



Arkansas Diamond Chapter



July 2012

Board of Directors

President

Mike Thomson
safari100usa@yahoo.com

Vice President

Greg Dingler
gregstrucking@cablelynx.com

Secretary

Linda Bright
thebrights@hotmail.com

Treasurer

Susie Parker
parkersusie12@yahoo.com

Sergeant At Arms

Greg Bright
thebrights@hotmail.com

Director

Richard Rivera
rivera_937@hotmail.com

Newsletter Editor

Katherine McMahon
kathmcmahon@comcast.net

Next Meeting

Larry's Pizza on 3954
Central Avenue, Phone
525-2000 on July 29, 2012

June Birthdays

13 Jed Simpson
28 David Keyser
30 Trish Parker

July Birthdays

10 Greg Dingler



Electrical Theory

By Joseph Lucas

Positive ground depends on proper circuit functioning, which is the transmission of negative ions by retention of the visible spectral manifestation known as "smoke". Smoke is the thing that makes electrical circuits work. We know this to be true because every time one lets the smoke out of an electrical circuit, it stops working. This can be verified repeatedly through empirical testing.

For example, if one places a copper bar across the terminals of a battery, prodigious quantities of smoke are liberated and the battery shortly ceases to function. In addition, if one observes smoke escaping from an electrical component such as a Lucas voltage regulator, it will also be observed that the component no longer functions. The logic is elementary and inescapable!

The function of the wiring harness is to conduct the smoke from one device to another. When the wiring springs a leak and lets all the smoke out of the system, nothing works afterward.

Starter motors were considered unsuitable for British motorcycles for some time largely because they consumed large quantities of smoke, requiring very unsightly large wires. It has been reported that Lucas electrical components are possibly more prone to electrical leakage than their Bosch, Japanese or American counterparts. Experts point out that this is because Lucas is British, and all things British leak. British engines leak oil, British shock absorbers, hydraulic forks and disk brake systems leak fluid, British tires leak air and British Intelligence leaks national defense secrets.

Therefore, it follows that British electrical systems must leak smoke. Once again, the logic is clear and inescapable.

In conclusion, the basic concept of transmission of electrical energy in the form of smoke provides a logical explanation of the mysteries of electrical components especially British units manufactured by Joseph Lucas, Ltd.



And remember: "A gentleman does not motor about after dark."

Joseph Lucas "The Prince of Darkness"
1842-1903

Minutes of the 6/24 Meeting

The regular meeting was called to order by President Mike Thomson at 2:30pm at Gulpha Gorge Park in Hot Springs. This was after our 2nd Annual downtown Historic Hot Springs Mini Road Run. There were 18 present.

There were no minutes to present. The last meetings were at SWAHA Lake Gleeson and Good Ole Days at Mt Ida.

The Treasurers report was accepted. With beginning balance of 1520.49 with deposit of 225.00 and expenses of 130.00. End balance is 1615.49.

Gathering today for our meeting after our Mini Road Run, we enjoyed mini sandwiches, mini Coke products, and Mt Valley Water and mini ice cream cups. A good time was had by all. We had 11 riders of various small and old machines. Prizes awarded were "Oldest" to James Sandage '58 Cushman: Smallest to Jed Simpson on a '81 Honda Passport: Oldest Smallest to James

Minutes Continued

Sandage '58 Cushman; and the coveted NEATO to Ron and Kris Herron, which they shared for their '65 and '66 Sears Puchs.

Two t-shirts and a bag were door prizes from Mountain Valley Water. Kris also won an insulated mug for being the only woman rider. Thanks to the 11 that rode and all who had a hand in making it happen. A great ride over West Mountain and through Downtown Hot Springs and Whittington Park was enjoyed in spite of the triple digit temps. Looking forward to next year.

Mike reported on the Mid America Bike Week and British Car Show. We had 71 antique bikes displayed in the Convention Center. The British show in Hot Springs Village really nice and well organized; we should be involved in that next year if possible. The Mid Am Bike Week may not repeat.

There was no newsletter because Katherine was busy with British Car Week and was having surgery.

The Arlington Show will be held at the Hill Wheatley Plaza this September 8th. Steve Arrison is working with us on this as the Arlington Lawn is unavailable due to construction. This venue has advantages and disadvantages, but with September fast approaching, we will make the best of the location.

Everything should be good with next month's meeting tentatively at Larry's Pizza on Central Ave.



1970 Triumph TR6, rebuilt motor, new paint, restored, asking \$7,500 OBO. For more information call Mike 501-525-9833

Garage apartment for Rent. 143 Leta Lane, Hot Springs, AR. 900 SQ. FT., Pool, Cable TV, Internet, All utilities paid. Motorcycle Parking. Quite! \$500 Deposit, 5 month lease, \$700 per month. Call Mike Thomson 501-



Puch/Allstate 175 that a fellow just offered me for \$500. I have some more info on it if anybody in the club is interested. The price is about right.
Ron Herron rotopup@aol.com



Upcoming Events

July 29 , **Diamond Chapter Club Meeting** at Larry's Pizza (3954 Central Ave Suite H) at 2:00 pm

August 17th - 19th **Mountains, Music and Motorcycles**
www.mountainsmusicmotorcycles.com

August 26, **White Hall Car & Bike Show** -- contact Chris 870-329-1939

August 26, **Diamond Chapter Club Meeting** TBA0

September. 6-8, **Hot Springs Rally**
<http://www.thehotspringsrally.com>

September 7th - 8th — **Brits in the Ozarks** - British and Non-British Motorcycle Class - www.britishironnwa.org

September. 8, **Antique Motorcycles in the Park** , Hill Wheatley Plaza www.diamondchapteramca.org contact Mike at 501-525-9833

September 22, **Legends Balloon Rally 2012 & Car & Bike Show**, Hot Springs Air Port
http://hotsprings.org/events_calendar/balloonrally.aspx

October.6-8, **Lake o the Pines**, Jefferson Texas. contact Mike 501-525-9833

October 12-14, **Boo Benefit**, Jefferson Texas

October 11-14, **Barber's Vintage Festival**, Birmingham Alabama <http://www.barbermotorsport.com/>

May 29 – June 2, 2013 **British Car Week National Meet**
www.bcwnm.com

To submit a calendar of events item, please send an email to kathmcmcahon@comcast.net & safri100usa@yahoo.com with complete details or an attached flyer. Please put "Newsletter

Things My Motorcycle Has Taught Me

1. Most motorcycle problems are caused by the nut that connects the handlebars to the saddle.
2. Young riders pick a destination and go. Old riders pick a direction and go.

British Car Week National Meet

If you missed BCWNM 2012 you missed a great event. BCWNM in Hot Springs National Park and Hot Spring Village was truly a fun and interesting new event. The show brought 233 automobiles from 31 different states to Hot Springs Village. There were attendees from as far away as Australia. The British consulate in Dallas made arrangements to have a 2012 Rolls Royce, Bentley and Jaguar.

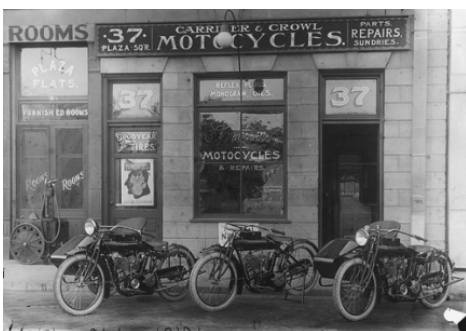
It is estimated that nearly 2,000 participants and guests were involved with the event. Members of the Heritage Chapter came and showed their bikes in the Concours.

Barry Harrison and Katherine McMahon, the event chair and co-chair were exhausted but elated at the great success of the week. The few glitches were easily solved and everyone was happy with the event. We fielded questions all week about "are you going to do this again next year" with answers of "let us survive this one first" but by the time we left on Sunday we knew that we would do it again. So, mark your calendar for Mary 29th – June 2nd, 2013. Hopefully in 2013 the Diamond Chapter will support BCWNM and participate.

Ed Olds • 1967 Triumph Bonneville
Marvin Vaughter • 1968 BSA 650
Katherine McMahon • 1960 Triumph 5TA Bathtub
Katherine McMahon • Showing Mike Thomson's 1916 Triumph Model H with Wicker Sidecar
Katherine McMahon • Showing Mike Thomson's 1916 BSA Model K **WINNER OF THE CONCOURS MOTORCYCLE CLASS**



Note the crystal vase award is sitting in front of the real winner!!!



Mid America Bike Week

Mid - America Bike Week was May31 - June 2, a three day show. The Diamond Chapter was responsible for the antique and vintage motorcycle display. All events were moved to the convention center. it was a great place to have a show. Easy to unload and load, the air conditioning was great. We had a total of 72 antique and vintage motorcycles on display. A huge variety of motorcycles.

Scooters - 13

American made - 14

Japanese -14

European - 8

British - 15 (Which should have been down the street at BCWNM)

Competition - 5

- Special thanks to the North Texas Norton Owners Association, from the Dallas Texas area. several bikes
- Special thanks to Tommy Clifton , several bikes, and helping moving bikes.
- James Sandage, Simplex collection , and more
- David McMahon, several bikes, and moving bikes to the British Car Week National Meet
- Ron and Kris Herron, Puchs
- Jed Simpson , Hondas
- John Evens, Yamahas
- Greg and Linda Bright, BSA, Harley's
- Perry Holler, MX bikes
- Jim Mack, BMW's
- Dennis Ghegan, Honda
- Van Meeker , Honda's
- R C Coburn , Harley
- Greg Dingler, SuzukiMike Thomson, several bikes

The antique and vintage show was a big success, Sorry to say the rest of the did not do well. It was a great idea but to big to fast, I think I do not think it will happen again.

British Car Week National Meet 2013 Do you want to help?

We have already had the first planning meeting for BCWNM 2013. David and I will be heading the committee for the Motorcycle parts of the meet. This year we want to have motorcycles in not only the Concours (you will have to be nominated and approved for that this year) but also in the Popular Vote Show. We would like to do a poker run or possibly a scavenger hunt for the bikes.

If you would like to serve on the committee getting this ready please contact David McMahon, kb5zze@comcast.net or 501-837-1109.

The years event was such a great success, even without the Diamond Chapter's help, think what it could be like if the Diamond Chapter got involved this year. The Heritage Chapter has also already committed to helping. Might be a good time for some healing between the two clubs.,

5th Annual
Antique Motorcycles
in the Park

September 8, 2012

Hill Wheatly Plaza
in

**Historic Downtown
Hot Springs**

Free to the public

**HOSTED BY:
THE AMCA DIAMOND
CHAPTER OF ARKANSAS**

For entry information:

CONTACT: MIKE THOMSON

(501) 525.9833

SAFARI100USA@YAHOO.COM

Or go to:

WWW.DIAMONDCHAPTERAMCA.ORG



5th Annual
Antique Motorcycles
in the Park

Free to the public



September 8, 2012

Hill Wheatly Plaza

— in —

Historic Downtown

Hot Springs

Hosted by:

**THE AMCA DIAMOND CHAPTER OF ARKANSAS
WWW.DIAMONDCHAPTERAMCA.ORG**



**WHITE HALL CHAMBER
ALL MAKES CAR SHOW
SUPPORTING
MAKE-A-WISH* MID-SOUTH
COME ONE COME ALL
ALL MAKES ALL LEVELS
COME SHOW YOUR RIDE OFF FOR THE KIDS
ENTRY FEE 25.00
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO MAKE-A-WISH* MID-SOUTH
CARS, TRUCKS DRAG AND BIKE
LOTS OF FOOD AND FUN
WHITE HALL CITY PARK AUG. 25, 2012
8 AM TILL THE FUN'S DONE**

CONTACT CHRIS CLIFTON 870-536-3133, 870-329-1939 OR PARTSMAN1086@GMAIL.COM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ CELL _____

EMAIL _____

MAKE _____ MODEL _____

YEAR _____ SPECIALTY _____

CLUB _____

CLUB EMAIL _____

CLUB CONTACT _____

AWARD WINNER _____ PHOTO _____



BRITISH in the OZARKS

ELEVENTH ANNUAL ALL BRITISH CAR & CYCLE SHOW

Hosted by British Iron Touring Club of NW Arkansas

In Fayetteville, Arkansas, Agri Park, South of Exit 66 off I-540

September 8th, 2012, Rain or Shine (Hey, they're British cars, after all !!)

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFITTING THE ALS ASSOCIATION OF NORTHWEST ARKANSAS
"FIGHTING LOU GEHRIG'S DISEASE"

September 7th - Registration (4:00 - 6:30 P.M.), cook out and parking lot party (6:30 PM or when the chicken is ready) at the **Holiday Inn Convention Center of Northwest Arkansas**, until...

September 8th - Car and cycle display and popular choice judging at Agri Park, 10 AM - 2 PM.
Lunch and concessions available on site. Silent Auction (donations welcomed)
Catered Awards Dinner at the hotel 6 PM **SPECIAL GUEST: Austin Healey Body Designer GERRY COKER - ONLY 175 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD FOR THIS EVENT, FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED, TICKET REQUIRED FOR ENTRY - ORDER NOW!!!**

No vendors permitted due to U of A regulations regarding use of the facility.

REGISTRATION: (also available as above or on site starting at 8:30 a.m.)

(FREE T-SHIRT FOR FIRST CAR IF RECEIVED PRIOR TO August 24th, 2012, no free shirts for bike entries. Additional t-shirts may be purchased below or, if available, at the cook-out or at the show)

Name(s): _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ E-mail: _____

Registration received prior to 8/24/12 (free t-shirt included): \$25.00 for 1st car, \$10.00 for 2nd car

Registration after 8/24/12: \$30.00 for 1st car, \$10.00 for 2nd car. (no free t-shirt)

Registration for all motorcycles regardless of entry date \$10.00 per bike (no free t-shirt)

PLEASE COPY THIS FORM AND USE A SEPARATE SHEET FOR EACH VEHICLE!!!

Car / Motorcycle:

Marque: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____ Class: _____ (See list) \$ _____

Additional Cars / Motorcycles carried over from additional registration forms: \$ _____

Awards dinner, \$20.00 per person—Number: BBQ:# _____ Chicken Breast:# _____ \$ _____

Early Registration (before 8/24/12) FREE T-shirt: - MUST Circle one: S M L XL XXL

Additional T-shirts - MUST Circle one if ordering: S M L XL XXL (\$15.00 each) \$ _____

TOTAL (Make checks payable to British Iron) \$ _____

Mail to: Jim Carney 11565 Oak Hills Dr., Bentonville, AR 72712

HOST HOTEL: Holiday Inn Convention Center of Northwest Arkansas, I-540 and Highway 412, Springdale, AR
Specify British Iron Car Show, rate includes ALS donation by the hotel, 479-751-8300 Ask for British Car Show rate before 8/17/12

Information or questions: Email Jim Carney at carney1881@cox.net Or Bill Watkins at bwatkins@walkinshawoffcc.com

See also www.britishironnwa.org

British Car Week National Meet

Hot Springs Village, Arkansas

May 29 – June 2, 2013



Watch Our Website for More Information
www.britishcarweeknationalmeet.org

British Motorcycles Welcome

All Things British Concours d'Elegance

(Photo of Nominated Car or Motorcycle and Application Required)

Popular Vote Show

Best British Car Club Competition

Fantastic Driving Tours

Live Entertainment

Discounts to Local Attractions

And Much Much More

For More Information Contact

Barry Harrison 870-780-5871

barrett10@sbcglobal.net

Katherine McMahan 501-837-1108

kathmcmahan@comcast.net



DIAMOND CHAPTER ANTIQUÉ MOTORCYCLE CLUB OF AMERICA

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

<input type="checkbox"/>	New Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/>	New Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	Renewal
Name:	_____	Spouse:	_____				
**AMCA Member #:	_____	**AMCA Member #:	_____				
Date of Birth:	_____	Date of Birth:	_____				
Cell Phone:	_____	Cell Phone:	_____				
E-Mail:	_____	E-Mail:	_____				
Address:	_____						
City:	_____	State:	_____	Zip:	_____		

- ❖ In order to join the Diamond Chapter you must be a Member of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America. See the attached Membership Application or go to www.antiquemotorcycle.org.

- ❖ Membership dues are \$15.00 per person annually (June to June), no proration.
- ❖ Check or Cash Only
- ❖ Our club is open to anyone with an interest in antique motorcycles.
- ❖ Ownership is not required.
- ❖ Make Checks Payable to: Diamond Chapter Antique Motorcycle Club of America

Mail to: Michael Thomson
143 Leta lane
Hot Springs, Ar 71913
501-525-9833

REMEMBER: You are not required to have a motorcycle to join our club, BUT . . . you are required to have FUN!
JOIN US TODAY

DIAMOND CHAPTER ANTIQUÉ MOTORCYCLE CLUB OF AMERICA
<http://diamondchapteramca.org/>



Antique Motorcycle Club of America

New Membership

Renewal

Mall this completed application to:

AMCA
C/O Cornerstone Registration, Ltd..
P.O. Box 1715
Maple Grove, MN 55311-6715
U.S.A.

Or join on-line at www.antiquemotorcycle.org

Membership (check one):

- U.S. Membership (1-year) \$ 30.00
- U.S. Membership (3-year) \$ 90.00
- Canada / Mexico Membership (1-year) \$ 34.00
- Canada / Mexico Membership (3-year) \$ 102.00
- Foreign Membership (outside USA, Canada, Mexico) (1-year) \$ 40.00
- Foreign Membership (outside USA, Canada, Mexico) (3-year) \$ 120.00

Other:

- Donation to the Antique Motorcycle Foundation (specify amount) \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

- Check this box to EXCLUDE your name and contact information from the AMCA Membership Roster.

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Prvnc: _____ Postal Code: _____

Country: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ E-Mail: _____

Source of referral (if new member): _____

AMCA Member # (if renewal): _____

Note: International orders must be paid with credit card.

Payment: (ALL FUNDS MUST BE IN U.S. DOLLARS, DRAWN ON A U.S. BANK)

If paying by check, make checks payable to: "Antique Motorcycle Club of America, Inc."

- Check
- Money Order
- Visa
- MasterCard

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Name on Credit Card: _____

Signature: _____