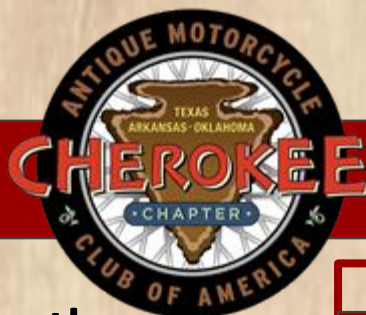




From the President

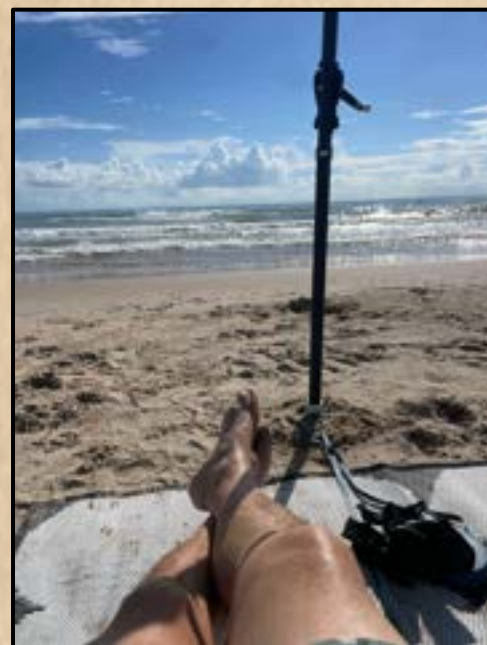
Summer is here, and it is HOT in South Texas. I had the pleasure of taking a trip up to Norman, OK, for the Redbud Vintage Motorcycle Gathering, which

was hosted by Bob Felder. It's a great ride-in bike show and lunch gathering that brought in lots of people to hang out and talk about old bikes. Thank you, Bob, for putting on such a great event for everyone to enjoy. It's already on my calendar for next year. Speaking of marking your calendars and road trips, the Cherokee Christmas party and members meeting is scheduled for December 5th on South Padre Island, TX. I know this is a long trip for just about everyone except me, but why not plan now and make it a winter vacation? In an effort to

make it affordable, we have secured a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn Express for \$69 a night. You need to call the hotel directly at 956 761-8844 to secure your spot and get that rate. The block name is Cherokee AMCA. If you would like to stay at one of the many other hotel resorts or rentals, I would suggest making your reservations soon before they book up. If you plan to stay in a campsite, contact the KOA SPI now and make your reservation before they fill up with winter Texans. The state campground is currently closed for remodeling. South Padre Island is less than 3 miles long, so no matter where you choose to stay on the island, you won't be far away. I am working on scheduling several activities before and after the Christmas party for those who want to come and enjoy what SPI has to offer, and maybe escape colder December climates. Take a look at your schedule and see if you can fit a short vacation into early December and come enjoy the beach, great food, and relaxing time in the Texas Gulf Coast. ~ Vic

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Christmas Party



*Look for your Evite in
your inbox. Please
RSVP as soon as
possible!*



**2026 Cherokee Chapter
Christmas Party Saturday,
December 5th**



Purchase Tickets to Own “Young America” Quilt

There is still time to purchase your opportunity tickets to own this beautiful, custom quilt, crafted by Rosie Sterling.

Drawing for ‘Young America’ will be held at the Cherokee Chapter Christmas party on December 5, 2026. You do not need to be present to win. Tickets stubs/numbers will be mailed or texted to you if requested.

All proceeds go to trade school scholarships at Texas State Technical College. All quilts are perfect for display or snuggling on the couch.

Single Ticket Purchase \$5 **30 Tickets for \$100, BEST DEAL!**

5 Tickets for \$20, GOOD DEAL!

14 Tickets for \$50, BETTER DEAL!

[Purchase Online Here](#)

NORMAN, OKLAHOMA – May 30, 2026 Sarah Hall

The air in Norman was thick with the scent of gasoline and nostalgia on the final Saturday of May, as vintage motorcycle enthusiasts from across the region, including several members of the Cherokee Chapter, gathered for the 4th Annual "Redbud Vintage Motorcycle Gathering". The event, held at the sprawling property owned by Bob Felder, showcased a stunning array of antique and classic bikes, drawing in crowds of admirers and seasoned riders alike. From meticulously restored Harley-Davidsons and Indians of the 1940s to sleek European models from the latter half of the twentieth century, the rally was a living museum of motorcycling history.

Owners proudly displayed their prized possessions, sharing stories of their bikes' origins, the challenges of restoration, and the joy of keeping these mechanical marvels alive. It's more than just owning a bike; it's about preserving a piece of history," said Ken Hall, a long-time collector from Norman, as he polished the chrome on his 1946 Harley Davidson Knucklehead. "Each scratch and ding tells a story, and you can feel the craftsmanship from an era when things were built to last."

Organizers expressed their delight at the turnout of over 200 people, noting the growing interest in vintage motorcycles. "Every year, we see new faces and even more incredible bikes," said Bob Felder, co-organizer of the Redbud Vintage Motorcycle Gathering. "It's a community that celebrates passion, craftsmanship, and the timeless thrill of the open road".

As the event ended on Saturday, the roar of engines slowly faded, but the spirit of the Redbud Vintage Motorcycle Gathering lingered. For many, it's not just about the motorcycles; it's about the camaraderie, the stories exchanged, and the enduring legacy of a golden age of motorcycling.

Plans are already underway for next year's event, promising an even larger and more spectacular gathering of vintage iron.



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".

Redbud Vintage Motorcycle Gathering, continued...



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.

****Southern Throwdown 2026: East Texas Iron, Cherokee Chapter Camaraderie, and the Spirit of the Throwdown****

The dust has barely settled on another unforgettable weekend in Mount Enterprise, but the echoes of the 13th Southern Throwdown are still ringing loud and proud across Texas motorcycle circles. From May 8–10 at the beautiful Yellow Rose Canyon, riders, builders, families, and vintage enthusiasts gathered for a perfect blend of camping, a long day ride, chopper and dirt drags, mini bike chaos, a bike show, live music, fireworks, and genuine brotherhood. What made this year's event even stronger was the visible, enthusiastic support of the Cherokee Chapter of the AMCA — not just as promoters, but as proud sponsors and partners who helped power the weekend and welcomed a big turnout of chapter members and AMCA riders.

Southern Throwdown has always occupied a special place in the Texas scene. It sits at the crossroads where custom chopper culture meets the preservation-minded world of antique motorcycles. This year delivered everything fans have come to expect and then some. Campers rolled in Friday to claim spots for tents, RVs, and cabins. Electric Church fired up the live music as the sun went down, and the easy rhythm of bench racing, cold drinks, and fresh stories took over. By Saturday morning the energy was dialed in.

Kickstands rose at 9:30 sharp for the signature 5-hour day ride. The pack gathered momentum through East Texas backroads, with a stop at Lumberjack Harley-Davidson before rolling into the legendary Flying G Motorcycle Museum in Joaquin for lunch. The Flying G crew laid out a proper BBQ spread and hosted a slow-race competition that had everyone laughing and cheering as riders tested their clutch finesse and balance. Awards were handed out on the spot — friendly competition at its best. Riders rolled back into Yellow Rose Canyon mid-afternoon ready for the main attractions.

The bike show came to life in the corral beside the Red Thorn Bar. Beautiful customs, stretched choppers, and pristine AMCA-eligible antiques sat side by side under the Texas sky. Thanks in large part to the Cherokee Chapter's involvement, there was ****no registration fee**** to show your motorcycle — a simple but powerful gesture that lowered barriers and encouraged broad participation. Chapter members and AMCA riders showed up in force. Their bikes — from well-preserved vintage machines to tastefully built customs — stood proudly among the wildest creations on the grounds. The visual contrast was exactly what makes events like this special: it proves we're all part of the same extended family.



Then the real action began. The dirt drags! (With plenty of chopper flavor) turned the strip into a theater of sound and speed. Engines roared, tires hooked or spun, and the crowd fed off every launch. Later the awards ceremony recognized standout bikes and riders across categories. As darkness fell, Ronda Ray & The Rumble

took the stage, the crowd sang along, and fireworks lit up the East Texas night. A special raffle for a 2013 Harley-Davidson Dyna Super Glide — benefiting Motorcycle Missions and supporting veterans and first responders — added heart and purpose to the weekend.

What elevated Southern Throwdown 2026 beyond a typical rally was the way the Cherokee Chapter showed up. The chapter didn't simply share posts or encourage attendance. Cherokee AMCA appeared as an official sponsor and partner on event materials alongside Dream Machines of Texas and others. Chapter members promoted the event heavily, rode in strong numbers, displayed their bikes without hassle, and embodied the welcoming, inclusive spirit that defines AMCA at its best. Our presence helped bridge the custom/chopper world and the antique preservation community in a natural, organic way. Riders who might normally stay in their own lanes found themselves swapping stories, admiring each other's builds, and making plans for future rides together.





This kind of cross-pollination is exactly what the Cherokee Chapter works to foster. We organize and support events across Texas, Arkansas, and Oklahoma because we believe vintage motorcycles — whether they're 35-year-old daily riders or full-on customs rooted in tradition — deserve to be ridden, celebrated, and passed on. Southern Throwdown gave us another platform to do exactly that. It felt like a natural extension of the energy we create at our own Texas Fandango in Fredericksburg, where swap meets, shows, and racing action draw hundreds every spring. It carried the same camaraderie we experience on National Road Runs, where long miles, mechanical challenges, and the kindness of strangers (or brothers with a chase truck) forge lasting friendships.

For those of us who were there — whether competing in the drags, showing a bike, riding the loop, or simply soaking in the atmosphere — the weekend delivered the goods. The sight of a pack of bikes rolling through pine-lined roads. The smell of racing fuel and BBQ smoke. The sound of mini bikes buzzing like hornets during the Ornerly One's competitions. The quiet conversations around campfires after the fireworks faded. These are the moments that keep the culture alive. Our chapter's photographers were on hand documenting it all — the gleaming tanks, the dramatic launches, the handshakes between new and old friends — images that will live in our newsletters, social feeds, and personal memories for years.

As the 13th Southern Throwdown fades into the rearview, the Cherokee Chapter is already looking ahead. Mark your calendars for the East Texas Road Run, October 22–24, rolling through beautiful country and linking up with the Flying G Jubilee on the 24th at the museum in Joaquin. It's another chance to ride hard, explore, and connect. Then comes our Christmas Party on South Padre Island in December — a warm, well-earned gathering with chapter family. And the Texas Fandango returns to the Gillespie County Fairgrounds in Fredericksburg, April 2–4, 2027, bigger and better, with proceeds once again benefiting the Optimist Club of Fredericksburg.

If you're not yet a member of the Cherokee Chapter or the national AMCA, this is the perfect time to join or renew. Our strength comes from members who organize, show up, wrench together, and support events like Southern Throwdown. Membership keeps you connected to the calendar, gives you a voice in shaping future rides and meets, and plugs you into a network that genuinely cares about keeping this lifestyle vibrant for the next generation.

To everyone who made the 13th Southern Throwdown a success — the organizers and staff at Yellow Rose Canyon, the Flying G Museum crew, Dream Machines, Law Tigers Dallas, The Ornerly One, the bands, the vendors, and especially our fellow Cherokee Chapter members and AMCA riders who showed up and threw down — thank you. You created a weekend that honored the past while charging full-throttle into the future.

The bikes are parked for now, but the stories are still rolling. See you on the road, at the next meet, or around the next campfire. Keep building, keep riding, keep the brotherhood strong.

****Ride safe and keep it Southern.****



Newsletter Deadline

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



Who can say what the Lord has planned for me for today? A friend and I were 30 miles into a thousand-mile trip when I heard a loud knocking sound from my bike. It's funny how quickly your day can take a different path than the path you spent days planning.

When we realized the trip was over, we called for help (thank you, Lord, for cell phones). Of course, the trailer had a flat on the way home; it was that kind of day. After talking to a mechanic friend or two, I decided that I might have broken a clutch plate, so I tore into the drive side of the bike. When I got it apart, it was easy to see that the output shaft from the transmission was bent (the worst-case scenario). It was that kind of day. My bike needs a transmission rebuild kit (which I don't have the tools or skill set to do) or another transmission, which I can get on eBay for about a thousand dollars. As I already mentioned, it was that kind of day.

Let's recap:

After my day, I wasn't in the best mood; however, a beautiful woman took me out to eat Mexican food. It's hard to maintain a bad mood when the chips and salsa hit the table. She said I should be thankful that my bike messed up thirty miles from home instead of 500. That is a fair point. She said I should be grateful for the boys who brought me home (my trailer is away at a friend's house), and I guess I will concede that point too.

You probably sense a theme here. Jesus said that in the world we will have trouble. We've all figured that out. How amazing is it that He has overcome the world?? How amazing is it that we have people who will walk through those troubles with us? I am surrounded by the "hands and feet of Jesus"!! I can't maintain a bad mood under these circumstances!! My prayer for you is NOT that God would spare you from trouble; we know that we will always have troubles in this world.

My prayer is that you will recognize the blessings of the people God has put in your life to share your triumphs AND your defeats. I didn't get to take my trip this weekend, but I got to see the Grace of God. That's not a bad trade.

Grace and Peace to you,

Larry

Proverbs 3:5-6

(PS- it's Mark Fink's problem now!)



Hello all!

Just a friendly reminder that you can now renew your CHEROKEE CHAPTER membership at the same time you renew your AMCA membership on the AMCA site!!

When you do this, I DO GET NOTIFICATIONS from Club Express. I will then send you your Cherokee Chapter Membership card to you.

PLEASE let me know if you have any questions or concerns about this

Lecil Morgan
Membership Director
Cherokee Chapter, AMCA



Monthly Lunch - Anna, Texas

The hot summer is just around the corner!! BUT we will still be braving the heat!! While you are out and about, don't forget we have a monthly lunch at Crow's Country Cafe in Anna, Texas. It's a great time to share about the bike you're working on and trips you've been on (or will be!) We typically have about a dozen or so people show up, along with some cool bikes!

As always: Ride if you can, drive or Uber! We don't care how you get there, bring your spouse, a good story, and your appetite!!

Questions?

Text me for more information at
Larry Martin
(903)819-4682

Proverbs 3:5-6



Here are some pictures of the progress I have made on chopper lately.



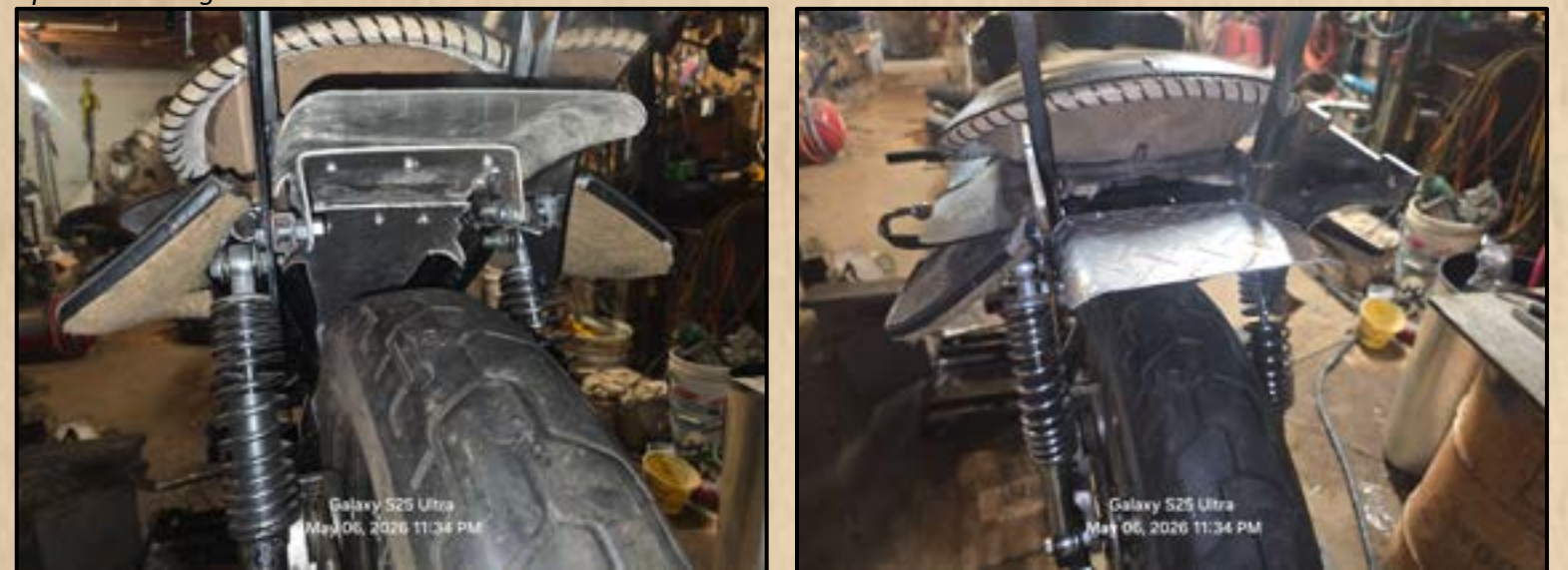
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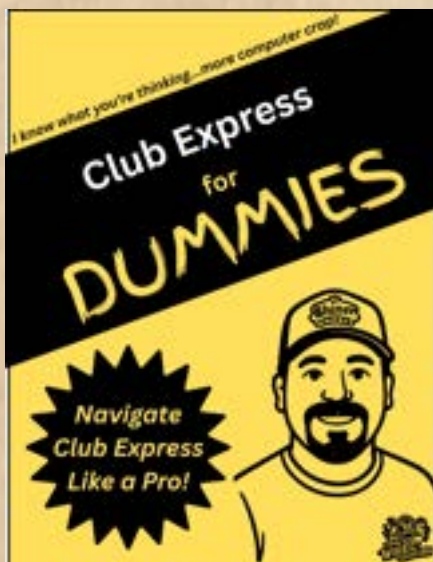
Didn't have a long enough clutch cable, so I spliced two together.

Sissy Bar and Bayonet are now mounted.

The exhaust is on.

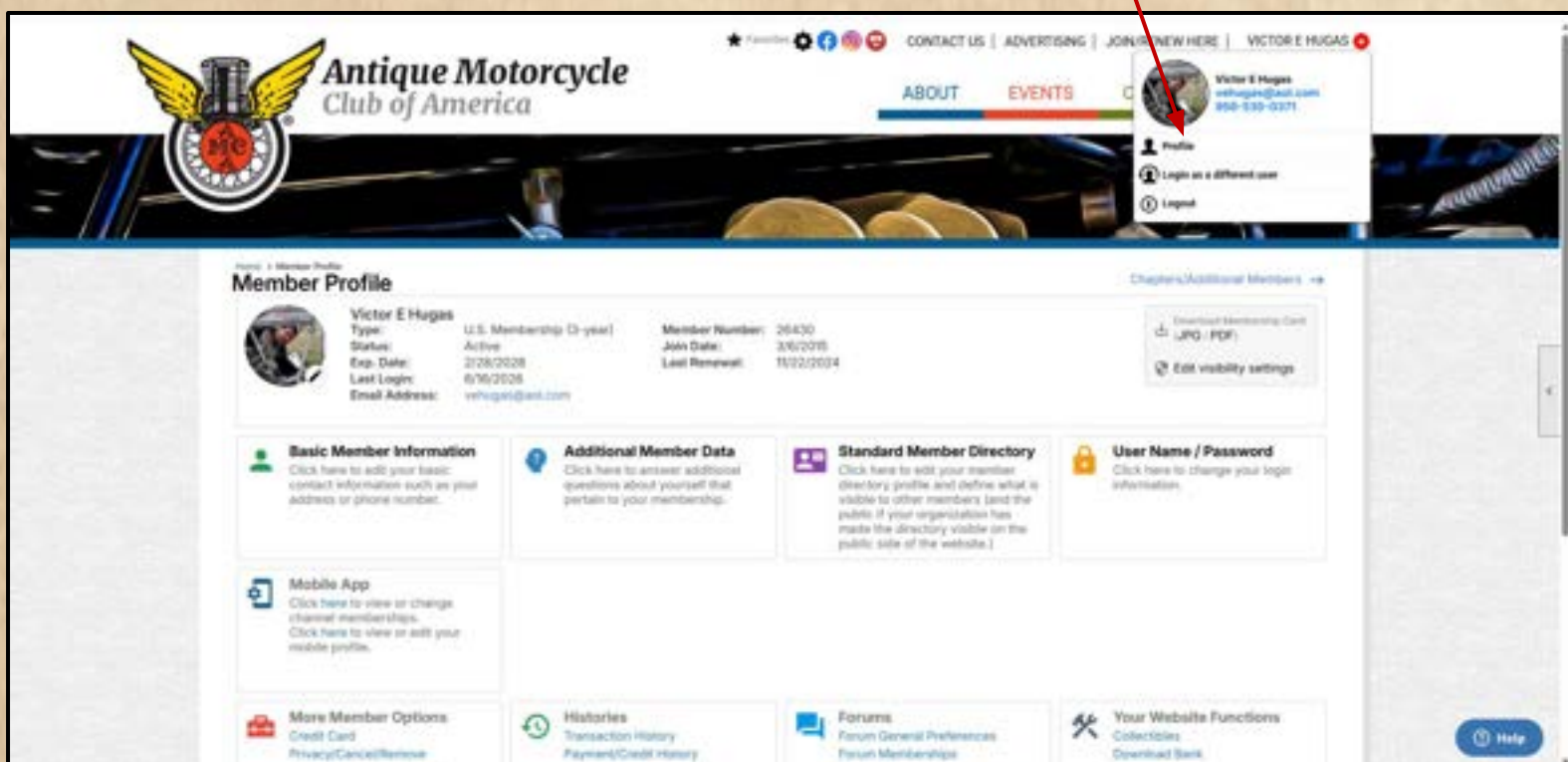


Rear fender installed.



ClubExpress for Dummies

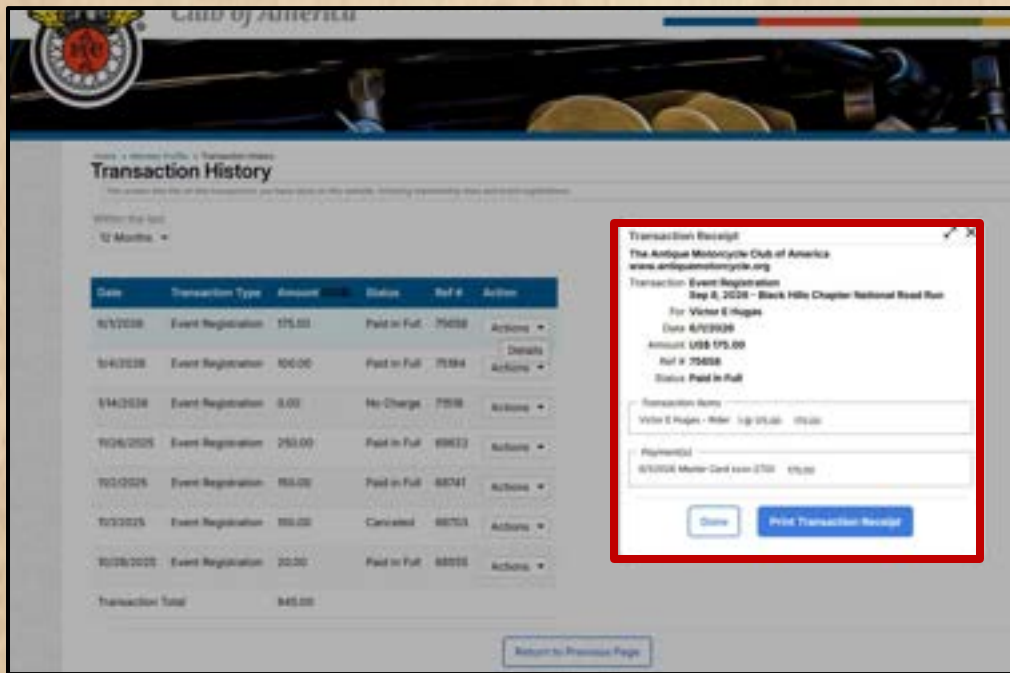
On this second installment of Club Express for **Dummies**, we will be looking at what is available to you in your members' profile. Your **Member Profile** is your dashboard for the AMCA. It's where you can access all your information, see your membership info, your history of transactions, and lots of other info. To start, first go to antiquemotorcycle.org and sign in at the upper right corner under the **MEMBER LOGIN** tab, as covered in our first episode. Once in, and you see your name in the upper right corner of the screen, hover over your name with your mouse to activate the dropdown and select **Profile**.



Now you are in your **Member Profile**. You should see your basic info at the top of the screen, including your name, membership type, member number, date you joined AMCA, when your current membership expires, and your email address on file. On the top right, you have the option to download a digital AMCA membership card, which you can store on your phone for convenience and easy access. Your profile is broken down into blocks or categories. These categories include **Basic Member Information**, **Additional Member Data**, **Standard Member Directory**, **Username/Password**, **Mobile App**, **More Member Options**, **Histories**, **Forum**, and **Your Website Functions**. Most of these tabs explain what can be done within that tab. The **Basic Member Information** tab is where you go to edit your information. This information is how AMCA contacts you: your email, your phone number, and your mailing address. When you register for events, this is the information that is automatically populated with your registration. The mailing address you provide here is where your copy of the AMCA magazine will be mailed. Click on the **Basic Member Information** tab, review your information, and make changes as needed. All required fields are marked with a red asterisk (*). Make any changes or additions as needed, and then hit Save at the bottom of the screen. This should bring you back to your **Member Profile**.

ClubExpress for Dummies, *continued...*

The next tab, which I use a lot, is the **Histories** tab. In it, you can see your purchases in AMCA, what has been charged or credited to you, event history, and donation history. In the **Histories** box, click on **Transaction History**. In this tab, you can see your transactions and are able to filter them by the past 12 months, 24 months, or all (since recorded in the system). To the right of the transaction, you can click the **Action** button and then click **Details** to see the details of the purchase. This will include the type of transaction, date, amount, and reference number. It will also show you how it was paid and what it was for. You have the option of printing a Transaction Receipt if you need it for any reason, and it will always be recorded here for your access if needed.



Date	Transaction Type	Amount	Status	Ref #	Action
8/7/2028	Event Registration	175.00	Paid in Full	75488	Actions
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8/26/2028	Event Registration	250.00	Paid in Full	69873	Actions
8/23/2028	Event Registration	85.00	Paid in Full	68741	Actions
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Under **Histories**, you will also find the **Event History** tab. This will show you all the events, including national road runs and other events you have signed up for in AMCA. The **Actions** tab here will allow you to see the **Registration Details**, edit them, and view the online waiver. The **Payment/Credit History** tab will show you all your charges and credits and allow you to see the details and print a receipt if necessary.

Today I have focused on two of the many tabs in your **Member Profile**. There are a lot of other tabs you can explore. Next time, we will explore the **More Member Options** tab and possibly how to upload a member image to your profile.

PRO TIP: The AMCA website does not like the back browser arrow button. You can always click on the AMCA logo on the top left of the screen to take you to the home page or hover over your name on the top right and click Profile to get back to your profile screen. If the system is running slow or not responding, be patient or don't waste your time and try again later.



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:
Email: lecilv@yahoo.com Call or Text: 940-391-9570

Oct 15th - 18th 2026

Yellow Rose Canyon



Swap Meet Information & Registration Link

The swapmeet will be near the racetrack and is on grass.

The property has a strict “no colors” policy as well, this includes swap meet as well as vendor spaces. Dogs are allowed if they are on a leash.

By purchasing one or more of these spaces, you are agreeing to these simple rules. Failure to comply will result in being asked to leave and you will not be welcome back as a seller.

Each swap meet space is large and you are allowed to park your vehicle in your space(s) as long as it fits and are also welcome to camp in your space(s) Friday and Saturday nights. There is no power or water provided in these spaces. If you have a trailer, RV, camper, etc, and other equipment that takes up a large amount of space, you may need to buy two spaces.

Setup will be available Wednesday and Thursday October 14th and 15th from 9am to 4pm and Friday October 16th, from 9Am to 4pm.

If you are a member of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America (AMCA) and can provide your member number, you will save \$25 per space!

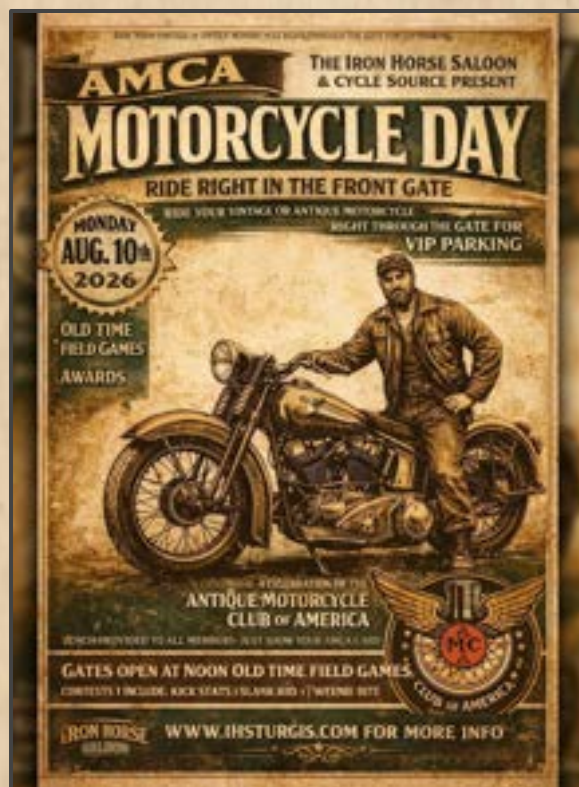
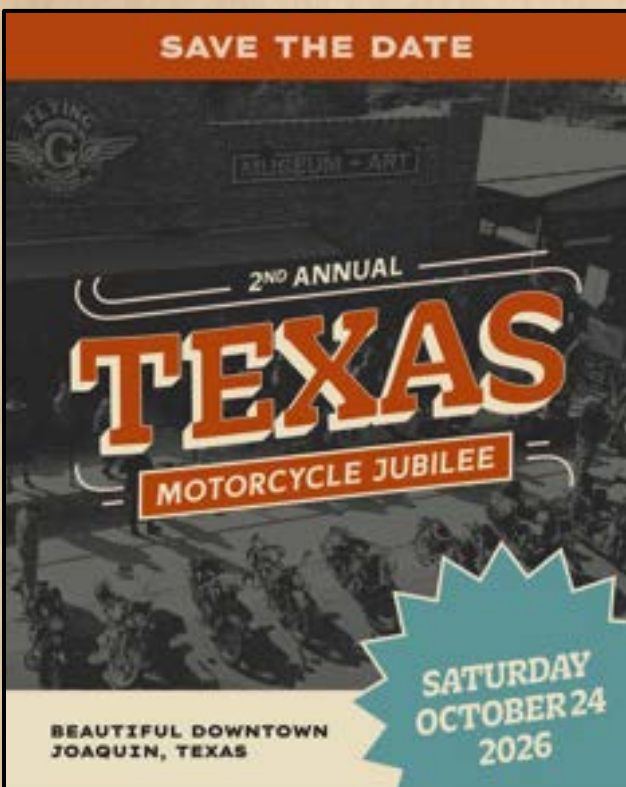
\$100 each spot with membership

\$125 each spot without membership

*Each space purchased will get two wristbands, additional wristbands will be available to purchase onsite. By purchasing one or more of these spaces, you are agreeing to these simple rules. Failure to comply will result in being asked to leave and you will not be welcome back as a seller.

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

[Swap Meet Registration Link](#)



**Fall Newsletter
Deadline - 8/15/26**

Cherokee Chapter 2026-27 Event Calendar

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
2027		
April 4 - 7	Motorcycle Fandango	Gillespie County Fairgrounds, Fredericksburg, TX

Antique Motorcycle Club of America

2026 AMCA National Meets

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.



Do you have an idea for an article you'd like to see in the Cherokee Chapter Newsletter? Have you been on a ride that you would like to feature in an upcoming article? Are you working on a project that you would like to share with our readers? It is easy to share - just send your information to cherokeeamcanews@gmail.com and I will take care of the rest! If pencil and paper are more your style - mail your information to me, Kim Unruh - 527 W 1st Ave.; St John, KS 67576 - or take a picture(s) of your paper copy and email it.



Shared by Steve Klein



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.

President - Victor Hugas

Vice President - Steve Klein

Secretary - Rosie Sterling

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Board Member - Lecil Morgan

Board Member - David Miller

Board Member - James "Jim" Howser

Scholarship Program - Rosie Sterling

Merchandise Director -

Membership Director - Lecil Morgan

Newsletter Editor - Kim Unruh

Calendar of Events - Mark Scott

Ambassador Program Director - Mark Scott

Volunteer Coordinator - Jim Howser

Christmas Committee Chair - Rosie Sterling

Regional Ambassadors

Abilene Region

Arkansas Region

Austin Region

Bastrop Region

Dallas/Ft. Worth Region

East TX Region

Georgetown Region

Harlingen Region

Houston Region

National Chopper Liaison

North Dallas Region

Oklahoma City Region

Oklahoma Region

Panhandle Region/Club Photographer

Rio Grande Valley Region

San Antonio Region

South Central TX Region

Waco/Central TX Region

West Texas Region

Worldwide

Worldwide

Mike McCormack

Paul "Buzz" Green

Mark Scott

Randy Neal

Greg McFarland

Jerry Morgan

Steve Klein

Wayne Ruhe

Graeme Ford

Reed "Wolf" Bruemmer

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