

January 2013 Newsletter

Diamond Chapter January meeting will be next Sunday the 27th at Perkin's (3630 Central Ave. Hot Springs), banquet room in back. Be there around 2:00 pm to eat lunch. Meeting will be around 2:30. First meeting of the New Year, so bring some new ideas for 2013. We have a few new members. New vintage motorcycle enthusiasts are welcome, so bring your friends and let's met some new people and have some fun. Hope to see you there.

American Pickers

American Pickers will be in Arkansas looking for picks in February ([click here to see flier](#)). Let them or me know if you know anyone who has lots of junk, I meant collectibles. Hopefully they will contact someone we know. I will let you know when it will be on the history channel.

Christmas Party

The Christmas Party was held at the Brick House on December 27. The food was great and the service was excellent. We had 14 member and 2 guests. The chapter bought lunch for all members in good standing. It pays to pay your dues. Dirty Santa was a lot of fun. Great gifts were brought and some made all three rounds. We also had several door prizes and trivia questions by Mike Parker. Larry Edwards won the 50/50, can't remember how much it was.





Birthdays: James Sandage (39 again)

New Members: Russell Plunkett, Larry Edwards, John Quirk

Elections:

Elections are in February. If anyone wants to run for office, please do so at the January meeting. You do not need to be nominated by anyone, just put your name in the hat. We will vote at the March meeting if necessary. Positions are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sargent at arms, Director and News Letter Editor. All officers will be on the board. Let me know.

A.B.A.T.E. 1 Swap Meet

Abate 1 swap meet is February 16-17 at Arkansas state fairgrounds in Little Rock. The Chapter has one space rented. Let me know if you have something to sell. We will need volunteers to promote the club and work the booth. Let me know at the next meeting.

**The Back Straight
By Larry Edwards**



Happy 2013 everyone! Right off I want to thank Mike Thomson for allowing me to take a crack at contributing to the Antique Motorcycle Club of America, Diamond Chapter news letter. So, if by chance you find that you don't like what you read here, you know exactly who to blame.

As a new member to the club, possibly even the newest member, I have to say that I have thoroughly enjoyed the events that I have been able to attend. As I am also new to the Hot Springs area the events have given me a chance to meet some great people that share the common interest of motorcycling. The first event that I attended back in September was the show at Hill Wheatley Plaza. VERY COOL!!! I was absolutely blown away by the depth of knowledge that the membership holds. That was reinforced while attempting to participate in the motorcycle trivia game that took place during the club Christmas party at the Brick House Grill. I never dreamed I'd ever see a "Snuff-Or-Not" again! As it happens a number of the trivia questions had to do with specific details from the movie "On Any Sunday". Except for those questions and the "Snuff-Or-Not", everything else was waaaaay over my head but...fun none the less.

Speaking of "On Any Sunday", no doubt most all, if not all of you reading this has seen the movie and if you are like me you have seen it several times. Admittedly, during the 41 years since its release in 1971, by conservative estimate I have probably watched it start to finish at least 20 times. I know, right about now, at least one of you is thinking "GEEEEZ Larry, get a life!" Well, it is what it is. I was a 14 year old kid and had already been riding for several years and competing in mini-bike races when I saw the movie for the first time. I remember sitting in the theater watching Mert Lawwill, Malcolm Smith, Steve Mc Queen and the rest and while it certainly wasn't a conscious decision that I made but, that evening something clicked. "On Any Sunday" became the mortar for the bricks of every motorcycling experience that I have had since.

So, I've decided to name my little column here "The Back Straight". Some of the most hair-ball moves in all of two wheeled competition have taken place on the back straight. Many motorcycle races have been won and lost as a result of the last lap jostling on the back straight. I'll be reporting on bikes, riders, races and developments from the vintage and modern motorcycle racing world. If you have questions, comments or subjects that you would like to see covered please drop me a line at larrys@hisenergy.com. Hope to see you soon at the next club meeting or event.

Workshop tools explained:

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.

Things my Motorcycle has taught me:

1. Sometimes the fastest way to get there is to stop for the night.
2. There are drunk riders and there are old riders, but there are not many old drunk riders.
3. If you wait, all that will happen is that you will get older.

Events:

Jan. 27 - Diamond Chapter meeting at Perkin's, 2:00 pm

Feb. 16-17 ABATE swap meet, Little Rock fair grounds

April 18-21 Diamond Don's vintage motocross, Jefferson Texas

April 19-21 Arkansas vintage scooter rally, Greenwood, Arkansas

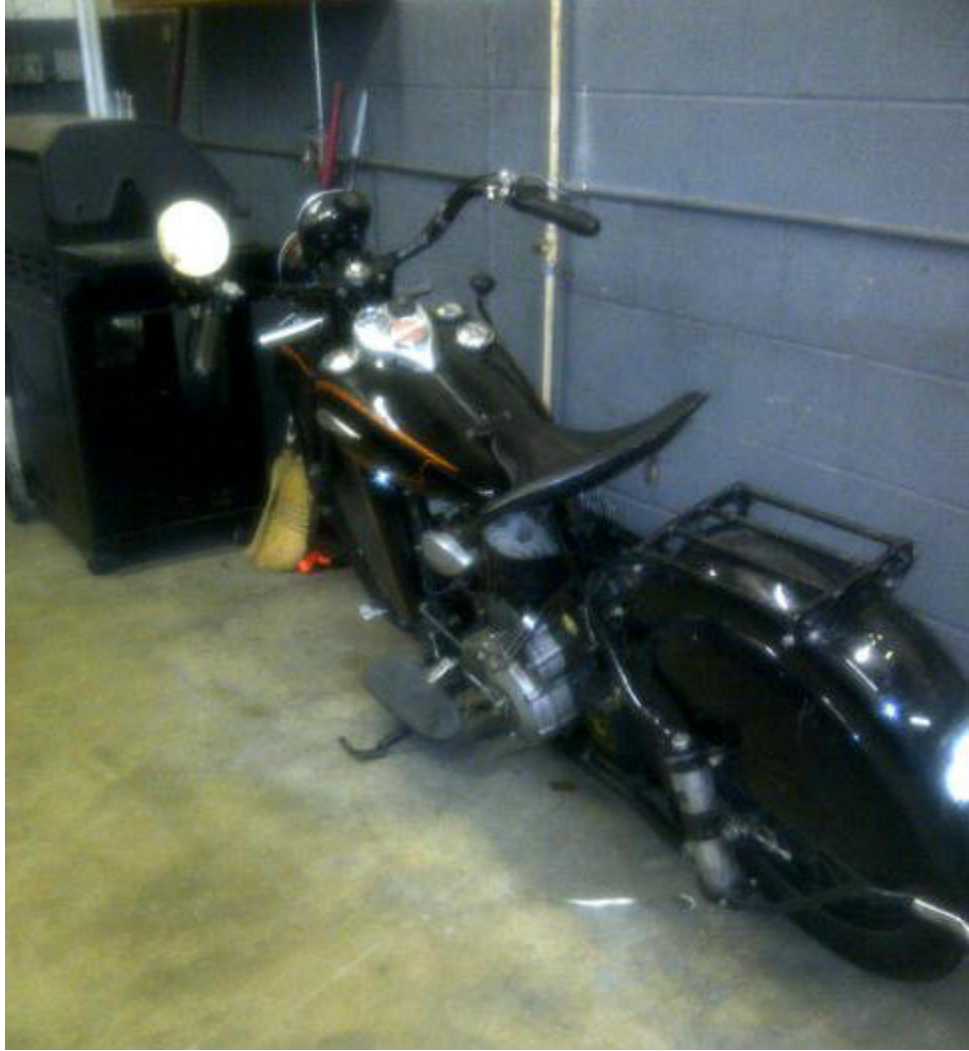
For Sell:

Gary Walker is looking for a 1960-66 Triumph cub, contact Mike at 501-525-9833

1970 Triumph TR6 Tiger, rebuild motor & trans, new paint, new carb, less than 100 miles, and lots more. Have all paper work and title. Asking \$6500 OBO. Contact Mike at 501-525-9833



1940 Indian, \$26,000, call Mac at =847-340-4490.



**Have a great 2013,
Michael Thomson
President, Diamond Chapter - AMCA**