

June 2013 Newsletter

3rd Annual Motorcycle & Scooter Mini Road Run:



Staging at the Transportation Depot on Broadway in Hot Springs, AR. at 11:15 am.

Riders meeting at 11:45 am. Line up and start at noon (maybe)

This Road Run is open to all Riders with small street legal motorcycles. Of course anyone is welcome to ride. Big bikes go to the rear of the pack.

The course is a gulling 12 miles with speeds of 25 mph or less.

Leaving the transportation depot through down town Hot Springs, dodging traffic. Then up Prospect St. with dangerous hidden drive ways and speed bumps. Turning right up the steep grade and through the woods to the top of West mountain. Taking a break at the top (altitude of several hundred feet) to let over heated motors cool off. Then down the winding turns of the north face of West Mountain to the bottom at break neck speeds of 28 mph. Then through back streets at speeds of 20 mph or less. Turning on to Mountain Valley road for a couple of miles under trees over the road, blocking out the sun. Break at the water wheel to catch your breath and prepare for the final leg of the journey. Travel to hwy 7, turn right, then left on to Gulpha Gorge. Watch your speed, posted at 30 mph. Turn at entrance of camp ground. Park at Diamond Chapter Picnic area. Shut off your race machines.

Relax with a cold beverage and snacks. Talk over the ride with other riders. Awards will be presented at meeting. Enjoy the rest of the day. Ride at your own risk. You will need to sign a release form. NO adult supervision provided. Join us for a fun day, see you there. Contact Mike at 501-525-9833, safari100usa@yahoo.com

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June Birthdays:

Jed Simpson, Al Kahuler, David Keyser

Diamond Chapter Minutes, May 2013

The meeting was called to order in Mt. Ida at the Good Ole Days car show with 10 members in attendance. Good weather and turnout made for an enjoyable day.

April minutes were accepted as presented.

Treasures report was accepted as well. \$90 local dues were collected today.

Flier is needed for the Antique Motorcycles in the Park Show. Linda will contact Tiffany Taylor for this and the poster. Mike suggested a picture of this year's Mini Road Run for the poster.

June 30th is the 3rd Annual Historic Downtown Hot Springs Mini Road Run. Meet at Transportation Depot 11:30 ride to Gulpha Gorge Camp ground for meeting and refreshments.

British Car Show is next week in Hot Springs Village.

June 22nd H S Village Motorcycle and Scooter show. HWY 7 Main Gate

Thanks to Larry Edwards for the stories in the newsletter.

Note Flat track Races at I-30 have been canceled.

Next meeting Gulpha Gorge at 2:00 pm after the Mini Road Run.

Respectfully submitted.

Linda Bright

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Mt. Ida:

The Good Ole Days at Mt Ida was a fun day with great weather. I think the turnout was a little less than usual. Mike Thomson won 1st in the bike show with the 1934 BSA, James Sandage got 2nd with his Simplex, Or Simple according to the announcer. James let him know right away it was a Simplex.

Antique Motorcycles in the Park:

September will be here before you know it, so be thinking about our BIG Antique Motorcycles in the Park Show at Hill Wheatley Plaza. We are working on fliers and posters and will be printed soon. I will let you know when they are done.

We will need to get them out to motorcycle shops in August. I have been in contact with the Confederate and Cherokee Chapters; they will bring some high quality motorcycles to the show.

Start talking to people about the show now so we can get their interest up. It is a lot of work putting on this event on and we will need lots of volunteers. Let's make the 6th Annual Antique Motorcycles in the Park the best show ever.

[Click here](#) for the flyer.

FYI:

Dues are due in June \$15.00 per person.

Texas Road Run April 2014: Things are moving right along on the Road Run. I am up dated as things happen. I will keep up to date.

What's in the Barn is a new show with Dale from Wheels Through Time museum about finding old bikes. It will be on Velocity Channel. Read more about it at www.wheelsthroughtime.com

If you want the AMCA to consider your bike for the calendar 2014 get your picture to them before September.

Barber's Vintage Festival will be Oct 10 - 13. Camping goes fast so go to their site for info. <http://barbermotorsports.com/park/>
I plan on going.

Work Shop Tools Explained:

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

Oxyacetylene torch: Used almost entirely for lighting various flammable objects in your shop on fire. Also handy for igniting the grease inside the wheel hub out of which you want to remove a bearing race.

Things My Motorcycle Has Taught Me:

- 1) Always back your bike into the curb and sit where you can watch it.
- 2) A friend is someone who will get out of bed at 2am to drive to the middle of nowhere to get you when you are broke down.

Events:

June 22-OVMA motorcycle show, Bella Vista, AR www.ozarkvma.com for flier

June 22- Hot Springs Village motorcycle & scooter show, 10 am - 2 pm Village main gate HWY 7

June30 - Mini Road Run & Chapter meeting. Transportation depot 11:15 am for ride, Glupha Gorge. Meeting at 2:00 pm

Happy 4th of July

Sept. 7- Antique Motorcycles in the Park

Sept 5-7 Hot Springs Rally, www.thehotspringsrally.com

Oct. 3-6 NTNOA Lake o the Pines, Jefferson Texas www.ntnoa.org

Oct. 10 - 13 Barbers Vintage festival <http://barbermotorsports.com/park/> Camping goes fast. Get a spot ASAP. I am going.

For Sale:

Thomson's Antique Motorcycles Collection, 501-525-9833, safari100usa@yahoo.com [Click here for more information.](#)

1970 Triumph TR6, Club project bike, rebuilt and restored. Call 501-525-9833

Closing Remarks:

Remember June 30th is not that far away, so get those little bikes ready for the Mini Road Run

You can send the Newsletter to anyone you think may have an interest.

I am heading to North Carolina Saturday. Ride the Great Smoky Mountains and Wheels Thought Time Museum. Be back the 29th.

Keep the rubber side down.

Michael Thomson

President Diamond Chapter of Arkansas - AMCA

