



From the President

Another successful year of Texas Fandango and a National Road Run are behind us.

As president of Cherokee Chapter AMCA, I am constantly talking about volunteers and the work they do for the club, and rightfully so. Cherokee Chapter AMCA makes it look easy putting on a major motorcycle event with many moving parts to it and then turning around and hosting a National Road Run back-to-back. It is not easy. Cherokee Chapter is blessed with dedicated members and volunteers that work tirelessly to make it all happen. Within this group of volunteers, we have a key group of leaders that take the initiative to move things forward, to take charge and lead. This creates a path for other volunteers to join in and assist or follow those leaders to accomplish the task no matter how simple or complex it may be.

I would like to take this opportunity once again to thank all the volunteers, Cherokee and non-Cherokee. I especially want to thank our Cherokee leaders, the ones who step up and take charge to make it all happen. You are what makes this the best chapter in the AMCA. Thank you! ~Vic

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Young America - 2026 Scholarship Raffle Quilt

Howdy!

We have unveiled this year's Scholarship Raffle Quilt at Fandango, just like every year since 2019, thanks to everyone's support! This year is very special! Our Country is turning 250 years old! In honor of Her anniversary, this year's quilt's name is "Young America".

Young America is an 84.5" X 84.5" all-cotton sashed, batted, and backed t-shirt quilt. She is ready to snuggle up with you on your bed, on the couch, or in your camping tent. You can even hang her on one of your home walls. She comes with a 250th anniversary commemorative panel and 19 t-shirts. Some were donated by Cherokee members, and their names have been embroidered onto her.

We greatly appreciate everyone who has supported this program through the years. We have donated \$29,500 up to the end of 2025 with six annual raffle quilts, two silent auctions, the 2019 National Road Run in Kerrville, and the 2024 National Road Run in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, one silent auction quilt at the silent auction in Eureka, and the 2025 Christmas Party door prize auction ticket sales.

We appreciate all the donations for the silent auction from our Fandango vendors as well as from our Cherokee members.

Should you happen to have gently used Harley Davidson t-shirts, past National Road Runs from any AMCA Chapter, or any AMCA Chapter t-shirts you'd be willing to part with, please call Rosie at 956-369-5775 to arrange a way of collecting them from you. Thank you!

- Rosie Sterling



Do you have a project that you are willing to share in an upcoming edition of the Cherokee Chapter Newsletter? Do you need help writing an article to showcase your build? Send your pictures and project details to Kim Unruh at cherokeeamcanews@gmail.com and we'll work together to create an article to share! You can submit completed projects, or we can showcase your project each quarter as a "work in progress".

Fandango 2026

Yay, Fandango 2026!!

We had a wonderful turnout this year, again! We have Texas weather every year, this year it got a little cool and breezy in the day with cool nights, but nonetheless, it was a great time. We appreciate each and every member that takes the time to come early to help with preparations and assist throughout the event, as well as those who join in by attending Fandango year after year.

Things start well before the gates open on Friday morning. Prez Victor Hugas gets to Fredericksburg quite a few days ahead, sometimes making multiple trips from home to Fredericksburg and back again, and then the work starts. A good number of volunteers, like Stewart Stephenson, Snuffy, Murph, John Clark, Jerry, Ron, JoAnn Enk, and Blue Jay to name a few, arrive the prior weekend and start helping Jim Howser with the vendor spot marking, early in the week. Tuesday and Wednesday are full-on work days for preparations with signage and safety by Steve and a few good men. Merchandising gets set up by Tawny Tully and her crew, so it's ready to rock by Friday morning. Kudos to Tawny and crew for a great year! Last but not least, the unveiling of the Scholarship Raffle Quilt as it is set up and ready for display. Many thanks to Miyong Wood for helping with the opportunity ticket sales. We had a great opening weekend. Sales run through the year, and the drawing happens at our Cherokee Christmas Party. Thanks to everyone for your support of the Scholarship Program.

Lecil Morgan is always ready to take new members and renew those that need to, while taking care of the hospitality table with coffee and cookies for the early birds in the bike barn.

Thursday is always a great day. At noon, and sometimes a couple of hours early, many of the vendors come in and get settled in their spots and get ready for a weekend of selling, buying, and swapping those highly desired vintage motorcycle parts, basket cases, and much, much more.



Fandango 2026, continued...



We value our vendors. Ya'll are the reason for our success! We sold out all our spaces in 2026. Due to the high demand for spaces, please pay for them immediately. They must be paid for no later than February 27, 2027. Thanks for everyone's cooperation.

This year, for the second year, we have had a Texas Fandango, Vendor Appreciation Dinner at the Fair's Beer Garden. Once they settle in their vendor spots, they are invited to join all the Cherokee Volunteers and other Fandango Vendors for a treat, a little dessert, and libations. This year, we also had some live music by Cherokee member Larry Martin.

All of you Cherokee members who are also vendors at Fandango and are reading this newsletter, please be notified and reminded that you may contact Jim Howser at 940-305-3330 to pre-register for your vendor spots now. Pre-registering guarantees you'll get your same spots next year. This year is the first year to have this convenience available. Please take the opportunity to continue with your preferred spots before it's too late! Jim would like to thank the approximately 40% of vendors who took the opportunity during Fandango and already registered for 2027.

We truly enjoyed spending quality time with all the vendors and the rest of the volunteers during the appreciation dinner. Friday is opening day, and admissions is ready to receive all our visitors. Veronica and the admissions team volunteers welcomed between 4,000 and 5,000 attendees. Once the attendees pass the security check, they're ready to enjoy one of the best Motorcycle Swap Meet, Shows, and Entertainment in Texas' Vintage Motorcycle world. This Friday was a little windy, but the rest of the vendors came in and finished setting up, and the show bikes came in and got ready for display. The chopper end of Fandango prepared for the chopper drags, mini bike races, speedway, and flat track races, and the chopper show by Cheap Thrills, Oliver, and Audra, that happen on Saturday.

Saturday is Race Day! Racers start practicing and running their heats mid-morning, and at noon, we have our official ceremony. We are honored to have had the New Braunfels, TX VFW Post 7110's Color Guard present our beautiful flag and Cherokee's Larry Martin perform our National Anthem, with racing officials offering a prayer and the request to start the races. We had so many spectators, it was wonderful to walk through the grandstands and see so many familiar faces enjoying the chopper dirt drags and all the races.

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Fandango, continued...

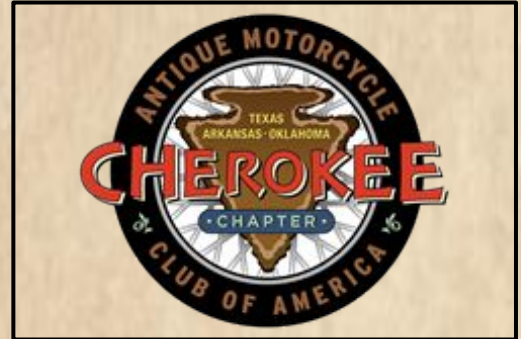
Saturday is also the preparation day for the bike shows. Once David and Mary Miller do all the work of registering and having Doc Wood and Scott Brower help with parking and arranging bikes, judges walk around using their knowledge and judgment to pick the best-qualified recipients of each class award. We had close to 100 beautiful bikes on display. Thanks to all who took the time to bring them out and show what you have, and thanks to Steve Klein and new board member Mark Scott for handling all the awards.



Easy Riders Class 1900-1929
Tim McGrath - 1913 Excelsior Twin



4 Cylinder Class
Russ Mayeux - Green Nimbus 4



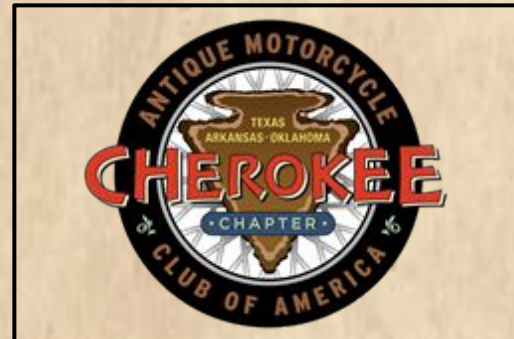
Early Vintage Racing Class
Jason Fischer - 1929 HD JD



Vintage Competition Class
Mike Jassos - 1974 Bultaco Alpina



German Class
Robert LaGuarta - 1956 BMW R26 Single



European Class - Best of Class (1/2)
Wayne Hechler - 1957 Triumph TRW



European Class - Best of Class (2/2)
Bobby Packard - 1973 Norton Commando



Mini Bike Class - Darryl & Susan Norman
1977 ItalJet "Dark Grey Suitcase Bike"



Indian Class
John Landstrom - 1941 Indian Chief



Harley Davidson Class 40's/50's
Mr. Carranza - 1959 XLCH Sportster



Harley Davidson Class 60's/70's
Ritchie Burkey - 1976 Black Electra Glide
Liberty Edition



Japanese Street Class Best of Show (1/2)
George Romero - 1975 H1F Kawasaki
500 Triple - Candy Brown

Fandango Bike Show Winners, continued...



Japanese Street Class Best of Show (2/2)
Dalton Froman - Honda 305 Dream
Custom Springer/Bobber in Midnight Blue
Metal Flake

Club Award Class
Lone Star Vincent Club (Texas)
An entire row of classic Vincent's are
ridden every year to Fandango from all
over the country!

Special Appreciation Award
Mark Matthews
2 - 80's Suzukis and a perfect 70's
Honda

Best of Show - Overall Winner



President's Award
John Clark - 1942 HD UL w/Sidecar

Dalton Froman's Midnight Dream
Honda 305 Dream Custom with custom Springer front end, custom solo
saddle, and hand fabricated details everywhere.



Easy Riders Feature Bike
Mike McCloud - 1938 HD ULH Flathead

Recognized during the Vintage Show Awards, were Thierry and Pascale Rebert from France and Kevin Waters from England. Kevin shipped his '64 FL from England and Thierry got their '68 FL shipped from Texas to Anchorage Alaska, they then rode them down to New Braunfels, TX in August, where they decided to leave them so they could come back and enjoy Fandango and our National Road Run. Well-deserved recognition for them and their very reliable bikes for 7,000 miles.



Chopper Corral Bike Show Best in Show

Right after the Vintage Show results, the Chopper Show presents their awards. This year's winners are:

- **Best in Show** – Rodney Sterling – 1950 Pan Chopper
- **Cheap Thrills** – Cole Bollier 1948 Pan Chopper
- **AMCA** – Johnny Galvin – 1942 HD U
- **Dream Machines** – Tim Patin – 1948 Pan HD
- **People's Choice** – Stephen Burns – 1974 Shovel
- **Simpson's** – Stephen Burns – 1974 Shovel



Fandango gives annual awards to Fandango Vendor of the Year and Volunteer of the Year. 2026's Vendor was Mr. Richard Blue (below), he is always in on Thursday in a great mood, prepared to work on the best deals



along with his gang under the open, covered barn and he's always ready to watch the races on Saturday.

Our best Volunteer was none other than Dennis (Snuffy) Smith. We all love Snuffy, he might say otherwise, but he loves to help with the vendors and the grill, non-stop on either. Thank you bunches, Snuffy!!



This year an appreciation award went to Travis Bolt (above - right) for his performance at the camping stage.



Talon (left) also got an award for being of great help with sound and mc of the camping stage and the chopper corral and becoming an all-around helpful member of the Cherokee family. Derrell and Susan Norman got an appreciation award for regularly bringing a significant number of bikes to the Fandango Vintage Bike Show. We know it's not an easy task and we appreciate their help in making a great show.

We are definitely becoming a destination for people from all over the world! I know for a fact this is not the 1st year, every year we have visitors from Mexico, last year from France, and some from Ireland and Japan in 2024 and we are starting to recognize it. If you know of others, please let us know, we had visitors from Canada, Spain, Mexico, Germany, UK and France this year.

Danger Dan put on a wonderful kick start contest and there were many participants. I believe there were over 20 bikes competing Saturday, after the Chopper awards, in front of the stage at the camping area. The crowd was great and Johnny and his barn find knucklehead out of San Angelo, TX, took home cash and prizes.

A big thank you to AJ Bengoa for always being ready behind the lens, capturing great still memories for everyone.

Sunday is a slower day, break down and roll out for vendors and the last bike show bikes get picked up. Sunday is also the last race day; we get some Sunday bike rider groups in. We would like to encourage everyone to stay and come and enjoy the Sunday races.

Thanks everyone, it was a terrific year once again. God permitting, we'll see you at Fandango 2027!! ~Rosie







Randy's Race Report

We had four racers at the Texas Fandango in the Tank Shift Class. Luke Garrett won the race with Randy Neal coming in second, and Greg McFarland in the third position. There were over 120 racers for two days of racing.



First things first — a HUGE thank you to the Cherokee Chapter of the AMCA for inviting us out to host the flat track races at Texas Fandango. What an incredible weekend for Texas Flat Track!



We want to give a big shoutout to our amazing sponsors who continue to support what we do:

Vinson Construction (Mike Vinson), Herrman & Herrman, PLLC: Personal Injury & Car Accident Lawyers, Armadillo Harley Davidson, formerly known as Harley-Davidson of Waco, Helberg Barbecue, @cyclestop (Harvey Mushman), @mds, Norm Olley, and a special thank you to @ Bad Steve Stacey for sponsoring our kids in the 65cc & 85cc classes both days.

Also, a massive **THANK YOU** to:

- Our EMTs and our in-house EMT @mikesadler — y'all truly had your work cut out for you this weekend
- Our volunteers — corner workers, gate crew, scorekeeping crew — we couldn't do this without you
- Our announcer and the Voice of Lone Star Flat Track, Jason Wade for keeping the energy high all weekend

Weekend Highlights:

- 126 entries on Saturday
- 92 entries on Sunday

It's safe to say Texas Flat Track is **GROWING!**

We were proud to welcome riders traveling in from Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma, and New Mexico — that's what it's all about!

It was also an honor to have the legendary stuntman Gary Davis out there watching and supporting our riders! Now, with the highs come some tough moments — we did have several riders go down this weekend. Please keep Johnny Gregory, Bad Steve Stacey, Andy Robinson Jr., and Damian in your thoughts and prayers.

Gunnar Ylarrah took a hard fall but showed true grit by coming back strong!

To all the riders who showed up and supported this association — **THANK YOU**. This sport doesn't grow without you, and we're proud to have each and every one of you part of the Lone Star Flat Track family

Pro Singles: Saturday	Mad Dog: Saturday	450AM: Saturday	Open Novice: Saturday	85cc: Saturday
1 st Tarren Santero	Tiger Clark	Cliff Denison III	Neil Forman	Ziegen Bock
2 nd Mark Olley	Sean Clark	Sean Clark	Patrick Hogan	Wyatt Sadler
3 rd Jeremy Lehmann	Cohen Loewrigkeit	Eddie Myer	Doug Meador	Brigham Lubbers
Sunday	Sunday	Sunday	Sunday	Sunday
Tarren Santero	Cohen Loewrigkeit	Sean Clark	Julz Escalante	Ziegen Bock
Mark Olley	Tiger Clark	Maysen Haggard	Drew Gustafson	Wyatt Sadler
Brice Stevenson	Maysen Haggard	Justin Wade	Doug Meador	Brigham Lubbers
Open Pro: Saturday	Open Pit bike: Saturday	250 Am Saturday	50cc Beginner: Sunday Only	Mad Pup: Saturday
Tarren Santero	Randy Hamilton	Gunnar Ylarraz	Kinsley Price	Wyatt Sadler
Mark Olley	Gunnar Ylarraz	Preston Liedler	50cc Advance: Saturday	Hayen Bagnall
Jeremy Lehmann	Jack Blossman	Kyle price	Bristol Sproul	Karley Price
Sunday	Sunday	Sunday	Weston Bock	Sunday
Tarren Santero	Randy Hamilton	Gunnar Ylarraz	Silas Anderson	Wyatt Sadler
Mark Olley	Gunnar Ylarraz	Kyle Price	Sunday	Hayden Bagnall
Brice Stevenson	Jack Blossman	Brigham Lubbers	Weston Bock	Mason Lander
Pro Am: Saturday	Hooligan: Saturday	Women: Saturday	65cc: Saturday	Vintage Twins: Saturday
Mark Olley	Tony Parent	Jessie Robinson	Wyatt Sadler	Andy Robinson
Cliff Denison III	Eddie Myer	Andrea Sellers	Mason Landers	Scott Nightengale
Jake Thomure	Jesse Holt	Sunday	Karley Price	Mike Gallup
Sunday	Sunday	Jessie Robinson	Sunday	Sunday
Mark Olley	Dan Haddenham	Andrea Sellers	Wyatt Sadler	Scott Nightengale
Sean Clark	Andy Robinson	Zyra Rodriguez	Mason Landers	Andy Robinson
Eddie Myrer	Mitch Ott		Karley Price	Mike Gallup

Lone Star Flat Track Race Report, continued...

Vintage Singles:

Saturday

Alton Timmons
Gary Pettis
Cliff Denison II

Sunday

Gary Pettis
Lewis Massengill
Alton Timmons

Knobby: Saturday Only

Bob Shay
Charlie Hale

Over 60: Saturday

Tiger Clark
Robby England
David Chadwell

Sunday

Tiger Clark
Robby England
Jeff Clarkson

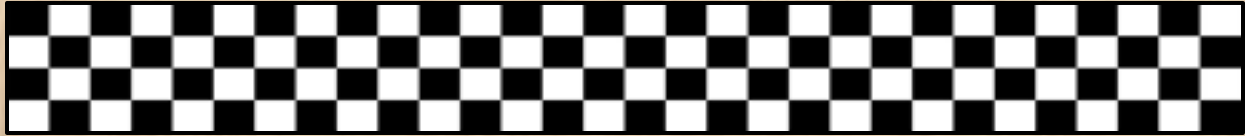
Injury Report

Johnny Gregory: Broken ribs and some internal bleeding. Was in good spirits and sent home from the hospital after a few days.

“Bad” Steve Stacey: Ribs and hand: Had hand surgery in Fredericksburg, then was released from the hospital after a few days.

“The Waco Kid,” Andrew Robinson: Suffered injury to left knee. Bruised bones and sprained Ligaments in his knee. He comes off crutches next Monday, 4/20

Damian Schoonmaker: Knocked unconscious and could not move the left side of his body. Transported to the hospital and later released that night when he had the feeling and could move his extremities again.



Danger Dan’s Fandango Kickstart Competition

From Danger Dan's Talk Shop: Kickstart Competition was won by John @johnnytwoshits157, and it was a banger! 25 bikes and I threw all the circus tricks at'em! Finally knocked out the competition when I had them pull a spark plug wire! Thanks for the epic prize @knivesmadebynick and all the support from:

@harleydavidson @lowbrowcustoms
@ledsledcustoms @cycleelectricinc
@morrismagneto @mcshopts @whitesboots
@simpson_motorcycle_helmets
@choppersmagazine and the epic t-shirts
from @cheapthrillsgoodtimes @bryanhelm



Thank You - Thank You!!

To all who helped in the 2026 Merch Booth! I could not do it without you. Every one of you bring your own talent and personality to make it a profitable, fun, and memorable 2026 Fandango!

Thank You,
Tawny

Seth, you were sooooo missed - get on the mend!

Newsletter Deadline

Please send your articles, photos, and information to cherokeeamcanews@gmail.com on or before this date!



Stanley's Fandango & Road Run Review

I had the great opportunity to attend both Central Texas events recently, and was quite pleased with our turnout of participants and the weather we enjoyed for those events. Both came out well. Rumor has it that some losses were incurred by some vendors at Fandango due to theft during the night. Hopefully, this issue will be resolved and prevented in the future. The overall success of Fandango, combined with our space limitations at the present location, has necessitated some changes in vendor registration that I hope all of our loyal vendors are aware of. I will keep an eye out for these changes in order to keep my vendor spaces secure for future events.

Our road run was a huge success due to mostly good weather, but mostly due, in my opinion, to great and thorough organization by our Cherokee Chapter volunteers. Low water crossings on the Jim Watson route (3rd day) were not as mossy as we've seen in the past, and the rain we got on that day stopped around noon, allowing plenty of dry riding time for those departing late to ride the whole route and still make the excellent banquet.

On a personal note, I have just taken delivery of a meticulous total restoration of my oldest child. (1968 FLH pictured below) The job was done by my old friend Steve Triplett at his Trinity Frame and Fabrication here in Dallas. It came out better than it was when I got it in 1971, and I couldn't be more pleased with the result. Thanks, Steve.

I have plans to attend many events this year and hope to share details as they unfold. Meanwhile, ride safe and enjoy life. ~Stanley



The [Cherokee Chapter of the AMCA](#) proudly presents The Texas Fandango. The Texas Fandango is a vintage swap meet, vintage bike show, and vintage races all rolled into one fun-packed weekend happening on April 2-4, 2027. The Fandango is located in the beautiful Texas Hill Country at the [Gillespie County Fairground](#) in historic Fredericksburg. The premier event in Texas for any vintage motorcycle enthusiast. A portion of every ticket sold benefits the Optimist Club of Fredericksburg, Texas.

General admission access is available at the gate for \$20.00 per person. Active military members or veterans can gain entry for \$10.00 with a valid ID at the gate. Children twelve and under can enter for free. Enjoy complimentary primitive camping with your Fandango wristband. Online advance ticket holders, your entry band can be collected at the designated pre-sale entrance. The Fandango is a rain or shine event. No Club Colors / Soft Colors are allowed.

Please follow us on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) for community photos and updates.

Trahan's 1969 HD

1969 Harley go cart, two stroke, last year before AMF took over. I brought it to Fandango and will work on it for the next year. Come see me at booth 228 next year

Danny Trahan
985-714-5783



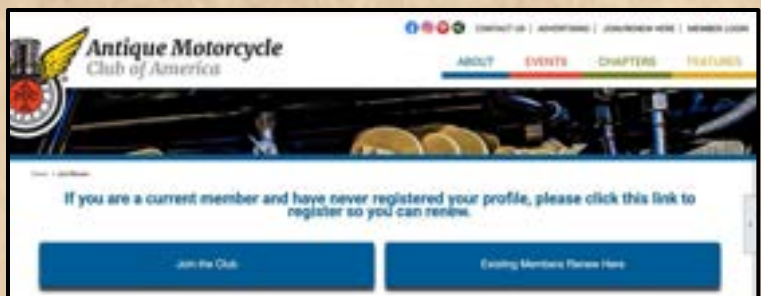
In true swap meet style, Jacob Purty broke down, so we fixed his Triumph. It was stuck in third gear.

Did you know? You can renew your Cherokee membership online?

Head over to the Cherokee Chapter website: <https://cherokeeamca.org/> & click Join/Renew.



You will be redirected to the Antique Motorcycle Club of America website where you can choose to "Join" or "Renew"



Contact Lecil Morgan for any membership questions:
Email: lecilv@yahoo.com Call or Text: 940-391-9570

What a great time !!

Last year, during our trip from Anchorage to New Braunfels, eight riders from Italy, Switzerland, the UK, and France (whose birth years I won't specify...) on Harley-Davidsons from 1949 to 1981, my friend Kevin Waters (64FLH) suggested we participate in the Fandango and the National Road Run organized by Rodney and Rosie Sterling and the AMCA Cherokee Chapter. What a great idea—let's go!

So, on March 1, 2026, I landed at Chicago O'Hare. After a 10-day stay with my Great Aunt Annie, who is in her 99th year and still in great shape, I hit the road to head to Flippin, Arkansas, to visit my cousin Jr.

March 18, I arrived in New Braunfels, where Rosie and Rodney gave me a very warm welcome, and I was so happy to see them again.

My trip from Illinois to Texas, although by car and mostly on back roads, was a really great journey.

In Rodney's workshop, I was glad to be able to perform maintenance and repairs on our 68 FLH. It really needed it after the 6,100-mile trip last summer, from Anchorage.

On March 24, Eric Pavlitzek from Spain, Kevin, and I set off for Fredericksburg on our Harleys. Rosie and Rodney made the trip in their trucks, towing the trailer and the RV. The base camp for Fandango is set up, and the party can begin. Pascale, my wife, joined us on the 25th, and Carolina, Eric's wife, rounded out the group on the 27th. What a joy to see the vendors arrive and set up their booths. The hunt for parts is looking promising.

Great new encounters, lots of beautiful parts, magnificent motorcycles, thrilling motorcycle races, a super-friendly atmosphere, and the kick-start contest with Danger Dan made Fandango 2026 a truly wonderful celebration.

On Monday, the 30th, we headed to Kerrville to take part in the Cherokee Chapter's AMCA National Road Run. What an atmosphere there was! "You're among friends"—I think that was an advertising slogan used by the famous Milwaukee brand. Whatever the case may be, and regardless of the make of the bikes we ride, we're definitely among friends—all lovers of beautiful motorcycles and fans of winding roads.

The National Road Run concluded with a banquet during which various awards were presented. To my great surprise, Kevin and I were each awarded a magnificent Whiteknuckler knife for our journey from Alaska to Texas on our old bikes. A big thank you for this honor and for these wonderful gifts. Of course, our thoughts are with the six other members of the original group who will continue the adventure to Ushuaia in two legs this spring. Fabio Costamagna and Cristiano Pelganta from Italy will depart from New Braunfels around April 18. The four Swiss riders, Sandra & Mac Froehlich, Sven Heukeroth, and Peter Michel will depart in June.

Pascale and I returned home to Colmar, France, on April 11. Fandango and the AMCA National Road Run by the Cherokee Chapter will remain forever in our memories.

A huge thank you to Rosie and Rodney Sterling for their friendship and support. They made our dreams come true. And thank you also to all the Road Run participants for their warm welcome.

We are looking forward to the upcoming visit to France by several AMCA members. They will participate in the Road Run in the Morvan, organized by members of the AMCA European Chapter, including Fabio and Cristiano.

Ride safe, Thierry and Pascale Rebert



Fandango, Fun for All Ages!



The first thing I did is skip school for two days. Me and Shelley went to McDonald's, then we went to the fairgrounds. We met grandpa, then we ate sausages and met my friends. We went back to the Airbnb. Then we talked to Kendall Moreland and Jerry Fleming and other friends, and grandpa kept escaping!!! We went to the swap meet, and I went to the bike show and saw Lecil! I rode my bike, and on Saturday, I went to the Flat track and met grandpa there. Grandpa did a wheelie, then I rode my bike some more! Sunday, I went home with Jerry!

~ Viola



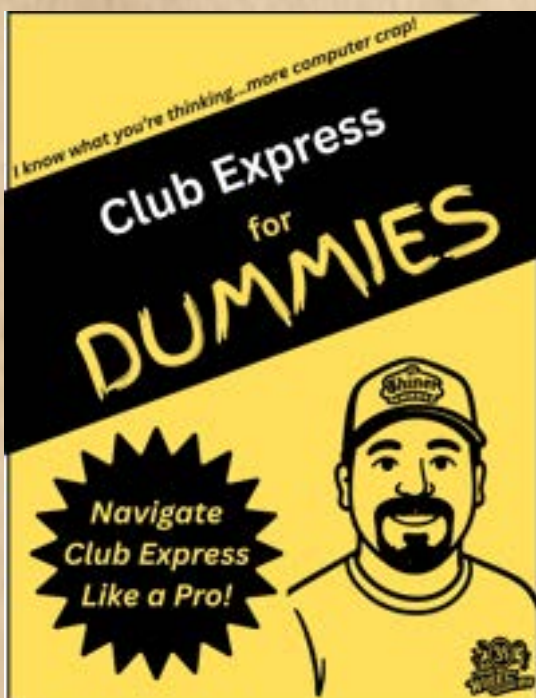
Definitely Double Trouble!

Editor's Note: I don't know about you, but one of my favorite parts of Fandango is watching the next generation of two-wheel enthusiasts wheel around the fairgrounds. Thank you Viola for sharing your experiences! Glad Grandpa has you to help keep him in line.

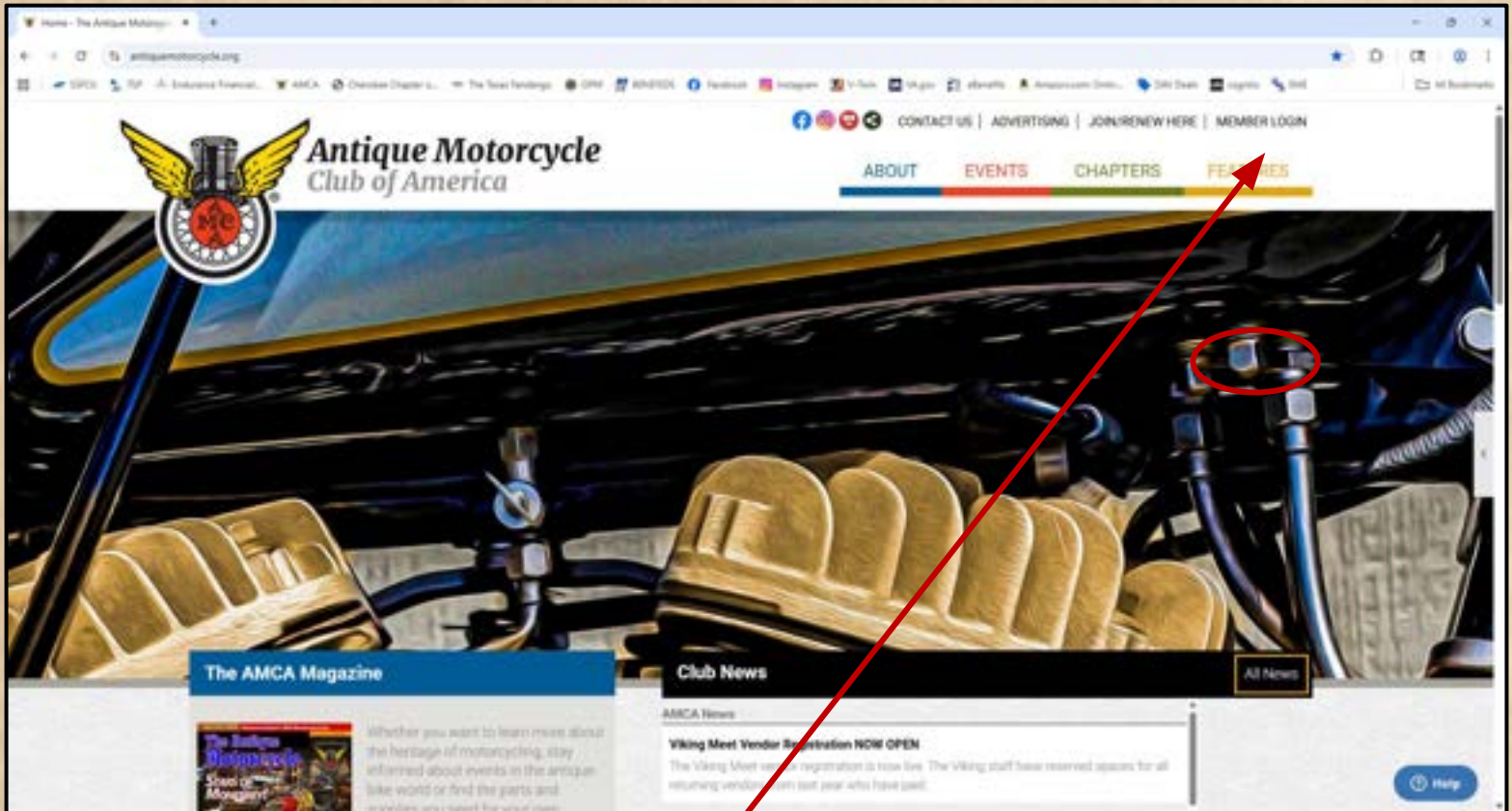


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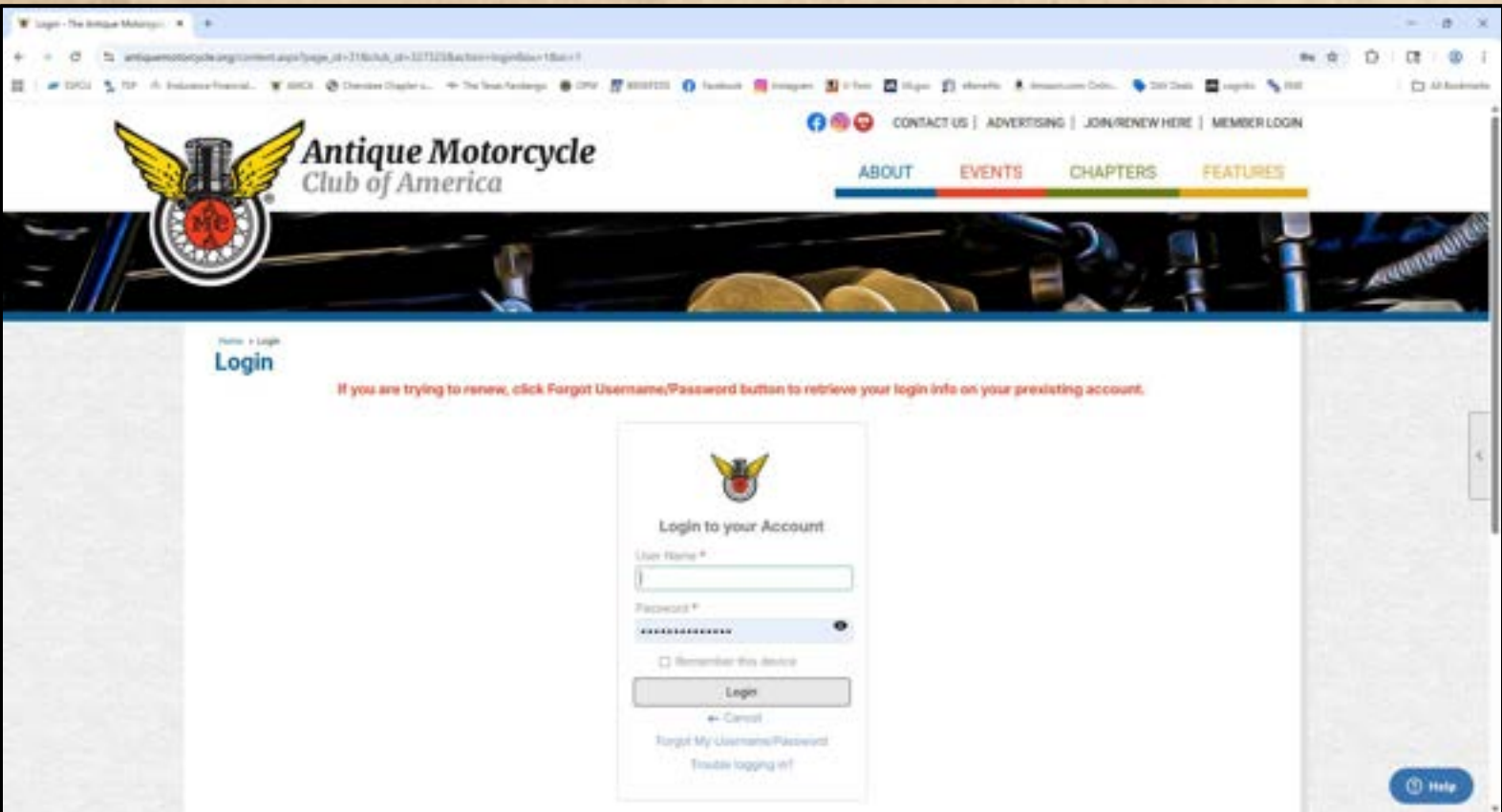
In an effort to make life easier for some AMCA members, I have started this tutorial to help guide you through ClubExpress, the system that AMCA uses to manage club membership. I know what you're thinking, more computer crap! I agree with you on that; however, being able to navigate the system has its advantages and has become more of a necessity for members. AMCA uses this system for registration for National Road Runs and Meets, accounting, and managing club member transactions and information. The system also allows you to maintain a member profile, which tracks and records all your registrations, purchases, and contact information. We will work from simplest to complex as we progress with future installments of ClubExpress for Dummies. Here we go!



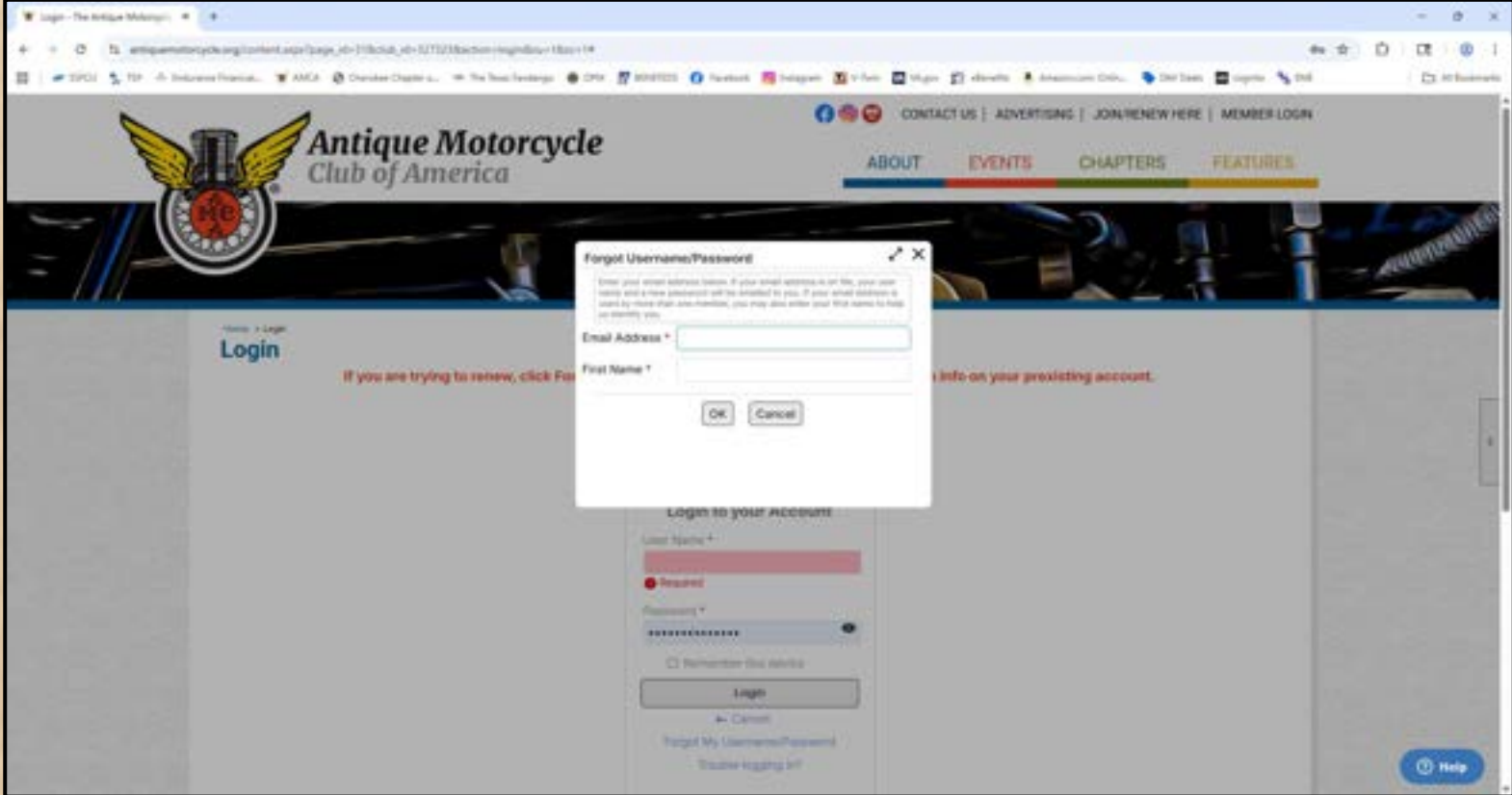
ClubExpress for Dummies, *continued...*



This is the homepage for the Antique Motorcycle Club of America. This main page has a lot of great information on it and is easy to navigate. What we want to do is have you log into the system in the top right corner by selecting "**MEMBER LOGIN.**"

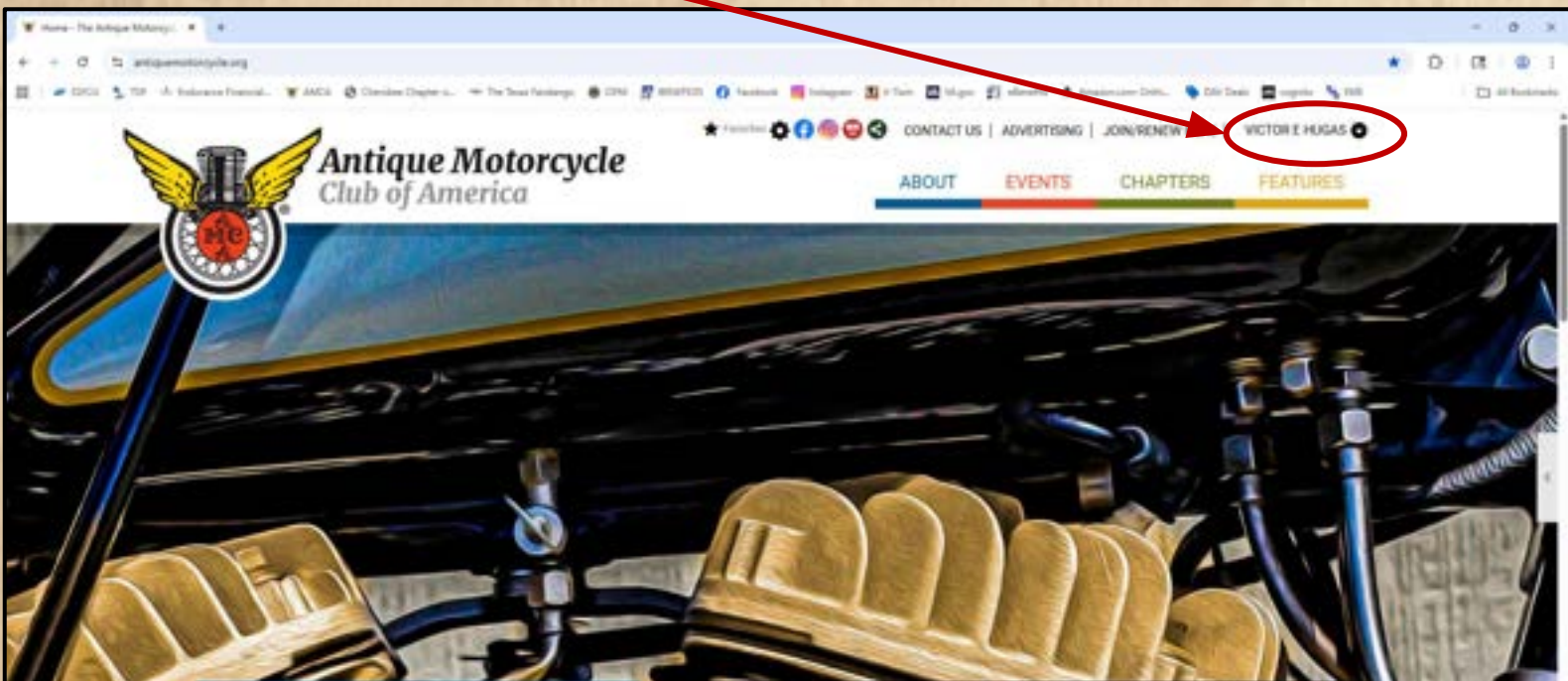


The login screen should appear. If you know your login name and password, enter them. Chances are, if you have never logged in, you do not know your login or password. Select "Forgot My Username/Password" to receive your username and create a password.



Enter your email address and first name, and your username, and a password reset will be emailed to the email address if it matches what AMCA has on file. Once you receive the email, use your username, create a password, and log in.

You know you are logged in when your name appears in the top-right corner of the screen, where it previously read "**MEMBER LOGIN**".

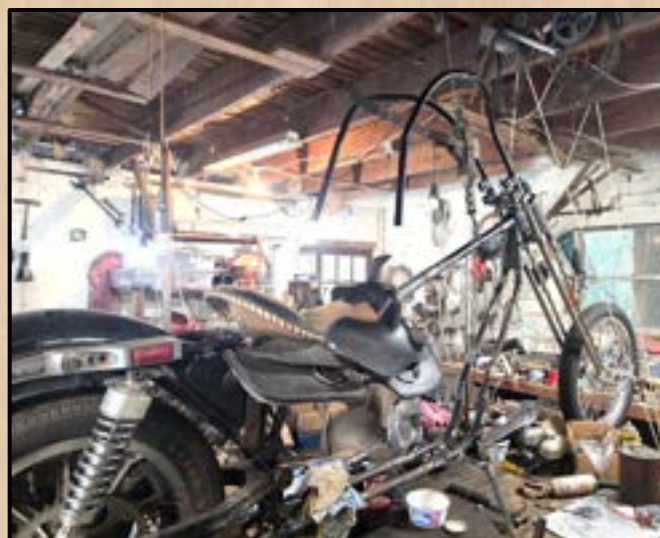


Now you are logged in. Next time you log in, check the box that says, "Remember this device," and you should be automatically logged in when you select the "MEMBER LOGIN" button. Now that you're signed in, take some time to look around and see what the AMCA website has to offer. Next time, we will explore the member PROFILE page, where you can view and change your basic information, see past transactions, payment/credit histories, and even download a virtual membership card to your phone for easy access. Take the website for a spin, and I'll be back with more ClubExpress for Dummies Tips soon.

Around 1998, I bought a '68 Sportster XLCH basket case with a mag for \$900 out of a guy's apartment living room with no title. Got it home and everything was there, including most nuts, bolts, and screws except the rear cylinder head, which I knew was missing. The next morning in the daylight, I looked in the rear cylinder, and it had hatch marks like it had never even been started after rebuilding! Pulled the front plug... same thing!

Well, I put it together, got a bonded title, and rode it like I stole it for 10 years before my legs wouldn't kick that XLCH with the mag welded in the "advanced" position. SO, off with the weld, Crowe engineered a spring on the mag to hold it advanced, and tightened the mag nut down tight enough so it would stay advanced until the massage chair started working, then vibrate back to. I then rode it for about 10 more years until 2023, when this old man was too tired to ride, IF I got it started, so I basically parked it.

In 2024, it was time to sell it. SOOO.. this isn't where I messed up. I went to Fandango thinking I might find someone interested in a 1968 XLCH with (exterior) spring advanced mag, mismatched fenders and heads, that had been rode hard and put up wet for most of its life. Then I watched the Dirt drags while there. OOPS! NO, NO, NO! WOW! You see, it ALSO had a knobby on it where I had been trying to outrun my son on his Honda CR500. After a knobby, then the oversized-most-aggressive knobby I could find that would fit between the swing arm arms and not rub the fender, dozens of trenches dug twice as deep as his in the hard-packed gravel road, a few bloody lips and many bloody fingers (before my intelligence increased to the level of "wear gloves"), I thought.... "THEM FOLKS NEVER RODE ON DIRT!" They don't even have knobbys! EAZY PICKINS!" Instead of bringing it in 2025 to sell, I, you guessed it... I brought it in to race! I looked forward to sandblasting them folks like my son gravelblasted me! Looked forward to it all YEAR! But, as you know, it was rained out on Saturday, and I went home to worship God with my family on Sunday and spent all the canceled-race-day drooling around the Chopper Corral.



Do you have a project that you are working on or have completed? Send your pictures and project details to Kim Unruh at:

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Do you need help putting your article together! I can help - send me your notes & we'll work together to write it up.

Hmm... hard to start 'ol Sporty anymore...Hmm, I could get another little newer Sporty with electric start, use my "Crowe Engineering Degree", build an Old-school Choppeer with electric start, and have something I wouldn't be too tired to ride after starting it! Good idea! No GREAT idea! So look out, eBay, Craigslist, FB, Cycle Trader, and old barns. Found a '78 Sportster XLCH 1000 that, as it turned out, had been sitting outside with water in the crankcase and everywhere else it would fit, for, looks like 8-10 years after a fresh rebuild. I found this out after extending the frame 11" so my saddle would fit lower, raking it so the motor would be somewhat level when the long, bent, twisted forks were Crowe-engineered straight with my 20-ton oilfield jack and log chain. Got this all done and was trying to start it, and after a few pops decided to recheck the timing by jacking up the rear wheel, putting it in 4th gear, and turning the wheel to line up the timing marks while holding the advance. The transmission locked up. Solid. SOLID! SO...back to eBay, Craigslist, FB, Cycle trader, and old barns. I found a '79 XLCH project that the motor was the only thing ready...for about what parts to repair a tranny may cost! Out comes 'ol Kubota, out with the old, in with the new (to me)!



This year, 2026, I worked so much on Honey Do projects and supporting the medical field, I didn't have time to finish the '78 Chopper. In fact, I spent so much time on the above mentioned projects I didn't check out 'Ol Sporty good enough after swapping the mag for a distributor and wound up at Fandango 2026 working on it two and a half hours, then left my brother working on it while I went to the riders meeting, hoping he could have it ready to start in time for the Dirt Drags. He did... kinda. When I got settled on the line and looked at the starting flagger, the flag was already one fourth way down. I needed to open 'Ol Sporty UP as soon as the flag STARTED down, or before, to get it as tight as I wanted her. Then I dumped the clutch as soon as the flag was down with less than half the RPM I usually have when I get bloodied up by my Son's CR500, after telling everybody how they were looking at the winner of the 2026 Fandango Dirt Drags! Or at least sandblasting a bunch of nice Choppers, making 'em ready for new paint! Well, if you remember me at all, it was because I was the one who died as I crossed the finish line, and SECURITY had to be called to get me off the track. Sporty told me, "I'll make one run, but you gotta stop spending so much time with that 'ol Chopper and fix me up before I'll do another run like I used to with that CR500". OK, OK! I get the hint. But, I have crossed the line, hope that isn't grounds for disqualification. Back to Chopper.

After swapping motors and tranny on Friday, 4 days before I was heading to Fandango, all I needed to do to show it was pull the clutch cover, put in a clutch cable, splice another clutch cable on that one so it would reach the clutch lever I needed to put on the ape... I mean, Crowe hanger bars, find or fix a throttle cable and put it on, put on lights and run all wires, bend my twisted bars into a sissy bar and weld in the bayonet and paint it, put it on and install a short sissy bar right behind the saddle for comfort for the 68 year old man to relax on while riding. Didn't get it done. Just took Sporty to work on and one race, and my 2014 Indian Crowe engineered trike, left Chopper at home. Just wait 'til next year! I'll give you something to remember! It may be just like this year-bet you never forget watching that security cop push me off the track!



Membership Renewals

To renew your Cherokee membership online, visit Cherokeeamca.org
To renew **both** AMCA and Cherokee memberships online, please go to [AMCA Renewal](#)

Contact Lecil Morgan for any membership questions:
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Cherokee Chapter's 2026 National Road Run



It's been only 2 years since our Cherokee National Road Run in Eureka Springs, AR, and we have had the opportunity to host yet another National Road Run in 2026. We hosted our 2026 National Road Run this past May 30th through April 2nd at Inn of the Hills in Kerrville.

This year, we had 168 riders and 36 passengers register. 18 of them had unexpected circumstances that prevented them from joining us, and we sure missed them. We had a manageable crowd of 187 enthusiasts enjoy our beautiful hill country for 3 wonderful days.

Sunday was a moving day, from Fredericksburg to Kerrville, after the great 7th Fandango 2026, arriving in Kerrville on time to assist with parking our guests at the host hotel. Monday brought everyone in for registration, followed by a short social with a cash bar and catered hors d'oeuvres at The Atrium within the hotel.

Day one, April 31st, we had an abundance of sunshine for our first day adventure. On the way, we had a chance to stop by the Lonestar Motorcycle Museum that had been closed for a couple of years. Debbie was gracious enough to open for one last time, and it was a nice visit. Next was the scheduled lunch stop at Lost Maples Cafe for a fantastic chicken-fried steak lunch for all, topped by a very nice ride to Medina, where we indulged in some Cinnamon Apple ice cream at the Apple Store. We then headed back to the Inn of the Hills for a relaxing evening and for maintenance work on some of the bikes, as they were working out all the gremlins from sitting all winter.





Cherokee Chapter's 2026 National Road Run, continued...

Day Two was another beautiful Texas day.

The longest day, stretching 175 miles through the twisty roads of the Texas hill country.

We had a very nice ride to our host lunch stop at the Bent Rim Grill in Leakey. We were served up some fantastic brisket and pulled pork sandwiches, followed by a long haul through Camp Wood up to Garven Store for some refreshments and fuel. Proceeded back up through Hunt, where we saw the remnants of the terrible flood throughout the area last July of 2025, and on the way back to the Inn of the Hills, we stopped at Stonehenge II.

Day Three, we woke to a very wet morning as thunderstorms rolled through the hill country. We all stood by and were finally granted some nice weather around noon, so we took off for a beautiful ride through Fredericksburg up to the Willow City Loop and back to Fredericksburg. With the lack of rain in the hill country, the bluebonnets were scarce but still beautiful. Then, most went to the famous Luckenbach, TX, for a stop, down to Comfort, and up the river back to Kerrville to get ready for the Banquet in the evening.

Thursday evening was a nice turnout for the banquet and awards. AMCA President John Markley and Executive Director Keith Kizer shared a few words with attendees. On to the Awards by the highly complimented Masters of Ceremony, Cherokee President Victor Hugas and Road Run Chair Rodney Sterling.

The silent auction was great, thanks to all members who donated items and to all the Fandango vendors that also donated; it was a hit and raised a good amount for the scholarship fund.

We would like to thank each and every one who volunteered as sweep truck drivers, parking attendants, photographers, registration staff, merchandising staff, at the lunch stops, and so much more. Without you, we would not be able to deliver such a successful and amazing event.

Until next time, Rodney & Rosie Sterling



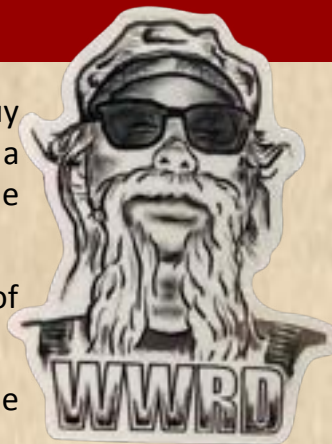








Randy's Road Run Report



Day 1: We stopped at the Lone Star Motorcycle Museum for a look around and to buy some parts and check out some bikes for sale. Next, we rode to Lost Maples Cafe for a great chicken fried steak lunch. A few of us made a trip into Bandera to check out a couple of cool bars.

Day 2: We rode 176 miles with a stop at the Bent Rim Cafe for lunch. It was a full day of riding on beautiful roads.

Day 3: A short day because of a slight rain delay! After the rain stopped, most rode the 100 miles including a stop in Luckenbach, followed by the banquet.





4TH ANNUAL
**Redbud Vintage
 Motorcycle Gathering**
 Saturday • May 30th, 2026
 10am-3pm
 2501 9th Ave. NE • Norman, OK
 Lat. 35.250760 Long. -97.429764


 Facebook Group

- Burgers and brats
- All are welcome
- No awards
- Free

More info
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We are hosting our 4th Annual Redbud Vintage Motorcycle Gathering in Norman, OK on May 30th.

Last year we had about 120 people attend. This is a free event to just show off motorcycles. We also provide a free cookout during the event.

–Thomas Felder



**Oct 15th - 18th 2026
 Yellow Rose Canyon**



May 8th @ 12:00 pm - May 10th @ 12:00 pm

Southern Throwdown Motorcycle RUN & Campout at Yellow Rose Canyon.

Join us for Southern Throwdown 2026, a one-of-a-kind motorcycle show and campout in the heart of East Texas at Yellow Rose Canyon. This year, we are doubling down on the RIDE !!!

Start at YRC, Ride to Lumberjack H-D, then a scenic ride through the Piney Woods and land at a BBQ lunch stop at The Flying G Motorcycle Museum w/ slow races, then back to YRC for chopper drags, a mini bike PULL START COMPETITION/enduro, and live music, this weekend is built for riders.

Ride in, camp out your way. Choose from cabins, RV hookups, or tent camping. Cap it all off with fireworks, live music, and the best bike crowd around.

Powered by Law Tigers Dallas, Cherokee AMCA, DREAM MACHINES of Texas, GO POWER SPORTS, Lumberjack Harley-Davidson, Cheap Thrills —your weekend just got legendary.



Check out the [Yellow Rose Canyon Events Page](#) for more information about Born Free & the Southern Throwdown, including a schedule of events & logistics information.

Cherokee Chapter 2026-27 Event Calendar

May 8 - 10	Southern Throwdown	Yellow Rose Campground, Mount Enterprise, TX
May 30	Redbud Vintage Motorcycle Gathering	Norman, Oklahoma (see flyer for more details)
Oct 15 - 18	Born Free Texas	Yellow Rose Campground, Mount Enterprise, TX
Oct 22 - 23	East Texas Fall Road Run	Joaquin, TX
Oct 24	Flying G Motorcycle Jubilee	Joaquin, TX
Dec 5	Cherokee Christmas Party	South Padre Island, TX
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April 4 - 7	Motorcycle Fandango	Gillespie County Fairgrounds, Fredericksburg, TX

Antique Motorcycle Club of America



2026 AMCA National Meets

April 24-25	Oley, PA	Perkiomen Chapter Meet
May 15-16	Raalte, Netherlands	European Chapter
June 12-13	St. Paul, MN	Viking Chapter
June 19-20	Dixon, CA	Fort Sutter Chapter
July 16-18	Wauseon, OH	Wauseon National Meet
July 24-25	Greenfield, MA	Yankee Chapter
August 28-29	Bulli, AUSTRALIA	Australia Chapter
October 2-3	Upperco, MD	Chesapeake Chapter
October 9-10	Denton, NC	Southern National Meet

2026 AMCA National Road Runs

September 8-10	Deadwood, SD	Black Hills Chapter
September 15-17	Dickson, TN	Music City Chapter
September 21-23	Jackson, CA	Fort Sutter Chapter

Don't miss out on the fun, excitement, and adventures to be had when you attend an AMCA National Meet or Road Run. Start making your plans now and get prepared to register for events on the AMCA website. If you attend a National Meet or a National Road Run, we would love to feature your experience in a future Cherokee Newsletter! Send event pictures and information to Kim Unruh, editor, @ cherokeeamcanews@gmail.com.

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Abilene Region	Mike McCormack
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Houston Region	Graeme Ford
National Chopper Liaison	Reed "Wolf" Bruemmer
North Dallas Region	Larry Martin
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Oklahoma Region	Ken Hall
Panhandle Region/Club Photographer	A.J. Bengoa
Rio Grande Valley Region	Craig McCullough
San Antonio Region	Rodney and Rosie Sterling
South Central TX Region	Brian Ballard
Waco/Central TX Region	Jason Smith
West Texas Region	Blue Jay Murphy
Worldwide	Stanley Miller
Worldwide	Joe Burch



We're off to a great start this year at the Flying G Motorcycle Museum. After a fantastic weekend with our moto-friends at the Texas Fandango, we came straight home and prepared for our season opener on April 4th. A poor weather forecast kept the crowd a bit smaller than we'd hoped, but that didn't stop us from having a great time before the rain rolled in—rain we desperately needed in East Texas, by the way!

The Wheelie Wizard was on hand to wow us with an impressive display of balance and agility, and Zach had the motorcycles in tip-top shape for our guests. It was a great day to be in beautiful downtown Joaquin.

Another highlight we're especially excited about this year is our featured exhibit, The Butch Hudkins Collection. Words can't express how honored we are to be the current caretakers of this collection—and, more importantly, how thankful we are to call Butch and Emily our friends. I know many of you share that sentiment.

For the first time, we've decided to raffle a motorcycle to help raise funds for the Museum. In 2026, one lucky winner will take home a beautiful 1959 FLH. The drawing will be held on October 24th at the 2nd Annual Texas Motorcycle Jubilee. If you'd like to enter, tickets are available on our website at www.FlyingGMotoMuseum.com.

Speaking of the Texas Motorcycle Jubilee, we're already making plans for another great weekend of vintage motorcycle fun. Activities will kick off on Thursday, October 22nd with the first of two days of riding for our East Texas Fall Road Run. Each day, we'll wind through the piney woods and stop at some of the region's best local eateries. On Saturday, we'll once again line the streets of Joaquin with antique motorcycles for everyone to enjoy.

Start making plans now to join us, and stay tuned for more information on hotel, RV, and camping options.

With so much to look forward to in 2026, it's already shaping up to be a great year for vintage motorcycle enthusiasts. Ride safe, and we'll see you soon.

—Luke





Cherokee Chapter AMCA Honorary Members

For outstanding contributions, dedication, and service to the Cherokee Chapter of the AMCA.

2022



Jon Neuman

Jon was an integral part of the Cherokee Chapter National Road Runs, which in 2019 set the record for the AMCA's largest attended road run. Jon was well known for his efforts in research, preservation, promotion, and restoration of antique motorcycles.

2023



John Nixon

John served as the Cherokee Chapter President for 14 years. John was instrumental in starting and keeping the Cherokee Chapter alive and was later open to the idea of expanding the club.

2023



Shelby Withrow

Shelby Withrow served as the Cherokee Chapter Membership Director at a time when membership consisted of 20 to 30 members. Shelby's efforts reinvigorated the chapter and ultimately resulted in over 300 members in Cherokee Chapter during his time as Membership Director.

2025



Mike Bell

Mike exemplifies the spirit of the Cherokee Ambassador program. His character, generosity, humor, and dedication to the Cherokee Chapter & the motorcycle community are outstanding. Mike is respected for his camaraderie and sportsmanship.

Our Mission

The Cherokee Chapter of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America was formed for the purpose of enjoying vintage motorcycles. We accomplish this through local member organized events in and around Texas, Arkansas, and Oklahoma. Our members own, restore, preserve, study, or just appreciate motorcycles that fall into the antique category, meaning they are at least 35 years old. If you have an old bike or just have an interest in learning more about these magnificent machines, please contact us about membership and get more information about upcoming meets, road runs and other club activities.



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Newsletter Deadline
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EDITOR'S NOTE

Kim Unruh

Greetings from Kansas! Wow! I knew that the combination Fandango/Road Run issue of the newsletter would be a big one - thank you so much to everyone who contributed! I enjoy hearing about events from different perspectives - I certainly hit the jackpot with several Fandango and Road Run attendees sharing their experiences and pictures. We sure enjoyed Fandango again this year - this marked Daisy's 5th year attending - she's been every year since she was a little pup. This year, our daughter Amy and her two pups, Snoah and Ito were able to join us for the first time. She's heard us talk about all of the Fandango fun, and enjoyed visiting, walking the Fairgrounds, and a few little side excursions - Luckenbach, a visit to Wild Seed Farms, and of course shopping downtown. We're glad we got to steal sister-in-law Susan Ellis away for a while.



Daisy's 1st Fandango at 12 weeks vs her 5th - she looks unimpressed?