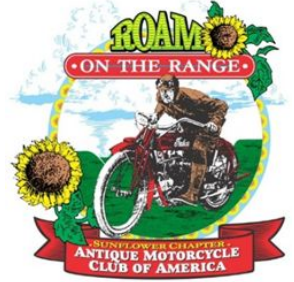




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# Sunflower Chapter of the AMCA **Roam on the Range**

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Jim Wellemeyer

Since my last message, the AMCA has lost two wonderful men, Buud Redmond of the Sunflower Chapter and Howard Wagoner of the Omaha Chapter. Only two months separated their birth dates and dates of their deaths at 96 years old. Both had a passion for machines, most notably antique motorcycles, but also big trucks, dune buggies, antique cars, and most anything with an engine and wheels. They were craftsmen who created works of art. Buud could fashion raw metal, and scrap iron into unique creations. Howard could create works of art with his antique bike restorations, often they had his own customizations. They will be missed by their many friends in the antique motorcycle community, but memories of them remain both in our minds and physically displayed in shops and collections around the country.

Spring has arrived although it has been hard to tell by the hit and miss weather. The Chapter had a couple of nice outings and the weather for the Twisted Oz meet was good but very windy. Robbie and I missed the meet as we were in Texas for the eclipse, which was a cloudy disappointment. Check the upcoming events page for more Chapter activities and regional events.

Everyone who uses email should be aware by now that there are a lot of spam emails going around that look like they came from someone you may know. More than a year ago the AMCA member files were hacked and since then these phishing emails have been going around to members. The message usually references photos with a link to see them. If you look closely at the email address it came from, its not from me or other AMCA member you may know. Don't be fooled to click on the link that is contained. You should use caution with all emails you receive.

The upcoming months will have many opportunities to connect with your fellow members, I will be looking out for you on the road.

**Jim Wellemeyer**

## Santa Fe Motorcycle Show and Swap Meet

The Santa Fe Chapter has been putting on this bike show and swap meet in Lawrence Kansas for 14 years. This small but well attended meet is the local kick-off to the season for vintage bike enthusiasts. February 4<sup>th</sup> Gram Pankratz, John Wiley, Steve Spencer, and I, headed to the meet on a dreary wet day with mist and fog all the way to Lawrence. The theme bike for this show was "Racers".

Sunflower members presented some great examples. Kenny Bright brought three BSA's, two of which were his personal dirt track race bikes. When I walked up to Kenny he was telling Kevin Carrier about his BSA racers, a 1961 250cc Starfire and a 1956 500cc Goldstar. The bikes showed no evidence of being anywhere near a dirt track, they were beautifully restored, maybe Kenny led all his races wire to wire never having to eat some ones dust. The 3<sup>rd</sup> bike, his 1944 BSA M20 military bike was awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

Bill Page had two of his racers there, however Bill couldn't make it due to recent knee surgery, Bart Grelinger and Paul Ryan brought the bikes. Bills 2016 Cannonball race bike, a 1916 Harley twin, was refreshed and looked great. My personal favorite from Bill's collection is a beautiful 1920 Harley board track racer which received a 2nd place award.

Mike Bahnmaeir showed three bikes. A 1916 Indian 8 valve board track racer received a 1st place award. His very rare 1937 Crocker received a 2nd place award and a 1927 Ace 4 cylinder, built by Larry Burke received a 1st place award.

Other members representing the Sunflower Chapter were Kelly Wardell, Ellen Hittle, Greg Porter. With the wet weather outside it was a good day to enjoy a fantastic collection of bikes of many different manufacturers and ages. Thanks to the Santa Fe Chapter for putting on this annual meet.



Kenny Bright and Kevin Carrier with BSA racers



Kenny Bright's BSA M20



Mike Bahnmaeir - 37Crocker, 16 Indian, 27 Ace



Bill Page - 16 Harley twin, 20 Harley board track



Kelly, Ellen, John, and Gram (hiding)

## Buud Redmond 1927 – 2024

As you all must know by now, in February we lost a great friend and true craftsman, Buud Redmond. Buud's talents and sense of humor exceeded my ability to pay respect. While searching for photos of Buud, I came across this newsletter article from May 2016, submitted by Larry Burke. Here he is demonstrating his blacksmith skills and humor.

### The Case of the Sick Serpent

What do you do when your vintage Indian sidecar 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.



Ah Buud, that may be enough heat to soothe patients pain, but I don't think that's enough to effect a cure.



Now that's a torch.



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

After that the 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.



Application of the heat had to be in just the right location, and Buud guided heat to just the right location.

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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.



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



IN LOVING MEMORY

Joseph "Buud" A. Redmond

May 15, 1927 - February 5, 2024

### Obituary

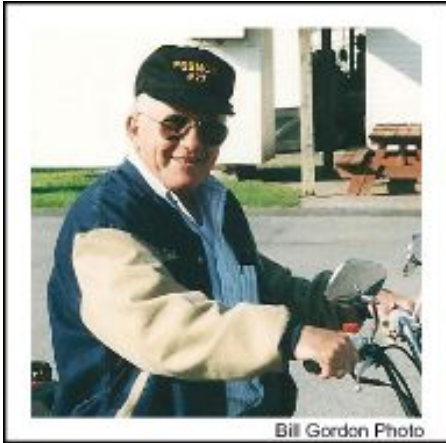
"Buud" Redmond Age 96, passed away on February 5, 2024, in Wichita, Kansas. He was born May 15, 1927, in Wichita, Kansas to Albert and Alice Redmond. Buud served in World War II as a Veteran Merchant Marine serving in the Indian Ocean Theatre and he was a retired owner operator of Bud Redmond Wrecking Co., here in Wichita.

He is preceded in death by wife, Dorothy (Headley) of Wichita, KS; wife, Patti (Edmondson) of Wichita KS; parents, Albert Joseph & Alice Eliza (Wilson) Redmond of Potosi MO; sister, Jo Annette Simpson/Winston of Cassville, MO and brother, Robert Redmond, Potosi, MO.

Buud is survived by his sister, Rachel Klein of Wichita, KS; daughters, Glenna Cramer of Stillwater, OK and Bunny Llanes of Haysville, KS; along with numerous grand / great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

He was a talented businessman, artisan, mechanic, metal worker, blacksmith, and welder. A very gifted storyteller possessing a keen wit and endearing sense of humor. He enjoyed motorcycle riding from the age of 14 and up until the age of 90. He was a member of the Sunflower Chapter of the American Antique Motorcycle Club and former President of the Kansas Prairie Dogs Dune Buggy Club. Buud was a loving and generous man, who will be remembered and missed by family, friends, neighbors, and all he ever met.

## The Old Sage 1924-2016



Bill Gordon Photo

# 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 2007 Spring issue of "The Antique Motorcycle"*

### My Lucky Day

Recently my wife reminded me that it had been almost 30 years exactly since I had finished our Six Cylinder Indian. We remember the date because of a newspaper report about the following incident.

When I finally had it finished, and well tuned, I took it on a test ride right through downtown Wichita. The tallest building in Kansas had just been completed, and there was a big celebration going on there. The route I had planned led me right in front of this building. Little did I know of the other drama that was taking place, which was - a troubled young man who had a grudge against the world, decided that was the day when he would "get even." As I was riding through downtown, and passing the building, the young man was working his way to the 24th floor. He was carrying a large caliber hunting rifle, equipped with a good scope. After I had passed, he opened fire on anyone he happened to see in the street below. Even some workers on nearby roofs that were lower were shot, as well as some people who were waiting on a bus. Meanwhile I was across the river and blissfully riding my dream motorcycle toward home. My wife met me and was really upset because of worrying about me.

Even some workers on nearby roofs that were lower were shot, as well as some people who were waiting on a bus. Meanwhile I was across the river and blissfully riding my dream motorcycle toward home. My wife met me and was really upset because of worrying about me. She explained the situation and we watched it unfold as the TV networks covered it. The person was wounded by police officers in a short time, but not before he killed four people and wounded about six more.

In the meantime, I was having the time of my life! I have always thought - what a great target I would have made - a bright red motorcycle - longer and leaner than any in the world (other than the Ottaway Six) lots of chrome and an exhaust sound that causes bees to swarm, wherever they are. I have always been one very lucky fellow, and I know it.

That's it for now, fellows. Ride safe and see you later.



## Dale Keesecker Collection

In March members of the Sunflower Chapter traveled to Washington Kansas for a tour of Dale Keesecker's motorcycle collection. Mr. Keesecker is a third-generation farmer who "raises crops and pigs," but his hobby is collecting and restoring motorcycles. We arrived at Dale's place after lunch at Gambino's Pizza in Washington. Dale met us outside and graciously invited us into his home to view some of his most prized Vincent motorcycles. There on the lower level of his home are some of the most beautiful bikes you can imagine. Dale can give you the details of each restoration and the history of that model. All his collection is concours quality and have won many awards across the country.

The next stop was a two-car garage and shop with 6 of his "daily riders", these were various European bikes and of course one Vincent. His collection is heavily skewed toward Vincents and European brands such as Ducati, Laverda and MV Agusta, I think the unofficial count on Vincents was 27. We continued past the garage and down the drive to the main showroom. As we entered, I could hear gasps from some of the first timers, we have previously visited Dale in 2009, and 2017. The collection is impressive, with every bike presented in showroom condition with promotional media on the walls.



## Dale Keesecker Collection

Most of the bikes have battery maintainers connected and are ready to ride. I asked Dale if he had some who was tasked with riding them to keep them fresh, he answered "me". With Sunflower, and Santa Fe members, plus some other acquaintances, there were 17 of us with many questions which were answered graciously.

The trip back was pretty quiet with a few did you see's along the way. At Newton, Kelly pulled the big van into Baums for one of his mandatory ice cream pit stops. The day was officially complete.



## Lunch Ride to Latham

It is well known that the Latham Saloon serves a delicious chicken fried steak on Wednesday's. Planning a ride in January or February was a crap shoot with the roller coaster temperatures this year, but we were able to pick a decent day for a lunch ride. With the promise of 70 degrees that afternoon 9 bikes left Twisted Oz with overcast skies. There were almost as many manufactures represented as there were bikes. We had American, Japanese, British, and including a two-cycle German MZ 350 Trophy. The ride to Latham is a relaxing ride through the Flint Hills with enough curves and hills to keep it interesting.

At the restaurant there were a few locals, but we outnumbered those cowboys and they weren't going to give our motorcycle gang any trouble. We sat and ordered and in no time there were 10 chicken fried steak dinners served up. The ride back included a stop at Betty's restaurant in Douglass. They have a great selection of ice cream; but it was too hard to choose one so we had a buffet and I had some of all the flavors. Kelly knows where all the ice cream pit stops are located.





## Twisted Oz Meet

The 8<sup>th</sup> annual Twisted Oz Swap Meet and Bike Show was held April 6<sup>th</sup>. The weather cooperated somewhat with clear skies but 40+ mph winds. Grilling the food was a challenge with the wind blowing out the fire and hamburger patties taking flight when flipped. The turn out was good and overall the event was a success. Thank you to all the volunteers who made it possible.



### The Sunflower Chapter Welcomes New Members

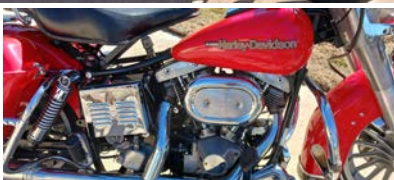
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# Upcoming Events

## Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> Jerry Toews Tour

We will visit Jerry Toews collection of antique tractors, engines, and machinery. Depart from QuikTrip at 21<sup>st</sup> and Ridge at 9 am. Ride to Goessel for tour then to Moundridge for lunch.



## Council Grove Spring Ride - June 28, 29, 30

Reserve Rooms at Cottage House, **620-767-6828**, until May 28th. Friday there will be an early arrival ride departing from the hotel about 2pm. Dinner on your own at TBA. Saturday, local breakfast. Depart from the Hotel 9:30. Saturday evening dinner reservation at the Hays House. Sunday, short ride to Council Grove Reservoir for group photo.



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**SHERMAN STREET  
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**2024 Chapter Calendar of Events**

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

- May 4th Ride to Goessel, see details on Upcoming Events
- May 18th Sherman Street Swap Meet, Hutchinson KS
- May 19th Distinguished Gentleman's Ride, Hatfield Motorsports
- May 20-23 National Road Run at Eureka Springs AR
- May 29th Sunflower Chapter monthly meeting at Spears Restaurant, 4323 West Maple (6:00 PM)
- June 26th Sunflower Chapter monthly meeting at Spears Restaurant, 4323 West Maple (6:00 PM)
- June 28,29,30 Council Grover Road Run, see details on Upcoming Events
- July 31st Sunflower Chapter monthly meeting at Spears Restaurant, 4323 West Maple (6:00 PM)
- August 28th Sunflower Chapter monthly meeting at Spears Restaurant, 4323 West Maple (6:00 PM)
- Sept 21st Fall Ride- Grove Ok, Details TBA

**AMCA 2024 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**



NATIONAL ROAD RUNS	
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	
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.

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