

November 2013 Newsletter

Diamond Chapter November Club meeting will be December 1 at 12:30 at the Convention Center downtown Hot Springs in conjunction with the ABATE Toy Run (see flier for details). The Diamond Chapter has made a donation and is a sponsor for this event so let's try to make a showing of members. The weather will be in the 50's with a 30% chance of rain. Please bring a new toy or make a donation. The meeting will be short so we can ride in the Toy Run to the VFW.

Diamond Chapter Officers:

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Director: Mike Parker mikethebike@cablelynx.com

Note: Elections of officers will be in February, make your nominations at the Jan. meeting

AMCA Diamond Chapter October Minutes:

The meeting was called to order by Mike Thomson at 2:00 pm at Razorback Pizza with 10 members present.

Trivia was presented by Mike Parker with Butch Jones the winner of the Great Pumpkin prize. Thank you Mike for a great prize! And thank you Butch for sharing. The treasury report and the September minutes were accepted.

Happy Birthdays for the month of October were announced by Mike Thomson.

The Abate Toy Run will serve as the November meeting on December 1. Meet at the Convention Center on Convention Boulevard at 12:30 pm. Christmas party details to be finalized there, tentatively scheduled for December 28th at the Brick House. Please bring a \$10.00 to \$15.00 motorcycle related gift for Dirty Santa.

[Click here](#) for the Abate Toy Run Flyer

[Click here](#) for the Abate Vendor Letter

[Click here](#) for the Abate Vender Form

James Sandage informed the club that Christmas is on December 25th and the New Year falls on January 1st. Thank you James!

Mike Thomson reported on his trip with Susie to the Norton Rally at Jefferson, TX. during the first weekend of October. He also reported on the Barber Vintage Motorcycle Festival in Birmingham held in mid-October. Several club members attended this event and everyone enjoyed it.

Larry Edwards competed in 2 dirt bike events. Thanks to Larry as well for the great Back Straight story.

The upcoming Cherokee Chapter Road run in April 2014 was discussed in detail by Mike Thomson. Please visit their website to get particulars and itinerary. Early registration is required.

Linda Bright checked off AMCA National dues memberships.

Mike Thomson announced the BMW Ramble at Gulpha Gorge on November 2Nd.

Butch Jones announced the Victory Riders benefit on November 2nd. The \$15.00 donation to ride includes lunch. This will be an annual event with money going to various community emergency units for needed equipment.

Linda Bright discussed local shelters and organizations for charitable club donations.

Toy Run club sponsorship was discussed by Butch Jones and Mike Thomson.

Butch Jones reported a recall on Harley Davidson motorcycles with a hydraulic clutch.

Meeting adjourned at 3:09.

Submitted by Elizabeth Plunkett

[Click here](#) for The Back Straight:

Web Sites of interest:

Why We Ride - A new film coming out. Click here to watch. I will try to find out where it will be playing.

Cherokee Chapter Newsletter: <http://www.cherokeeamca.org/> Great reading and info on their Road Run next April.

What's in the Barn: <http://velocity.discovery.com/tv-shows/whats-in-the-barn/videos/100-year-old-indian.htm>

History of Military Motorcycles: <http://www.bikebandit.com/community/articles/history-of-military-motorcycles#UomPMZcCG9c.email#UomPMZcCG9c.email>

Motorcycle Quotes:

My Motorcycle is a gift from our children, purchased with money they will not inherit. You never see a motorcycle in front of a psychiatrist's office.

For Sale:

[Click Here](#) for Thomson's collection of motorcycles for sale.

Honda, 1971 CL 175 Scrambler, restored, runs great, \$1000.00 call Eddie @ 501-760-1520

Suzuki, 1979 SP 370, like new, runs great, \$2000.00 call Eddie @ 501-760-1520

American Iron Horse, Outlaw, S&S motor, \$16,500 call Eddie @ 501-760-1520

Honda, 2002 Shadow, 750cc, 8,000 miles, call 501-429-4338

Events:

Dec. 1 Diamond Chapter Club Meeting, 12:30 at the Convention Center, Hot Springs.

Dec. 1 ABATE Toy Run, 12:30 at the Convention Center, Hot Springs

Dec. 28 Diamond Chapter Christmas Party at the Brick House, Hot Springs, details to follow.

Jan. Las Vegas Auction

Jan. Diamond Chapter meeting TBA, Nomination of new officers
Feb. 15-16 ABATE Swap meet, Little Rock fair grounds. (see Flier & vendor forms)
Feb. Diamond Chapter meeting TBA, elections of officers.
Apr. Cherokee Chapter Road Run.

Closing Comments:

Well winter finally got here and it is cold. There won't be a lot of motorcycle riding until March. So I guess it is time to go out in that cold garage and catch up on all those repairs and projects that have been put on the back burner. My back burner has been over loaded for years. I guess I need more back burners.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Ride em, do not hide em!!
Michael Thomson
President, Diamond Chapter of Arkansas
Antique Motorcycle Club of America







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