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Editor's Note:

As much as I enjoy being the editor I'm saddened to say that I will be handing over the newsletter to John Webb, hopefully it will be temporary; as to John and I can share in compiling the newsletter together in the future. John stepped up to help take over the newsletter in our last meeting.

We will hopefully be put together soon a bike show committee, this is always a great way to help, we look forward to see new and past volunteers. We are taking ideas for a theme.

\$700,000 for a motorcycle license plate?

License plate "1" is up for grabs to the public for the first time in decades in Australia. Is it worth \$700,000 to own?

Editor: Raul C.

Presidents Letter:

It's summer after the cool wet spring. Summer has been nothing but hot. In July Dave Schneider, Aaron West, John Webb and I trailered our panheads to Madison Wisconsin for the panhead reunion at the Harley Museum. That evening we rode to a restaurant for dinner and while we were eating it poured rain for about an hour. We waited it out and rode back to the KOA on damp streets. The next morning it was sunny and cool and we rode to Milwaukee and on to the museum. For \$10 you could show your bike and get a pass to the museum. There were about 135 panheads on the grounds plus Knuckleheads, Shovelheads, Fatheads, etc. Most were entered in the show while others entered the field meet. This event is always fun. We found out on the way there that there was a bigger get together about 30 miles south of Milwaukee and over 300 panheads were there. A big party in the street was going on but we missed it. After the prizes we're given out we rode to the old Harley factory and took pictures then headed back to Madison. My rep from S&S cycle told me we had to see State Street so we started trying to find this "neat spot". After a couple wrong turns and a stop to adjust John's clutch we found it. It sucked. It was a place for college kids to hang out. We had a sandwich and a beer then got the hell out of there. Another wrong turn and a blowed gasket and we were back to the KOA. We came back Sunday.





Aaron and Willie G.



The next event was the Great Car Show. They talked about putting it off till the next weekend because of weather but decided to go ahead with it. It rained hard the night before and was wet and sprinkling the next morning with more showing on the radar so I didn't go. There were 14 bikes showed and it poured rain again at 9 a.m. then turned nice.



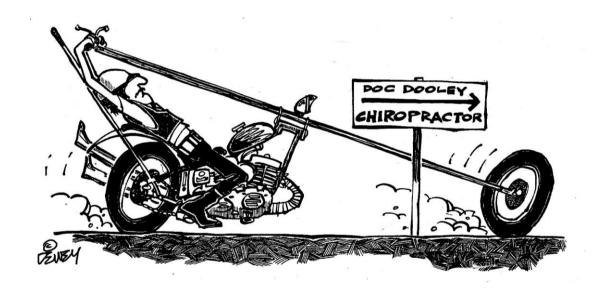
Coming events;

September 8th,a ride to Tecumseh Nebraska leaving 9 a.m. from Lawrence Kansas to see a Motorcycle Museum in Tecumseh and there will be a trouble truck for most of the ride .

Also the sunflower chapter is putting on a ride October 12th through the 14th in the Clinton Missouri area staying at the Hampton Inn. Hotel phone 660-885-4488.

Hope to see you on the road.





Mark Bayer's KCVJMC club held an event on Saturday July 7th of this year. Mark is an AMCA and Santa Fe Trail Club member. This was the 7th. year for this event. His KCVJMC (Kansas City Vintage Japanese Motorcycle Club) is the largest of its type in the Midwest region. There were approximately 100 motorcycles which showed up during the day and around 60 KCVJMC club members were in attendance as well. Another KCVJMC and Santa Fe Trail member which attended the event was Jerry Juenemann. Jerry brought several motorcycles including his 1967 Honda CB450D Scrambler. This motorcycle is not only very rare, but one of the few completely unmolested original "D" Scramblers known to exist. This bike is one of the most collectable vintage Honda's and one of the most desirable bikes wanted by those who currently collect Japanese motorcycles. There were a number of other Santa Fe Trail members in attendance as well. (list if you can remember the names, you were there as was Jerry Semler) This show originated as a means of showing the diversity and ingenuity of the Japanese motorcycle. The event was held at Liberty Cycle Center which recently celebrated its 50th. anniversary. Liberty Cycle Center, known as LCC, began as a Norton, Ducati, and Moto Guzzi dealership back in the 1960's. It is one of the oldest continuously operating motorcycle dealership in the northland.

The people kept coming and going and the food was free, what could be better! KCVJMC will most likely have the event again at LCC next year. Mark said that one vintage Harley owner asked if he could show his bike with the Japanese machines, he said yes of course, I think we all just love the old motorcycles!





Santa Fe Trail AMCA Club at the City market in downtown Kansas City has become a club tradition! By: Mark B.

On Sunday August 12, our SFT club met for the 6th. consecutive year at the City Market in downtown Kansas City for the "Art of the Machine" event. We are the only motorcycle group currently allowed to hold an event there. We had one of the largest, if not the largest, club turnouts ever. President Jack Larson, Erin West, Mark Bayer, Dave Schneider, Raul, Elizabeth, Jim (the guy with the 1941 Indian 4), Mike Judy, Bill Judy, Frank Sereno, Kelly, Don Lipsky, Jerry Semler, Doug Rollert, Mike Williams, David Plummer, John Webb, and Sherri Smith were in attendance. If I forgot your name I certainly apologize. There were over 17 motorcycles being on display, perhaps a record.

What makes the event so nice is that we have a great section of the market area carved out specifically for our motorcycles and the seating area being close to shade trees where members can sit and talk while being out of the sun. There are many restaurants in the market area, the Steamship Arabia museum, and quite a number of interesting shops available for any who visit. The weather was great and the public was interested in the show.

Earlier this year Deb Connors of the Market Association complimented our club as a friendly group which put on an interesting show that the public really enjoyed. They also used our show to promote the Art of the Machine event itself, what a great recommendation that is. This is a show which our club enjoys and the public likes as well! Perhaps next year we can do it again.

Mark Bayer















Blackhawk Meet (Davenport 18)

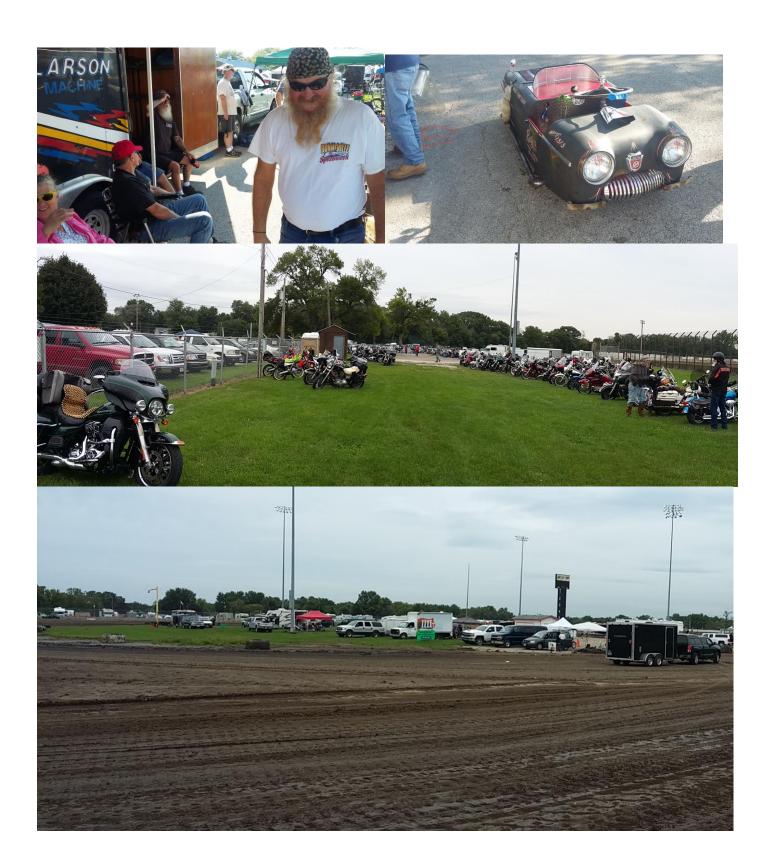
Pulling up into the Blackhawk meet this year was a little bit of a challenge for some; it had rained the night before in buckets and some vendors vehicles got stuck in the parking area as they waited to get in, they managed to pull everyone out, some took a little longer than others causing them to get a late start at setting up. Despite this dilemma, the Blackhawk meet seem to be a big success, the vendors were plentiful and the crowd was moving around in hopes of finding the part they need for their restoration or their next build. I've always enjoyed the atmosphere of this meet and the rare bikes that show up. It's a cornucopia of antique bikes, parts, memorabilia and vintage items. People from all around the world attend this meet annually in hopes of that rare find and to have a good time.



I've meet some great people attending this meet, one person in particular is Phyllis Shearer, Phyllis lost her husband Don Shearer of 60+ yrs of marriage recently, yet she continues to be a part of this legacy and not only Phyllis, But now her Great grandson is becoming a part of this madness, to search out for rare and useable parts. To think that each generation of the Shearer family has shown up to this event with motorcycles, parts and camping on their minds. Phyllis has been part of the motorcycle world since her early days of pre-teen. Her father gave her a motorcycle when they lived N. of Dodge city Ks. On the farm is where she learned how to ride "this Harley with the gear shifter on the tank" she said she was the only one that had a "motorsickle and a horse". Phyllis has been good friends to Elizabeth for close to 15-20 yrs. another woman in motorcycle history.

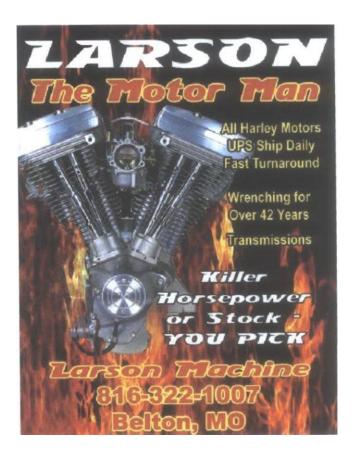


Usually as we're walking around or peddling our bikes we may see a celebrity sort. This year we were filling our faces at Doug Nixon's spot, he just got done cooking over 20lbs of beef with large trays of mushrooms, potatoes and bake beans and there in his golf cart enjoying the food was Paul Osborn of Trueitt and Osborn. Now to anyone who has raced a motorcycle or has gone thru a lower end on their Harley, this name may ring a bell (HaHa). When I found out that I was stuffing my face with countless lbs of beef with Paul Osborn I was honored. Just in the 10 minutes of conversation with him I picked up a few pointers. An innovator in motorcycle racing.









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Is a quarterly newsletter of past, present and future events, it's published during the months of Feb, May, Aug, Nov.

Up Coming Events:

Sept. 8th-Ride to Tecumseh, Ne. to visit museum, meet at gas station South of slow ride (Phillips 66)in Lawrence, ks. <u>1030 N</u> <u>3rd St, Lawrence, KS 66044</u> @ 9am. Trouble truck will meet up with us.

Sept 12th Vintage Show @ Gails HD

Oct. 7th SFTrail Annual Picnic Sherri will be hosting picnic 4796 Highway K 33 Wellsville KS 66092-8538 Oct. 13th-15th <u>Sunflower Chapter Ride</u> in Clinton Mo. area.

Dec. 9th Annual Holiday meal @ <u>BDs</u> <u>Mongolian BBQ</u>. 11836 West 95th Street, Overland Park, KS 66214--913-438-4363

