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President Deem Announces Stimulus Package

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Tonight, after a closed-door meeting with his closest advisor, AMCA Evergreen Chapter president Tom Deem announced a stimulus package to address the financial crunch felt by many chapter members.

Deem said he knows a lot of vintage riders are hurting. "I feel their pain and I want to address the issue directly. Riley and I have spent the entire evening kicking around ideas that will help members that have been hurt by the economic downturn."

The president, relaxing over a snifter of single malt scotch, said he likes the new plan because of its direct approach. "Here's an idea that will put a couple bucks back in the pockets of our loyal members and make me feel good about myself in the bargain."

The plan, still in early draft, is to reward those that *actually* attend meetings. "It works like this," Deem said, pouring a second snifter. "I know that every member can't come to every meeting, but I want to reward the guys that come to as many meetings as possible.

"So here's the deal--if you attend at least three meetings, you pay half price for the Christmas party.

"Hey, it ain't much," he said, now swigging directly from the bottle, "but it's a few bucks back in the pockets of the members that participate most."

Deem said the plan will not affect chapter officers, who pretty much have to come to the meetings anyway. They will continue to pay full price. "I don't want anyone to think I'm trying to gild my own lily here," the president said.

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“Come again?” asked the one member of the press corps that bothered to attend.

“Hell, you know what I mean,” Deem said. “Don’t try to confuse me. Anyway, I got to go now. It’s time to take Riley for his walk.” ☺

Chapter web site link: www.evergreenamca.org

Check out the promo video for “Pete’s Garage”
<http://vids.myspace.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=vids.individual&VideoID=49590928>



From the Treasurer’s Desk

I’m out of my mind...
But feel free to
Leave a message...

Huge crowd on 2/28 -must have
Heard M. Taylor was serving
Gumbo... it was epic.
Not much to report – Bank’s
“full” and bills are paid.
Happy St Paddy’s day from this
Irish Lass. Be well bubbs

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Don’t forget, dues were due in January. Check the date next to your name on the next mailing you receive to see if you are current.

Annual dues \$12, what a deal!

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President's Message

Surprise: Riding season will be upon us before you know it. Get em up and ready.
If only I could practice what I preach.

You know I'll be behind the eight-ball again, rushing to get the old Pan ready just hours before a run (probably with some stylish duct tape repairs).

How about the stellar job Mike Brown has done, as editor, bringing our newsletter into the digital age.

If you haven't gotten us your e-mail address you probably aren't reading this.

Get with the computer age. We can live in the past through our bikes.

Kudos also to our hardworking treasurer Shaun and secretary Otto. That is where the real work gets done.

They are the heart and soul of the club. Buy them a beer when you get a chance.

Get involved, give your officers support, input and congrats.

There are going to be plenty of events to get the old iron out for this year.

We will be having numerous club runs and a National road run on our southern doorstep in Oregon.

We will try to keep you updated as event dates fill our calendar.

If you know any swap meet, run or show dates, send them in so we can add to our schedule of events.

Our new chapter e-mail address is EvergreenAMCA@gmail.com

As always, we are looking for interesting places to hold the monthly meetings.

If you know of an appropriate venue near you, let us know.

I would like to see everyone break out their bikes for Tenino. Let's get a bang up bike show going.

Bring your parts too though; it is the best swap meet in the NW.

Bring your project or problem bikes. We have a weekend with some of the best mechanics available to help you sort out problems or I could help screw it up for ya.

Hopefully the downturn economy won't curtail your attendance to our events.

Personally I can forego that flat screen TV, new PC, and other things I think I need, and maybe skip a few dine-outs to afford a few more backroads putts.

This is your club. Help decide the direction you want it to take.

Let me know your concerns, suggestions or threats.

Tom.

From the Editor

First and foremost, I'd like to thank all of you who have sent things in for your newsletter!!! As you can see from the number of pages, great content, and fun stories, there is actually stuff in here you will enjoy, and might even find useful. Nothing makes putting a newsletter together easier than having stuff to put in it. The "editor" just puts it to paper (or digital media) which is a lot better than inventing "filler". You readers should let the contributing members know if you like their stuff. Keep it coming!

The Christmas Dinner held at Sockeye's in Monroe was not as well attended as some in the past, with just twenty-six, but for those that did show up, it was great fun, a really good meal for not much money, and another chance to visit with like-minded folks and friends. The ride home that night was during the first real snow of the season so I was glad I didn't take the bike. If you have an idea about where to have this year's celebration, let someone know. And the sooner the better.

Collector vehicle and restored license plates.

(1) **What is a collector vehicle license plate?** For the purposes of this section a collector vehicle license plate is a special license plate indicating "Collector Vehicle." The smaller size collector vehicle license plate is available for motorcycles. Collector vehicle owners must conform to the rules under RCW [46.16.307](#).

(2) **What vehicles qualify for a collector vehicle license plate?** Any motor vehicle which is:

- (a) More than thirty years old; and
- (b) Capable of being operated upon the highway; and
- (c) Currently registered in Washington; and
- (d) Operated primarily as a collector vehicle.

(3) **How is a collector vehicle license plate to be displayed?** The collector vehicle license plate must be displayed on the rear of the vehicle for which it was issued. The collector vehicle license plate is not transferable to any other motor vehicle, but may stay with that vehicle upon transfer of ownership.

(4) **What additional fees are required to obtain a collector vehicle license plate?** In addition to all other license fees required by law, the applicant must pay an additional license fee of thirty-five dollars for this collector vehicle license plate.

(5) **Are collector vehicle license plate(s) required to be replaced under RCW [46.16.233](#)?** No, the collector vehicle license plates are exempt from the periodic vehicle license plate replacement schedule.

(6) **What is a "restored license plate"?** A restored license plate is a Washington state issued license plate designated for general use in the year of the vehicle's manufacture. The restored license plate may not be a specialized license plate. The restored license plate may be used instead of a collector vehicle license plate or horseless carriage license plate. The license plate must be restored to such a condition that it may be identified with its year of issue. Reproductions of the original are not acceptable for use as a restored license plate.

(7) **How is a restored license plate to be displayed?** The owner must display a single plate on the rear of the vehicle. If the vehicle owner has two identical license plates, the second license plate may be displayed on the front of the vehicle or on another vehicle.

(8) **If I sell my vehicle may I keep my restored license plate?** Yes. The restored plate(s) may be reassigned to another qualifying vehicle.

(9) **May I replace my restored license plate with another restored license plate?** Yes, however, your vehicle record must be updated to reflect the new plate number before it is displayed on the vehicle.

(10) **What additional fees are required to have a restored license plate assigned to my vehicle?** In addition to all other title and license fees required by law, you must pay an additional license fee of thirty-five dollars for the restored plate to be assigned to your vehicle. At the time a restored plate is assigned to a vehicle, the department will require the certificate of ownership be submitted if that vehicle does not already have a "title purpose only" number.

(11) **Will I be able to apply for a refund of fees I have paid if I decide to change my restored use plate to a regular issue plate?** No. There is no provision in the law to issue a refund should you decide to change to a regular issue plate.

(12) **May I apply the fees I paid for my restored plate towards the purchase of regular issued plates?** No. Full fees must be paid for the new plates.

Antique vehicle — Horseless carriage license plate.

(1) **What vehicles qualify for a horseless carriage license plate?** Any motor vehicle which is:

- (a) At least forty years old; and
- (b) Capable of being operated upon the highway; and
- (c) Currently registered in Washington; and

(d) Operated primarily as a collector vehicle under RCW [46.16.307](#).

(2) **How is a horseless carriage license plate displayed?** The horseless carriage license plate must be displayed on the rear of the vehicle for which it was issued.

(3) **If I sell my vehicle may I keep my horseless carriage license plate?** Yes. You may keep the license plate but it is not transferable to any other motor vehicle.

(4) **What additional fees are required to obtain a horseless carriage license plate?** In addition to all other license fees required by law, the applicant must pay an additional license fee of thirty-five dollars for this horseless carriage license plate.

(5) **Are horseless carriage license plates subject to periodic replacement?** No, the horseless carriage license plates are exempt from the vehicle license plate replacement schedule.

2009 Chapter Calendar

Chapter Meeting Dates & Places

March 28, 12 Noon. Antique Cycles Northwest, 127B Broadway East, Seattle, WA 206-522-8010

April 25, TBD

May 30, TBD

June 27, TBD

July 25, TBD

August 15, TBD

September 26, TBD

October 31, TBD

November 28, TBD

December 12, Christmas Dinner, TBD

If you have an idea for a meeting location, let Mike Taylor or Tom Deem know about it.

Other Activities

(Evergreen Chapter in Bold)

March 29, Monroe Swap Meet

April 18, Mount Vernon Swap Meet

April 19, Tsawwassen Swap Meet

May 29-31, Hood Canal Shake Down Cruise, Get the Dust Off

June 6 & 7, Dino Daze Thurston County ORV Park

June 26 & 27, Hood River Run by John Stanley, date TBD

July 23-25, Oregon Trail Chapter National Road Run

August 14-16, Tenino Swap Meet

September 27, Oyster Run @ Anacortes

September, Whatcom County End of Summer Blast

THINGS OUR MOTORCYCLES HAVE TAUGHT US:

From Jill Loveless

The only good view of a thunderstorm is in your mirrors

People ask us "why do you ride a motorcycle?" For those who experience this joy..... no explanation is necessary.... For those who haven't.....no explanation is possible.

I'd rather be ridin' my putt and thinkin' bout God... then to be sitting in church thinking about my bike.

4 wheels move the body..... 2 wheels move the soul.

You never see a Harley in front of a psychiatrist's office.

Most motorcycle problems are caused by the nut that connects the handle bars to the seat.

We start life with a full pot of luck and an empty pot of experience..... The object is to fill the pot of experience before we empty the pot of luck.

If you wait..... all that happens is that you get older.

Midnight bugs taste the same as noon bugs.

Saddlebags can never hold everything you want, but they DO hold everything you need.

Don't ride so late into the night that you sleep through the sunrise.

Sometimes it takes a whole tank of gas before you can think straight.

Riding faster than everyone else only guarantees that you'll ride alone.

Never hesitate to ride past the last street light at the edge of town.

Never do less than forty miles before breakfast.

A bike on the road is worth 2 in the shed.

Respect the person who has seen the dark side of motorcycling and lived, and still rides.

Young riders pick a destination and go..... Old riders pick a direction and go.

A good mechanic will let you watch without charging you for it.

Sometimes the fastest way to get there is to stop for the night.

Always back your bike into the curb and sit where you can see it.

There are drunk riders and there are old riders..... But there aint many old drunk riders.

Ride to work.... Work to ride.

Whatever it is... it's better in the wind.

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Things Our Motorcycles Have Taught Us

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Two lane blacktop isn't a highway... it's an attitude.

When you look down the road and it seems to never end... you better believe it does!!

Winter is nature's way of telling one to test the electrics.

Keep your bike in good repair. Motorcycle boots are not all that comfortable for walking.

People are like bikes..... each is customized a little bit differently.

Sometimes the best communication happens when you're on separate bikes.

When you're riding point..... don't spit-----

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360-264-4210 or mike@sei-av.com



Why I'm a Sportster Guy

By Mike Taylor

On a brilliant Saturday in June of 1969, two weeks shy of my seventeenth birthday, I bought my first Harley Davidson, a 1961 Sportster XLH. It was hi-fi blue and birch white with fiberglass saddlebags, a Zodiac metal-flake seat cover, front and rear crash bars, and the big windshield. I promised my dad I wouldn't ride it until I got insurance, but the temptation was too great. Later that day, throttle wicked, I passed him going the other direction on Sheridan Road. I think he saw me, but I don't know for sure. He never said anything, and I never asked.

I wasn't looking for a Sportster, not in particular—I just wanted a Harley. For the past year, my best friend Tom Deem and I had spent most of our free time hanging out at George DeMello's garage, watching him work on motorcycles and soaking up lore. George was the motorcycle mechanic for the local police department, and the garage behind his house was closest thing in town to a Harley shop.

A couple weeks before I bought the Sportster, I'd lost my chance at a 1955 Harley FL Hydra Glide. If we'd left the house a half hour earlier that day, I might be telling you now why I'm a Panhead guy, but as it turned out, my dad was busy in his shop, and it was past noon before I finally shook him loose to look at the bike. We arrived just in time to watch a grungy biker type load *my* Panhead (along with several baskets of extra parts) into the back of a beat-up Ford pickup truck.

I didn't speak to my dad for the rest of the week. The asking price for the Panhead had been three-hundred dollars, and I believed I'd never again in my life see such a deal (probably true). My dad actually seemed a little sheepish. He didn't care much about motorcycles, but it was money I'd earned myself, and even he could recognize a bargain. Whatever he felt, two weeks later, after the ad for the 1961 XLH ran in the evening paper, he was ready to go at nine.

The bike was on Bainbridge Island, about twenty miles from our house. This time, though, because I'd prepared myself for disappointment, I wasn't surprised to find the Sportster already surrounded by a crowd of young men. My dad and I might have driven off right then if the old woman hadn't come out. She said her husband, a forest ranger, had been called out to fight a fire and wouldn't be back until late that evening. It was all right, though, if any of us wanted to take the motorcycle out for a ride.

For the next fifteen minutes, my dad and I watched from the front seat of the station wagon as, one after another, the prospective buyers wore themselves out trying to start the bike, none of them getting more than an occasional chuff. After they gave up, I slipped out of the car. Half expecting someone to stop me and afraid to look at any of their faces, I climbed on the bike, primed it twice, turned the key, twisted the spark retard, and kicked it again, knowing for certain it was going to start.

I will always love the smell of old Harley motors.

After I returned from a short ride, the ranger's wife came out with a pen and notepad and took down our names and numbers in the order we'd arrived. I was number nine on the list. The odd thing was, after I'd returned, none of the other guys had taken the bike out for a ride. My dad and I talked about it on the drive home.

Sometime that evening my mom called me to the phone. When I answered, the first thing the caller said was, "Do you have six hundred dollars?" I knew instantly who it was, and my heart sank. Finally I stammered, "No sir, I only have five." There was a long pause at the other end of the line. I turned and saw both of my parents watching me. I thought I heard the ranger sigh. A few moments later, he told me if I brought the money in the morning the Sportster was mine.

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As it turned out, he hadn't called anyone else on the list. The day before, while everyone was looking at the bike, he'd arrived home through a back entrance but was too exhausted to come outside. He'd stood at the kitchen window, though, and watched me start the bike and take off down the road, and I think he must have felt my joy. He said he'd wanted a Harley all his life, but when he finally got one, he was too damn old to enjoy it.

Over the last thirty-eight years, I've owned more than a dozen Harley motorcycles, including a Knucklehead and several Panheads, but I could never bring myself to let that Sportster go. In fact, it's sitting about fifteen feet away from me as I type. I don't think the old ranger would recognize it, though. I grew up on the West Coast, after all, and with the advent of "Easyrider" in the early seventies, like most riders then, I felt the need to tear the old Ironhead Sportster down and remake it in the fashion of the times.

The '61 is the only Sportster that gets to stay in the house, but out in the shop a '62 Sportster, a '65 Sportster, and a '68 Sportster all wait their turn. The motor for the '65 is almost done, I've got the wheels laced up, and I've started bolting parts to the frame. If all goes according to plan, the bike will be ready for the early spring run. Meantime, a week from Friday, I'll head across the water to Seattle to pick up the last of the parts from the painter, parts that include a hi-fi blue and birch-white turtle tank. ††

Member's Buy, Sell, or Give Away Ads, and Notices

Stolen Bike

1958 Harley Davidson "Duo Glide" (panhead)
Registration: 58FL1923 (Michigan title shows 18FL192)
Title # 169C1920234D
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Complaint # 96-12146

Send any information to Peter Mafteiu, pmafteiu@snet.net, (253) 514-8898

Book & Magazine Collection:

400 plus books, on motorcycles (Harley, British, etc.) as well as cars
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AMA, VMCC (UK) and VOC (UK).

Prefer sell entire lot as can't live long enough to sell separately !

Serious inquiries to Richard 360 918-8026. Lists available.

George Breitung has the following small parts for sale (not a complete list, contact George for more info)

Fibre speedo drive gear, \$22.00 pp – The last I will be making.

Gear cutting tools

All of George's Indian, Harley and Henderson Small Parts (no frames, transys or motors)

George Breitung, 4955 Vesper Dr. Everett, WA 98203, (425) 252-8183





Pictures from the 08 Christmas party and last years Hood River run

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\$12.00 Chapter dues (AMCA National membership required)

Do you want this information made available to other Evergreen Chapter members?
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National AMCA member number _____

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Your motorcycles that you would like to be listed in the Chapter Directory

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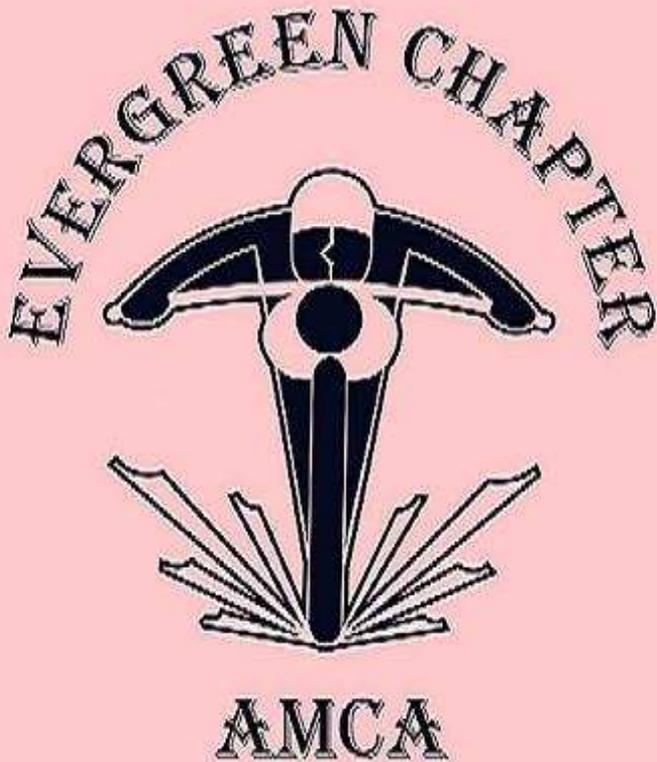
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I would like to volunteer for Chapter events YES _____ NO _____

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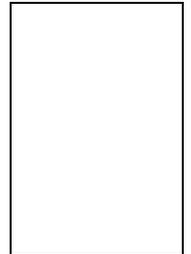
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