

October 2013 Newsletter

Diamond Chapter meeting will be October 27, Sunday at Razor Back Pizza (4330 Central Ave. 525-1616) be there around 1:30 to eat, meeting will be at 2:00. Ride your motorcycle, weather permitting. Bring your motorcycles friends, open to the public.

Lake 'o' the Pines Rallye ([NTNOA](#))

We have been blessed with great motorcycle weather for the month of October. At the first of the month Susie and I went to the 29th Lake O the Pines Rally on the lake close to Jefferson Texas, put on by the NTNOA. The weather was perfect with a large crowd of motorcycle enthusiast.

Thursday was a get it together day, set up camp, check out bikes and get together with old friends. We helped Randy and Cathy Bauer set up camp which is a big job by itself. Randy likes to cook so we all ate well. Thanks Randy. Friday lots of riders arrived all day long. Friday was a lite riding day with a lot of just relaxing. Friday night the party began, with a few beers, a big bond fire and lots of stories to tell.

Saturday was the big day for the motorcycle show. I am not sure how many bikes were in the show, I would guess at 175 maybe. Anyway it was a great day to look at motorcycles and BS all day. The Concourse ride was 26 miles long and started around 3:00. If you completed the course you received a really nice medallion. I rode the BMW R90S as fast as I could and made it back in time to ride the Harley Davidson XLCR Around the course as fast as I could. What fun on old bikes.

The awards ceremony started at 5:00 and lots of awards were handed out for many classes. After the awards ceremony the Saturday Night party started. What fun we had but I can tell I am getting older, I only lasted till 11:00, just can't last like I did when I was younger, oh well I am still hanging in there. We had a great time and I highly recommend this rally. [Click here](#) for pictures and info.

Barber's Vintage Festival

Barber's Vintage Festival, What can I say only the best 3 days of motorcycle fun you can have and it gets bigger and better every year. Attendance this year was over 61,000, the weather was perfect, just doesn't get any better than that.

This year Larry Edwards, Perry Hollier and myself loaded up small motorcycles (that's all you need to get around) and camping gear and headed to Birmingham AL. for three days of fun at Barber's Motorsports Park.

We got a great camping spot close to the motocross track. After unloading bikes and setting up camp we had to go riding to check things out, me on my Sprint, Perry on his Yamaha and Larry on his Ossa. My how things have changed over the last nine years. The Swap meet is at least 10 times bigger and has so much to look at you need to make several trips so you don't miss anything.

I controlled myself and did not buy anything, as you know I am in the selling mode. The Wall of Death had several show all day with motorcycles and a go cart going around the wooden wall, what a show!!

AHMRA vintage motorcycle road racing was racing all day. The side car races were fun to watch with the monkey climbing all over the bike. The Confederate Chapter had their antique and vintage motorcycle show on Saturday. The Cherokee Chapter was there promoting the Texas Road Run in April of 2014. It was great to see all those guys. I got a lot of great comments on the Diamond Chapter Antique Motorcycles in the Park show and several people want to show next year.

Saturday at 11:30am was the century Race with 9 bikes over 100 years old for a single lap. Not a lot of speed but fun to watch. The Cannonball bikes and riders made 2 laps around the track next. These

bikes were 1936 and older. Mike and Buck Carson road along with several others who will ride the Cannonball Run, starting in Florida and ending in Washington state.

Larry Edwards road the trails event Saturday on his Ossa. It is a lot harder than it looks; he was worn out after the ride. Sunday Larry road his CZ in the vintage Moto Cross. He did well in the first heat but in the second heat he went down in the first turn and did not finish the race. He did get hurt a little but will be all right after the soreness goes away. Russell and Elizabeth Plunkett attended the event along with James Sandage. James rented a golf cart to get around which came in handy when we need to get ice and carry parts. Thanks, James. Little motorcycles are the best way to get around.

My friend Stanley Miller road in from Dallas with a few mishaps but made it anyway.

Of course the Barber's Museum is one of the best motorcycle museums in the world; you can spend days in the museum alone. No air show this year, sorry to say. There is so much to do and see 3 days is not enough. We all had a great time and did not get back until late Sunday night, tired but happy. I will be going again next year. Put this event on your must do list, but make plans in advance. <https://barbermotorsports.com> is the web site for pictures and info.

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AMCA Diamond Chapter September Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Mike Thomson at 2:00 pm at Perkins Restaurant in Hot Springs. 11 members were present.

Mike Parker gave a great trivia presentation with many questions pertaining to the Antique Show in the Park. Butch Jones was the winner. The Treasurer's report and August minutes were accepted.

Susie Parker's idea for the Meet and Greet was a big success. Everyone enjoyed good barbecue and even better company. Thanks to Susie and Mike for their hospitality.

Posters from the Show in the Park and the June Mini Road Run were distributed by Linda Bright. And they are awesome.

Mike Thomson announced this year's Show in the Park was the best turnout ever for bikes and spectators. The Texas participants really helped to make out show the awesome success that it was. The AMCA Cherokee Chapter covered our show in their newsletter and we thank them for all of their support. Hill Wheatley Plaza turned out to be a much easier location than the Arlington lawn and Mike plans to reserve it for next year's show.

[Click here](#) for the Antique Motorcycles in the Park video by Berry Landen.

This is the YouTube address - <http://youtu.be/KVbzKqxKExY> Email it to your buddies.

Many thanks to Beth Bright for the Sentinel Record's great show and participant coverage. Linda Bright will publish a thank you letter to all local civic and business supporters that helped make our show.

Thanks to all club members for their help, participation and support. We appreciate everyone that brought a bike and the general public for their enthusiastic turnout.

Newsletter and web site maintenance were discussed.

The ABATE February swap meet booth will be reserved by Mike Thomson for the club. Mike also announced the need for a Sargent at Arms. Pat Jones nominated Russell Plunkett and he accepted.

Charity donations were discussed. Pat Jones and Linda Bright nominated heartfelt causes to support.

Toy Run will be December 1, the Sunday after Thanksgiving.

October 27th meeting site TBA. Linda Bright suggested a ride before the meeting, weather permitting.

Keep in mind February club elections.

Applause for Mike Thomson's outstanding leadership and service to our club. We all appreciate his many efforts to make our club a success.

Thank you Mike!!

Meeting adjourned at 3:20

Submitted by Elizabeth Plunkett

Birthdays:

Linda Bright, Susie Parker, Larry Edwards, Frank Templeton, Debra Hundley

Web Sites to check out:

Why We Ride - a new film coming out Nov. 1 [Click here to watch.](#)

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>

Work Shop Tools Explained:

Battery Electrolyte Tester: A handy tool for transferring sulfuric acid from a battery to the inside of your tool box after determining that your battery is as dead as a door nail, just as you thought.

Things My Motorcycle has taught me:

If everything seems under control, you're not going fast enough.
Fun on a motorcycle is not a straight line.
Don't choose a destination - Pick a direction and Go.

For Sale:

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

Events:

Oct. 27 - Diamond Chapter October meet at Razor Back Pizza on Central Ave. 1:30 to eat. Meeting at 2:00

Nov. 1-3 Hot Springs Ramble at Gulpha gorge Campground

Nov. 24 Diamond Chapter club meeting TBA

Dec. 1 Toy Run, more details to follow

Dec ? Think about Diamond Chapter Christmas Party

Jan. Las Vegas Auction

Feb. Diamond Chapter Elections of officers

April 2014 Cherokee Chapter Road Run, go to their web site for more info.

Feb. 15&16 ABATE swap meet, the club has one spot and I have one spot. Let me know if you want to sell anything. We will need volunteers to work the booth.

Closing Comment:

Things are slowing down for the winter, only a few events left to make. Try to make the club meeting so we can keep up on next year's plans.

I will do my best to keep up on things as they happen. 2013 has been a great year for the club; let's make 2014 just as good. We need more ideas and more members.

Ride Em, Do not hide em!!

Michael Thomson

President, Diamond Chapter of Arkansas

Antique Motorcycle Club of America

6th Annual Antique Motorcycles in the Park video by Berry Landen.

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