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SUNFLOWER CHAPTER MEETINGS

Monthly meetings of the Sunflower Chapter are held at 6:00 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

Much has been happening with the Sunflower Chapter. The Twisted Oz Meet was a huge success in April. There were 17 members who traveled to Texas for the Fandango Meet and riding in the Hill Country. Check this issue for articles and pictures. We are finalizing plans for the Chapter Spring Ride, details on page 20. I have not had much to publish in the Classified ads, but this month there are a number of quality bikes **For Sale**, check them out.

At the last club meeting we had a guest speaker, Vickie Sanfelipo, she is with the Road Guardians organization. They support Accident Scene Management training. She was the presenter of the course this past Saturday. Of the 25 people who were certified, 5 were Sunflower members who will be able to help manage any accident situation. This is a valuable asset to club rides.

The Chapter has added our 2nd Associate Chapter. The AMCA approved the Hays Associate at the March Board Meeting, Pat Martin, of Hays, is the Ambassador. If you check the Antique Motorcycle magazine chapter map, you will now see three white dots identifying the Sunflower Chapter. I congratulate Pat for his efforts in getting the associate organized. The first activity for the Hays Chapter is a swap meet and bike show that supports the Fort Hays Disabled American Veterans. Please see the flyer in this issue.

In June I will be asking for volunteers to be part of the organizing committee for our 2023 National Road Run. For our 2016 Road Run we had about 25 volunteers who worked the event, 2023 will need the same. Please check the calendar of events for the time and place. Also note dates for other activities that are planned.

It's been a terrific spring and I hope to see many of you in the coming months.

Jim Wellemeyer

AMCA Sunflower Chapter Members Invade Texas Hill Country!

Submitted by Neil Havran

OK, invade might be too strong of a word. Let's go with "minor incursion" instead. With the Texas Fandango scheduled for April 8th and 9th an idea was organically floated that it would be a good idea to start the week with a couple of days riding in Texas Hill Country. Some members have ridden the area in past AMCA Road Runs and had grown to appreciate the unique riding experience. We had seven bikes and 11 riders. But wait, something was amiss. What is the deal with the strong showing of modern bikes at a quasi-official AMCA Sunflower Chapter event? There should be some kind of sanction, maybe double secret probation or a relinquishing of membership cards for a 30



Three Twisted Sisters? Hombres? Or just the three that didn't hear we were bringing modern bikes.

day stint in AMCA jail? I won't embarrass the new bike riders by naming names. They know who they are. The good news is that due to publishing guidelines, by the time you read this they are all out of AMCA jail and back in the good graces of the club. We couldn't resist getting a photo of the guys that brought the old stuff and you can see them here. However, some might question Kelly's new but still old Indian. What is that I see on the front wheel? Is that a disc brake? Well, it did have a Kansas antique tag on it so I guess we will let it slide this time around. Back to the ride.

Texas Hill Country



Lunch at a food truck in Comfort, TX

Most participants arrived Monday evening; the topic of conversation were the fuel prices everyone paid to make the 10 plus hour journey. I must confess I nearly suffered an epileptic seizure while watching the number wheels spin and spin on the pump as I waited for the van's tank to fill. That night, some of us enjoyed dinner at a nearby Mexican restaurant and then called it a night.



Road side break, for the guys anyway.

Texas Hill Country

The next day we started out sometime between 9 and 10 o'clock and did a variation of the famous Twisted Sisters or Three Sisters Ride. Normally I would insert an inappropriate joke related to sisters but I reckon this is a family friendly newsletter so I will leave it to your fertile imagination as to where I was going with that. Be that as it may it was a wonderful ride with no drama that I care to write about. (ahem). One oddity we discovered was that a large number of lunch stops are closed on Tuesdays. It's like there is some sort of food vendor cartel where they all conspire to stay closed on the same day? Fortunately we were able to find a food truck and a place to sit. Service was a little slow but the food was good. Healthy eaters enjoyed salads that were very well prepared. I just had them put the salad stuff on top of my ½ pound burger. It works for me!

After lunch we continued on with another roughly 82 miles of pleasant riding and then back to the YO Ranch Hotel but not before a quick stop at the local Dairy Queen. That night it was dinner at the Lake House. I recorded 167 miles on the day for me at least.



A commercial field of the elusive Blue Bonnets. We were about a week early, but saw a many along the highway coming home.

Texas Hill Country

The next day was a pleasantly recycled route from a recent National Road run. It included stops in Fredericksburg and a run up to Old Willow Road NE of Fredericksburg. We were all ready to soil ourselves in anticipation of seeing the Blue Bonnet flowers on Old Willow Road but alas it was not meant to be. Persistent area drought conditions resulted in the ditch weed flower being pretty thin on the ground. This was not to detract from an otherwise excellent ride. From here we motored into Fredericksburg for lunch at Backwoods Barbeque. They do Texas BBQ on an industrial scale here. We ran into a few people that had started to arrive for the Texas Fandango which was being held on the upcoming weekend and you can read about that here as well. After lunch we also made a stop in Luckenbach for pictures and a few souvenirs. Finally it was a run down Old San Antonio Road followed by a pretty cool road from Comfort and back to Kerrville. That night we had a nice dinner at the Cowboy Steakhouse. When the server asked if we wanted to see the desert menu we went full Texan and responded “does a hunnert pound sack a flour make a big biscuit?” And with that we can end this story right here. There is more information on the Fandango but I will leave it to others to report on that.

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Dinner next to the Guadeloupe River

Texas Fandango

The Cherokee Chapter Fandango Event has been getting bigger and better each year. Robbie and I arrived on Thursday after spending two days in Texas Hill Country with Sunflower friends. As we set up the booth for the Sunflower Chapter display, we saw our good friend from the Rocky Mountain Chapter, Tom Freed, was next to us. Sunflower members Terry Sawyer and Rick Lyda would arrive later that day and be next to Tom. Bill Page came by, his booth was not far away, so there was a good representation of the Chapter.

Friday morning the swap meet was busy with people searching for treasures, but there was a half dozen booths directly across from us which were empty. The registration map showed them reserved, but being empty the wind was whipping up the dust across them and onto us. The strong winds continued all day and most likely discouraged some foot traffic which had dwindled by early afternoon. Robbie and I closed up a little early headed back to the RV park and the showers.



The crowd was a little thin but the friendship was thick

Texas Fandango



Look what I found



I think it fits here



Big wind and big hair in Texas

Texas Fandango

Saturday is the big day at Fandango. The swap meet was in full force with a calm wind. The bike show drew a lot of beautiful bikes and rare like a Scott Flying Squirrel. The flat track races were a big attraction with mini bikes and the standard classes. The vintage chopper show drew a large attendance along with their own vendors.

This is a meet well worth the time to make the trip to Texas Hill Country, and we will be attending again.



The unique Scott Flying Squirrel



The vintage chopper show was popular

Texas Fandango

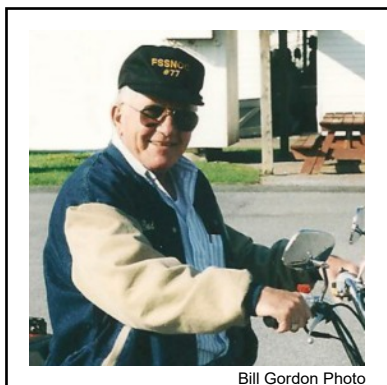


Lively entertainment at the flat track and mini bike races



A great facility for the events

The Old Sage 1924-2016



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 2005 Summer issue of “The Antique Motorcycle”

**The
Old
Sage**

Sometime near 1985, the St. Louis Chapter of the AMCA sponsored a field meet at Lee and Mary Cowie’s home. This was a very nice residence that backed up to an airstrip. The Cowies were both skilled pilots and flying was another facet of their hobbies, which included antique cars and motorcycles. One of the events at this AMCA meet was a timed road run. The riders were supposed to average 24 miles per hour.

No Amps Here

All speedometers were covered and no one had any idea how far we would go. Some machines sported passengers who had stop watches and clip boards. They were serious indeed. I was riding a 1928 Indian Prince, which had no electrics, no speedo, no gauges or switches of any kind. Just made to run.

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**Believe it or not, I won the event with an
average of 24.4 miles per hour**

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But, I think the real story is in what else I did during the long event. First I ran through a low water bridge too fast and got the magneto wet. After drying it out I proceeded to a bit of I-70 highway that was on the route. I came across Mary Cowie, whose small British motorcycle had stalled out and I helped her a bit. Finally we pushed her motorcycle across all the lanes of I-70, through the grass and lifted it over the fence. Mary proceeded to push it across the fields to their house, which was visible to us. From there I proceeded back to the Cowie home, which was the terminix. When someone asked how did I know what speed to run, I jokingly responded, "I just kept the Ammeter at three amps and had fun." Later on someone realized—there was no amp gauge on this machine.



2022 Twisted Oz Meet

The 6th annual Twisted Oz Swap Meet and Bike Show had an unpleasant reputation to live up to. Snow and ice, rain, record



breaking cold, even 100-degree heat, have all managed to show up on the day of the previous meets. The vintage ride on Friday April 9th was challenged by cool and very windy weather, but that didn't stop 17 riders from showing up and taking a tour through the Flint Hills. The ride started out east from Augusta down old highway US 54 to Leon, then north to Rosalia and into Eureka for a gas stop and warm up.

The next part of the route was more comfortable with the wind at our backs pushing us to Moline for lunch at the **Swinging Bridge Café**.



2022 Twisted Oz Meet



After lunch we stopped down the street at **Vintage Cycle Salvage** and Max Lambky gave us the tour. A large mural on an outside wall was a great place for a group photo. We left Moline and rode on to Latham.



Moline KS - lunch and a visit to a cycle salvage.

2022 Twisted Oz Meet

The blazing sun had been beating down and the temperature must have been at least 60 so we stopped for cold refreshments at the Latham Saloon. The final leg of the ride led us through Douglass and down Thunder Road back to Twisted Oz.



A beautiful spring day

2022 Twisted Oz Meet

Saturday weather was a great improvement, very little wind and 70's, we had been waiting six years for this. By the time I got to Twisted Oz to start registration, the vendors were already setting up. It wasn't long before all our spaces were filled up. There was a good number of high-quality bikes for the show and attendance by the public was very good with many from out of town. The smell of the burgers and hotdogs cooking on the grill outside was good advertising because the food table was sold out.



2022 Twisted Oz Meet

A good collection of bikes was offered for auction. There were nice restorations, good project bikes, and few odd balls. Kelly tried hard to get the crowd involved but it turned out that the number of bikes greatly outnumbered the buyers.



It wasn't on the auction block but it did draw a lot of lookers.

2022 Twisted Oz Meet



A vintage V-twin service engine demonstrated by Greg Porter.

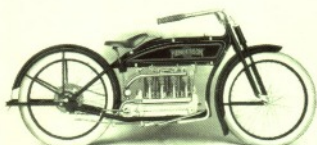


Bill Page presents bike show awards

The bike show awards were unique and appropriate, created from antique oil containers painted by local craftsman Steve McHugh. After award presentations the crowd milled around in the perfect afternoon weather.

This years Swap Meet and Bike Show was by far the best. Thanks to all the volunteers who made it possible, and special thanks to Theresa and Kelly Modlin.

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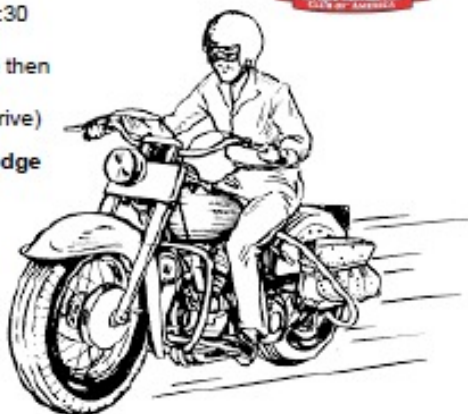
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The Sunflower Chapter Welcomes New Members

Pat Martin
Jim Schugart
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Upcoming Events

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Upcoming Events

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SUNFLOWER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 25th ~ Sunflower Chapter monthly meeting at Spears Restaurant, 4323 West Maple (6:00 PM)

June 3,4,5 ~ Spring Chapter Ride, see page 20.

June 18th ~ Initial meeting for Road Run committee.
Twisted Oz at 3:30 pm

June 29th ~ Sunflower Chapter monthly meeting at Spears Restaurant, 4323 West Maple (6:00 PM)

July 16th ~ Club Picnic details TBA

July 27th ~ Sunflower Chapter monthly meeting at Spears Restaurant, 4323 West Maple (6:00 PM)

August 31st ~ Sunflower Chapter monthly meeting at Spears Restaurant, 4323 West Maple (6:00 PM)

Sept 24th ~ Chapter Fall Ride from Junction City

**Please note that the monthly Chapter Meeting
time has been changed to 6:00 pm**

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 2022 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

NATIONAL ROAD RUNS

September 6-8	La Crosse, WI. Driftless Chapter
September 14-16	Dickson, TN. Music City Chapter
September 19-21	Republic, WA. Evergreen Chapter
September 26-28	Lake Tahoe, CA. Fort Sutter Chapter



NATIONAL MEETS

February 25-26	Fremont, NE. Omaha Chapter
March 3-5	New Smyrna Beach, FL. Sunshine Chapter
April 22-23	Oley, PA. Perkiomen Chapter Meet
May 27-28	Raalte, Netherlands. European Chapter
June 3-5	Empire Chapter Ntnl Meet (Cancelled)
June 10-11	St. Paul, MN. Viking Chapter
June 17-18	Dixon, CA. Fort Sutter Chapter
June 24-25	Harmony, NJ. Colonial Chapter
July 15-17	Wauseon, OH. Wauseon National Meet
July 30-31	New England TBD Yankee Chapter
August 27-28	Bulli, Au, Australia Chapter Bulli Show Grnd
Sept 30-Oct 1	Upperco, MD. Chesapeake Chapter