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Next Meeting

January Meeting will be at Perkins on Central on January 29th at 2:00 p.m.

January



14th Nelson Emery
22nd Mike Dewitt
26th James Sandage

February

1st Katherine McMahon
Ben Sandmon
4th Jack Johnson
11th Steve Hitt
22nd Dallas Provin
24th Max Marker
27th Pat Jones

Well, here it is almost February, and I still have not finished the blue Simplex that I told Suzie I would have ready for the



Arlington lawn show in September, but as the saying goes, I got sidetracked by some other projects. My problem is, when I see something on Craig's list, eBay, or in the paper, I either have to bid on it or call the person up and go look at it. This is what happened, I saw 2 simplex on crags list in Boone Iowa, so I called, and sure enough, within a day or two I was in Boone Iowa waiting for the man to get home from work. Well, when he got home and showed me the motorcycles, I was disappointed, but after driving that far, I told myself I should make him a counter offer. I was acting like I was more disappointed than I really was, so I said, you know, this trip cost me about 400 dollars, which was not true. It really cost more like 500, but anyway, I was making him feel sorry for an old man that had come that far, and was going home empty handed. When I said, well I had better get started home, he said wait a minute. Since you have come this far, if you want these

motorcycles, I will knock 400 dollars off the price. Loaded and gone in 10 minutes, one happy old man headed home. But that not the end of my story. A while later, I saw another Simplex in Houston Texas. Guess what, the next day I was on my way, but this time, I was going to pick up a part for one of my pieces of equipment in Magnolia Texas, which is only 30 miles from Houston, so, if I did not see what I wanted, no problem, but the guy with the simplex did not know that, so I used the same tactic, and guess what. It worked again.



The blue one is the one I told Suzie I would have ready. Still like the gas tank and wiring. The other one is one I found in Boston Mass. No, I did not go get it. I had it shipped. I cant decide if I

want to restore it, or just put some decals on the tank and leave it as is. Its going to be a tough decision, since I've already started on another one, and, oh yes, a Cushman eagle and a Cushman 780 Truckster. And, oh yes, a 1947 MGTC, that is undergoing some upgrades.

In my spare time, I like to fish and hunt and go to swap meets and ride my Harley. Who knows, I may meet some of you on the road somewhere. I will be looking for you.

See ya,
James Sandage

To catch a thief

Way back in 1970, I was working at a plastic parts factory in Conway, Arkansas and playing with a band each weekend.

I often rode my old 1966 Harley XLCH Sportster to work. On this particular day, I rode the bike and had it parked just inside the gate near the sidewalk on Front Street. Around 11:45 A.M., my boss came up to

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February 11th—2012
Statewide Annual Auto-
motive Planning Meeting

February 18 - 19
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May 27 - June 3, 2012 Mid-America Bike Week - Hot
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May 30 - June 3, 2012 British Car Week National Event
- www.britishcarweeknationalmeet.org - Contact Katherine
McMahon 501-837-1108

Notes from Greg

Greetings fellow club members, We have a lot to be thankful for this past year. As a club we had several events to be a part of. Starting with The Abate swap meet in Little Rock last February. We had our first election in 3 years. The Spring rally at Landers HD. Our first road ride around Lake Ouachita. The annual Good Ole Days event in Mt. Ida. We then went on a ride to Glenwood. And thanks to Linda Bright's great idea we had our first ever Mini Road Ride around Hot Springs. Then in September, our big show, Antique Motorcycles in the Park. With exactly 100 motorcycles and 1 snow rabbit it was our best ever. There was the Boo Benefit held in Jefferson Texas. The annual toy run at Landers Harley Davidson. We ended the year with the Christmas party at Mike and Susie's house. While on a trip to California for the holidays, Marcy and I stopped at the Commemorative Air Force Airpower Museum in Midland, Texas. Along with all the WWII memorabilia, they have a 1942 Cushman scooter just inside the anger. I thought it was so neat I just had to take a picture of it. Darrell Sanders, the partol service specialist, who works at the museum, said it was property of the Navy and was used for running around the bases, or for chasing parts or whatever. Finally, I want to thank everyone in the club for making 2011 a great success and am looking forward to 2012. Hope to see you there!



Minutes of the 12/11 Diamond Chapter

Well, there really aren't any minutes to speak of for anything in December. However we can tell you that the Toy Run had a great turnout and lots of toys were collected for the kids.

The Christmas party at Mike & Susie's was great. There were 19 members present. The food was wonderful!!! Thanks Susie!!!!

The competition in Dirty Santa took a little while to get going but ended up really fun. The 50/50 which was really a 100/0 was won by Mike (again) and (again) he donated it back to the club. Thanks Mike.

The Trivia Quiz was fun, Mike Parker always comes up with some really cool questions. The really neat part about it this time was that for the first time in our club's history it was won by a WOMAN!!!!!! Go Katherine. (Do any of you guys feel a little foolish letting a woman beat you on motorcycle trivia)

Words of Wisdom from Mike

It I better to have it and not need it than to need it and not have it.
Be Prepared (Boy Scouts of America)

More Man Cave Apparatus Explained

Table Saw: A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity.

Hydraulic Floor Jack: Used for lowering an automobile to the ground after you have installed your new brake shoes, trapping the jack handle firmly under the bumper.

Two-Ton Engine Hoist: A tool for testing the maximum tensile strength of everything you forgot to disconnect.

Phillips Screwdriver: Normally used to stab the vacuum seals under lids or for opening old-style paper-and-tin cans and slashing oil on your shirt; but can also be used, as the name implies, to strip out Phillip screw heads.

Straight Screwdriver: A tool for opening pain cans. Sometimes used to convert common slotted screws into non-removable screws and butchering your palms.

Pry Bar: A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding the clip or bracket you need to remove in order to replace a 50 cent part.

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my workstation with a scraggly-looking guy and asked me if I would mind talking to him about my motorcycle. Thinking that this guy must be a friend of my boss, I said "sure". The boss said, "Go ahead and take lunch early and let him have a look".

We walked out to the bike and the guy asked me if it was hard to start. (The old XLCH ran on a magneto that had to have the timing retarded for starting). I said, "No, not if you know the trick". I proceeded to show him how I manually moved the mag around to the fully-retarded position, closed the choke on the carb and then gave it a hearty kick, laying all of my 150 skinny pounds into it. It fired right off. Once it warmed a little, I lifted the choke and advanced the mag. I revved it up a few times and let the straight pipes blast.

I then noticed that it was a little after 12:00 noon and we only had a half-hour for lunch. So, I told the guy that I needed to run across the street to the Kroger store to buy my lunch. He said, "No problem"....and that he needed to get going anyway. He thanked me for showing him the bike and started walking down the sidewalk. I ran across the street to Kroger and rushed in to buy something to eat, only to realize that I had left my wallet in my coat pocket across the street.

I turned and ran out of the store just in time to see my bike barreling out of the parking lot with the scraggly dude on it! Tricked! I felt totally helpless.

Just as I made it to the street, I looked up and saw a couple of guys I had gone to High School with driving down the street toward me. I literally jumped in front of their car and they screeched to a stop. I jumped into the car and screamed "Follow that motorcycle!"

The car was a Plymouth Duster and the driver complied with my request. The race was on.

The Sporty had a good head-start and was weaving in and out of traffic and ended up heading North on Highway 64. (This was before the Interstate was built so the old two-lane was super-busy with traffic including lots of tractor-trailer rigs.). We passed whenever we could but the thief was at least a quarter-mile ahead of us so we had a long way to go to catch him. By the time we were nearing Morrilton (20 miles) we had worked our way to about 4 spaces behind him. *Only now* did the thief realize that he was being pursued. He laid into the old Harley and started passing cars down the center of the highway, even though traffic was coming toward him!

Now, the sorry scoundrel didn't know that the Sporty had a nasty habit of running rich due to the heavy choke lever vibrating down (choke on) after several miles of riding. I had established an automatic ritual of reaching down and lifting it periodically to prevent fouling the plugs. So, when I saw black smoke start boiling out of the pipes, I regained a little hope. *If* he didn't figure out the problem

pretty soon, we would eventually catch him.

As he screamed into Morrilton, we were on his tail. There was a police car parked at the city limits but the cop was reading the newspaper and *didn't even notice* the "Dukes of Hazard" as we raced by!

Suddenly, the dude banked to the right and crossed the sidewalk onto the Morrilton School grounds. It was obviously recess because there were kids everywhere! We bounced across the sidewalk too and went zooming across the playground. The motorcycle was barely running at this point and the thief headed behind the main school building and onto the baseball field. I noticed that the field was fenced but had a narrow walk-through gate at the very back of the outfield. If he made it there, the game was over... (the car wouldn't go through the gate but the motorcycle would!)

I yelled to the driver of the Duster, "Ram him!" He juiced it and right around center-field we pulled beside him and rammed him from the left. He stuck his leg out as if to resist but the contact caused him to lose control and down he went in a cloud of dust! He hit the ground running. I bailed out of the car and started chasing him on foot. He ran through the gate at the back of the field and into a wooded thicket. Just about the time I was running out of breath, he tripped in the saw-briers and fell face-first to the ground. I jumped on his back and began to beat him on the back of his head.

He was bigger than I was so it didn't take long for him to throw me off and begin to fight back. But, before he got the upper hand, my two buddies showed up and took turns beating the stuffing out of him. I was afraid they were going to kill him if I didn't stop them so I called a halt to the beating.

We held him down and pulled his wallet out of his pocket. He had no money but he did have a bank receipt from the local Morrilton Bank. We asked him how much money he had in his account. He said he didn't know. (Whenever he displayed any reluctance to respond to our questions, he got another lick to the side of his head.) He suddenly remembered that he had around \$160 in the bank!

We dragged him out of the woods and threw him into the car. (Now, I know what you must be thinking....Surely the police would be here by now) Nope, just a bunch of confused onlookers.

I lifted the motorcycle up from the dirt and realized that the "Z-bars" were bent and the voltage regulator was crushed. Other than that, it looked rideable.

I told a man in the crowd (who looked like a teacher or someone affiliated with the school) that this guy had stolen my bike and I apologized for terrorizing the school grounds in our pursuit. He seemed okay with that and even allowed me to prop the bike up against the building while

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we "turned the guy over to the police".

We jumped into the car and went **straight to the Bank.** (I knew that the police would probably throw all of us in jail and I would never be able to recoup anything for the damages to the bike.)

With this guy bleeding out of every orifice, we held him by the arms and walked him into the bank. He told the clerk that he wanted to withdraw all of his money. The clerk looked very suspiciously at us but complied with his request. He wrote and signed a check and the money was counted out.

We put him back into the car and took his money from him. We drove a good distance out of town, then down a dirt road for several miles and dumped him out. I told him that if we ever saw him again that he was as good as dead. He sobbed, "I have stolen motorcycles for years and this is the first time I ever got caught."

We drove back to the main road, stopped, split the money, then drove back to the school. When we arrived there, nobody was around! Marvelous! I kicked the old Harley to life and rode it back to Conway... with the handlebars bent at about a 20 degree angle to the front wheel!

The smashed voltage regulator caused the huge capacitor (used instead of a battery) under the seat to overheat and blow. It sounded like a shotgun going off and sent a cloud of confetti into the air.

Other than that, the return trip was uneventful. I went back to work and had a talk with my boss. It turns out that this guy was NOT a friend or acquaintance of my boss. He simply walked in off the sidewalk into the front office and 'charmed' his way into getting his hands on the bike. The boss was snookered by this guy just as I was.

I got to go home a little early that day. I promptly ordered new parts to fix the bike and used my part of the money we "stole" from the thief to pay for them!

That's my story and I'm stickin' to it!

Ron Herron



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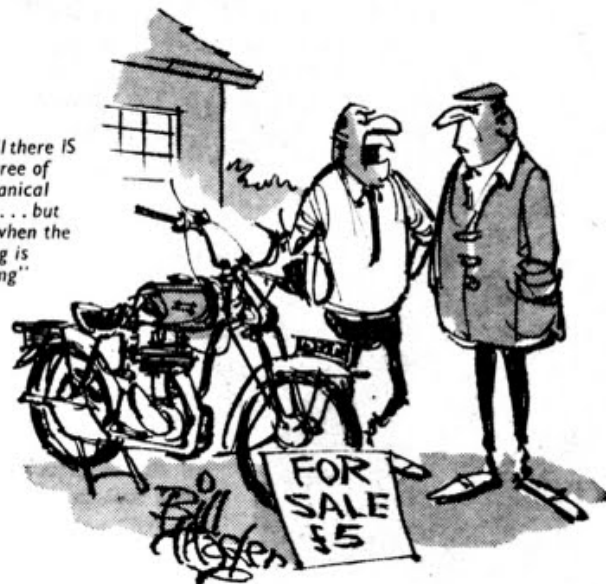
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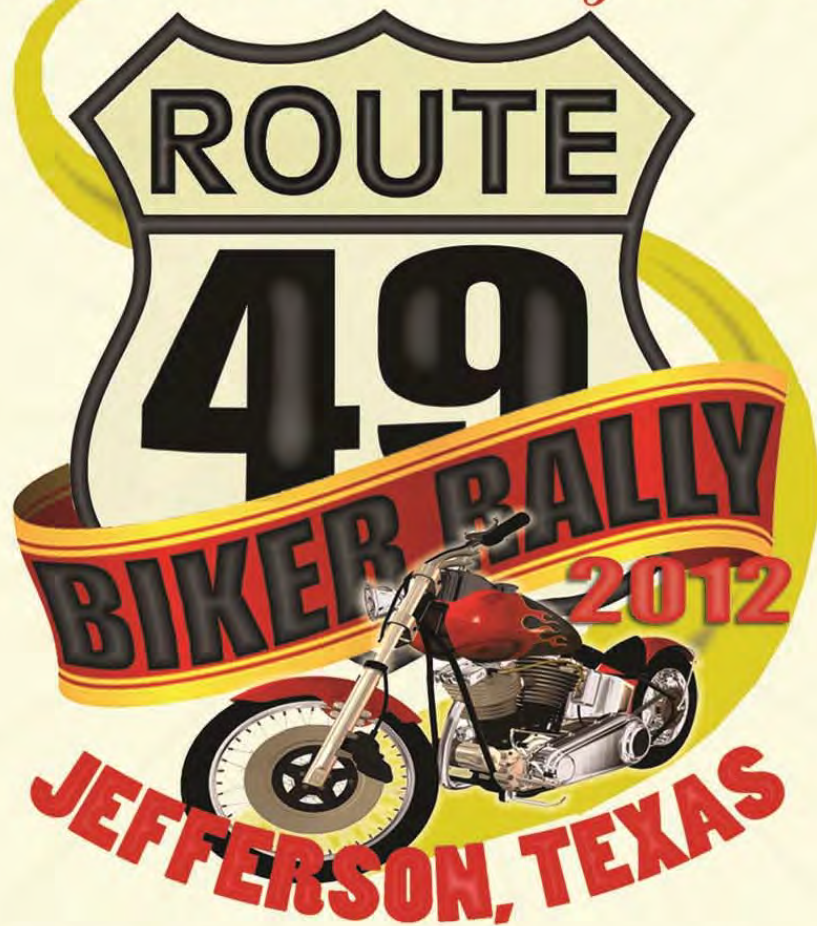
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