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Presidents Message

The New Year has arrived. The Chapter got off to a good start with the traditional New Year's Day "finning party" and Bill Page's frost bite ride on New Years eve. 2023 wrapped up with the Christmas Party hosted at Twisted Oz and attended by 60 plus members. Last year was very successful for the Chapter. There were several well attended events during the year, most notable was our very successful National Road Run. I look forward to 2024 with anticipation and expectations that this year will bring more great fellowship.

The AMCA is planning for a memorable 2024. This is the 70th anniversary for the AMCA and the 40th anniversary of the 1st National Road Run. There are articles about both in the current issue of the Antique Motorcycle magazine. Road Run events get more popular every year, with sell outs common. There is a good group of Sunflower members registered for Cherokee Chapter Road Run in Eureka Springs, I hope to see you there.

Ok, so by now you have noticed that this newsletter is in a different format than you have been seeing for many years. I decided to try a simple newsletter format this issue, for a couple of reasons. First, I included in this mailing a Chapter Members Directory in our traditional booklet format so you can compare the formats. It's been a few years since I published a directory and with several new members added this past year it may help to recognize them. The second reason for this style of newsletter is simplicity. The booklet style that has been used for many years, even preceding me, uses a publishing software that is outdated and no longer supported. It still works fine and has some unique features but is not user friendly. This simpler newsletter format should be cheaper to print and may allow us to afford color pictures. Before I commit to a permanent change, I would like to know what you think. **(cont)**

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One other goal is to recruit an editor for the newsletter. If you have word processing skills, a computer, and would like to contribute to the Chapter, please contact me. Writing of some content would be required, but I would continue to provide articles and photos. Producing the newsletter and preparing the mailing can be a team effort if you have a spouse or family member to help. If you are interested, let know.

Many of you know Chapter member Joe Preston, son of longtime member Stu Preston. It was announced in the Jan/Feb issue of Antique Motorcycle magazine that Joe has been selected as a new member of the AMCA Board of Directors. Congratulate Joe the next time you see him.

We are still putting together a schedule of activities for the year. The date for the Twisted Oz Swap Meet and bike show has been confirmed, April 6th, check details on the Upcoming Events page. There are other regional events you may be interested in posted there too.

You will find your 2024 membership card enclosed in this mailing, if not then maybe your payment crossed paths with this letter, or you still need to send in your dues.

(P.S. I don't like this layout, will work on something better.)

Jim Wellemeyer

Sunflower Holidays

Christmas and New Years are seasonal occasions for friends and family to gather and recount the past year. The Sunflower Chapter Christmas Party and New Years "finning party" provide the members to join with their friends for eating, talking, drinking, and sharing memories. Here are a few photos from the Holidays.

Sunflower Christmas Dinner



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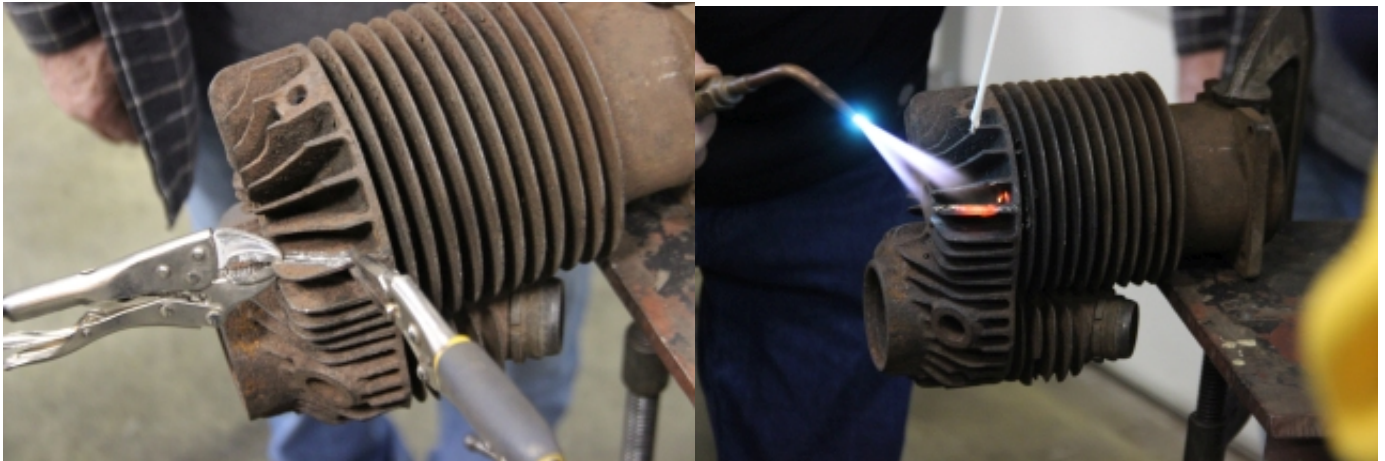


New Years Day “finning demos” provided by Bill Page, Joe Preston, and George Unruh.



Joe handles the torch while Master Bill looks on.

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George showed his skills, Greg Porter was taking notes.



The crowd was totally mesmerized.

Upcoming Events



Dan's Cycle 14th Annual Winter Open House/Vintage Motorcycle Show and Swap Meet
Dan And Kamme Retirement Party

Saturday February 24th, 2023
9:00 A.M. To 2:00 P.M.

Come Welcome Stephen Owens To Power Sports

Come in out of the cold and enjoy the good times to had at this annual event!
See you there!

8th Annual Twisted Oz Vintage Motorcycle Swap Meet & Bike Show

Twisted Oz Museum 601 W. 7th Augusta, KS 67010

Buy, Sell Trade Your Vintage Parts & Bikes	Admission Free 10 AM – 3 PM Bike Show Free – Awards at 1pm Vendor Spots \$20 - 10 x 10 Registration and Setup 8AM Parts & Bikes must be 25yr or older Food available on site	SATURDAY APRIL 6 2024
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Consignment Auction Noon Saturday
 Contact Paul Belt 316-239-9258

Bike Show Theme Category award is "The Thirties"
 Vintage Bike Ride Friday April 5, 9 AM Twisted Oz

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45th Annual Antique Motorcycle Show and Swap Meet

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March 22, 2024
 Setup Day

March 23, 2024
 Open to the Public
 8:00 - 5:00
 Admission \$10

March 24, 2024
 Judging of the Bikes
 Takedown
 Doors open at 8:00
 Admission \$5

Concession stand will be open
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14th Annual Vintage Santa Fe Trail Chapter

MOTORCYCLE SHOW

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SUNDAY, Feb 4, 2024
 Douglas Co. Fairgrounds
 2120 Harper St., Lawrence, KS

9 am to 2 pm \$5 entry fee

Motorcycle entry fee: \$10 each for the first 2 bikes, additional entries are free.
 Set up time: 6 am to 8:00 am. Vendor space is \$25.
 ALL motorcycles must be at least 35 years old and appear runnable. Visit SFTTrail.org or call 913-206-8134
 Bike entry & vendor applications can be sent to: SFT Bike Show, 2527 W. 9th St., Lawrence, KS 66049

The Sunflower Chapter Welcomes New Members:

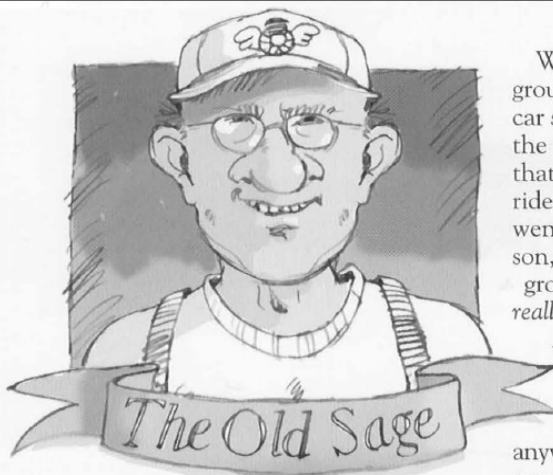
Dana McCoy	David Bushey
Roger Young	Roger Peak
Andrew Abrahamson	David Thomason
Grace Evans	Dan Evans

The Old Sage

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 2002 Fall issue of "The Antique Motorcycle"

The first Sunflower edition to reprint "the Old Sage" was in November 2010, Bob Christian was editor. Shortly thereafter Bill Gordon took over as editor and continued. Bill handed the reins to me with about 35 photocopied articles along with a catalog of when he reprinted them. I started downloading the articles off the AMCA archives when Bills' material ran out. I discovered this 2002 issue missing from Bills inventory. I downloaded it and found this caricature in the original article and was not used in any other article. Enjoy this, exactly as it appeared then.



THE ASPIRIN

By Bud Cox

Several years back, the Wichita group known as the "Rugged Riders of the Dirty Thirties" were in Colorado. Our fearless leader, named "Herb", was leading us up Mt. Evans. Jerry and I had pulled out ahead of the group and were having a fine time racing up the twisting, winding road. Jerry was riding an A.J.S. single, and I was on a strong Sport Scout.

We pulled over and waited for our group to catch up. A nice lady in a big car stopped and asked if we were part of the group that was behind us. She said that we should know that one of the riders went "over the side." We almost went into "panic" mode. Jerry's dad, son, and my two sons were in the group, as well as several friends. We really went back down the mountain.

As we arrived, the fellows were just pulling Herb up on to the road. We checked him over pretty good and noticed that he was not bleeding anywhere. This was good news because any amount of bleeding can really mess up your clothes. It seems that Herb had hit a huge pothole that bounced him clear off the seat and over the edge. He landed head down between two large boulders and was in this upside-down position when the fellows got to him. He was smart enough to be wearing a helmet, which was really battered. The motorcycle stayed on top, but the travel box was broken and Herb's dirty laundry was scattered all over the road. Herb was more than a bit embarrassed by this.

Herb decided that he was okay and could ride back to our motel, which was

over one hundred miles away. About four of us lifted him onto the machine and he made it back in good shape with no problem, but it took about six of us to get him off! We put him to bed and he was moaning and groaning really bad, and complained about hurting all over. We offered him an Aspirin tablet, and he asked, "Are you positive that this is not habit forming?"

After riding five hundred miles the next day, Herb was molded into the same shape as the truck seat. The report was that he did not get out of his rocking chair for nearly a week, but he was soon back, good as ever, and ready to hit the mountains again.



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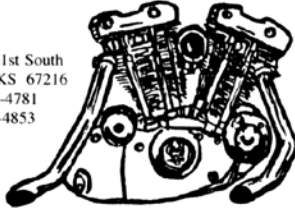
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2024 Chapter Calendar of Events

Chapter meetings are the last Wednesday of the Month, 6:00 at Spears Restaurant in Wichita.

FEBRUARY							MARCH							APRIL						
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- January 31st** Sunflower Chapter monthly meeting at Spears Restaurant, 4323 West Maple (6:00 PM)
February 24th Dans Cycle Open House, Dan Erb retirement party.
February 28th Sunflower Chapter monthly meeting at Spears Restaurant, 4323 West Maple (6:00 PM)
March 27th Sunflower Chapter monthly meeting at Spears Restaurant, 4323 West Maple (6:00 PM)
April 6th Twisted Oz Swap Meet and Bike Show
April 12 - 14th Cherokee Chapter Fandango, Fredericksburg TX
April 24th Sunflower Chapter monthly meeting at Spears Restaurant, 4323 West Maple (6:00 PM)

AMCA 2024 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



NATIONAL ROAD RUNS

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| Feb 29 - Mar 2 | Borego Springs, CA. So Cal Chapter |
| May 21 - 23 | Eureka Springs, AR. Cherokee/Diamond |
| August 13-15 | Eagle River, WI. Badger Heritage Chapter |
| September 23-25 | Napa Valley, CA. Yerba Buena Chapter |
| October 7-9 | Hamilton, NJ. Seaboard Chapter |

NATIONAL MEETS

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| February 2-3 | Lebanon, TN. Music City Chapter Meet |
| Feb 29-Mar 2 | Daytona Beach, FL. Sunshine Chapter Meet |
| March 23-24 | Fremont, NE. Omaha Chapter Meet |
| April 26-27 | Oley, PA. Perkiomen Chapter Meet |
| May 10-11 | Raalte, Netherlands. European Chapter Meet |
| June 14-15 | St. Paul, MN. Viking Chapter Meet |
| June 14-15 | Dixon, CA. Fort Sutter Chapter Meet |
| June 21-23 | Waddington, NY. Can-Am River Meet |
| July 19-20 | Wauseon, OH. Wauseon National Meet |
| July 26-28 | Greenfield, MA. Yankee Chapter Meet |
| August 24-25 | Bulli, Au, Australia Chapter Meet |
| Sept 6-8 | Harmony, NJ. Colonial Chapter Meet |
| October 4-5 | Upperco, MD. Chesapeake Chapter Meet |
| October 11-12 | Denton, NC. Southern National Meet |

SUNFLOWER Newsletter

The Sunflower Chapter Newsletter is published in February, May, August, and November. The deadline date for each issue is 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.

SUNFLOWER CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

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 each year.

Sunflower Website ~www.sunfloweramca.org

