
Trail Gazette

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Your AMCA Board

By Richard Spagnolli, President AMCA

The Board held a teleconference lasting three and one half hours on Sunday January 30. Ten of our eleven Directors were present. Here are the highlights:

Raymond Dhue

Raymond passed away unexpectedly on January 23 after a brief illness. I reported on the moving memorial service held for Raymond at the First Presbyterian Church in Lakeland the previous day. The service was well attended by family and friends who filled the church to capacity. A group of motorcyclists from the local HOG Chapter and Harley Davidson dealership, where Raymond was employed as a mechanic/technician, rode to the service. The rumble of superbly tuned motorcycles was a real tribute to Raymond as were the testimonials. The Board then observed a moment of silence for Raymond, and voted a \$500 donation in his memory to the Gideon Society.

I reported that Dennis Craig, former AMCA Treasurer, has offered to assist the Club while we search for a replacement. We had a lengthy discussion of the need for the Treasurer to be an accountant/book keeper and someone with real life experience in the bookkeeping field and who is also knowledgeable with bookkeeping computer software. A job description is being sent to Chapter Presidents and Newsletter Editors and will also be published on the Club Web site and in the Spring issue of the magazine. We are hopeful someone in the membership will step forward and volunteer for this most important position.

Judging

Chief Judge Steve Dawdy presented the AMCA Judging Guidelines, and these were approved. This judging 'shop manual' will be made available to Club members through the Website. The Judging Guidelines will go a long way in making the judging of motorcycles between meets more uniform. Thanks to Steve Dawdy and the Judging Committee for a job well done.

British Magazines

The winning bid for our "ton of magazines" that were being stored at the AACA Museum in Hershey was \$17,850, and this bid was accepted and approved by the Board.

Advertising Manager

Bob Courboin has resigned, and a successor is being sought. The position will be advertised through the Chapter Presidents and the Club web site. There was discussion about whether this job should be assigned to a professional advertising person. The Board agreed to sell a five year old printer which originally cost \$160 to Bob for \$80. There was a brief discussion of whether the Board should authorize a short survey to National Meet vendors and magazine advertisers. Discussions will continue and this item will be placed on the Eustis agenda.

Magazine Page Increase

The Board has been discussing an eight page increase in the magazine without additional cost to the Club. This can be accomplished by selling additional advertising for the eight pages. The concept was approved subject to the Club's ability to sell the additional advertising. It was agreed that a final decision would be made after the new Advertising Manager was hired and made an assessment of the situation.



Merchandise Manager

It was reported that advertising manager, Susan Brutus, acquired inventory control and sales software to help with the ordering and accountability of merchandise for the Club. There was also a discussion of establishing a budget for merchandise. Thanks Susan for taking the initiative in this area.

Old Iron Volunteers

I reported that the Club's "Old Iron Volunteer" program has gotten off to a slow start. First published on the Club web site and then in the Winter issue of the magazine, we have had just one volunteer to date. We have to do better! We will continue to advertise the program and make sure that our members understand that we are not asking for long term commitments but just a little of their time.

Forum Moderator

Gary Palombia, web master for the Allegheny Mountain Chapter, was appointed AMCA Forum Moderator, replacing long time Moderator, Kevin Valentine. Thanks for the long and dedicated service, Kevin.

Membership Survey

Bill Wood addressed the preliminary results. A full report will be presented and discussed in Eustis. The report will then be presented by Bill and Greg Harrison to the membership in a later issue of the magazine.

Chapter Events

Matt Olsen and Bill Wood will discuss starting a new page on the Club web site to advertise Chapter events and report to the Board in Eustis.

Board Meeting Webcasts

The Board has been discussing the feasibility of broadcasting, in real and delayed time, the Board meetings in Eustis and Davenport. Bill Wood has been gathering information on this subject and the cost to the Club for web hosting and equipment. Further discussions will continue in Eustis as an agenda item.

Appointments and Committees 2011

Fred Davis is Director of Chapters, Steve Dawdy and Don Dzurick remain Chief and Deputy Judge respectively. Fred Johansen is Technical Editor; Rick Najera, National Meet Coordinator; Matt Olsen, Youth Director and I will continue for the time being as "Acting" Consumer Affairs person.

Hint: This does not have to be a Board position. We need a volunteer! The New Chapter Development Committee will be led by Lonnie Campbell, with Fred Davis, Red Fred Johansen, Steve Slocombe and I contributing. This Committee has a very important task of persuading members in areas of the country and, yes, the world, to organize a group from their respective areas and start a new AMCA Chapter.

A new Operations Committee consisting of Trudi Johnson-Richards and myself will have oversight of the work of Bill Wood, our new Operations Manager. Other Committees retain existing members, with new ones to be added in due course.

AMCA Long Term Planning

Steve Slocombe stated the Club needs to continue in its efforts to plan for the future. Such plans will be discussed in the Steering Committee and by the Board.

Our next Board meeting is Friday March 4, 2011 at the Hampton Inn in Mt. Dora (Eustis).

February Meeting Minutes

Gene called the meeting to order at 2:26 pm on February 12, 2011. The meeting was held at the Powerland Texaco Station.

Attendees: Gene Walker, Gary Kelley, Tom Ruttan, Tom Krise, Pat & Carol Smith, Terry and Norlene Wolbert and Rosie Singhose.

January minutes were read and approved.

Correspondence/Business/Reports:

Gary received email from Richard Spagnolli regarding open positions in the AMCA staff. Gary distributed job descriptions in a member email and information appears in this Trail Gazette. Also included in Richard's email were AMCA Board Meeting minutes from January 10.

TomR provided a financial report, which was read and approved.

Gene reported that Mike Holm had secured enough antique motorcycles for his exhibit in June, see cover page. Gene also mentioned the Idaho Vintage Motorcycle Rally and Show in Caldwell Idaho this March 19~20th.



Road Run 2012:

Gene has had difficulty contacting an Evergreen Chapter representative to discuss a combined national event. However, some progress has been made recently and Gene predicts a meeting within the next few weeks to begin discussions. This first meeting is for fact finding only. Future discussions involve location, tasks, funding, etc.

Editor's Note:

Mike Brown provided Evergreen Chapter contact information.

2011 20th Anniversary celebration:

It was decided to delay a catering decision until the March meeting. TomR determined we could use the facilities without charge. TomR will arrange tables and chairs for the event. Shannon will provide TomR with a final headcount.

Date is either the second Saturday or Sunday of September. Shannon will send out invitations to members in good standing in early August.

Road Run 2011:

Gary reported 10 RV sites are secured and tent accommodation arranged. Sites are in the front row directly across from the lodge and restrooms/showers. To reserve an RV or Tent site, contact Gary with RV length or tent size, number in your party and the dates you'll stay. Wagonmaster Gary will handle the rest.

Online reservations for The Oregon Garden are now available. Reserve your room at The Oregon Garden before June 21, 2011 to receive the AMCA rate of \$119 a night. See the Events page on the website for a link to more information and instructions on how to reserve your room at The Oregon Garden. If you want to reserve by phone, the number to Moonstone Hotels Central Reservations is 1-800-966-6490. When calling, mention your group name is AMCA.

If you are unable to complete your reservation at The Oregon Garden or have questions, contact Gary.

TomK detailed his ideas for routing. He enlisted Gene to assist him with final routes and procurement of door prizes.

Oregon Trail Road Run registration is open at <http://www.amcaotc.org/events.htm>

Tom's Annual Ride and BBQ

TomK has set the date of June 11th for this year's ride and BBQ dinner. More information to follow.

Gene brought back some auction swag from his Las Vegas trip. Numbers were placed in a hat and Terry Wolbert won a 2011 calendar, notebook and coffee mug. Terry shared his winnings with meeting attendees.

TomR motioned we adjourn at 3:15, TomK seconded.

March Business Meeting Agenda

The March Business Meeting is being held at the Powerland Texaco Station on March 12, 2011 at 2:00PM. Topics we'll discuss:

- 🦋 Review of February meeting minutes
- 🦋 Treasurers' report
- 🦋 2011 Road Run Committee Report
- 🦋 20th Celebration Catering selection
- 🦋 2012 National Event
- 🦋 Solicit new business

Our Business Meetings are where we discuss issues important to Chapter operation. Your thoughts are needed to make decisions for the future. We hope to see you there.

Old Iron Volunteer Program



This new national program gives you a chance to put your expertise to work making your Club a better place. How? Volunteer your time.

The AMCA Board has identified areas where volunteers can make significant contributions. Some volunteer opportunities require specific skills, while others just need someone with a desire to pitch in and help.

The time required for these roles will vary considerably, but volunteers for an assignment will know in advance what is expected and how much work is involved. You will be able to work around your schedule, and there is no long-term commitment required.

In other words, we want your help, and we want to make it as easy as possible for you to volunteer. All you need to do is go to our Volunteer Opportunities web page, review the needs we've identified, and tell us how you can contribute.



Help Wanted

As mentioned in the AMCA Board meeting minutes, two AMCA Staff positions are open.

AMCA Advertising Manager

An immediate opening exists for Advertising Manager.

Responsibilities of the Advertising Manager:

- ✉ Process advertising orders for the Club magazine
- ✉ Facilitate transfer of advertising copy to the magazine Editor
- ✉ Collect and record advertising fees and send them to the Treasurer
- ✉ Generate additional advertising revenue with existing and new clients

This has been a paying position based on a salary/commission. The Board hasn't decided whether to continue the current compensation arrangement or adopt a new one.

We would like someone from within the membership, preferably with experience in selling advertising for publications. We are looking for someone to sell additional advertising beyond what appears in the current magazine with the idea of possibly increasing the number of magazine issues and /or pages. A personality and desire to "beat the bushes" and sell advertising is important.

AMCA Treasurer

An immediate opening exists for the position of AMCA Treasurer. Applicants should have accounting or bookkeeping experience and although tax preparation experience would be a plus, it is not a requirement for the position.

Responsibilities of the Treasurer:

- ✉ Collect and disburse funds of the organization as directed by the Board of Directors.
- ✉ Render a financial report of the organization at the annual and semi-annual Board of Directors meetings and at such other times as the President or the Board of Directors require.

- ✉ Have charge and custody of the financial records of the organization and be responsible for depositing in its name in one or more state banks or incorporated trust companies designated as depositories by the Board of Directors, all monies received.
- ✉ Have the authority to sign such papers as required in the sale of securities or other assets belonging to the organization or in connection with the settlement of estates or trusts in which the organization has an interest.
- ✉ Have authority to withdraw funds from any depository as necessary to conduct business.
- ✉ Coordinate and monitor tax reports.

If qualified for either of these positions, please send your resume to Richard at the address below. Call or email Richard with questions.

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AMCA Judging Guidelines Available

Submitted by Bill Wood, Operations Manager

The AMCA judging program is pleased to announce the introduction of the Judging Guidelines Manual, a companion document used in conjunction with the AMCA Handbook of Judging. The Manual specifies general rules and procedures in the AMCA Handbook of Judging, and provides point deduction guidelines for judges to use as a general reference on the judging field to maximize consistency of judging.

The Judging Guidelines Manual is principally a reference guide for AMCA national judges. Current AMCA judges and members may download the manual from the AMCA website. Click on "AMCA Judging Guidelines" under Events from the navigation bar of any page. Members can view or download the manual by entering their last name and AMCA membership number. For more information, contact AMCA Chief Judge Steve Dawdy at ssdawdy@hughes.net



OTC Forum Classifieds

By Our Members

1951 FL, 3 speed and reverse transmission with 1941 sidecar. Very nice outfit, runs great, fresh rebuilt Linkert, interior of sidecar in nice shape, spare tire on the sidecar. Email gene@roguehawg.com for more information and pictures or call 541-944-7641.

1940 Knucklehead Frame, uncut, with sidecar loops, tool box strap etc. The tool strap has some extra holes drilled in it by previous owner. There is a small fork stop, which would be easy to remove, under the neck. For information or photos, email gene@roguehawg.com

3 Scouts for sale.

- 🦋 1938 Scout with rebuilt motor and matching frame.
- 🦋 45-inch in a 741 frame. Needs finishing with wiring and misc stuff to get it running. Painted a beautiful, \$1500.00, 2-tone blue.
- 🦋 52-inch in a 741 frame. Has vertical twin front forks and wheel, TT warrior rear wheel and Jr. Scout tanks.

All three motors rebuilt by Ken Edmiston. Contact Ben Beberness, bbeberness@aol.com

Editor's Note:

OTC Forum Classifieds are available to all AMCA members registered on the OTC Forum. Advertisements posted on the forum are listed here when space is available. Please remove your ads from the forum as soon as possible following the sale.

Deadline for articles, advertisements or other submissions to the Trail Gazette is the 25th of the month. Send submissions to garyk@amcaotc.org

Below is an Indian advertisement published in the July 10, 1913 edition of Motorcycling.

Indian Motorcycles

"AGAIN THE INDIAN LAUGHS"

July 4th Was An Indian Day Everywhere

THE HENDEE MANUFACTURING CO. Springfield, Mass.

Never in the annals of motorcycling was there such a tremendous and brilliant clean-up of road and track events throughout the country, as was made by the masterly riders of the

Indian

In the National 250 mile road race for strictly stock machines, held at Elgin, Ill., by the Chicago Motorcycle Club, with every prominent make of motorcycle competing, the INDIAN finished

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the winner, Charles Balke, averaging 55.4 miles per hour.

This event was THE AMERICAN ROAD CLASSIC, and the most gruelling contest ever run in America. Real, bona fide speed, stamina, power and reliability were absolutely necessary to win, and the invincible INDIANS proved the leadership of INDIAN engineering principles.

Note the remarkable consistency of the INDIAN arrivals at the finish. They ran true to form, because INDIANS are built to repeat.

The Indians That Won Are the Kind of Indians That You Buy—Strictly Stock

DENVER, COLO.—200 Mile Team Race, Professional and Amateur Classes, Overland Park One Mile Circular Dirt Track.

Professional—Won by INDIAN (Boyd and Bruggeman). The INDIAN team were 7 miles ahead at the finish. Time, 205 min. 34 3/5 sec.

Amateur—Won by INDIAN (Edenberg and Odiorne). The INDIAN team were 12 miles ahead at the finish. Time, 212 min. 10 3/5 sec.

Both the winning INDIAN teams averaged nearly a mile a minute.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Every event won by an INDIAN.

ELMIRA, N. Y.—Every event won by an INDIAN.

SAVANNAH, GA.—Stock road race won by an INDIAN.

FINDLAY, O.—7 out of 8 events won by INDIANS.

These were all open meets at which fast machines of other makes were entered.

Indian Horsepower Isn't on Paper, It's in the Engine

Impartial racing reports prove that 85% of all road, track and hill contests are won by INDIANS

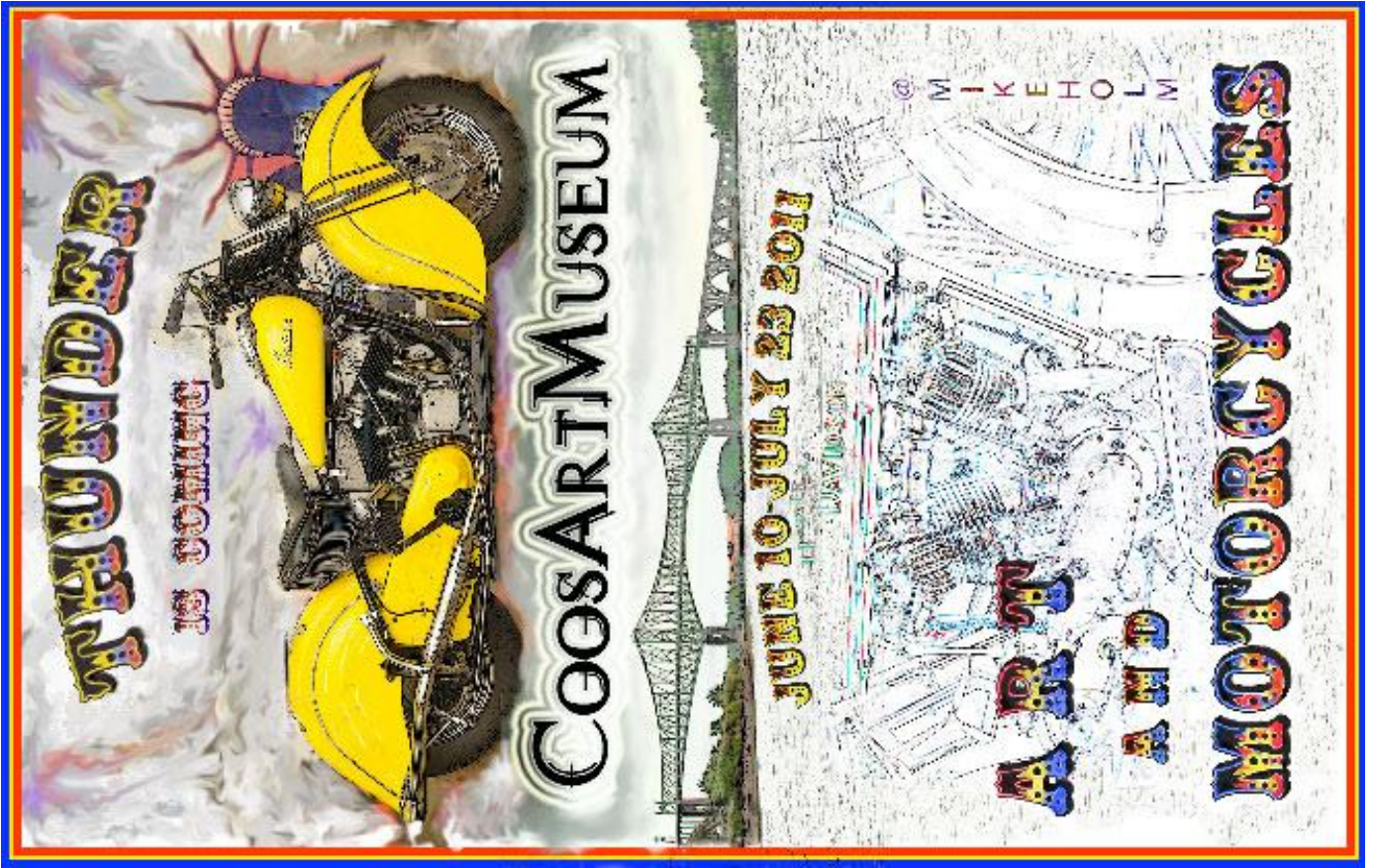
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