



From the Chapter President

Everybody loves a good barn find or survivor motorcycle story. TV shows are made about it and guys spend time searching in secret for these treasures only to say something after they have secured the score and are ready to make the flip for profit. Enter Cherokee member and all-around great guy Craig McCullough who lives in Harlingen, Texas. Craig is a certified motorcycle mechanic who worked for a local Harley Davidson dealership for over 20 years. Over those years, Craig had the opportunity to meet a lot of motorcycle enthusiasts and bike owners. Naturally, this

puts him in the position to come across some great motorcycle finds. But here is where the story strays from the usual barn find scenario. An acquaintance contacts Craig and says they know a winter Texan from Milwaukee that has a 1987 Harley Davidson FXRS-SP that has been sitting for years and is a very original, one owner bike with only 9331 miles on it. The bike is not running because of the usual factors of sitting and it's for sale at a barn find price and an easy fix for Craig.

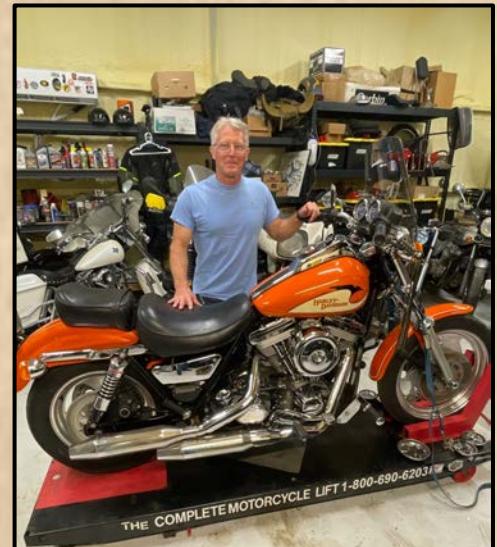
So, buy it, fix it, flip it, that's how the story usually goes. But then you don't know Craig. His first thought is this would be the perfect bike for James Lette, another Cherokee member and acquaintance who has been looking for a motorcycle for AMCA events. Craig thinks the bike and James' personalities are a perfect match and contacts James and I to go see and purchase the

motorcycle, a bike he easily could have purchased himself. The Motorcycle turns out to be an incredible find that is perfect for James who loves it at first sight. The bike is purchased by James and taken to my house and within two days is running like new. The tires and fluids are changed, tank and carburetor cleaned, and she is ready for the Cherokee and Badger Heritage Road Runs.

How often in these barn finds or picker's stories does it end with, they found it and passed the information and opportunity to someone they thought should own the bike? Sure, they buy

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President's Message, continued...

them and flip them to someone, but to contact someone else and say "I came across this great bike deal and thought it would be perfect for you." Well, if you don't know Cherokee Chapter member Craig McCullough or Craig Mac as his friends call him, now you do. This is just one of the many times Craig has done this.

Yesterday James took the bike for its first test ride and an impromptu Cherokee Chapter Road Run ensued. Cherokee member A.J. Bengoa happened to be in town working and Cherokee member Mario Hugas supplied him with a motorcycle to ride and off the three of us went to South Padre Island for lunch and a 101-mile test ride that went flawlessly. Five Cherokee Chapter members working together in furtherance of friendship, the love of old motorcycles and keeping them running.

These are the kind of actions that make me proud to be a part of Cherokee Chapter AMCA. Enjoy the ride and I hope to see you at Texas Fandango and the National Road Runs, Vic



'WILD COTERIE'

Hi everyone, here's this year's scholarship raffle quilt! 84.5" X 87", she comes with 100% cotton sashing, batting and backing. Everyone knows how comfortable cotton t-shirts are, and well here she is, sporting 18 of them. Comfortable and cozy and machine washable.

Your support to this scholarship program is greatly appreciated. Obtain your opportunity tickets on line at the AMCA website or from Rosie at multiple events throughout the rest of the year. Raffle to conclude and winner ticket drawn at our Cherokee Chapter Christmas Party. 1 ticket for \$5, 5 for \$20, 14 for \$50 and 30 for \$100. Thanks again for your continued support.





Cherokee Lunch

Larry Martin

We had 12 members at this month's lunch. As always, we heard a lot of great stories about rides and bikes! We had some new faces and some good food!



We meet at Crow's Country Kitchen in Anna, Texas



Twelve members and only two glasses of water knocked over!



What a good looking crew!! (The bikes don't look bad either!)

Pie Run

Jason Smith

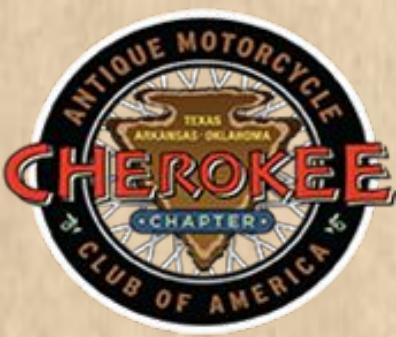
7 pie eaters and 5 bikes showed up for the Cherokee Pie Run on March 2nd with perfect weather. After eating too much we finally decided the winner of the best pie!

You know you're riding with a younger crowd when a sugar free option won the vote! The sugar free coconut cream pie at Koffee Kup in Hico was the winner.

The real debate was who on the run could win the talking contest. Stanley Miller or Graeme Ford. We decided we would have to have a "talk-off" at Fandango!

A third possible candidate in Victor Hugas was mentioned but was unanimously voted down in respect of everyone's vacation time!





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

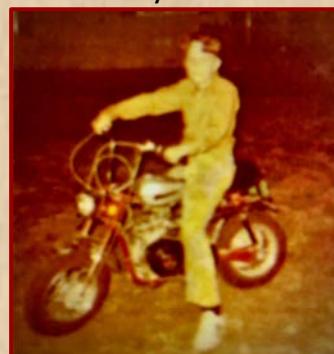
Shelby Withrow served as the Cherokee Chapter Membership Director at a time when membership consisted of 20 to 30 members. Shelby's efforts reinvigorated the chapter and ultimately resulted in over 300 members in Cherokee Chapter during his time as Membership Director.

Hi, I am David Miller.

I am one of your current Cherokee Chapter board members. I currently live in Lorena, Texas after spending most of my life in the Oklahoma City area. I made the move a little over a year ago.

My motorcycle addiction started around age seven when I started riding Rupp minibikes. At that time we lived in Newton Kansas and my dad sold travel trailers, pickup campers, canoes, Rupp minibikes and go carts. I recently read that the majority of AMCA members own around 6 motorcycles with some in their collection being modern bikes. My current collection numbers over 20 including some minibikes and projects. The majority of my collection are Italian with 13 Moto Guzzi's ranging from the 50's to 2010. Anywhere from 50cc two strokes to 1200cc. My wife Mary and I currently have the responsibility in the Chapter of registration and care of the motorcycles at the antique motorcycle show at Fandango .

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Hello Cherokee Chapter Family

Yes, you read this correct....I consider all of you my FAMILY.

I am your Membership Director and was elected by the board December 2017.

I began my journey with the Cherokee Chapter, AMCA at the first PISTONS and PAINT November 2009 where myself and Jerry met Shelby Withrow and Steve Klein for the first time...WOW what a whirlwind of events since this meeting. We heard about this event through Ed Hazzard and soon became involved with several families in the North Texas Area. By the way, I was born and raised in Denton, TX.

I'd never been around motorcycles until I met Jerry Morgan. He and I together restored a 1957 Harley Hummer. What an experience.

In February 2010, we participated with a large group from Texas and Oklahoma at the Jeff Williams Swap meet and soon became friends with several from Oklahoma as well. At this swap meet we met a team for the Cannonball run Jon Neuman, Joe Burch, Doc, Jesse Law and Scott Byrd. What memories we have all shared. This event allowed me also to meet JoAnn Kugle, Susan Burch and Joan Klein. These ladies welcomed me with open arms and the rest is amazing history.

My interest in the Cherokee Chapter, AMCA, took off at this point. Each event I did try to get others interested and always made myself available for signing others up as members. August 2017 I was able to attend the swap meet in Davenport, Iowa and had some time to get acquainted with JoAnn Kugle (she's been such a support and encouragement to me throughout these years...I owe A LOT to Jo Ann). It was soon after the Board elected me membership director. Keith Kizer, AMCA Executive Director stepped in to help me learn about AMCA.

The spring of 2013 I was asked to coordinate the PATE SWAP MEET bike show with Steven Klein and thus began my journey with Antique Motorcycle Bike Shows. The FANDANGO bike show began in the spring of 2019, and throughout these years so many volunteers have helped as well. These events could not be successful without the volunteers/family .

I retired from nursing December 2021 after 44 years with this awesome career and Jerry and I now reside in East Texas.

I love the Cherokee Chapter, AMCA family and always want to do my best to represent this group. I owe a lot to where I am today to having Jesus as a most important part of my life.

Here always for you all!

Lecil Morgan

Cherokee Chapter, AMCA

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR



Steve Klein, Cherokee Board Member

For our newer Cherokee Chapter Members here's a snapshot of longtime Cherokee member Steve Klein. Steve and Joan Klein reside on their Hill Country land West of Salado TX, an hour north of downtown Austin, most of the time. They also have a place in Victoria TX, where the Klein Companies corporate headquarters are. Steve has been a custom home builder for 35 years building homes and developments from the Gulf of Mexico to North Austin. Six years ago, Klein sold all his North Austin real estate holdings in an attempt to slow down. He still develops in Victoria and builds around 30-40 homes a year there.

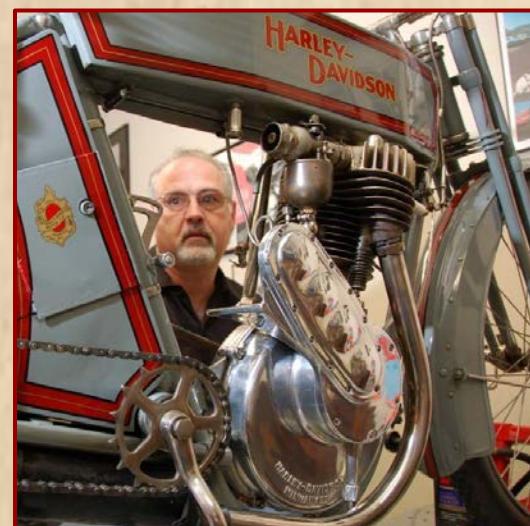
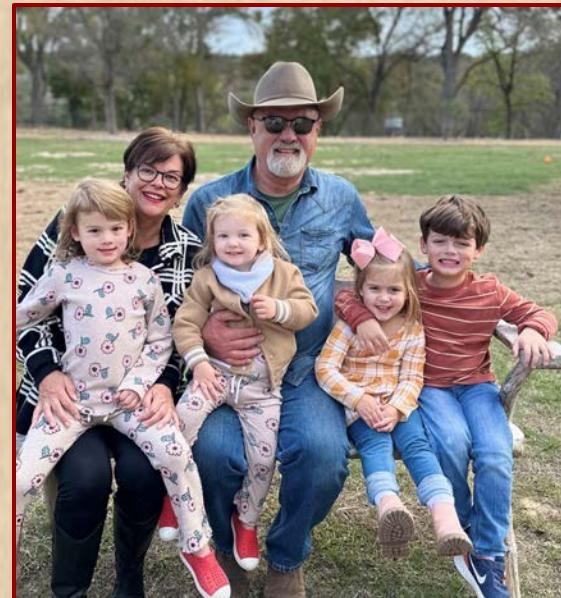
Joan Klein is responsible for Steve's addiction to vintage motorcycles. She is the antique enthusiast. Every time they would find a pre-teens/teens motorcycle she insisted they buy them. ***"You'll never find another like this"*** she would say. Today their collection is thinned way down and they focus primarily on 1900-1915 model years. ***"It just became too much to keep Over 50 motorcycles in good condition and when a hobby becomes that much work... it is no longer fun"***. Steve now enjoys riding his 1912 HD single, a 46 FL Knucklehead, 59 Duo Glide Panhead, their date bike, a 66 Shovelhead Electra Glide and a 2018 KTM Dual Sport. It's far easier to keep a handful ready to ride.

When not overseeing the operation of their companies, Steve and Joan really enjoy their 4 Grandchildren ages 3-6 whom all live 2 hours away in Dallas TX. Steve has served on the Cherokee Board for well over a decade. He was Secretary and became President for 4 years after John Nixon and prior to Greg McFarland. Today he still serves on the board as VP, and helps Victor Hugas with Fandango Marketing / Branding. He helps the Miller's with the Fandango Bike Show and is assisting Rodney and Rosie Sterling on the 70th Anniversary of AMCA, 40th Anniversary National Road Run.

The most rewarding thing for Steve is helping others become better people. He has met some of the best people ever in this Chapter and enjoyed working side by side with them, as that person planned and ran their part of our events. ***"This is what belonging to Cherokee is all about. Becoming your best while enjoying these old motorcycles."***

Joan is a worker also and you will find her in the Cherokee Merchandise Tent every year at Fandango.

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Father-Daughter Project , Vic & Madeline Hugas

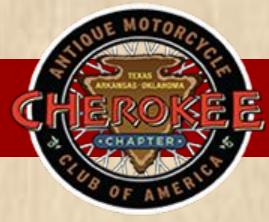
I have received a lot of compliments and comments on the Texas Fandango logo on the back of my 1966 Servi-car. The best part about it was getting to spend the time in the shop with my daughter Madeline who sketched the logo onto my Servi-car. We spent an entire Saturday drawing, listening to music and talking. She used an art marker to sketch it out and then we used a pinstriping brush and 1-Shot sign paint to paint it on.



Eight years ago, in 2016 she helped me paint my 1913 Harley Davidson and mixed paint colors to make the color blue we used. In both cases she was scared she was going to mess up the paint and just like any other proud father, I reassured her there was no way she could mess it up. Lucky for me she is a talented artist. No matter how it turned out, I would be proud to have her leave her mark on anything I own. Time sure does fly by!



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".



Cherokee Chapter 2024 Event Calendar

Hey kids!

We have the Fandango!, National Road Run, Southern Throwdown and a firm date for the Vintage/Collectable Bike Show (sort of) in Norman, OK coming right up! If you have any questions or need info on the bike show in Norman, OK, call Bob at (405)202-1284.

Cabin fever should be affecting all of us so there's no excuse for not hitting at least one or all of these fun events. Again, if you have an idea for a ride or get together that we could add to the newsletter, reach out to me Jason Smith, (254) 652-4014 or Graeme Ford at (281)734-6165 and let us know. Or come find one of us at Fandango! We would be glad to help you put it together. See y'all at Fandango!!

April	12-14	Fandango!	Fredericksburg, TX
May	21-23	AMCA/Cherokee National Road Run	Eureka Springs, AR
May	24-26	Southern Throwdown	Yellow Rose Canyon, Mt. Enterprise, TX
June	1	Vintage/Collectable Bike Show	Norman, OK
October	5	Land O' the Pines Rally (NTNOA)	Yellow Rose Canyon, Enterprise, TX
October	18-20	Born Free Texas	Yellow Rose Canyon, Mt. Enterprise, TX
November	1-3	Shiner Run	Shiner/Columbus, TX
November	9	Pistons & Paint Car & Bike Show	Denton, TX
December	TBA	Cherokee Christmas Party	TBA

AMCA 2024 National Events Schedule

April	26-27	Perkiomen Meet	Oley, PA
May	10-11	European Meet	Raalte, Netherlands
May	21-23	Cherokee/Diamond Road Run	Eureka Springs, AR
June	7-8	Viking Meet	St. Paul, MN
June	14-5	Fort Sutter Meet	Dixon, CA
June	21-23	Can-Am River Meet	Waddington, NY
July	19-20	Wauseon Meet	Wauseon, OH
July	26-28	Yankee Meet	Greenfield, MA
August	13-15	Badger Heritage Road Run	Eagle River, WI
August	24-25	Australia Meet	Bulli, Australia
September	6-8	Colonial Meet	Harmony, NJ
September	23-25	Yerba Buena Road Run	Napa Valley, CA
October	4-5	Chesapeake Meet	Upperco, MD
October	7-9	Seaboard Road Run	Hamilton, NJ
October	11-12	Southern National Meet	Denton, NC

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Membership Renewals

To renew your Cherokee membership online, visit Cherokeeamca.org

To renew **both** AMCA and Cherokee memberships online, please go to

[AMCA Renewal](#)

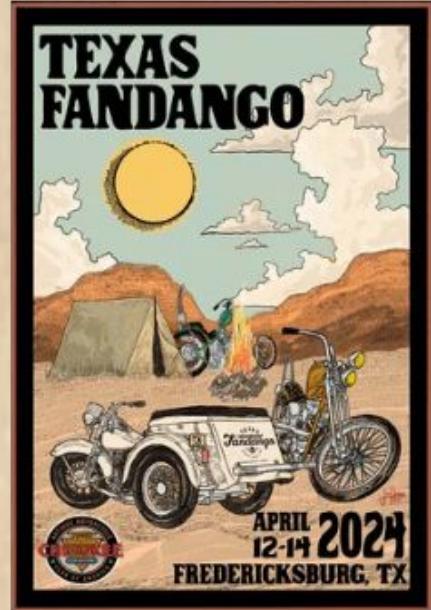
Contact Lecil Morgan for any membership questions:

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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, April 12-14, 2024. 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](#). Please follow us on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) for community photos and updates.



Thursday	April 11th	12:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Vendor Setup
Friday	April 12th	8:00 am 8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Gates Open to the Public Swap Meet & Vintage Bike Show
Saturday	April 13th	8:00 am - 5:00 pm 8:00 am - 3:30 pm 10:00 am - 8:00 pm 1:00 pm 3:00 pm 3:30 pm 4:00 pm	Swap Meet Vintage Bike Show & Pre-1988 Chopper Show Vintage Races (Flat Track, Dirt Drags, Mini Bikes) Chopper Drags Vintage Bike Show Awards Chopper Show Awards Opening Ceremony for Vintage Race Finals *Century Lap (100-year-old Bikes) *Cannonball/Cross Country Chase *Racers Bike Show Award Winners
Sunday	April 14th	10:00 am - 3:00 pm 10:00 am - 3:00 pm 10:00 am - 2:00 pm	Xtreem Flattrack Races Vendors Vintage Road Run



Join us for the free Vintage Road Run for pre-1986 motorcycles. Meet up at the fairgrounds parking lot to sign-up from 9:00 AM till departure. Kickstands up at 10:00 AM. We'll ride for approx. 2 hours with a stop in Luckenbach, TX, for lunch or whatever.

Will you be at Fandango? We need your help! PLEASE send your pictures (with captions) and coverage of the many events to cherokeeamcanews@gmail.com for our next newsletter!

Cherokee Chapter National Road Run

40th Anniversary AMCA Road Run

Eureka Springs, AR



EVENT SCHEDULE

Monday, May 20th - Registration 1 pm to 6 pm at the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center with a rider's meeting, cash bar and snacks to follow, 6 pm to 8 pm.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday - Maps and information at Rider's Meetings, 8:30 am daily.

This is an AMCA sanctioned event and all AMCA event rules apply. All participating motorcycles must be registered. Motorcycles and riders must meet minimum Arkansas liability insurance and safety requirements. Proof of insurance must be provided at check in.

Guests that will not be riding may meet riders at the lunch spots or stay in town. Eureka Springs has a trolley with 4 routes that'll take passengers around town from 10 am to 6 pm, Sunday through Friday. At a low rate of \$6 for a day or \$10 for two days, you'll be able to hop on and off at any and all of the 130 stops of the 4 routes combined. There are galleries and shopping, outdoor activities and nightlife, spas, caves and wildlife, and museums and castles to choose from. There are plenty of restaurants, bars and shopping spots along the routes.

Contact Rodney Sterling at (956) 330-7474 or rodneysterling@yahoo.com if you have questions or would like to volunteer at the event.

REMINDERS: No RV Parking or Camping on hotel premises.

Please follow parking directions upon arrival.

There will be designated parking areas for trailers and bikes ONLY.

Canopies for sitting and shade allowed in front of a trailer by hitch- not next to it.

RV & Camping available, including:

Wanderlust RV Park, 468 Passion Play Rd. (479) 253-7385

KOA, 15020 AR-187, (800) 562-0536

Visit <https://www.eurekasprings.com/> for more information about planning your trip to Eureka Springs, AR

Final Preparations for National Road Run

Preparations are in their final stages for the Cherokee Chapter's National Road Run to be held in beautiful Eureka Springs, Arkansas this coming May 21st to 23rd.

Chairman Rodney Sterling has been actively occupied with the opportunity to bring one of the best National Road Runs presented to AMCA members.

The spots available were filled in no time and all involved are excited to host this event. The run will take registered participants to a State Park, Historic locations and great roads, not to mention the best of it all, the opportunity to enjoy a great time with old friends and new friends, sharing in the great interest of old machines.

Looking forward to a great event. —Rodney & Rosie Sterling

**WELCOME TO
ARKANSAS**



Road Run Update

Steve Klein

Rodney & Rosie Sterling, Bill & Kathy Page, Paul "Buzz" Green, Joan Klein and I have completed all geographic on site specific planning for the 2024 AMCA National Road Run in Eureka Springs AR as of today!



The entire City of ES, and Best Western Staff, (I mean everyone) has simply been exemplary. Never dealt with a better City/Hotel Team on any event! This city understands Tourism & Hospitality!

Final On-Site Planning Trip Accomplishments including, but not limited to, as follows:

1. All Road Run Routes have been driven, modified, and will have gas stops, photo ops, points of interest, antiques, noon lunch stop, pie/ice cream stops, etc. all determined w/ mile marks etc...
2. All Hotel facility planning (with all staff) for rooms, parking, AMCA Info Property signage, Hospitality Room & all Convention Center signage, all Banquet event details, food, electronics, media & signage all are determined.
3. Meetings with Sheriff's Department, & Police Department for logistics at Hotel/Convention Center are all done! Will provide route maps to Sheriff Department/EMS so they have one Deputy in that part of county on each day for fast response if needed.
 - Night security for M/C parking scheduled & done.
 - EMS notified that we will be on specific routes/specific days so they are ready if needed.
4. Communication with two local newspapers established. Klein will write Press Releases for publication prior to event. Providing media photos of previous Road Runs for such articles!
5. Communication with food trucks/catering all done! And yes... we sampled and approved menu items.
6. Started talking to local restaurants / watering holes, so they are all properly staffed and ready for 300+ extra customers, as well as providing Ditty Bag and Discounts for our AMCA Event attendees.



The Texas wildflowers are ready to welcome the Fandango crowd. Thanks to Cherokee Members Stewart Stephenson for sharing the "Watch for Motorcycles" photo, and Randy Neal for sharing his photo of "Blue in the Bluebonnets".



Newsletter Deadlines

Winter Issue	January	December 20th
Spring Issue	April	March 20th
Summer Issue	June	May 20th
Fall Issue	September	August 20th

**Please send newsletter information to
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Cherokee Members - Do you have throwback pictures you'd like to share? A project bike that you're working on or have completed? Have you attended an AMCA event or gone on an adventure and are willing to share a recap and/or pictures with your fellow Cherokee members?

What would YOU like to see in the Newsletter next time?

Send your suggestions, newsletter information, and pictures to Kim Unruh at:

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Vintage/Collectable Bike Show (Sort of)

Norman, OK

Date: June 1, 2024

Time: 10 am - 3 pm

Location: 2501 9th Ave. NE, Norman, OK

(Lat. 35.250760 - Long. -97.429674)

We are hosting a gathering of vintage and collectable motorcycles. This will be a ride in event to simply show bikes. This is the third year for the event - last year about 100+ people participated.

Members of the Cherokee Chapter of the Antique Motorcycle Association and the OKC Classic Bike Club will be attending also.

No fees, no judging, no awards, just showing. This event will be held in North Norman at a five-acre residential property - in town and all roads paved. Will have hamburgers & hot dogs.

Any questions, contact Bob at 405-202-1284 or bfelder@cox.net

EDITOR'S NOTE

I think it's finally safe to say that Spring has officially arrived. George, Daisy May, and I are headed South to Fredericksburg for the one and only Fandango. As I'm sure many of you can relate - it's seems to always get a little hectic when you're trying to get away for a few days! The end of the year is always fast and furious at school - my Culinary classes have had several events over the past few weeks that seemed to eat up any spare moments to be found that I was hoping to use to finish this edition of the newsletter up - thank goodness for modern technology and mobile hotspots - I'm able to wrap up this issue as we travel.

I look forward to our Fandango experience each year - it's fun to catch up with everyone and explore the area a little more. Each year it seem to change with something new to see or do. We've been bringing Daisy along with us since she was just a pup - of course she thinks the crowds of people are all there just to see and pet her. During her first Fandango, she'd get tired of walking and just stop in her tracks and refuse to walk any further - I think she figured out that she'd really get a lot of attention as her adoring fans thought she was too hot and thirsty to continue. She was carried a lot that year and given many drinks of water by concerned fans. We ended up renting her a dog stroller, which was a whole new experience in itself!



(Left) 2023 Fredericksburg Wine Tour crew - myself, Shannon Unruh, and Deanna Doerfler.

(Middle) Daisy's first trip to Luckenbach. (Right) The dog stroller in action - how many guys does it take to babysit a puppy? More than you'd think according to George & Donald Ellis.

