

## February Newsletter

The Diamond Chapter February meeting will be Sunday the 24th at Razorback Pizza (4330 Central Ave., back left corner of Temperance Hill Plaza, across from Kroger Fuel Center). New vintage motorcycle enthusiasts are welcome, so bring your friends. Lots of upcoming events to talk about, so try to make the meeting. See you There, Mike

### Antique Road Run: ([Click here to see flier](#))

Antique Road Run April 13 - 14 in Jefferson Texas. I have been in contact with the Cherokee Chapter in Texas. They are putting together a Road Run in Jefferson TX. and they would like the Diamond Chapter to be a part of this event.

I have also contacted the Confederate Chapter about this event. As a Chapter we really need to do all we can to help with this event. This will be a lot of fun and could become a huge event. Jefferson is 160 miles south so you could ride a newer bike down for the day or spend the night. Camping will be at Diamond Don's. Saturday is a 120 mile ride with an antique motorcycle show down town Jefferson after wards. Dinner that night is at Auntie Skinners. Sunday ride is 40 miles.

The Cherokee Chapter is a great bunch of guys, so let's help them all we can. They will also help us with the Antique Motorcycles in the Park and bring some bikes to show in September. Their web site is (<http://www.cherokeeamca.org/>) I am going for sure, so please think about going. Thanks for your support, Mike

### Diamond Chapter Minutes:

The regular meeting was called to order at Perkin's on Central Ave. in Hot Springs.

There were 13 members present, with 3 guests, Russell, Elizabeth and Scott.

Mike Parker led our trivia session with Butch Jones as the winner. Thanks to Mike for always challenging us.

There were no minutes from the Christmas party. The treasures report was read and accepted.

A great Christmas party was enjoyed at the Brick House Grill in Hot Springs.

Mike asked for nominations for next month's elections. No nominations were mentioned at this time. If anyone would like to nominate someone or volunteer for a position please email Mike or present it at the next meeting. Mike mentioned that guest speakers for meetings would be interesting. Let us know if you can get a guest speaker.

The project bike is still available.

Mike was contacted by the American Pickers show. They will be in Arkansas in February. He will keep us posted.

Linda will be working on the Mini Road Run June 30th.

Larry Edwards will be submitting racing stories for the newsletter.

### EVENTS:

Feb. 16-17 ABATE Swap Meet

Mar. 22-24 RT 49 Rally, Jefferson Texas

Spring Rally canceled

April 13-14 Cherokee Chapter Road Run, Jefferson, Texas

April 18-23 Diamond Don's vintage motocross, Jefferson, Texas

Feb. 24 Club meeting at Razor back Pizza

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Bright

**Birthdays: Pat Jones, Dallas Provin, Max Marker, Jack Johnson**

Butch Jones is doing well. Greg Dingler is doing better but has a way to go to get back to normal.

Keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

### **ABATE Swap Meet:**

The ABATE swap meet was a lot of fun. There was a large crowd on Saturday. I sold a few things. The club did not sign up any new members but we talked to a lot of people. Sunday was a slow day and we left early. Rumor has it; it will be at Rodney's Cycle house next year.

Thanks to all the members who helped work the booth, Greg Bright, Greg Dingler, Marcy, Russell and Elizabeth, Butch and Pat Jones, Martin Brown, Susie and myself.

Special Thanks to Martin Brown for representing the Diamond Chapter and Taking Fliers to the Annual Car events meeting.

### **Thomson's Antique Motorcycles**

As you all know I have decided to sell my collection of Motorcycles. NO I don't have any health issues that I know of. I just decided to down size, so I am selling my motorcycles, tools, collectibles, house, furniture and all.

Hopefully we can do some traveling next year. I hope to make AMCA meets and represent the Diamond Chapter and report back to the Chapter. We will be in and out of Hot Springs a couple of times a year, if all works out. I have sold four motorcycles so far, only eighteen to go. I will work hard to sell the project bike ASAP.

Wish us luck, Mike

### **American Pickers:**

The American Pickers are in Arkansas but I do not know where or who they will see. The last email from them indicated they were going to see Johnny Ramsey. I will keep everyone up dated as I know.

### **Elections of Officers:**

It is election nominee month. Please nominate members who would like to become officers. Positions are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sargent at Arms, Director, and Newsletter Editor. To run for office you must be in good standing with the National and the Local (dues paid). All officers will be board members and make decisions on club events and changes. I would like to be President for one more year so I can teach someone to take over as President and then become an adviser to the club on events.

Please come to the meeting Sunday if you want to run for office.

[Click here](#) for *The Back Straight* by Larry Edwards

### **Work Shop Tools Explained:**

Hose Cutter: A tool used to make hoses to short.

Utility Knife: Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; works particularly well on contents such as seats, vinyl records, liquids in plastic bottles, collector magazines, refund checks, and rubber or plastic parts.

Especially useful for slicing work clothes, but only while in use.

### **Things My Motorcycle Has Taught Me:**

1. Sometimes the best communication happens when you're on separate bikes.
2. Everyone crashes, some get back on, some don't, some can't.

## For Sale:

[Click here](#) to see the motorcycles I have for sale.

1981 Kawasaki 501-321-3524

1976 Honda Gold Wing 501-321-3524

1970 TRIUMPH TR6 -- 501-525-9833

The weather is getting better so let's think about going on some rides.

Michael Thomson,  
President, Diamond Chapter - AMCA

