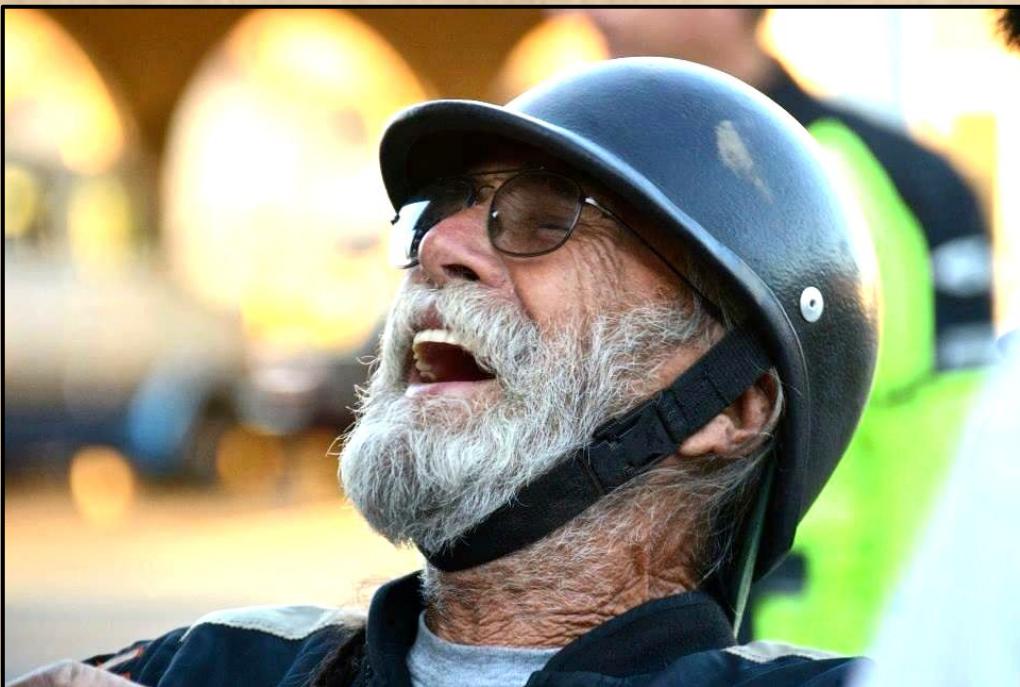




### From the Chapter President

Happy New Year, Cherokee! 2026 is here, and 2025 is in the rearview mirror. Last year was a busy year for me with lots of travel and events

mixed in between. The highlight of the year for me was being able to induct Cherokee member Michael Bell into the ranks of Cherokee Honorary Members. Anyone acquainted with Mike can attest that this honor and title are truly merited. I first met Mike in 2015 at Carson's Classic Road Run in Lake Livingston, TX. This was the first Cherokee event I had attended, and Mike was camping next to me. Mike greeted me and at once started telling me joke after joke, making me feel as if I had known him for years. He helped me set up my new trailer and looked over the bikes I had brought, and invited me to ride with him in the morning. If you asked me to describe the Cherokee Ambassador program, my best and simplest answer would be Mike Bell.



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I had the pleasure of taking part in the 2016 Race of the Century with Mike. Mike was a veteran Cannonball rider and always took the time to help me or come by and tell James and I joke when he knew we needed some help. Sometimes a smile and a joke go a long way to lift your spirits. I was able to see how Mike interacted with the other riders and how he represented the Cherokee Chapter and his home state of Texas. Mike competed in the 2012, 2014, and 2016 Antique Motorcycle Cannonball races on his 1916 Harley Davidson, affectionately known as Alice.

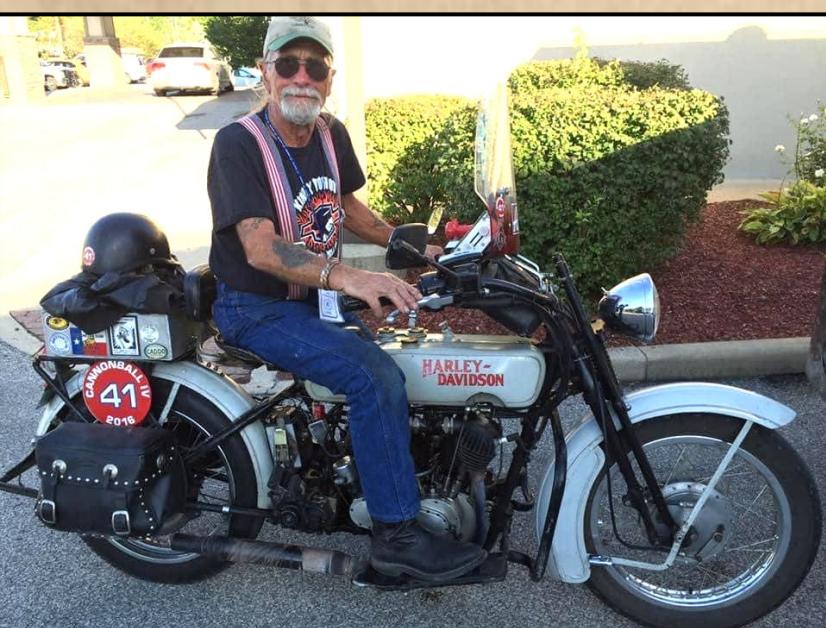
Mike's race number 41, which is his birth year, was permanently retired after he completed his third Cannonball race. In talking to Mike, he holds his friends and competitors in the Cannonball with profound respect and camaraderie.

As a Cherokee Chapter Ambassador, Mike has put on multiple great weekend riding events like the Tour De Windmills rides in Clyde, TX. I have attended three of these rides, and they have always been a fun time. Mike has always been willing to help any motorcycle enthusiast out with fixing an old motorcycle and passing on the vast amount of mechanical knowledge he has.

## **From the President, continued...**

In talking to Mike today, he told me what an honor it was to be recognized with the title of Honorary Member, or as he says, "ornery member", and how much it means to him to be recognized by his friends and peers with the award. It was truly an honor for me to have the privilege of presenting Mike with the award during this year's Christmas party. Please congratulate Mike on his well-deserved title of Cherokee Chapter Honorary member.

~ Vic



**Congratulations**  
**HONORARY MEMBER**  
***Michael Bell***

For outstanding contributions,  
dedication and service to the  
Cherokee Chapter of the AMCA.  
2025

My latest addition to my 1927 JD is a 1930 sidecar that Mike Bell gave me. It needed a lot of work. The frame has been cleaned and painted. The wheel has been rebuilt, and all is ready to mount to the JD. The car is in rough shape .... Something to work on when it gets cold!!!

I have a good set of JD sidecar mounts loaned from a friend, however the thread studs are smaller than the VL studs. If anyone can help me find some VL sidecar mounts, I would be very grateful.

I plan on seeing you guys on March 27th.

Michael McCormack



Do you have a project you are working on or have completed? Send your pictures and project details to:  
[cherokeeamcanews@gmail.com](mailto:cherokeeamcanews@gmail.com)



## Cherokee Chapter AMCA National Road Run

Cherokee Chapter of the AMCA will be hosting an AMCA National Road Run in Kerrville, Texas, March 31, 2026, through April 2, 2026. Check in day will be Monday, March 30th, following Texas Fandango 2026. Three days of riding, meals and banquet. Don't miss your spot on what is going to be a Road Run to remember through some of the best riding in Texas. Space is limited for this event, and you must be registered so watch for updates on the AMCA website and social media to make sure you reserve your spot!



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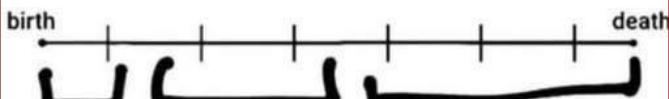
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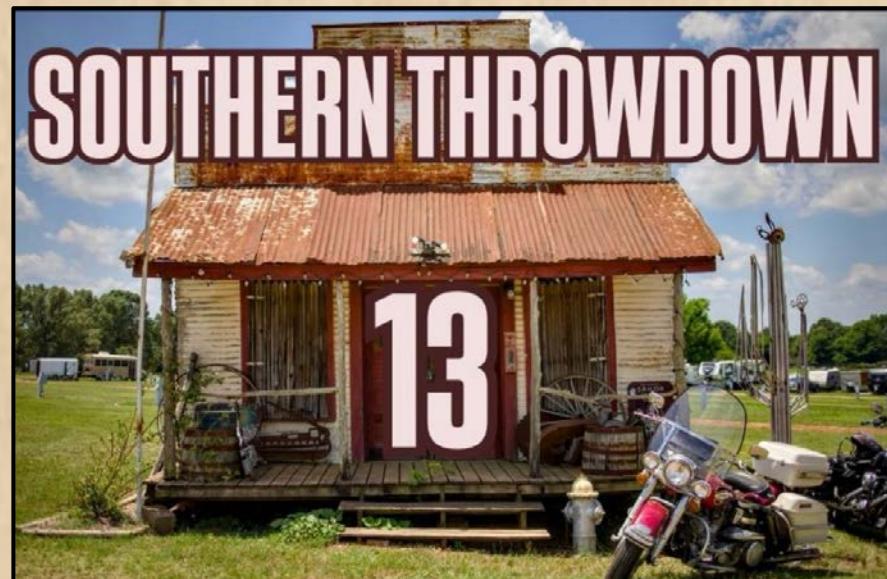
# Life of a Motorcyclist



Learns to  
ride a  
bike

A bunch  
of crap  
unrelated to  
motorcycling

An old weirdo  
with too many  
bikes



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

# Cherokee Christmas Party

Rosie Sterling

We have deemed our 2025 Christmas Party a success!!

We moved the party location to have members from different areas get a chance to attend, and the plan didn't disappoint; we had over 80 members and guests present. We had members Buzz Green from Arkansas, Tony and Mary Ann Crowder from Illinois, Bill Page, George, and Kim Unruh from Kansas, Scott and Paula Brower from Oklahoma, and some guests from Louisiana, along with our local Texas crowd.

We appreciate Jeff Meyers for arranging the Pre-Party run. Thirteen Cherokee members, including Jeff, departed from the Hampton Inn at 8:07 am and met up with Jeff's 'Third Saturday Breakfast' group, which he hosts. Our Cherokee members met with the NTNOA at Tio Tony's restaurant and graciously joined in on a wonderful gesture from the NTNOA group to bless the restaurant server who regularly helps them, with a wonderful monetary Christmas gift. Members then returned and got to the Waxahachie Civic Center for our Christmas Celebration.

As always, we are blessed to have members bring items for our Christmas party door prizes, our National Road Run silent auction, and the always wonderful and delicious desserts.





## Cherokee Christmas Party, continued...

Congratulations to Jim Howser on his recent retirement!! He has absolutely stepped up in the Chapter and is volunteering as the volunteer coordinator for Fandango, along with continuing with welcoming the vendors at the Vendor gate during Fandango and now early vendor registration during Fandango. He brought the schedule board and was receiving volunteers for Fandango's admissions, merchandising, and anything else needing volunteers. Jim will welcome your call to volunteer any time you have available for our largest event of the year! Thank you, Jim!!

We had Midge Neuman honor us with her presence this year, and it was so nice to bring many t-shirts as gifts in memory of our late Honorary Member, Jon Neuman. It was very nice to see Midge, and hope many of you got a chance to get a t-shirt.

During the event, we had Membership Director, Lecil, renewing and receiving new members, we had Talon on the microphone and sound, and AJ on the video and photography. We got to enjoy the nice Christmas photos AJ took of everyone!

President Victor took the opportunity to recognize Mr. Mike Bell, and we all joined in celebrating him as the Cherokee Chapter's newest Honorary Member. Mr. Bell was recognized for his many qualities, along with his positive attitude and willingness to always be of assistance to those who need it. We are lucky to have such a nice and fun member. Congratulations to you, Mr. Mike Bell!

Thanks to everyone who supports our Scholarship Project by obtaining your opportunity tickets for the Annual Quilt that started along with Fandango in 2019. I appreciate Mark Fink going around at the party offering the tickets to everyone. Congratulations to the 2025 winner of the 1<sup>st</sup> prize, "UNITED", JoAnn Enk! This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of multiple items in the raffle, 2024 was the quilt and a custom Fandango engraved knife. 2025 was a very nice woman's leather jacket won by Bryan Ballard, and a beautiful custom knife won by Kim Unruh.

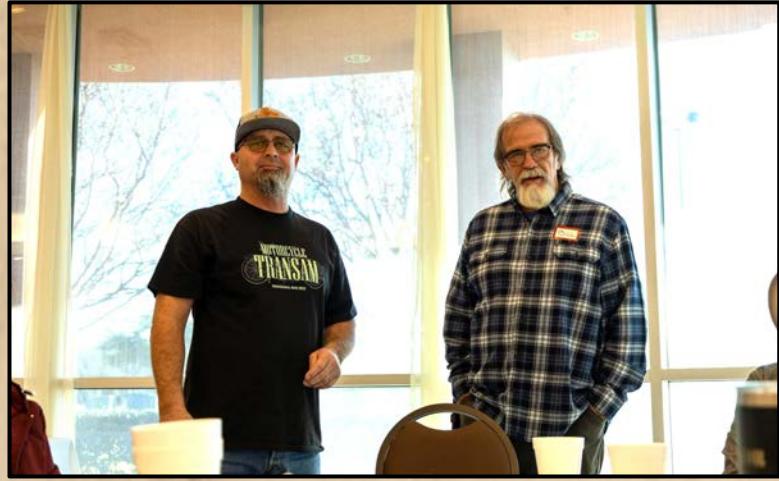
This year, we also welcomed the youngest member. We have the youth membership program of AMCA, which was put in practice within Cherokee with Derek Auckland being the first member at 15 years of age, and now we have Thomas Wayne King. Thomas is 10 years old and is working with his daddy, Josh King, getting a mini chopper together for him and a 77 Sportster for his future use. LET'S START THEM YOUNG!!

Thanks to everyone in attendance for collaborating to have, once again, a great Cherokee Christmas!!

-Rosie Sterling



A huge "Thank You" to Rosie Sterling, A J Bengoa, and Randy Neal for sharing the article and pictures about the 2025 Cherokee Christmas Party. The venue and decorations were beautiful, the food delicious, and the opportunity to visit with Cherokee Chapter members was priceless. Rosie's talent for planning another top-notch event was experienced and enjoyed by all in attendance.



## UPCOMING EVENT!

### The Loop

After riding the TransAmerican event in September 2025 with Cherokee members Bill Page, Pat Olson, and Dr Bart Grelinger, Bill envisioned a new motorcycle endurance run.

The Loop, a new event for 2026, will be held September 6<sup>th</sup> to September 11<sup>th</sup> and will start and finish in Chattanooga, TN.

We have a well-rounded group organizing a fun and challenging 5 days of riding, with some of the best two-lane and back roads around. 60 participants are already registered and preparing for the event, with a waiting list for the next Loop. The locations will be undisclosed, as the riders will only have their manual roll chart map to reach the day's destination.



The range of vintage bikes is from 1930 to 1950. There will be 3 classes, with only 1 winner in each.

Follow us on Facebook at The Loop USA or on our up-and-coming webpage, TheMotorcycleLoop.com.

- Rodney Sterling

## Cherokee Chapter's 2026 National Road Run is upon us!!!

It's been seven years since our last Hill Country Road Run in 2019. This March 31<sup>st</sup> to April 2<sup>nd</sup>, we'll be, once again, hosting AMCA members from all over our nation in our great Texas Hill Country.

Our National Road Run will immediately follow the week after Fandango. We'll start with registration on Monday with Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday rides and closing with a nice banquet on Thursday evening.

We are excited to have everyone, registration is ongoing, if you haven't registered yet, please do so before the deadline at [Cherokee Chapter National Road Run - Events - The Antique Motorcycle Club of America](https://www.antiquemotorcycleclub.org/cherokee-national-road-run)

-Rosie Sterling



In the deepest, darkest part of winter, I'm thankful that I live in Texas and ride year around!! We haven't met for lunch in a few months because of all the fun events, but we are starting back on January the 24th. We meet at Crows Country Kitchen in Anna, Texas. I would love to hear about the cool old bike you got for Christmas and tell you about the one I got for my birthday!! (In November)

We swap stories about trips (past AND future). We enjoy the food and fellowship. If you haven't made it to one of these lunches, you should. The Cherokee people are the very best!!

Ride if you can, drive if you must, Uber if you need to!! We don't care, but we would love a chance to get to know you better. As always, wives are more than welcome.

Text me with any questions you might have.

Larry Martin

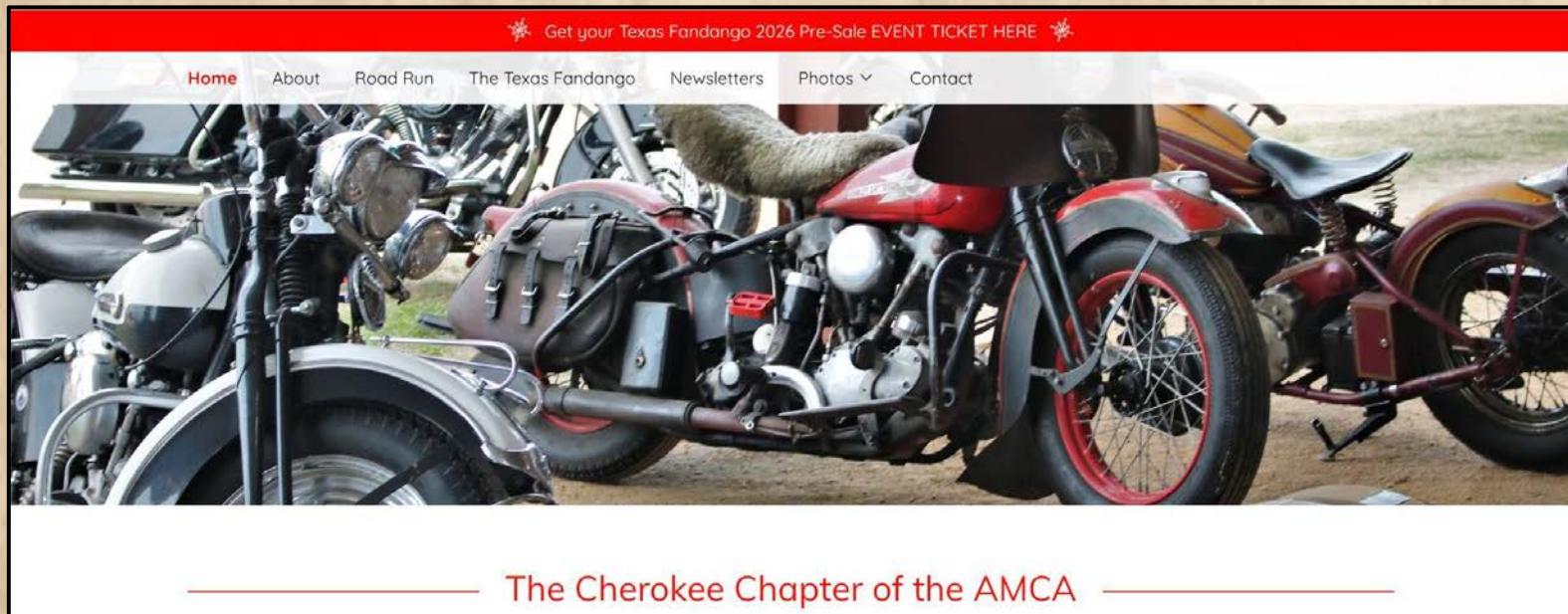
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## New Cherokee Chapter Website

<https://cherokeeamca.org/>

If you haven't seen it yet...what are you waiting for? Check out the new website for the Cherokee Chapter of the AMCA. Lisa Ballard has been working on this project and has done an outstanding job! The website has a lot of great content including a photo archive of past Cherokee events and people, electronic copies of the quarterly Newsletter, Fandango information (the link goes right to the Fandango website), as well as information pertaining to the upcoming Road Run. If you would like to submit pictures or other information for the website, simply email [cherokeeamca@gmail.com](mailto:cherokeeamca@gmail.com).



The Cherokee Chapter of the AMCA



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. Join the ride.



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## Antique Motorcycle Club of America - Junior Membership Opportunity

The Antique Motorcycle Club of America is offering a Junior Membership for kids up to 17-years old. This is a Virtual Membership for only \$10 and includes their own AMCA Junior bi-monthly newsletter, digital version of The Antique Motorcycle and a virtual membership card. What a great gift for members kids and grandkids. What a great opportunity to get the younger generation of motorcycle enthusiasts involved in the AMCA to help preserve the passion, knowledge, and craftsmanship surrounding antique motorcycles. It also gives members a chance to mentor the younger members and share their passion for old motorcycles, knowledge, and wisdom – ensuring the next generation keeps the legacy alive.





We arrived in Tokyo a few days before we were to pick up the motorcycle and meet the other participants. This would allow us to get our internal time clock on track and explore the city. A good friend of mine joined us on this trip, and his son works in Japan. So he met us at the airport and helped us figure out the trains into the city. Everyone has seen pictures of packed trains in Tokyo, but add in the fact that we were each hauling a very large gear bag after a very long flight made it tough. Once at the last train station, we still had to drag them another 15 minutes through the busy streets to our hotel. We elected to stay in the Shinjuku district, which I'd consider the Tokyo equivalent of Times Square. So after a quick Sushi dinner, we were down for the count.

Great start, departed a city of 20 million in the drizzle, and it continued all day, and one of the bikes had rear brake troubles. It kept freezing up, and we adapted by pouring water on it until we could make it to the hotel.

The hotel was amazing, it was along the coast, a traditional Japanese room, free spa, drinks, everyone wore traditional robes, including us to dinner after visiting the spa, and the food and drink just kept on coming. The food selection was a visual treat and amazing.

The first full day of exploring included several temples, the Imperial Palace grounds, a very interesting shopping street of small booths, more temples, and quite a few people dressed in old traditional dress, including tourists. Then we were off to meet my friend Robbie and his son for Karaoke. It wouldn't have been my first choice, but his son Josh insisted that it was a must-do in Japan. You have your own private room, and drinks were included, so eventually we relaxed and enjoyed it.

Then my wife, Missy, and I walked up and down every busy street in the Shinjuku district just taking it all in. We walked into a huge Pachinko parlor, which I had never heard of. It reminded me of a slot machine parlor in Vegas, but it was some sort of video game. Then we stumbled upon a different type of parlor, similar to a machine where kids put a quarter in, and a toy comes out. Very interesting, because these were all adults.

We finally met with the group of fellow riders and guides. The riders were a mix from Germany and Austria, California, New Jersey, and Texas, with the guides being from Italy, the Netherlands, and Japan. We did the motorcycle handover, initial briefing, and a team dinner.

Our first day of riding was a wet and, at times a foggy ride. Getting out of Tokyo, a city of 20 million, took a while, but it was a good day of riding as we headed south towards the coastal city of Kawazu. One of our Austrian friends, Gundrun, had some bike troubles with her rear brake. It froze solid twice, and we had to pour water on it to cool it down and free it up, but we eventually made it. This hotel and the evening were amazing. Free drinks upon arrival and all night, they had an in-house Japanese spa and sauna, the rooms were traditional Japanese with the sliding doors, bamboo floors, an in-room balcony overlooking the ocean, and the beds/ mats on the floor. The dinner was an amazing 6-course Japanese meal. What a start.....

The next morning, the rain had finished, and the tour company had replaced Gundrun's motorcycle with another

## Adventures in Japan, continued...

bike altogether. We headed back North a bit towards Mt. Fuji. We spent the day riding mountain passes with amazing views of the bay below. The switchbacks were a rider's dream, however there were several sections throughout the day that we dealt with wet roads with lots of wet leaves and small twigs. This only slowed us up a bit, but it forced us to follow car tracks through the leaves rather than the traditional lines a motorcyclist would take through the twisties. As the day went on and the elevation increased, the fog also returned. At the end of the ride, we ended up at a fancy hotel on a hill overlooking a beautiful lake.

It was a crisp morning, but warmed up quickly. The ride was through the mountains as we headed further south towards the sea. There were some great twisty roads, but one section wasn't more than a lane and a half wide with 180 switchbacks and was a bit unnerving with isolated oncoming traffic. We also stopped for a picture at the home offices of Suzuki. We ended just before dark in Hamamatsu along the bay adjacent to the southern coast.

We left the next morning for an hours-long ride along the coast towards the ferry across the bay. After departing the ferry, the roads were amazing as we worked our way north to Kumano. The pavement was great, and it was non-stop switchbacks for hours. As we got about an hour from our destination we rode up into the mountains with the sea to our left on a road wide enough for a small car but it was two way traffic and the road was very twisty with leaves, twigs and moss on the tiny road so it was a bit challenging but it led us into town and I had about 18 miles of fuel left in my tank. We stayed at a nice resort spa with complimentary drinks and a fire pit. The rooms had on the back porch a small round wooden tub big enough for one person, filled with hot water. After a quick soak, we had an amazing meal, and then it was back to the complimentary bar and outdoor fire pit.

The group split up into two groups, challenging and more challenging. We opted for challenging. The early part of the day was along the bay and then into the mountains with once again twisty roads, amazing scenery, and along river beds. Finally, we met the other group in an area full of Buddhist temples and spent some time taking pictures and entering two of the temples. After a quick ad hoc lunch we pushed on to the capital of Japan, Kyoto, where we planned to spend two nights, including a rest day to get some laundry done and explore the city. By chance, it was supposed to be a significant rain day. My bike is the Ducati Multistrada V4S, and my fellow riders are mostly on BMWs ranging from 750's to 1250's. But I am getting the worst gas mileage. When we hit downtown Kyoto, and I found a gas station on the wrong side of the road, my gas gauge said I was 3 kms....from empty. We hooked up a few minutes later with the rest of the group and headed on to the night's hotel and a nice evening meal.

We spent a relaxing rest day in Kyoto. It rained most of the day, so it





It rained most of the day, so it worked out well because my wife and everyone else braved the rain to explore and enjoy the city.

Today we were heading for the most famous castle in Japan, the Himeji Castle. So we split up into two groups. Those who wanted to tour the castle took the direct route. Those (including us) who just wanted to walk the grounds and take pictures took the scenic route, which included more of Japan's great switchbacks and some more of the single-width two-way traffic roads. With yesterday's rains, we had some wet patches and fallen leaves in the morning, but an amazing afternoon..

I had no idea Japan was so mountainous.

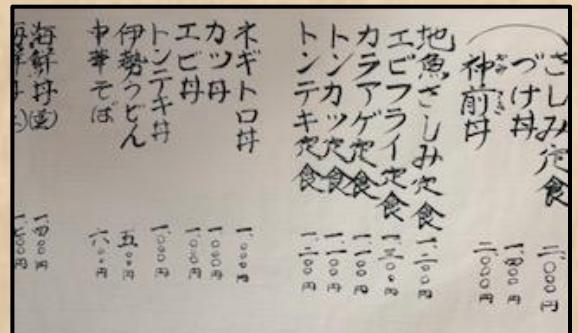
Today's ride was one of our longer rides; there were more highways than we had previously, but we still arrived almost at dusk. Fifteen miles from our hotel, it started to rain again. We stopped at a scenic mountain top view with a chair lift to the top for the view of the ocean and the "five lakes." The place we ended up at was a small Buddhist hotel where we were given traditional garb to wear to dinner and to the spa. There is one of the most traditional Buddhist temples, a short walk from the hotel, and a ceremony that is open to the public, but...it leaves the hotel at about 4:00 am, so we will pass. Plus, it will be raining, so we will walk up after breakfast to see the temples before we depart again, in the rain.

We had a short break from the rain after breakfast and went up to see the temples, amazing gardens, buildings, and architecture. We left in the rain, and other than about an hour of sunshine, we rode in the rain all day. We were at higher elevations, and the trees were in full color mode with snow on the mountain tops, so it was a bit chilly and wet. We stopped at a small touristy town with thatched roofs, which reminded me of the Netherlands. We all took a bus into town for an amazing Japanese meal, of course, with shoes removed.

The next morning, we awoke to 34 degrees. Our seats were frosted over, and the locks on our bags were frozen shut. After dealing with that, we took off, all geared up and with plenty of layers. Luckily, the hotel had a laundry so we were able to dry our gloves from the previous day. Because there is nothing worse than wet gear on a cold morning. It gradually warmed a bit, but we were in the midst of the tallest mountains yet. This is Japan's ski area, and the surrounding mountains were covered with snow. We stopped briefly to visit another former shogun castle and continued to our hotel. It was a ski town with thermal baths. Indoor baths/ outdoor baths, private baths, and free sake after 4:30. This is a very traditional hotel with a no-shoe policy and traditional Japanese robes and slippers worn throughout.

We passed on the ride that six of us went on today, since it was a rest day. We went for a walk, watched a movie, and soaked in the thermal baths. Followed by a pizza for dinner at a small cafe here in town that was predominantly populated by Anglo tourists.

Today was supposed to be a short ride, but with enough stops that it would take us until dark to arrive. We stopped at a wasabi farm where real wasabi is grown, not the fake wasabi you get in most sushi restaurants. Then to a place where the snow monkeys have



## Adventures in Japan, continued...

adapted to sitting in and enjoying the hot springs. Then it was up the mountain on the highest road in Japan. The temperature dropped to just above freezing, and the snow along the side of the road became significant, including patches of snow on the road. And then, we hit the road closed gate. This meant backtracking and coming back up the mountain from the other side. This added another 2 hours of riding, now in the dark. So a long day turned into a very long day. But all was well despite my only having a dark shield. P.S., we were only 33 kms away

A chilly morning, but it warmed up quickly as we headed downhill. We went by two dormant volcanoes. One had a car halfway submerged in the water, which was a photo op. The other was up the hill a ways, and it was cold and very windy. From there, we worked our way to the hotel in the popular tourist town of Nikko. We walked up hill a way to dinner after Missy walked into town to explore and get some exercise.

Our final riding day was dry and sunny. The first half of the day was twisty roads, but the pavement in some sections wasn't ideal. More leaves on the road, which resulted in one bike going down. The rider wasn't hurt, and with a little effort, the bike was still rideable. The next stop was the Motegi race track for lunch and then to visit the Honda museum and collection. After we got back on the road towards Tokyo, we got on the highway for a blitz back to the hotel, where we turned in the motorcycle and began the final evening's celebration.

Hello Cherokee Members,

Over the past few years, we have held our elections for the Cherokee Board of Directors at our annual Christmas party. At this year's Christmas party, we were unable to hold our annual board elections. The Cherokee Board of Directors is elected by the Cherokee membership for a term of two years. Once elected to the Board of Directors, the board members select the officers of the board. We have two current board members, Jason Smith and Graeme Ford, who will be stepping down from the Cherokee Board of Directors. Graeme and Jason will continue to serve and support Cherokee Chapter as regional Ambassadors. I would like to personally thank both Jason and Graeme for all they have done during their terms as directors. They both contributed to the growth and success of Cherokee over the past years and will continue to do so as Chapter Ambassadors.

Cherokee members James "Jim" Howser and Mark Scott have graciously volunteered to serve as members of the Cherokee Board of Directors. With your approval, I would like to elect Jim Howser and Mark Scott to immediately serve as Directors on the current Cherokee Chapter Board of Directors for a term of two years. Following this two-year term they both would be eligible to be reelected for an additional two-year term or seek replacements. These nominations have been made with the concurrence of Cherokee Chapter Vice President Steve Klein and the current Board of Directors. If you have questions or concerns involving either of these two candidates or would like to nominate another Cherokee Chapter member in good standing for the available director seats, please promptly contact me or VP Steve Klein directly. If there are no opposition candidates or objections, I will quickly move to appoint James "Jim" Howser and Mark Scott to the position of Cherokee Chapter Directors.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,  
Victor Hugas,  
President Cherokee Chapter, AMCA  
956-535-0371

## 2026 Fandango Schedule

Thursday, 3/26/26		Vendor setup & bike show drop off only. Access begins at noon.
Friday, 3/27/26	8:00 am	Gates open to the public
	8 am - 5:00 pm	Swap Meet & Vintage Bike Show
	7:00 pm	Complimentary live music featuring a performance by the Monty Branham Band - located in the campground area
Saturday, 3/28/26	8 am - 5:00 pm	Swap Meet
	8 am - 3:30 pm	Vintage Motorcycle Show & the Chopper Corral Chopper Show
	10 am - 8:00 pm	*Load-in from 8-11 AM - Chopper Corral Chopper Show participants please register at the Cheap Thrills Good Times booth
	Noon	*Vintage Motorcycle Show participants please bring your motorcycles to the Show Barn to get involved.
	1:00 pm	Vintage Races - Flat Track, Dirt Drags & Minibikes
	1:30 pm	Opening Ceremony
	3:00 pm	Chopper Drags
	3:30 pm	Motorcycle Maneuvering Demo
	4:00 pm	Vintage Bike Show Awards in the Show Barn
	Sunset	Chopper Show Awards at the Chopper Corral
Sunday, 3/29/26	10:00 am	Opening Ceremony for Vintage Race Finals
	10:00 am	Danger Dan's Kickstart Competition - Campground Area
		Complimentary live music featuring a performance by White Dog followed by Calleb Allamed. Located in the campground area.
		Road Run
		Vendors



Sunday, 3/29/26

10:00 am

Road Run

10:00 am

Vendors

Check the [Texas Fandango](#) website for schedule changes!



## Texas Fandango Vintage and Classic Bike Show Registration

Open to all Makes, Models and Types of motorcycles 35 years or older. (Call or email for exceptions). We want The Texas Vintage Motorcycle Fandango Bike Show to be the largest public display of Vintage and Classic Motorcycles in Texas. It is solely intended to be a Shine, Show, Share and Smile Event designed specifically to allow all Vintage and Classic Motorcycle Owners the distinct pleasure to share these wonderful machines and their individual histories. Register on-site at the Show Barn. Entry is free with your general admission ticket.

- Best of Class, Best of Show Cash Awards and VIP & Event Sponsor Awards on Saturday March 28, 2026.
- Dedicated Unloading and Loading Area. (NO IN AND OUT)
- Drop off begins at noon on Thursday, March 26, 2026/Pick Up Will Follow Awards Ceremony.
- 24-hour security for the Fandango, locked building at night.
- Bike show entry fee is free with paid Fandango Admission
- Pre-register [here](#) for faster entry at set up.



## On-Site Camping Available

Camping is available on the fairgrounds parking lot. There is a vast, grassy area for primitive camping and RV/trailer camping without hookups. Fees for the patrons coming to our event are waived this year! Bring your tents, motorcycle trailers, vans, trucks with campers RVs, etc and sleep under the stars! Port-a-potties, shower trailer, and RV sewer dump are provided. Please treat the property kind and be thoughtful about your neighbors. NO OPEN FIRES ALLOWED.



## Chopper Corral Bike Show

Oliver Peck will showcase some of the best custom choppers around. Located in the Chopper Corral at Texas Fandango and featuring live music, this will be an event you won't want to miss. Register on-site at the Cheap Thrills Good Times booth.

### Fandango Vintage Chopper Show

- Registration for the Chopper Show is free.
- All participants must have paid entry to Texas Fandango 2025.
- 1990 or older custom chopper or bobber.
- Chopper Show is Saturday, March 28th, from 10am to 2:30pm. Awards presented at 2:30.
- Cash prizes for "Best of Show", "People's Choice" & "AMCA Award".
- 24-hour security
- [Sign up in advance](#) to make your event check-in quick and easy.



# Cherokee Chapter 2026 Event Calendar



March 7	Lone Star Swap Meet
March 19 - 21	Nitty Gritty Chopper City
March 27-29	Fandango!!
March 30-April 2	Spring AMCA National Road Run
May 8 - 10	Southern Throwdown

Ft. Worth, TX
Grapeland, TX
Fredericksburg, TX
Kerrville, TX
Yellow Rose Campground, Mount Enterprise, TX

## Antique Motorcycle Club of America

### 2026 AMCA National Meets

February 26-28	Daytona Beach, FL	Sunshine Chapter
March 21-22	Fremont, NE	Omaha Chapter
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

March 31 - April 2	Kerrville, TX	Cherokee Chapter
September 8-10	Deadwood, SD	Black Hills Chapter
September 15-17	Dickson, TN	Music City Chapter
September 21-23	Jackson, CA	Fort Sutter Chapter

### Regional Ambassadors

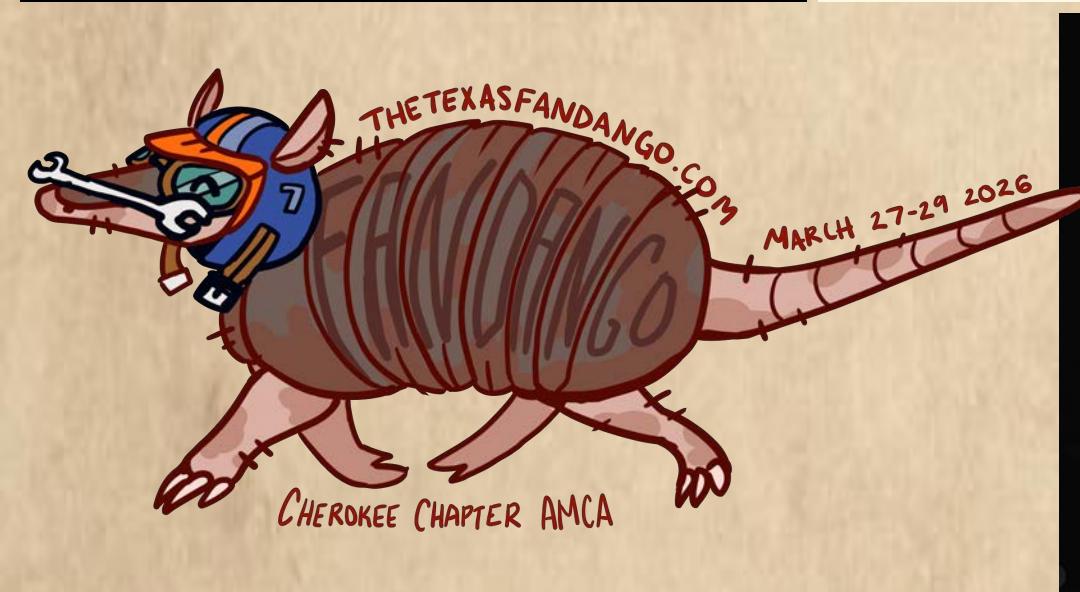
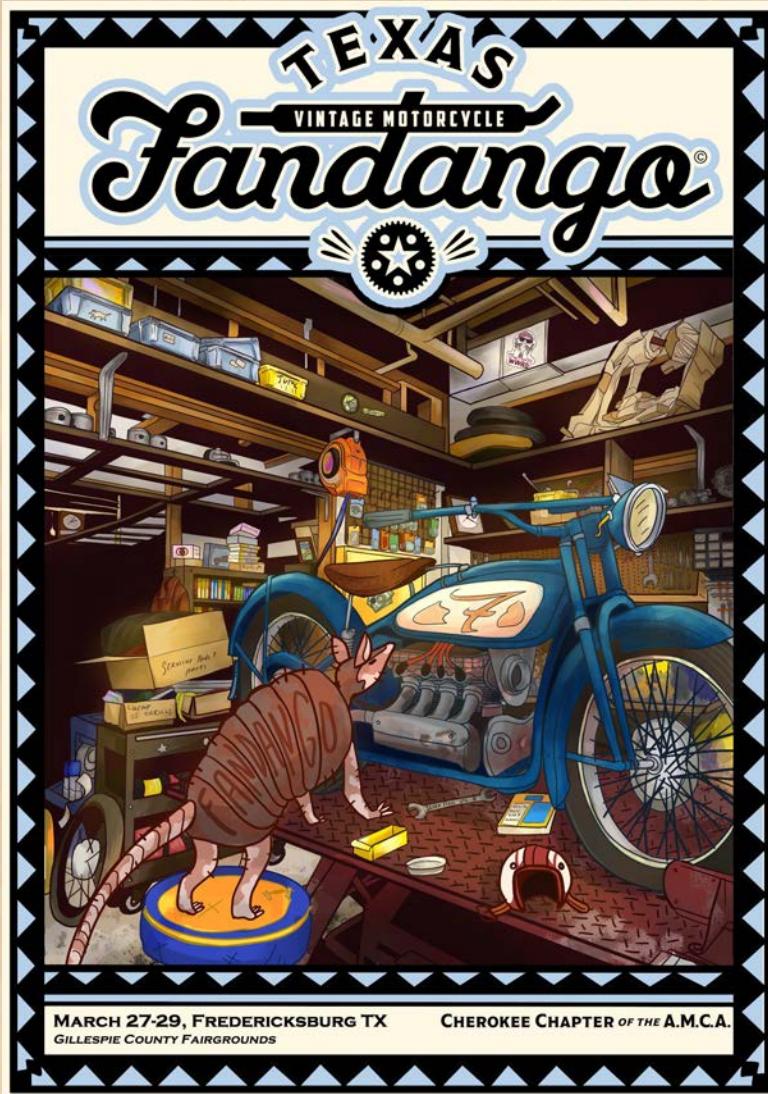
Abilene Region	Mike McCormack
Arkansas Region	Paul "Buzz" Green
Austin Region	Mark Scott
Bastrop Region	Randy Neal
Dallas/Ft. Worth Region	Greg McFarland
East TX Region	Jerry Morgan
Georgetown Region	Steve Klein
Harlingen Region	Wayne Ruhe
Houston Region	Graeme Ford
National Chopper Liaison	Reed "Wolf" Bruemmer
North Dallas Region	Larry Martin
Oklahoma City Region	Scott Brower
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



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](mailto:cherokeeamcanews@gmail.com).



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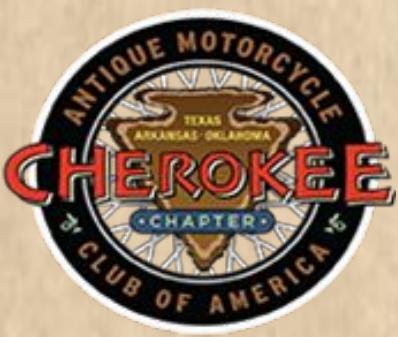
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Contact Lecil Morgan for any membership questions:

Email: [lecliv@yahoo.com](mailto:lecliv@yahoo.com) Call or Text: 940-391-9570





# 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**

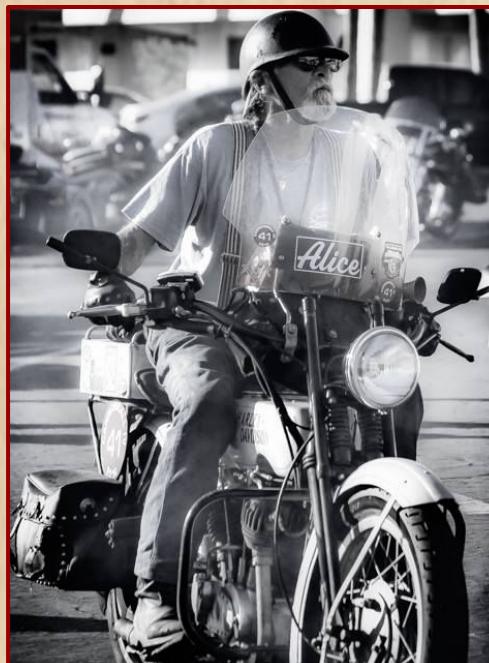
Shelby Withrow served as the Cherokee Chapter Membership Director at a time when membership consisted of 20 to 30 members. Shelby's efforts reinvigorated the chapter and ultimately resulted in over 300 members in Cherokee Chapter during his time as Membership Director.

2025



**Mike Bell**

Mike exemplifies the spirit of the Cherokee Ambassador program. His character, generosity, humor, and dedication to the Cherokee Chapter and the motorcycle community are outstanding. A three-time Antique Motorcycle Cannonball rider on his 1916 Harley Davidson "Alice," he is respected for his camaraderie and sportsmanship.



*Congratulations  
HONORARY MEMBER*

*Michael Bell*



**President** - Victor Hugas  
**Vice President** - Steve Klein  
**Secretary** - Rosie Sterling  
**Treasurer** - Veronica Kilpatrick  
**Board Member** - Jason Smith  
**Board Member** - Lecil Morgan  
**Board Member** - David Miller  
**Board Member** - Graeme Ford  
**Scholarship Program** - Rosie Sterling

The deadline for the Spring 2026 Issue is March 15th - please send all articles, pictures, and information on or before that date!



**Merchandise Director** - Tawny Tully  
**Membership Director** - Lecil Morgan  
**Newsletter Editor** - Kim Unruh  
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## EDITOR'S NOTE

Kim Unruh

Happy New Year! Here's hoping 2026 is off to a great start and will prove to be the best year yet! George and I brought in the New Year by taking a midnight cruise around our town square. It was a balmy 37 degrees - a big improvement from years past!

The first day of 2026 continued by attending the annual "Finning Party" that was hosted by Kelly and Theresa Modlin at the Twisted Oz Museum in Augusta, Kansas. This event was started in the 1990's by longtime Sunflower AMCA Chapter Member Buud Redmond as an opportunity to gather and repair cast iron cylinders and heads. This timeless tradition continues as members share their knowledge and skills in the art of "finning", and encourage others to give it a try.



Our winter weather has returned to Kansas in full force - it's about 12°F today with lots of wind. Riding weather seems to be a distant memory - just more reasons to look forward to Fandango - warmer Texas weather, beautiful wildflowers, old motorcycles, and the Cherokee Chapter! Speaking of Fandango...if you'll have a few hours free and would like to volunteer at the ticket booth or helping at the merchandise booth, please let Jim Howser know! It takes an army of volunteers working together to make Fandango the experience that it is! See you all in Fredericksburg at the end of March! Kim Unruh