were also doing quite well with their walking tacos. As we wandered around to see the vehicles and vendors, we discovered the old hotel was open for viewing. The downstairs has been renovated to accommodate events.

Kim and I discovered a fabulous quilt shop. The small store contained a variety of craft items in addition to the impressive fabric collection.



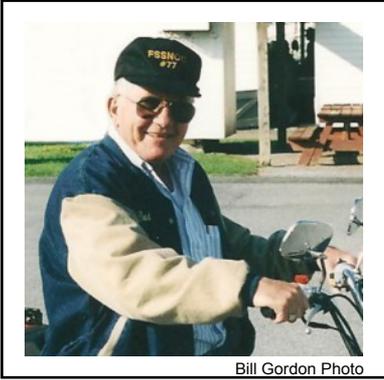
2018 Hot Rods and Harleys



The day went by quickly and it was soon time for the door prizes and trophies. Some of the door prize winners were quite excited with their winnings. With 48 entries there was a large variety of motorcycles and cars and several categories of trophies for each one. Organizers, participants and supporters all felt it was a successful event for being the 1st year and look forward to next year. Thanks to the Sunflower members who braved the heat and made their way to Eureka to see the cars and motorcycles on



The Old Sage 1924-2016



Bill Gordon Photo

This saga by the Old Sage is reprinted with the kind permission of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America. We thank them for allowing us to reprint these stories, because many of our Chapter members have never had a chance to read these entertaining articles

Bud Cox was one of the founding members of the Sunflower Chapter and an Honorary Member of the AMCA. He penned the "Old Sage" articles for more than thirteen years, with the first episode appearing in the 1994 Winter issue of the AMCA magazine. This "Old Sage" episode originally appeared in the 2001 Summer issue of "The Antique Motorcycle"

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A good friend of mine and I used to enjoy following our hobbies of antique vehicle collecting and upland bird hunting. We could combine these activities at times, especially in southwest Kansas where there were a lot of farms that had a 'corner' set aside where all of the old, obsolete farm machinery and vehicles were placed. This area would naturally grow up into a mass of grass and weeds which often would contain our other quarry, the elusive ring neck pheasant or maybe a covey of quail.

Number Nine

This tale is about one of these trips. The farm was owned by an uncle of my friend. There were several small children on the farm, maybe grandchildren of the uncle. As the two of us returned to the farmyard empty handed, having bagged neither birds nor parts of any kind, the children gathered around to bid us goodbye. When I started the engine of my pickup truck, there was a strange noise under the hood. It was sort of a flump-bump along with other assorted sounds. Then there was an ominous silence as the engine tossed the family cat right out at the feet of the children. Oh my, it was a terrible thing to see. The children were all squalling and bawling and pointing their finger at me and I really felt bad. The cat was in very bad shape, but not quite dead. About then the uncle appeared and suggested that my friend take the cat out in the field and finish what we had started. The children who had had calmed down a bit, all listened intensely for the sound of the gunshot, which of course, would signal the demise of their pet. The instant that the sound reached them, they all resumed the mourning, only louder than ever. What a difficult spot to be in. I was wishing that I had stayed in bed. Finally, my friend returned. We left.

During the long ride home, he said, "I don't know what happened to the first eight, but we sure gave him number nine!"



Journey of the Cannonball

By **Bill Page**

After nearly 2 years of anticipation, work, building and ordering parts, show time is here. If you're not putting test miles on your bike at this point and time, you will probably spend more time than desired, on the sweep truck. Everyone's worst feeling is being broke down alongside the road waiting for that dreaded truck and trailer that will load you up and take you to the overnight stop.

It's really quite amazing that these 100 year old motorcycle's can be put together, modified to run 300 mile days for 15-17 days in a row. We all want to maintain their originality as much as possible, but face the facts, that the most original, restored bikes don't make it....these old engines that operate with only 4-6 ounces of oil in the crankcase must be set up loose enough that they burn oil like a worn out engine, but yet tight enough to maintain compression and not foul plugs. Other factors are brakes, wheels and tires, fuel, lights, and seat, (this is really critical for old butts). There are some legs of this year's Cannonball that will have 120 mile gaps between fuel stops. Hence---these are the challenges that attract most of the riders to this event. It is the ultimate antique motorcycle endurance challenge in the country. Not only does your bike have to be right to make it, you have to be somewhat in physical shape to endure this day after day, and you have to have the right mental attitude, like I mentioned in a previous article, I call it controlled chaos, but it's like drug addition, once in it, it's hard to get out.

Journey of the Cannonball



Kelly Modlin and 1927 Indian Chief

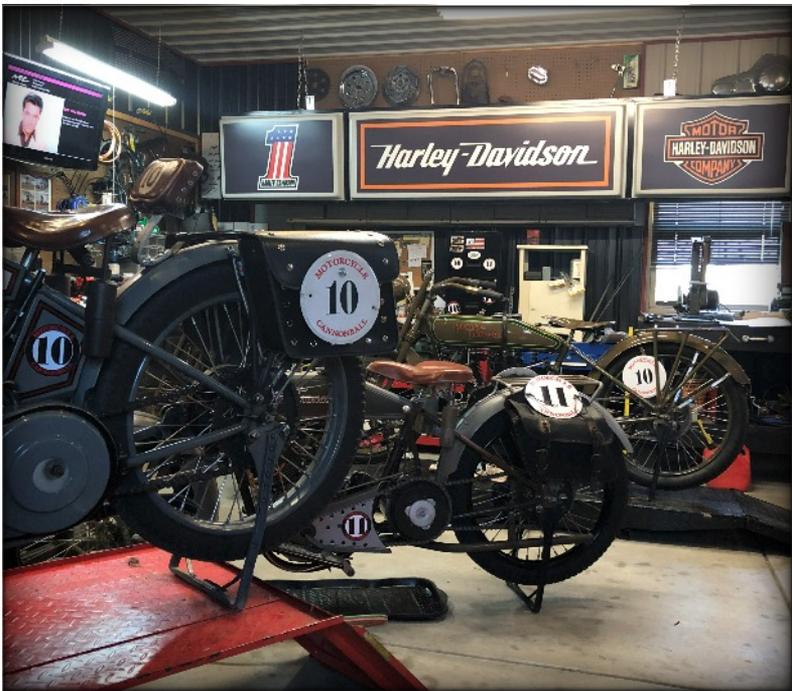
The final entrant for the 2018 Cannonball, that I haven't highlighted yet, is the Kansas godfather of the event--the one that got the rest of us interested in it, the one that always promotes vintage motorcycles---Kelly Modlin.



Journey of the Cannonball

Everyone in the area knows Kelly, and his love for vintage motorcycles. Kelly will be participating in his 4th Cannonball. Kelly rode his Harley JD in 2012, Henderson in 2014, Excelsior in 2016 and this year he will be riding his 1927 Indian. When we got back home from the 2016 Cannonball, Kelly said he was done. His wife and I were there and about the same time said, 2 years is a long time, take some time before you make your mind up---Serious drug addition, he's back, but not only is he back to do the Cannonball he is undertaking a real serious challenge. Kelly is going to ride his Chief from Augusta to Portland Maine, ride the Cannonball from Maine to Portland Oregon, and then ride it back home to Augusta. I think that if completed as planned, this will be an outstanding vintage motorcycle accomplishment.

Team Barn guy will be carrying his parts and supplies with us on our trailer, and as always will help when



Journey of the Cannonball

needed. Let's all wish Kelly the best of luck, along with the other Sunflower members entrants. Team Barn guy, will have the honor to have the youngest, and the oldest entrants from the Kansas group, and not too far off from that in the field of entries.

We hope to see some of you on our day off, in Sturgis South Dakota. We will be staying at the Glencoe Camp and Resort, so there should be plenty of camping spaces, for anyone wanting to bring an RV. Hope everyone follows our progress during the event. Follow along with daily pics and stats on---
www.motorcyclecannonball.com.



The Team Barn guy

Upcoming Events



Vintage Bike Night Thursday Aug 9th



**In Delano at the Clock Tower
6 pm to 8 pm**

**Bring out your vintage motorcycle
for a street show
Or just show up to see antique bikes
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RIDE-EM DON'T HIDE-EM

The Cannonball day off is Sept 17 in Sturgis. The Black Hills Chapter has a Road Run Sept 12-15 in Dead Wood SD. Combine these events in one trip. This is a great opportunity to show support for our **five** Chapter members when they arrive in Sturgis on the 16th. Make your vacation plans and reservations now.





Sunflower Fall Ride October 12, 13 & 14



The Sunflower Chapter Fall Ride in Clinton Missouri, October 12-14

Itinerary

- Thursday the 11th, early arrivals, check in.
- Friday the 12th, afternoon early arrival ride. Shopping in the Town Square or visit the Henry County Museum.
- Saturday morning the 13th, tour around Truman Lake with lunch in Warsaw Mo.
- Saturday evening, we are featured guests at the Clinton Main Street Cruise Night
- Sunday morning breakfast ride then depart
- All rides will depart from the Hampton Inn
- Reminder, Missouri has a helmet law for all riders and is strictly enforced.

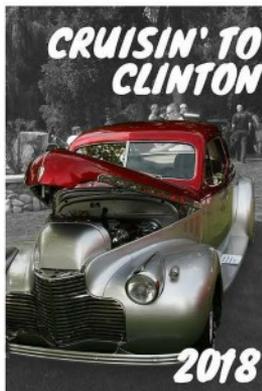
Accommodations

- Hampton Inn ~ Request the Sunflower Antique Motorcycle rate. Single King or double Queen for \$89 plus tax. Book your room by Sept 21st 660-885-4488

Questions: Contact Jim Wellmeyer jwellmeyer@cox.net or 316-461-1778

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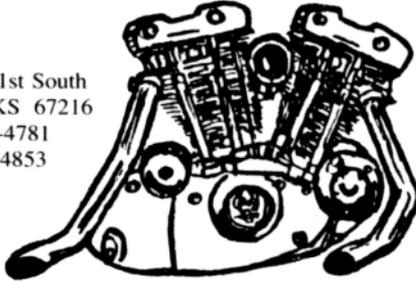


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SUNFLOWER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Thursday August 9th ~ **Sunflower Vintage Bike Night.**
At the Delano Clock Tower 6-8 PM.

August 29th ~ Sunflower Chapter monthly meeting at Spears Restaurant, 4323 West Maple (6:30 PM)

September 26th ~ Sunflower Chapter monthly meeting at Spears Restaurant, 4323 West Maple (6:30 PM)

October 12 - 14th ~ **Sunflower Chapter Fall Ride in Clinton Missouri.** See details on page 22

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

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

December 1st ~ Sunflower Chapter Christmas Party.
Saturday December 1 at Twisted Oz.

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AMCA 2018 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

NATIONAL ROAD RUNS

March 5-7	Sunshine Chapter Road Run, DeLand, FL
June 10-13	Hudson Valley Chapter Road Run, Round Top, NY
July 26-28	Oregon Trail Chapter Road Run, Cottage Grove, OR
Sept 4-6	Driftless Chapter Road Run, Onalaska, WI
Sept 12-14	Black Hills Chapter Road Run Deadwood, SD



NATIONAL MEETS

Feb 23-24	Omaha Chapter	Fremont, NE
Mar 9-10	Sunshine Chapter	New Smyrna Beach, FL
Apr 27-28	Perkiomen Chapter	Oley, PA
May 18-20	Southern National	Denton, NC
May 25-26	European Chapter	Raalte, Netherlands
June 15-16	Viking Chapter	St. Paul, MN
June 15-16	Fort Sutter Chapter	Dixon, CA
July 20-22	Wauseon Meet	Wauseon, OH
Aug 3-4	Yankee Chapter	Hebron, CT
Aug 24-26	Australia Chapter	Bulli Show Grounds
Sept 28-29	Chesapeake Chapter	Jefferson, PA