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From The Editor...

This edition of our Cherokee Chapter Newsletter is an "*In-Between Newsletter*... In other words, I need to get something out to our members, but do not have enough time to do so the way I always wish to do. Y'all know me... I have high expectations.

Also this edition gives me a chance to try a "New Newsletter Format" as well. Being able to do a multi- column format with

better quality appearance is what I have been shooting for since I was asked to take over this high paying position ☺ by Chapter President John Nixon last November.

By utilizing this fresher more professional format we not only look better to our growing membership, but we can also be proud to publish our Newsletter to our Website in the near future for thousands of other Vintage Motorcycle

Enthusiasts to enjoy as well on the Internet.

I hope you will continue to be patient and we will evolve the newsletter as we move forward in the coming editions.

Since this is a "Quick Test Version", the Presidents Message will be added to next month's issue as is normal.

All The Best,

Steve Klein

Smithville Bike Show & Swap Meet May 4/5

Yes, It's This Weekend !

Smithville TX is a quiet, ideaolic little Historical town located on TX Hwy 71 East of Austin TX. Each year our Chapter holds an "Old Fashioned" Bike Show and Swap Meet on the Banks of The Brazos River at The Smithville City Park Pavilion.

Our members arrive on Friday May 3rd to set up camp in the RV Park directly behind the Pavilion Area. The Bike Show and Swap Meet starts setting up Friday

evening and is open to the public Free of Charge on Saturday morning May 4th.

The Bike Show is an Open Class People's Choice Format intended to allow the general public and those interested in motorcycles to simply enjoy viewing a wide variety of machines from the early 1900's through 35 years of age (from the date they were manufactured or 1978).

Each year from 30 – 50 machines are proudly presented by our

members and range from early pre-teen Harleys, Indians, Excelsior's and other marques to a wider variety of brand names from the 1920's through 1978.

A Board of Directors Meeting will be held around 2:00 Saturday to plan the rest of 2013 and into 2014. On Sunday morning a short ride will be led by VP Bob Guerin.

As usual the local restaurants and antique shops are supported well by our members.

Spring Road Run – Jefferson TX, A Great Success!

On April 13/14 our Chapter held a Spring Road Run in far Northeast TX in Historic Jefferson.

32 Vintage riders and machines from as far away as Tennessee attended. Event Chairman Jon Neuman and his Elite Team of volunteers ran an exceptional event. The weather was absolutely perfect with mid 50's at night and mid 70's during each of two consecutive days of riding the twisty back roads of the heavily forested country around Caddo Lake.

A large contingent of riders from The Confederate Chapter (TN) and also President Mike Thomson's Diamond Chapter from Arkansas were special guests of our Chapter this year. The Confederate Chapter won the "New and Highly Coveted" Run It Till It Drops Trophy, a painstakingly designed and built trophy by our very own Artist / Director Shelby Withrow consisting of a worn out rod, a heavily corroded and

burned out piston and a rusty set of points tack welded on the side was "Proudly" presented to the Confederate Chapter Members for their large turnout. (Note: Our Chapter intends to win it back by attending their event in the future. There was at least \$2.85 worth of scrap metal and 30 minutes of welding time invested in that custom built trophy. We want it back!)

Awards as follows:

Longest Hauled – Bob Guerin, San Marcos TX and Mike Bell, Abilene TX

Longest Ridden – Richard Barker from ?? TX and Shane Dovton from TN on his beautiful 1951 Panhead.

Oldest Rider – Bob Guerin, 1936. Charles Berringer 1941 and (only 2 month's less mature), Mike Bell also 1941.

Youngest Rider – Buck Carson, Livingston TX. I forgot his age... but a "Great Young Man" and a very accomplished 2012 Cannonball Rider!

"We need a dozen more young members like Buck. He is a credit to The AMCA and along with his father Mike are both new Cherokee Chapter Members."

Special Thanks-Volunteers

Jon Neumann – Event Chairman (*applause*)

Greg McFarland, Insurance and Liability

Joe Burch and Steve Cornish, Command Central

Stanley Miller, Restaurants, Camping and Hotels

Shelby and Gloria Withrow, Pilots of the Chase Vehicles

John Clark, Route Captain and also provided Chase Vehicles.

Dennis Stout – Road Captain and "Ace Mechanic" ☺

.....And all our spouses !!!!

I know I am missing many, many others who pledged their time and effort! We appreciate all of you! TY

The event was enjoyed by all. I have had far too many emails of Thanks and many handshakes of Thanks to even try to mention here!



The Cherokee Chapter Command Central – Event Information, Registration, New Member Sign-up – Jefferson TX



Just part of the parking lot that was full of Vintage Machines and a constant outpouring of tourists and citizens who all knew we were in town that weekend. We made a huge impact in this city!



And some more... BSA, HD VL, Panhead, Triumph... What a Row!



And More..... A Brit single, 47 Knuck, another VL and a WLDR!



The Confederate Chapter Members with their "Coveted Traveling Trophy!" Do ya have your tetanus shots boys?

To All Members....

After the Smithville Meet this coming weekend, I will get serious about completing the Spring Edition of our newsletter in entirety. At that time I will update the entire membership on such topics as:

- More Road Run Photo's from East Texas
- A Board of Directors Meeting Update
- A full Membership Update.... (we have essentially grown by almost 40 new members since December 2012)
- Pending changes and additions to our website
- New T-Shirts for our members (We sold a bunch in Jefferson.. A great design job by Greg McFarland)
- Members New Rides (we have many this past month)
- Words of Vision and Knowledge from our President John Nixon.
- The 2014 National Road Run that we are doing next year....
- And much more.
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Again... *Thank you for allowing me to insert a partial newsletter at this time.... Steve Klein*