

Arkansas Diamond Chapter



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Next Meeting

Due to the weather forecast, the September club meeting will be at Smokin In Style BBQ, 2278 Albert Pike Road, Hot Springs, AR. 501-767-9797.

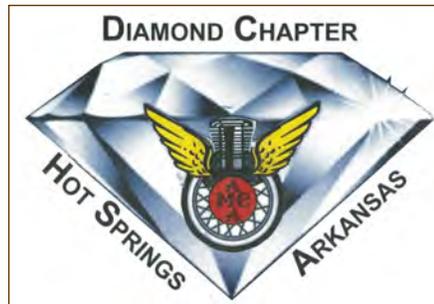
All members will be asked to donate \$3.00 for their meal. The club will pay \$5.00. Be there at 1:00 to eat! The meeting will start at 2:00 p.m.

Posters

Please see Susie if you want a Antique Motorcycles in the Park poster. They are \$3.00 each.

4th Annual Antique Motorcycles In The Park a Huge Success

The Fourth Annual Antique Motorcycles in the Park was the best show yet. A total of 100 Motorcycles and 1 Snow Rabbit showed up for display on Saturday. The day started well with everybody able to get in and unload their motorcycles without too many problems. There was a 5K run scheduled the same day which caused a little confusion either because of the men in kilts being chased by the fireman in full gear or because they ran the course down Central at the same time we were unloading.



tradition would have it, it rained. But only for a few minutes and apparently only where we were. We answered a lot of questions about the AMCA and passed out club information. I think we even signed up some new members.

We started loading bikes around 3:00 p.m. and loaded the last bike by 5:45. We are getting better and faster!!!

We have already rented the lawn for next year, so start telling your friends.

See ya next year for a bigger a better show!

Mike Thomson

We were ready to go at 9:00 a.m. Kudos to everyone for helping to get the show set up. There was a good crowd all day long. As

Chief Blackhawk Chapter Swap Meet—Davenport, IA

The [Chief Blackhawk chapter](#) of the [Antique Motorcycle Club of America](#) hosted one of Iowa's biggest antique motorcycle swap meets and vintage flat track races Sept. 1-3 at the [Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds](#) in Davenport, Iowa. This is one of the

largest events of the year for the AMCA, and it takes place smack dab in the middle of the country, making it easier for enthusiasts to attend from both coasts and everywhere in between. Highlighting the event is a motorcycle parts swap

meet, a concourse full of beautifully restored motorcycles, technical classes on many different subjects, and a dirt track for bar-to-bar vintage racing. Members David and Katherine McMahon went this year to

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4th Annual Antique Motorcycles In The Park Thank You's

There are not enough words to express our thanks to all that helped make the 4th Annual Antique Motorcycles in the Park show a great success but we want to try!

Helping to Load and unload Bikes and Direct Traffic:

Billy Ross of Bismarck, AR
Jerry Welch of Alexander, AR
David Sellers of Longview, TX
Gary Donaldson of Henderson, TX
Clint Cariker of Jefferson, TX
Ed Belcher of Hot Springs, AR
Wes Burton of Hot Springs, AR
Ty Baker of Hot Springs, AR
Linda Bright (& her B&W Checkered flag) of Hot Springs, AR
Pat Jones of Hot Springs, AR

All of our Out-of-town People who put their bikes in the show

ED Brock - Smackover, AR
Dan Stoner - Fort Smith, AR
Jack Stobaugh - Miden, LA
Leslie & Pam Cooper - Memphis, TN
Richard Poole - Madison, MS
Jeff Dewitt - Quitman, AR
Scott Johnson - Mt. Home, AR
Ernie Tacsik - Dallas TX
Chris & Buddy Muirhead - Searcy AR
John Hollansworth - Hot Springs Village, AR
Ron & Kris Herron - Mayflower, AR
John Evans - Heber Springs, AR
Frank Templeton - El Dorado, AR **

We also want to thank!!

- All who put multiple bike's in the show
- John Flinders - CA & Phil Flinder - SC for running the shuttle.
- National Park Service
- Steve Arrison and the City of Hot Springs
- Hot Springs Motorcycle Police who helped

with traffic.

- Tristan Tribble (David and Katherine McMahon's grandson) for helping out and passing out magazines to our guests.

** Welcome New Member





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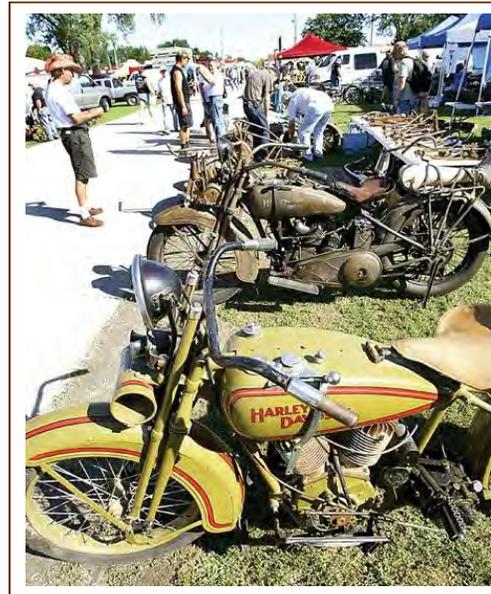


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represent the Diamond Chapter.

Their trip to Davenport went well this year with no crisis's either going or coming back. They arrived there Thursday evening so they could get over to the show early Friday and have all day to walk around. The show was overwhelming with all the different vendors and parts for sale, you really have to take two days to see it all. David found a good rebuildable Linkert body for the his WL so that made the trip worth it for him. They were originally were going to stay all day and go to the vintage races Friday evening but the temperature got too hot for Katherine and the pool at the motel was calling her name. Later one of the vendors told us it had got up to 103 that day in the parking lot. After retiring to the hotel and spending some time in the pool talking with other people who had come up for the show they called it a day. Saturday Katherine bought some Triumph parts (she wanted some spare fenders for the bathtub but none were to be found at any price) and getting some contacts for

parts the sky started to cloud up and rain. David made the mistake of stopping and looking at a couple of Cushman's on the way back to the car. The man there kept talking himself down until he couldn't resist it. The best part was he offered to load it in the van for them. David says it was crowded coming back with 2 scooters luggage and the dogs but it was a great trip.



Stanley Miller



Stanley, our friend from Dallas, and member of the Arkansas Diamond Chapter, hit a deer while on a road run at Davenport, Iowa. Most of you met Stanley at last years Arlington lawn Show. He had a 1936 Knucklehead that he rode up from Dallas.

He broke several ribs; a shoulder bone and has some head injuries. He is currently in the hospital in Rock Island, IL.

Mike Thomson gets daily reports on Stanley's progress. They have taken him off of

the ventilator so that is a very encouraging sign. It will be a long road to get back to normal (can you use the words Normal and Stanley in the same sentence?) Please be praying for his complete and speedy recovery.

Mike has heard Rumors about Stanley trying to devise a plan to ride his EL back to Dallas. I am so glad that our friend is going to be ok. He is truly an amazing dude and has had an impact on thousands of people. Mike will keep us all updated.



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Minutes of the AMCA Diamond Chapter of Arkansas August 28, 2011 Meeting

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by Mike Thomson, Pres. At rods Pizza Cellar on Central Ave. at 2:30 Pm Sunday. Eighteen were present. There was a donation of \$33.50.

Mike Parker provided trivia questions noting there were over 20 Motorcycle companies in the early 1900's. The automobile and the depression took their toll on this number. Greg Dingler won the trivia contest.

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as presented.

The treasurers' report was given by Susie Parker. The beginning balance was 1075.39 and the ending balance was 1286.18. Arlington posters will be \$3 each and orders can be taken now. There will be no sales of these on the Arlington Lawn.

Mike T. reported that the project bike got polished at the last meeting and is ready to show at the Arlington. The Big Mike benefit at Terry Martins was a great success raising over \$11000.

Arlington Lawn - September 10 - Everyone is encouraged to be there as early as possible to unload. A shuttle will be provided by Greg Dingler. Bring Canopies, tables and chairs.

Greg D. will be placing barrels and tape on the parking spaces that we have reserved.

Turf mats, kick plates and water will be brought by Greg and Linda. Linda will have ads in the Sentinel Record and the Gazette the weeks prior to the 10th.

75 bikes are registered as of today, Mike reported. We will be unloading in the angle area of Fountain ST.

Anyone who can get there early and help with this will be appreciated.

Trailer parking will again be at Bank of America Parking lot on Exchange St.

We will try to group the bikes by brand and a competition sections will be on the left.

Remember, no for sale signs or money changing on the

Upcoming Events

Diamond Classifieds

- 1970 Triumph TR6, rebuilt motor, new paint, restored, asking \$7,500 OBO. For more information call Mike 501-525-9833
- For sale - 65-72 BSA seat. Seat is an original BSA production, not aftermarket. It has chrome strips at the bottom of each side and is in very good condition. \$100.00. Call Greg 501-209-1238
- For Rent - Garage Apartment - 900 Sq. Feet. Motorcycle Parking. Call Mike 501-525-9833
- 1970 Kawasaki KV 100 (G4Trail Boss) for sale. 10 speed Hi-Lo transmission. 5 speed for the road and 5 speed for off road. Street legal. Call Peter Habbe 870-356-2252 phabbe@yahoo.com

September 18 - October 1 - Bikes, Blues & BBQ - www.bikesbluesbbq.org

September 25 - AMCA Meeting at Smokin in Style

September 29 - October 1 - NTNOA - Lake of the Pines - Jefferson, TX

October 7 - 9 - Boo Benefit - Jefferson, TX - www.boobenefit.org

October 7 - Barber's Vintage Festival - Birmingham, AL www.barbermotorports.com

October 15 - Fallen Heroes - Contact 870-208-7909 www.arkansasfallenherosmemorial.org

October 30 - AMCA Meeting - Location TBA

May 27 - June 3, 2012 Mid-America Bike Week - Hot Springs, AR www.mid-ameribikeweek.org

May 30 - June 3, 2012 British Car Week National Event - www.britishcarweeknationalmeet.org - Contact Katherine



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My First Motorcycle, by Michael Thomson

The year was 1963, I was 14 years old and lived in Dallas, Texas. You could get a motorcycle license at 14 and a regular license at 16. My friends, the McCurry Brothers got motorcycles, a Honda 90 & a Yamaha 80. I HAD TO HAVE ONE!!!!

My Dad, was not mechanically inclined and hated motorcycles. He called them murder cycles and two wheels of dynamite!

After several months of begging, pleading, getting a paper route and promising to pay for it, my Dad said we would look at Harley Davidson because my bike had to be made in America!

So after making all kinds of promises to pay for it and be a good rider, etc., we bought a 1963 Harley Davidson SCAT 175 cc, two stroke. We bought it at Conley's Harley Davidson in Dallas. Lee Wood delivered the bike on a side car on a larger Harley (Pan Head I would guess, but I didn't know much about motorcycles at 14).

After months of lying in bed

thinking about where the clutch, brake, throdle, etc. where and riding my bicycle like it was a motorcycle, it WAS HERE!!!

To say the least I was a nervous wreck.

After Lee went over the bike, it was my first attempt. After getting it started, 1st gear, up down, I don't know. Guess I got it right, let out the clutch, oh S_ _ T NOW WHAT!! Down the street, got to make a U-turn, almost dropped it, but make it back. It was late in the day, so I was done for the day.

What excitement, can't sleep, tomorrow is Saturday, can ride all day. Oh no, I don't have a license, so rode in the parking lot all day,

Monday I went to get my license. Passed the written test, now for the driving test. The cop was behind me, he honked once for a right turn and twice for a left turn.

In those days, motorcycles did not have turn signals so it was all hand signals. Wonder how many people today know hand signals.

The driving test took FOREVER, but I passed. What a relief.

And so my life a motorcycle enthusiast began.

Since the age of 14 I have always owned at least 1 motorcycle and as many as 43 at one time.

I'm addicted, but not a bit sorry.

Mike Thomson

Submit your "my first

Notice Anything???

You may have noticed a slight change in the newsletter this month. Jack has gotten so busy that he no longer has the time to do it for us.

Katherine McMahon has agreed to take it on. She did not get the info until late so this one is not her best work. Next month she promises to get it out earlier and in a little better form.

Send her your articles, ideas, classifieds.

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