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# From The President

**Jim Justice**

February 17, 2022

Dear SFT Antique Motorcycle Club Members,

The bike show/swap meet in Lawrence was a success. We actually netted approximately the same amount as we did in 2020 even with the Covid issues. We also signed up 7 new members at the show and 2 directly after.

I would like to sincerely thank all the members who helped with the set-up on Saturday: Doug & Ibby Rollert, Dan Holman, John Beets, Tony Halpin, Mike Judy, Jim Koenig, Jack Larson, Steve Lecher, David Park, Dave Schneider, John Webb, Aaron West, Frank Sereno and Sharon Justice. On Sunday, the following people worked extra hard to make the show a success: Doug Rollert (bike judging), Ibby Rollert (admissions and seed money), Sharon Justice (sign-ups and renewal payment for Club membership), Dan Holman (admissions), John Beets (admissions), Tony Halpin (bike entries/vendors sign-ups), Mike Judy (admissions), Jack Larson (shirt sales/bike judging), David Park (towing the trailer to the show, bike entries and managing parking spaces), Dave Schneider (bike judging), John Webb (bike entries/vendors sign-ups), Aaron West (shirt sales), Frank Sereno (ballots and kitchen and also supplied 5 new helmets for the door prizes!), Sherry Cronin-Borchert, Kelli Bailey and JoAnn Shull-Tanner (kitchen). A very special thank you also to Kelli again for bringing the superb breakfast items to sell! Also, thank you to Patti Welty who helped with signing in the show bikes and vendors and to Frank Sereno for setting up the slide show in memory of Raul Cabrera. If I missed anyone, I sincerely apologize.

Upcoming events include:

- VJMC Invitational at Blip Coffee May 1<sup>st</sup>
- AHRMA Motofest at Heartland Park in Topeka, KS, May 27<sup>th</sup> thru May 29<sup>th</sup>
- Thunder on the Street in Pleasanton, KS, June 4<sup>th</sup>

I also received a text from Alan Bolt, the new President of the AMCA Gateway Chapter, stating that their Club would like to get together with SFT to plan some rides. I will contact Alan to see what we can do.

There are still many SFT members whom have not paid their dues. If you wish to continue being a member, please send your check (payee SFT) to Sharon Justice at 15075 W. 167<sup>th</sup> Terr.; Olathe, KS 66062. Please note any changes to your personal info (address, email, AMCA membership, phone number, etc).

Stay safe and healthy and keep the old wheels turning.

Jim Justice  
President

## Santa Fe Trail M/C Meeting

**February 13, 2022**

The notes below are what Jim was able to jot down during the meeting.

1. Treasure's Report: Doug Rollert gave a detailed report on the Lawrence Show. Those who attended the meeting were given a copy of the report. More than one person was very appreciative of getting the report so soon after the Show.
2. One of the new members, Jon Green, who signed up at the show attended this meeting shared his motorcycle experience.
3. It was decided that we would continue to send out "thank you" letters to the vendors and those who brought bikes to show, but to no longer give free membership cards for SFT nor AMCA.
4. It was decided to only allow vendors to bring one extra person for free. They may pay the entry price for any additional people they want to attend.
5. Make certain that the posters and flyers state very obviously that the Show is on the first Sunday in February.
6. Although in the meeting of November 14<sup>th</sup> it was decided to allow free entry to the show to those who have an active AMCA membership, no mention was made to allow current SFT members in free. It was discussed at this meeting that SFT members were always allowed in free. Therefore, the next show will allow SFT members and AMCA members in free.
7. Reduce the number of T-shirts ordered.
8. The Twisted Oz Bike Show and Swap Meet will April 9<sup>th</sup>.

## 2022 SFT Bike Show

As Jim said in his Letter From the Prez, the bike show was a success and a lot of fun. Motorcycle entries were down from our last show 2 years ago, but there was a good spectator turnout. We had 66 bikes on the floor compared to about 85 at our last show. Vendor participation was down slightly as well, which is unusual. In most of the shows we've sold all our vendor space and had to turn some vendors away. We had space for 5 more vendors this year. I was glad to see so many people having a good time enjoying the sight of antique motorcycles again and relieved that we didn't have to cancel for a second year. Club member participation was good as always. Everyone worked hard to pull this event off successfully and we have several volunteers to thank for that as well. The good news is we made some black ink and signed up several new chapter members during the show.







Some of our vendors. Clockwise from top left; Gregory Maggiore sells prescription goggles; Richard Reyes of Anchor Moto; Dan Kramer came in from Fair Play MO; Tom Gierum had some rollers for sale; Kurt Easum is an Amsoil distributor; Larry Niederschulte and Tom Allen are the license plate guys; Tony-Rawles Riley of Kansas Abate; The Vintage Japanese MC of KC. VJMC accounts for nearly half of the bikes in our show; Jack Benson and Tim Thoele sell used parts. This is a partial list of our vendors. Unfortunately, I was not able to get all of their photos. Not shown but just as important are Becky Rawls-Riley, Kevin Moore, Tim and Marlene Milbern, Jack Larson and Tom Gierum.



















SFT members making it happen



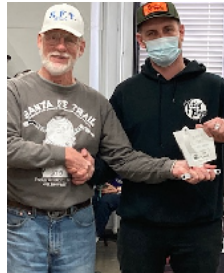
Top row; Dave Schneider at the t-shirt table; Ibbey Rollert and Sharon Justice at the judging table; Jack Larson selling t-shirts and posters; Dave Park and Sharon Justice watch the award ceremony. 2nd row; Tony Halpin, Patti Welty and John Webb registering bikes; Jim & Sharon Justice and Frank Sereno handling emcee duties; Dave Schneider, John Beets, Aaron West, Mike Judy and Dan Holeman selling t-shirts and handling admissions. 3rd row; new member Casey Maxon with his award winning Jawa flat tracker; Dave Park and Patti Welty at the registration desk; Kelli Bailey and Sherry Cronin-Borchert taking care of hungry spectators. Left; Mike Judy. Below; New member Kyle Summers with Steve Lecher, no doubt talking about Indians; Aaron West and Dave Schneider take in the Raul Cabrera memorial slide show, courtesy of Frank Sereno; Jim Justice with Wade Sanders of Wade's Two Wheelers in Lee's Summit MO.





## 2022 Bike Show Award Winners

100 - American Street First Place - Second Place - Third Place -	Mike Cook, 1947 HD WLC Tom Binger, 1927 Indian Scout John Webb, 1958 HD FLH Duoglide
200 - British Street First Place - Second Place - Third Place -	Doug Rollert, 1955 Triumph T-100 Tiger Jon Green, 1928 Scott Flying Squirrel Bill Brown, 1956 BSA Bantam
300 - European Street First Place - Second Place -	Ed Klein, 1956 BMW R60 Bill Doll, 1938 Moto Guzzi S
400 - Asian Street First Place - Second Place - Third Place -	Randy Sams, 1979 Honda CBX James Smith, 1973 1/2 Honda CB 500 Brandon Gerber, 1972 Honda CB 350 F
500 - American Competition First Place -	Rob Horner, 1972 Hodaka Super Rat
600 - British Competition First Place -	Scott Toepfer, 1968 Triumph Bonneville TR6
700 - European Competition First Place -	Harry Enyart, 1974 Husqvarna 400 Cross
800 - Asian Competition First Place -	Kevin Carrier, 1975 Honda XL 350
900 - Special Interest First Place -	Joe Keith, 1965 HD Sprint
1000 - Period Modified First Place -	Blue Star Motorcycles, 1974 Honda CB 350
1100 - Theme Bikes First Place -	Kurt Valentine, 1973 Yamaha RD 350
1200 - Youth Class First Place -	Stiles and Isaac Brown, 1965 Indian Bambino
Awards of Excellence -	Tim Thoele, 1909 Curtiss Simon Curzon, 1959 Triumph 5TA Mike Bahnmaier, 1946 HD FL Mike Bahnmaier, 1957 HD FL David Bryan, 1950 Schwinn Panther Richard Hird, 1973 Rickman Metisse 441 BSA Buddy Walton, 1976 Yamaha TY 250 Mike Cook, 1973 HD Trike David Schneider, 1967 HD FLH Kyle Summers, 1941 Indian Sport Scout Jeff Brandau, 1964 HD FLH Duoglide Harry Enyart, 1964 Norton 400 Electra Casey Maxon, 1950's Jawa 250 Brett Epp, 1978 Yamaha GT 80
President's Award -	Tom Binger, 1929 Indian Scout
Best Of Show -	Mike Bahnmaier, 1946 HD FL





## The Harry R Geer Company

by Don Lipsky

Time for another antique motorcycle ad and a few comments about that motorcycle company. Last issue I highlighted the Thor motorcycle, made in Illinois. This time lets talk about a Missouri motorcycle manufacturer, The Harry R. Geer Company of St. Louis.

Harry Geer's company began as a mail order house in 1902, selling almost anything for motorcycle's of that time period, enabling an individual to repair, modify or build a complete motorcycle on their own.

Around 1904 Geer began to buy complete motorcycles from various manufacturers and re-branding them in his own name. Three motorcycles; the Geer Green Egg, the Geer Blue Bird and the Geer Model 4 were actually manufactured by Hercules, Mitchell and Reliance.

Green Egg: Belt drive, 5 hp 350 cc v-twin, 165 lbs, \$225

Blue Bird: Belt drive, 4 hp single cylinder, 150 lbs, \$200

Model 4: Belt drive, 2.5 hp single cylinder, 125 lbs, \$150

Geer also manufactured their own engine castings, both single and double cylinder engines. Interestingly enough is that the double cylinder was a 5 hp water cooled engine.

One reference book states that the last advertisement from the Geer Company was in 1911, yet I have a magazine page from 1913-14 still advertising the Harry R. Geer Co.

One web site ([findagrave.com](http://findagrave.com)) notes:

Harry R Geer,

Motorcycle dealer, builder and racer. He had a shop at 1017 Pine Street [St. Louis] downtown and later a place at 856-858 McLaren Ave in Baden. He lived at 8408 Halls Ferry Road at the time of his death.

Died of injuries from a motorcycle accident - running into the back of a milk cart.

Age 27

Buried on May 25, 1904

Was this Harry R. Geer the founder of the company or was he a son? Who owned or ran the company after his death? I haven't an answer to those questions.



The Late Harry R. Geer.

*Geer*



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The annual Christmas dinner was held at BD's Mongolian Grill again this year. The food and atmosphere are always great and there's usually a Chiefs game on the tube.



Jerry Semler gets the prize for first ride of the year. He sent me these photos of his one mile ride on New Year's Day. In spite of the snow tires on his KTM he said it was very slick.





## Tech Talk

by Don Lipsky

I've always felt that one thing missing from our newsletter or club membership are Tech Tips, How To's or an evening at someone's house for Show 'n Tell (hey I am over 70 and remember those days in grade school). Jack Larson would be a good resource but he doesn't do computers (but it's a short visit to his shop or by phone), but there are others that could share their knowledge in various ways.

So with that said, here's my 'How I did it':

My son has a 1961 Harley-Davidson Hummer, that's a small 165 cc single cylinder 2 stroke engine motorcycle, that I'm working on. It's more of a re-build rather than a restoration. I've rebuilt the wheels with new bearings and spokes and now I have to redo the brakes. I ordered new brake linings ([HarleyHummer.com](http://HarleyHummer.com)) and they came with no pre-drilled holes for the rivets.



So how am I going to drill those holes? Drilling the through hole would be easy. I made a reference mark on one of old brake shoes to line up the new linings for drilling. Next I clamped a new lining on to the brake shoe and use my hand drill to drill through the existing 1/8 inch holes.

Now I have to flip the linings over and drill out for the head of the rivets.

If I do that free handed it might work, but it would be sloppy, the hole will wander and will not be flat bottomed or at a standard depth.



Since the I.D. radius of the linings were close enough to 4 1/2 inches I bought a short piece of Schedule 40 pipe with the same outer diameter.



My procedure would work equally well in a drill press but I'm fortunate to have an old Bridgeport mill.

Next I set the Schedule 40 pipe in my mill vice, found top dead center and drilled a 1/8 hole part way in. Then I cut a short piece of 1/8 diameter rod that I had laying around and tapped it into the hole with a small hammer.



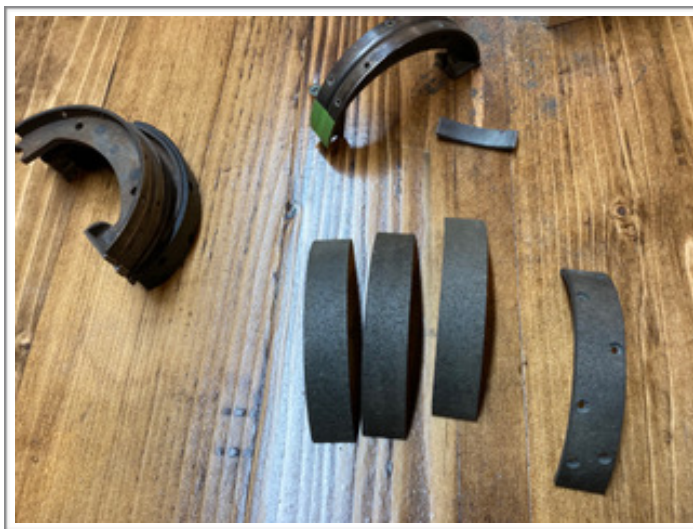


After that I filed the top of the 1/8 rod since tapping it in had mushroomed the top a little. I then slid an old brake shoe lining over the stud, gaged how much was sticking up over the rivet head depression and milled it off, finishing with another quick filing to give it a little chamfer.

Next was to fit a small mill bit with the same diameter of the existing rivet hole. I set the depth gauge so that all the hole depths would be the same. And finally I was able to drill (or mill) all the holes. Mill one hole, pick up the brake lining, move it to another hole and repeat.



One done, three more to go.



Problem solving is one of the things that I enjoy about motorcycle builds. Sometimes I can do it, other times not.

Don

*Editor's note; I love this tech tip from Don and think it should be a regular part of the newsletter. If you have tips you'd like to share with the club please send them to me. Good photos will help with a clear explanation that assumes the reader has no experience with the subject.*

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