



From the Chapter President

Stock, Restored or Modified

What is your preference? They all have their place in the AMCA and

probably in most of our garages. It depends on the purpose of the motorcycle and its intended use. For a collector, the more stock or original, the better. Who doesn't want to own an original paint-perfect example of motorcycle history? For those who have a very original bike, there is AMCA Judging available in two broad categories: restored and unrestored. Restored motorcycles are those machines that have been returned to their original appearance after many years, while original motorcycles are those rare machines that have survived the

decades with their factory paint and equipment intact. Unlike many motorcycle shows, the AMCA does not judge machines against each other to pick a winner. Instead, antique motorcycles (those 35 years old or older) are judged against the way they would have appeared when they were first delivered to the dealer decades ago. Each motorcycle starts with a perfect 100 points, and points are deducted for incorrect components ranging from parts to paint. AMCA Judging takes place at AMCA National Meets, which for most Cherokee members means you would have to travel approximately 1,000 miles to either Omaha, Nebraska, or Daytona, Florida, to have your motorcycle judged at the closest National Meet. Well, that's about to change! AMCA has joined forces with the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) and will now have AMCA Judging at the AACA's Gulf Coast Region's Central Fall Nationals in Galveston, TX, October 23-25, 2025. This is a great opportunity for Cherokee members to get their motorcycle AMCA Judged. The Judging fee is only \$20 and both the AMCA and AACA give out great awards to the participants. AMCA Executive Director Keith Kizer wrote an article in the March-April 2025 edition of the Antique Motorcycle magazine that has more details, and additional information can be found on the AMCA website under Judging. [Click HERE for More Information](#)

For the frequent rider of vintage motorcycles, especially those participating in events like National Road Runs, The Antique Motorcycle Cannonball, Chase, or the TransAmerican Motorcycle Endurance Run, vintage motorcycles need to be modified to be safe and perform. Early motorcycles can reach speeds up to 100 mph, especially when traveling downhill roads like Wolf Creek Pass in Colorado. A 7% downhill grade with two dangerous hairpin curves is not something you want to do with 100-year-old brakes! Trust me, the coaster brakes on my 1913 Harley Davidson 9B Single were worthless, and I wore out the soles of my shoes stopping

most of the time. So, adding better brakes, lighting, converting them to 12-volt and modern ignition are just a few of the common modifications people do to their vintage motorcycle to make them more reliable and rideable. Another popular modification is the addition of electric start systems to early kickstart only motorcycles. These have become smaller and more discreet, making your vintage

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From the President, continued...

bike easier to start and enabling those who have problems with kick-starters the ability to keep riding their favorite old bike.

Stock, restored, or modified, whatever your preference may be, that original paint AMCA Judged bike on display in your collection, or the vintage motorcycle modified to be a daily rider, they are all great bikes and making them uniquely yours is always the best part of owning them.

~ Vic



Cherokee Lunch Bunch - Join Us

The Cherokee Chapter has a lunch every month, we meet in Anna, Texas, at Crow's Country Cafe. There were eight of us at lunch this month, and the food and conversation were great! April is Fandango month!! So the next lunch will be on May 17th. It's a great time to visit about our projects, our trips or anything else!! We would love to see you there! Ride if you can, drive or Uber! We don't care how you get there, bring your spouse and a good story.

The Cherokee family has the nicest people!! Come get to know them better and enjoy the great food and service at Crow's!!

We will meet on Saturday May 17th at Crow's Country Cafe in Anna, Texas. We meet at 11:00 - I hope you can join us!

Text me if you want more information

Larry Martin

(903) 819-4682

Make plans to attend the next Cherokee Chapter lunch in Anna, Texas, on Saturday, May 17th at the Crow's Country Cafe!



Cherokee Member Memories, contributed by Steve Klein



Riding Through Sunshine and Speed: A Daytona Adventure with the Enks

As the icy winds of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, wrapped around the Mama Tried Show, a warm invitation awaited us in the sunny refuge of Daytona, Florida. Accompanied by my fellow travelers and enthusiastic motorcycle aficionados, Ron and JoAnn Enk, we set off on a journey that promised adventure and camaraderie, bridging the gap between frozen Midwest landscapes and the inviting warmth of Daytona's bike week festivities. In just two days, we went from enduring negative temperatures to basking in glorious 70-degree sunshine. The transformation was not only climatic but also invigorating for the soul.

Our adventure officially began at the heart of Daytona's biker culture – the swap meet. Known for its vibrant atmosphere and eclectic mix of motorcycle enthusiasts, it was here that we had our first serendipitous encounter. Navigating the bustling alleys of motorcycle memorabilia and spare parts, we ran into the legendary Luke Garrett. Renowned for his profound contributions to the motorcycle world, Luke's presence added a prestigious aura to the event. Conversations with such an illustrious figure made an already dynamic week even more memorable.

Amidst the sea of vendors, one particular stall marked a comforting connection to home. The Cherokee Chapter's booth stood proudly, representing our community with distinction in the sun-drenched expanse of Florida. Seeing our chapter's banner fluttering amid the palm trees served as a testament to the enduring spirit and camaraderie that defines the AMCA. The presence of the Cherokee Chapter in Daytona was not only a nod to our involvement but also an affirmation of the role we play in enriching motorcycle culture across regions.

As the sun dipped below the horizon, our excitement shifted gears towards the roaring thrill of the New Smyrna Speedway, where the Sons of Speed vintage races awaited. The brainchild of the innovative Billy Lane, these races encapsulated the essence of motorcycle history and adrenaline-fueled excitement. Watching those vintage bikes race around the track was like witnessing history come alive, a living museum of speed and engineering prowess. The Sons of Speed races pay homage to early 20th-century board track racing, with custom bikes reminiscent of another era, yet fiercely roaring with the same vitality as they did decades ago.

For the uninitiated, the Sons of Speed races are an unmissable spectacle during Daytona Bike Week, inviting vintage motorcycle enthusiasts to relive the glorious past. Founded by Billy Lane, a craftsman and visionary in the world of custom motorcycles, this event showcases meticulously restored bikes racing without brakes on a half-mile paved track. It's an awe-inspiring experience that brings to life the raw, unfiltered excitement that these machines were originally built to deliver.



Daytona Adventure, contd...

Our final days were spent immersed in the broader tapestry of Daytona Bike Week, meeting with AMCA members from various chapters. From sunrise to sunset, Daytona's streets thrummed with the sounds of countless engines and the warmth of biker fellowship. This convergence of cultures and passions was a celebration of not only the motorcycles themselves but the stories, friendships, and shared histories they carry.

Reflecting on our journey, it becomes clear that Daytona Bike Week is much more than an annual event; it is a gathering of kindred spirits united by a shared love for these magnificent machines. There's a unique satisfaction in sharing road stories and experiences with fellow AMCA members, finding common ground in our diverse journeys yet interconnected through our passion for motorcycles.

In closing, I extend my heartfelt thanks to the Cherokee Chapter for granting me the opportunity to serve as an ambassador during such an illustrious event. Representing our chapter at Daytona was both an honor and a privilege. Through our presence, we proudly promoted the upcoming Texas Fandango, spreading the spirit of our vibrant chapter to new friends and old acquaintances alike. Ron, JoAnn, and I left Daytona with a renewed appreciation for our community, inspired by the endless roads of possibilities awaiting us in the world of vintage motorcycling.

Here's to the many roads ahead and the journeys yet untold. May our paths cross again as we continue to ride and thrive under the banner of the Cherokee Chapter. Until the next adventure, keep the rubber side down and the spirit of the open road alive.



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".





TEXAS VINTAGE MOTORCYCLE Fandango®

APRIL 4 - 6, 2025

CHEROKEE CHAPTER OF THE A.M.C.A.

I want to say thank you to everyone who attended Fandango this year! From the volunteers, vendors, fairgrounds staff, racers, old dudes, young kids, vintage motorcycle people, chopper crowd, van guys, mini bike hooligans, kickstart contest competitors, bands, to the people who came to see it all unfold. Despite the bad weather, you showed up with smiles, made the best of things and had fun. THANK YOU! You are what makes Texas Fandango a one-of-a-kind event and always a great time. Thank you for being a part of Texas Fandango and we will see you on March 27-29, 2026. -[@vic hugas](#)



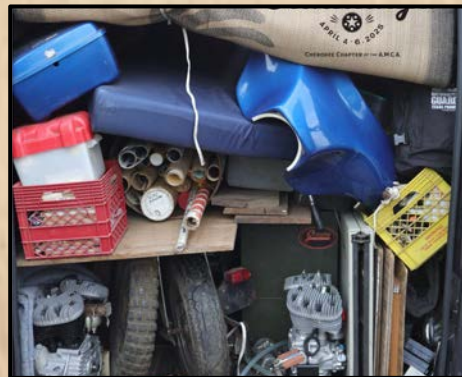
If you haven't been to Fandango yet, what are you waiting for? Talk about an event that has a little bit of something for everyone! Whether you're looking for parts for a 100+ year-old bike or newer models of every make, Fandango's got 'ya covered. Want to see outstanding collectible motorcycles - check out the Bike Show. This event doesn't just happen - it takes hours of work from tireless volunteers. Special recognition was given this year to Tawny, Veronica, Victor, and Lecil for their contributions to the continuing success of Fandango. There are so many behind-the-scenes Cherokee members working to sign up vendors, mark vendor spots, coordinate with the Gillespie County Fair folks, advertise, promote, recruit, sell tickets, check in vendors, welcome attendees, take pictures, troubleshoot any issues that may arise, and so much more! Thanks to all of you for everything you do to provide an experience that brings people back year after year, draws in new crowds each year, and continues to spark interest in the world of antique motorcycles. ~ Kim Unruh



Vic and Tawny were featured on a local radio station, promoting Fandango, 2025.

(Left) Making sure everything runs smoothly!





Overheard at Fandango:

Are you the queen of Fandango? I'm the Princess!
 What is Randy doing now?
 What kind of price do you have on this carburetor?
 I bought a frame and had it sold before I made it back to my van!
 Are you going to get a tattoo this year?
 I'm going to take another lap around to see if I missed anything.
 I'll make you a deal - I don't want to drag this stuff home.
 It's always the carburetor...
 How are you going to get all that stuff home?

Fandango Winners

Texas Fandango Vendor of the year awarded
to Greg Hale MC Creations, Inc.



Vintage and Classic Bike Show Winners

Thru '39 H-D Connor & Tim Levenson '21 Model F

40's - 50's H-D Mike Zachgo '50 Panhead

60's - up H-D Randy Neal '67 FLH Shovelhead

Pre-war Indian Scott Brower '39 Chief w/ sidecar

Post-war Indian Stewart Stephenson '48 Chief

Racer Darryl and Susan Norman '79 Yamaha RD400

Mini/Most Unique Comer Gaut '81 Honda Moto Compo

Scooter/Commuter John Dvorchek '61 Cushman Super Eagle

British Don Danmeier '63 BSA Rocket Gold Star

German Kevin Graulty '71 BMW R75/5

Euro (non British or German) Ron Anderson '73 Bultaco Tiron

Asian up to 500cc Dalton Froman '70 Honda CL175 Scrambler

Asian 500cc and up Johnny Daucet '78 Honda CB750

Cycle Source Magazine Pick Wood Delmore Custom '67 Triumph T120R

John Markley's Best of Show Pick Robert Laguerta '26 Triumph Model P



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Bike Show Winners - thanks to the 2025 Bike Show host, Jason Smith, and to Veronica Kilpatrick for presenting the Texas Fandango saddle trophies.



Fandango Winners



Cherokee Chapter President's Bike Show Pick

Greg Porter

1932 Harley Davidson VL - Unrestored Barn Find



John Markley, AMCA President

Texas Fandango Saddle presented to AMCA President John Markley in appreciation for judging at the Bike Show and attending Texas Fandango.



Scott Brower

(Left) Scott Brower is recognized for his contributions to the bike show over the past six years (also, Happy Birthday Scott).

Chad Ellebracht

(Right) Gillespie County Fair and Festival Association Employee of the Year.



Audra Cabral & Oliver Peck

(Left) Audra Cabral and Oliver Peck were awarded for Outstanding Contributions to Texas Fandango, for the Chopper Corral Bike Show and Chopper Drag Races.

David and Mary Miller

(Right) The Cherokee Chapter Board Member/Member Award was presented to David and Mary Miller for their contributions to the Bike Show.



Chopper Show Winners

People's Choice

#29 Eric Vaughn 78 shovelhead

Best of Show

#28 Justin Toole 46 knucklehead

AMCA

#43 Jimmy Galvan 42 UL

Cheap Thrills

#24 "Sketch" 52 Shovelhead

Simpson

#52 Rodney Sterling 50 Panhead

Dream Machine

#53 John Osterman 87 custom



The Texas Fandango Vintage Chopper Show, hosted by Oliver Peck, showcases some of the best custom choppers around. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all who entered!



Kickstart Competition & Dirty Boot Chug



**2025 Kickstart
Competition
Winner**

Brian Vogel



@dangeranimal







One of our best Fandangos yet!!
Great time at our Vendor Appreciation dinner!
Thanks to Snuffy and Rodney for cooking!!
Thanks to the Tullys for the delicious pies!!
Thanks to Gillespie County Fairgrounds for all their attention!!
And thanks AJ for all the photos!

~ Rosie



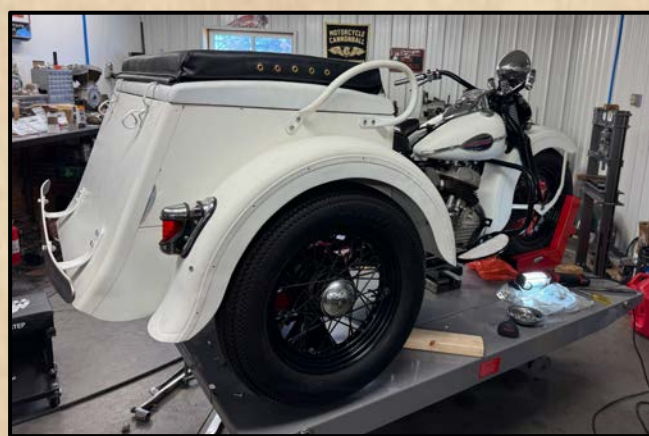




Cherokee Member Project Bikes



Peter Allen has been working on this 1934 HRD Python Sports. When he got it, it was in boxes with a lot of parts missing. He's 8 months in and still looking for parts.



You know what they say...the plumber's house, it's the last to get fixed. The same just might be true for the motorcycle mechanic and "some" of their projects. It's been a few years since George and I purchased the 1946 Servi-Car from Sioux City, Iowa - time flies when you're having fun, so it seems like only yesterday (16 years, but who's counting). After a little bit of persuasion, George got to work with a lofty goal of getting it reassembled and running by the 2025 Fandango. Many hours were spent in "The Shed" working his magic, and the Servi-Car rides again.

The Servi-Car had been taken apart by its previous owner, with the intention of putting it back together. The seller said it was mechanically sound, but it needed a lot of work to get it back on the road. It has a Harley '45 flathead engine, Linkert Carb, 3-speed transmission with reverse, mechanical brakes, the frame and components had been powder coated, the box, fender, and tanks were all in primer, and it sported new Firestone tires.

George not only reassembled but also got busy fabricating a few pieces and parts, including a new bumper. He researched the shape, made a template from an old file folder, and went to work. The apron came from Lloyd Benson and was sourced on the 2018 Cannonball. The new pad for the box came from Vic Hugas and adds to the classic look. It's geared pretty high right now - great for blacktop riding, but not so much for putting around town. The original plan was to paint, but for now, I think we'll just enjoy it like it is! ~ Kim Unruh

"UNITED" is an all-cotton 86" x 103" quilt, soft and machine washable, ready for the couch or bed. All cotton makes it light in the summer and warm in the winter.

We have tickets available for anyone interested throughout the rest of the year at a few events and through the AMCA website as well.

Thank you for all your support!
Rosie

The quilt drawing will be held at the Cherokee Chapter Christmas party December 20, 2025. 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.

[Buy Tickets Online HERE](#)



2025 Pie Run

Texas wind and "fun with electronics" was the theme for Pie Run '25. Stanley Miller, Stewart Stephenson, Clay Watkins and myself dug up all of our electrical knowledge when my '56 Pan decided to stop on the side of the road just outside of Walnut Springs, USA. We eventually made it to the Koffee Kup Restaurant for a "late" lunch and a full pie selection. Stanley ordered every flavor they offered in sugar free while the rest of us maxed out our sugar count for at least until Fandango!!

Jason Smith



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



On March 8th, the Welcome store had a bike show! There is only this store and a church in Welcome. We had quite a few members show up for the show. Randy Neal won best of show on his '67 Harley. Kendal Moreland won runner-up on his 48 Indian, and Barbara Moreland won fan favorite on her trike.



SAVE THE DATE

Fandango 2026

March 27 - 29th

Gillespie County Fairgrounds, Fredericksburg, TX

THANK YOU

A big THANK You to all those who helped with
2025 Merchandise Sales!

Seth Cunningham
Veronica & Craig Kilpatrick
Trish Ballard
Robin Hampton
Lecil Morgan
Nancy Pastor
Fabi Fuentes
CJ Smitley

Fredericksburg Optimist Club Volunteers
Fredericksburg Morning Rotary Volunteers

A special Thank You to Merle Tully, my hard-working
husband who puts up with all my crazy!

And yes, Joan Klein, you were soooooo missed!

So sorry if I missed anyone. Each of you are MUCH
appreciated and so needed!

Thank You - Tawny

Thank You

A BIG Thank You to **Lisa Ballard** for the
work you do promoting Texas
Fandango on Social Media! ~ Vic

Welcome

New Cherokee Members

- ★ Cathy Cook
- ★ Terry J Dugas
- ★ John Hansen
- ★ James Harper
- ★ Josh McCulloch
- ★ Harry Micahalewicz
- ★ Brendan Mitchell
- ★ Angelo Piazza
- ★ Ken Scheepers

SOUTHERN THROWDOWN

CUSTOM BIKES SHOW, RUN, DRAGS,
BBQ, LIVE MUSIC, CAMP & MORE

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MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND
MAY 23 & 24TH 2025



YELLOW ROSE CANYON
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MOUNT ENTERPRISE, TX, 75681

THANK YOU!



Thanks to A J Bengoa and Bryan
Helm for the excellent selection of
Fandango Photographs for this
issue of the Cherokee Newsletter!

~ Kim Unruh



41st Annual [Land O' the Pines Rallye](#) at
[Yellow Rose Canyon](#)

Thursday, October 9th
to Sunday, October
12th - 2025.



2025 Vincent North America Rally Hosted by Lone Star Section

Over 100 Vincent Owners Club members came in from far and wide to attend the North American Rally in Kerrville Texas, April 1st-5th. Participants came in from most US states, while club Information Technology Officer Phil Mahood made the trip all the way from Canada with his freshly restored Rapide, 'Phoenix'. Additional participants from Mexico and Ireland meant that the event took on an almost international flair!

Beautiful skies and warm weather were on tap for the ride days on April 2nd and 3rd, with a large contingent of Vincents roaming the beautiful Texas Hill Country Roads. Wednesday's 160+ mile ride included a stop at Stonehenge (of course, the Texas version is BIGGER than the original - not really; we like to call it "Stuccohenge") and the Lone Star Museum, owned by Debbie Johncock, the widow of the founder of the Lone Star Section, Allan Johncock.

Friday's bike show attracted 70 Vincents, including the Land Speed Record holder '666' owned by Alp Sungurtekin and 2 Grey Flash racers. Alp's amazing bike won Best of Show, while 90-year-old Bill Easter won Best Series C with his well-worn bike that he has owned since 1959. Bill has put a total of over 450,000 miles on that Shadow and rode every mile of our Hill Country jaunts. This is the same bike that Bill rode to Shadow Lake for the inaugural North American Rally in 1975! Phil Mahood's meticulously restored Rapide 'Phoenix' was a fitting winner of the Series B class, and he included an emotional display of photographs showing the restoration from the sad state after his home fire several years ago. (See the full list of show winners attached).

The final banquet on Friday April 4th was a resounding success, with great food among friends old and new. Class awards were presented, with The Longest Distance Travelled going to Martin Conachey who came all the way from Ireland! Somer Hooker presented a special 'Concours de Repugnance' award to Brian Rankin's flashy twin with its yellow headlight bucket. The rally was honored by the presence of special guests Debbie Johncock, Gail Bowen, and Marilyn Dishman. During the final banquet on Friday, April 4, the trio presented special awards in honor of their husbands, Allan Johncock, Bevo Bowen and Steve Dishman, who were instrumental in the founding and growth of the Lone Star Section.

Saturday's bonus day ride took us north to the town of Fredericksburg, where the Antique Motorcycle Club of America was hosting their annual Texas Fandango Vintage Bike event. The good folks at the Fandango made us a special display area to line up our Vincents in their bike show. Vincents certainly are making a splash with vintage bike enthusiasts!

Great weather, great rides, great bikes and great friends. This is what makes the Vincent Owners Club so special. Thanks to our visitors who travelled long distances to make it to Texas, and thanks to my fellow Lone Star Section members who showed true Texas hospitality to our friends from across North America (and Ireland).

Check out Corey Levenson's photo album for photos of the bike show, riding the Hill Country and the banquet here:

<https://coreylevenson.smugmug.com/Things-with-Wheels/2025-North-American-Vincent-Owners-Club-Rally>

Video of the bike show on Friday April 4th:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=syeOeHYUZEU>

Mark Scott

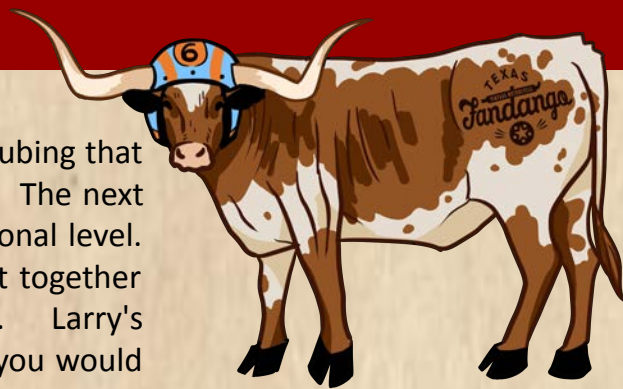
Lone Star Section

Vincent Owners Club

<https://lsvoc.vincent-hrd.co.uk/>



Cherokee Chapter 2025-26 Event Calendar



CHEROKEE CHAPTER OF THE A.M.C.A.

Hey Kids!

Now that Spring is in full swing there's no excuse for you to not be lubing that rear chain and holding that mirror still while riding down the road! The next few months are full of activities both at the Cherokee and the National level. In addition to the events listed below, Larry Martin has a lunch get together one Saturday a month in Anna, TX at Crow's Country Cafe. Larry's #(903)819-4682. If you have any ideas for a ride or an event that you would like to put together, give me or Graeme Ford a call. My phone number is (254)652-4014, and Graeme's number is (281)734-6165. We would be glad to help you with any promotional or logistics details. We will see you at Fandango! If not sooner! Jason Smith

May 23 - 25	Southern Throwdown	Yellow Rose Canyon, Mt. Enterprise, TX
May 31	Vintage/Collectible Bike Show (Sort of)	2501 9th Ave. NE, Norman, OK
Sept. 4-20	Trans-American Motorcycle Race	North Carolina to Oregon
Oct. 9-12	NTNOA Land O' the Pines Rally	Yellow Rose Canyon, Mt. Enterprise, TX
Oct. 16-19	Born Free Texas	Yellow Rose Canyon, Mt. Enterprise, TX
Dec. 20	Cherokee Christmas Party	Waxahachie, TX
March 27-29	2026 Fandango	Fredericksburg, TX



Gulf Coast Region - Antique Automobile Club of America

2025 Central Division Fall National

Date: Thursday, October 23 - Saturday, October 25, 2025

AMCA Judging Saturday Morning at 9:30 am

AACA has invited AMCA members to expand their judging experience at selected Nationals. The long range plan is to offer AMCA judging in areas of the country where AMCA Nationals do not exist. [Click HERE for More Information](#)

Antique Motorcycle Club of America



2025 AMCA National Meets

May 30-31	Raalte, Netherlands
June 6-7	St. Paul, MN
June 13-14	Dixon, CA
July 17-19	Wauseon, OH
July 25-27	Greenfield, MA
August 22-23	Bulli, AUSTRALIA
October 3-4	Upperco, MD
October 10-11	Denton, NC

European Chapter
Viking Chapter
Fort Sutter Chapter
Wauseon National Meet
Yankee Chapter
Australia Chapter
Chesapeake Chapter
Southern National Meet

2025 AMCA National Road Runs

May 20-22	Berea, KY
June 18-20	Cottage Grove, OR
September 2-4	Detroit Lakes, MN
September 16-18	Maggie Valley, NC

Riveter Chapter
Oregon Trail Chapter
Roosevelt Chapter
Blue Ridge Chapter

Cherokee Chapter AMCA Honorary Members

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



2022

Jon Neuman



2023

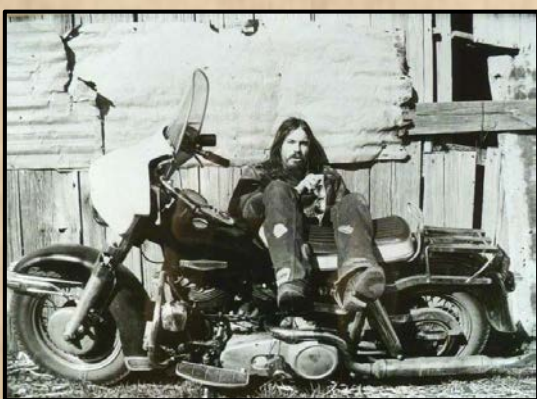
John Nixon



2023

Shelby Withrow

Cherokee Member Memories, contributed by Stanley Miller



Stanley Miller on his 1968 FLH at a party in college.



Stanley, Elton, Blue Jay and Joy at the Lone Star Museum in Vanderpool, TX.



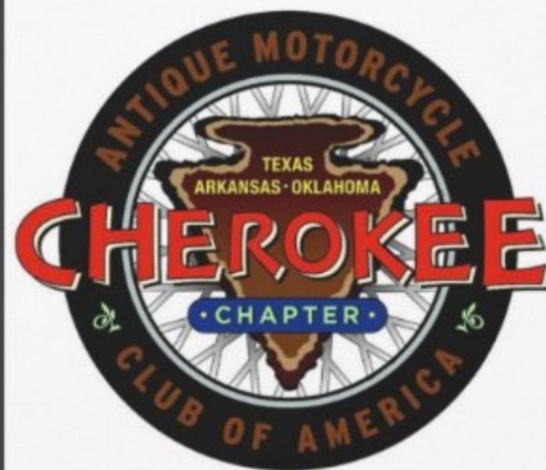
Stanley taking a picture of his reflection in the tank of a milk truck as he approaches Davenport..



(Left) Stanley's Darmah that sold at auction in '91 and ended up at the Barber Museum. It is located on the 3rd floor overlooking the track.



Deadline for the Summer 2025 Issue is June 15th - please send all articles, pictures, and information on or before that date!



Save the Date for Fandango - March 27 - 29, 2026 - Fredericksburg, TX



Please send
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EDITOR'S NOTE

Kim Unruh

The first signs of spring for many may be warmer temperatures and blooming flowers, but for me, it's Fandango. The annual trek South to Fredericksburg for Fandango is my official start of the Spring Season. After a ten-hour drive (more or less, depending on who is driving), nothing beats the sight of wildflowers blooming on the roadside and warmer temperatures (normally). As we pull into the Fairgrounds, we're greeted by the smiling faces of the welcoming committee at the vendor gate - it's always great to see everyone again! We roll into the vendor spots, and the real fun begins. It's time to catch up with old friends and meet new ones!

Our pup, Daisy, loves to walk around and check out the goods - she thinks that Fandango is all about her - an opportunity for her admiring fans to give her some pets and scratches and all of the attention she could ask for! I love seeing people from all walks of life coming together to celebrate all facets of motorcycle culture - from the old bikes to the new, and everything in between.

This spring I'm also looking forward to a new adventure - learning to ride the '46 Servi-Car...I'm used to electric start, hand clutch, and foot shift. I'll have to rewire my muscle memory and figure out the starting "ritual." It's a good thing I have a great teacher! We are lucky to have a lack of traffic in St John - I learn best without an audience,

especially when I know I will have a steep learning curve. I would love to convert the box into a seat for Daisy May - I think she'd have fun on some Kansas back-road cruises. She has goggles and loves to "Go" (a word we have to spell around here, or she gets a bit over-excited).

The weekend after Fandango, we headed to Augusta, KS, home of Kelly Modlin's Twisted Oz Motorcycle Museum, for the annual Twisted Oz and Sunflower AMCA Chapter's Swap Meet and Bike Show. At the last minute, George decided to enter the Servi-Car in the show, where it won its first trophy!

Here's wishing you all a Spring full of fresh air, sunshine, and peaceful rides through the countryside. If you happen to be riding (or driving) North to or through Kansas, let the Unruhly Crew know - we'd love to see you!

~ Kim Unruh

