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Don't forget, dues are 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!

Chapter web site link: www.evergreenamca.org



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From the Treasurer's Desk

Hope to see you at our Christmas Lunch in Monroe this Saturday. we can ring in 2009 with money in the bank; no dues increase and fun memories of that fabulous road run! wishes to you all for relaxing holidays with family & friends. That's what it's all about. oops, gotta jet the Solid Gold Dancers just called me for an audition! Yikes, Now where did I put that spandex mini skirt and thigh boots? ☺



From the Editor

It's been a busy year. Topping the list of great stuff we've done is the National Road Run, which against all odds, came off great. It was within the budget; we had some money left over; we got notes of appreciation from participants; the weather was fantastic; there were very few breakdowns or mishaps; the food was good and was where it was supposed to be, when it was supposed to be there; and most importantly, we all got to see old friends and their bikes, and meet a few new ones. By my count there were 49 bikes waiting for the ferry on day two. And did you know? There was snow at Artist Point two weeks after the run, the road up there was closed. Let's do another Road Run! (Ha-ha, just kidding, we should probably give it a couple of years till we forget how much work it is).

There is talk about having a new kind of get-together for the Chapter this coming season. It would be a day or two of bringing your project(s) to an outdoor location where you could get information from the other members on how to do this or that, find parts you might need, have a BBQ or pot-luck dinner, work out assembly problems, or share what you know with others. It would be a ride-it, drag-it, or trailer-it to the site; bring the kids, parents, wives, husbands, and significant others. The details are not on the drawing board yet, but I imagine will be coming together over the next few months. I think it was a Mike Taylor idea, so if you have some ideas about how it should be done, contact him right away.

The Chapter web site has been updated and will continue to be, so check there for news and current events. www.evergreenamca.org.

We also have a Chapter email address now where you can send your stuff, contact the officers, or whatever. Evergreenamca@gmail.com.

Future Chapter meetings are more than likely going to be held in a central Puget Sound location from now on. The travel time and expense of holding meetings so far from some of your homes seems to be less beneficial than originally believed. We are so spread out, that a meeting up north, or down south, means a day of travel, and gas expense that is becoming a hardship for some. The officers would like to hear from you on this issue, so sound off!

PS: HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!

Evergreen Chapter Officer Election Results for 2009

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The election was held during the regular September monthly meeting on September 27th, at Skookumchuck Electric in Tenino and "The Shire" in Chehalis.

See page one for officer address and contact information.

EVERGREEN CHAPTER AMCA NATIONAL ROAD RUN

By Allan Lowson

Having scouted out the route last year with the organizers I was looking forward to this one. Only \$125 for barbeque, three lunches, banquet, hospitality centre (free beer), ferry ticket, maps, and a goodie bag with long-sleeve AMCA T-shirt, penlight, hand cleaner etc—such a deal! September 7th for the riders' meeting and barbeque at Ship Harbour Inn, Anacortes, with three days of 'sea to ski' happy trails ahead. That is once I repaired the ground wire that broke en route and replaced the magneto points (tractor/HD part from local Napa). The condenser wire came adrift, frying the points--teach me to run a Harley mag on an Indian.

Day One - 254 miles round trip to Artist's Point, Mount Baker via Mosquito Lake Road. Alas, Napa needing a day to obtain a point set, I was relegated to being ballast in the back-up truck. Lots of Knuckleheads from unrestored rust-buckets to a metal flaked chop, heap Chiefs, Fours, Scouts, and even a '27 Henderson. A smattering of Triumphs, BMWs, a BSA, Guzzi, Enfield Bullet, Super X, and even a Salisbury scooter. Special mention to Len's utterly unrestored '26 JD complete with a prosthetic leg on the rear carrier (early HD starting accessory?). Despite a recent illness that kept him tube-fed for a year, Len went up the steep Mt. Baker hairpins with ease—and no first gear. He went down a tad faster having no front brake and a contracting band rear.

The ladies were represented by Gail, on a pretty '47 T100 sprung-hub, Patti astride a powder blue Knuck of the same year, and Karen with a white BMW. Three wheelers were represented by Tim's custom HD trike. Then there were the young lads with their Pan and Knuck chops in a pick-up, driving from San Francisco to Anacortes in 11 hours. Despite miniscule gas tanks and the Knuck running a front spool, they made it up Baker too in time to catch lunch and the terrific view.

A welcome stop at North Bend brew pub nearly turned nasty when a couple on a Chief pulled out of the lot and started to cut out (gas turned off). A dump truck came blasting along, not seeing them till the last minute, and slammed on the brakes. He barely stopped, the big pick-up behind him loaded with pipe didn't and ploughed into the back. Strangely enough, after a quick look in his mirror, the dump truck took off, followed promptly by the pick-up minus most of its front grill. Perhaps the sight of fifty be-leathered bikers bearing down on them prompted the hasty departure. A Chief did go down, however, centre-punched by a Knuck so hard it burst the Hog's front tube, tore the tyre, and buckled the fender, tearing off the Chief's rear crash bar.

Next stop at Irongate Works, Bellingham, where those marvellous 4-speed overdrive Chief transmissions are fettled.

Frank also produces Overdrive T-shirts depicting a headdressed rider and girlie waxing a spike-helmeted Hogster astride a waddling pig—the maniacal grin on the Chief’s face said it all. Back via Chuckanut Drive’s coastal twisties with a libation stop at the Longhorn saloon.

Day Two – A ferry ride from Anacortes to Orcas Island for an easy 50 mile day for all except Don on the Salisbury scooter huffing and puffing up Mount Constitution with its 250cc flathead one-lunger. From atop the Civilian Conservation Corps tower, a depression era make-work project, there is one of the best views in North America taking in the whole ‘rim of fire’ volcanic mountain peaks, San Juan and B.C. island chains. Don caused consternation in downtown East Sound, clattering around on the Salisbury trying to find the pub where everyone was hiding from him.

Day Three – Off to Diablo Dam, at 389 feet once the tallest in the world, a round trip of 225 miles along the scenic Skagit River and into the beginning of the Cascade mountain range. A Knuck fried its coil and Paul’s Sport Scout tossed a nut inside the primary impeding forward motion—on the truck for both. Everyone got stopped at a Nehalem roadblock by fatigue-wearing Border Patrol guards ‘Papieren, bitte’, and no border within fifty miles. Back to Ship Harbour Inn where Peter Gagan (ex-pres. AMCA) and wife, Mary Jane, had arrived following a friend’s funeral that kept them from the ride. A quick spruce-up, then off to the Flounder Restaurant for an excellent salmon and beef banquet, not to mention a selection of local draught micro-brews. Speeches, awards, and door prizes followed. Peter being too modest to mention his ‘Legend of Fireball Fleming’ (an entertaining fiction about early motorcycling in America), I pumped it for him, slipping in a skill for my own ‘Tinker Tales’ (motorcycling and magic adventures).

Door prizes were many (thanks to Walneck’s and others) with no-one leaving empty handed. Much praise for the organizers, their wives and sundry unnamed volunteers who made it all possible. Top T-shirt would have to be Frank’s ‘Overdrive Indian’. Coolest decal the ‘Change your luck—Ride a Knuck’ that graced a few oil buckets (wot, no ‘Be a Man—Ride a Pan’?). Best tale was of two prominent, and elderly, Indian aficionados getting into a geezer grapple on the Death Valley Run over a smelly cigar. Best fun, as ever, the old and new ride-mates while touring the Pacific North West on antique iron. Best tip: International Indian Rally to be held in Scotland (24-26th July, 2009 then a 5 day tour of the Highlands). There were 320 Indians there in 1995 and next year’s promises to be even bigger—be there, or be square.

Road Run Awards

Hard Luck Riders: Don Doody 1948 Salisbury (the Amazing Mountain Scooter), Carl Olson 1939 HD EL, Cary Olson 1941 HD FL, Richard Watson 1947 Indian Chief

Farthest Ridden: Richard Watson 1947 Indian Chief 3520 miles, John Stanley 1972 HD FLH 3422 miles

Oldest Motorcycle: Leonard Miller Jr. 1926 Harley JD

Oldest Rider: Jim Lancaster 78, 1956 BSA

Youngest Rider: Aaron Sanders 32, 1969 Honda

Member's Articles, Want Ads, and Notices

To the Chapter:

Hope you all had a good Thanksgiving!

Just finished assembling the 54 AJS model 18S the other day, and have been taking it out for a few miles here and there. I have attached a picture of the bike. When the club was down here in June this bike may have already been torn down, or still might have been up on its rusty wheels. Anyway, it's now "New" again.

In July I purchased the last Velocette made in the factory in England. It also came with full documentation including a picture in the Birmingham (England) Evening Mail in February 1971 showing the last 2 bikes to be made by Velocette. Anyway I will be posting all the documentation and more pictures on my website at <http://w3.gorge.net/stanco> The velocette is called an LE. They were used extensively by police around England. It is a 197cc opposed twin, water cooled and shaft drive. Will cruise all day at 45 to 50, probably more when broken in. The bike had about 120 actual miles on it when I got it and now has a bit over 500.

I made it safely home from Anacortes on the 72 Harley after an almost 6,000 mile trip. That's 13,000 miles on the engine since I re-built it. The transmission has had a growl since I got it, so earlier this week, out came the transmission, and it seems all the gears are worn strangely. Probably would have lasted 100,000 miles, but since it's apart in will go a new Andrews gear set.

Been fine tuning the proposed ride for next June, and the plan will only have 6 miles of freeway and about 1 mile of highway 97, with all others on rural roads. The only glitch at this point is gas stops. At this point, can't get below about 90 miles, so may have to abandon the route if that is not acceptable.

Hope to see everyone here next June,

Happy Riding, John Stanley



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, trans or motors)

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

Stolen Bike

1958 Harley Davidson "Duo Glide" (panhead)
Registration: 58FL1923 (Michigan title shows 18FL192)
Title # 169C1920234D
Stolen June 6, 1996, East Point (formerly East Detroit), Michigan
Complaint # 96-12146

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

LICE can be NICE

By Patti Palmer (see the picture on page 1)

When I got off my bike after a great day on Orcas Island, I could hear the beep of a voicemail on my cell phone. I listened to the desperate message, poured myself a glass of wine and sat down to ponder the options.

The message was from Elsa. She was staying with a classmate during the road run. There had been an outbreak of lice at the school and her friend's little sister's head had been infiltrated with the nasty critters. "Mom, I NEED to get out of here," she pleaded in the message.

Elsa has always wanted to go on a National Road Run, but sadly they are always scheduled during those important first few weeks of school. Heh, I thought, what better reason to miss a day at school than a lice outbreak. Mark was working that day in Bellingham and could pick her up, so I started planning her escape.

Getting her to Anacortes was looked after, but what to do the next day? We had that great ride up to Diablo Dam planned and I didn't want to miss it. I needed someone I could trust that could take a passenger! Only one person was capable of the job so I headed down to cabin #10. "Tim, are you riding tomorrow?" My heart sank when he said "Well, I don't think so, my back is pretty sore". DANG! "Why do you ask?" he said.

As you all know, Tim has had some pretty rough knocks this year. We sure appreciate him changing his mind that day and making Elsa's dream of going to a National Road Run come true. THANKS TIM!

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2008-2009 Chapter Calendar

December 13, Chapter Annual Christmas Dinner, Sockeye's, Monroe, WA, Noon till 2:00 PM

Chapter Meetings (all tentative)

January, No Meeting

February 28, 2009, noon, Seattle, site to be announced

March 28

April 25

May 30

June 27

July 25

August 15

September 26

October 31

November 28

December 12, Christmas Dinner

Other Activities

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

June, Hood River Run by John Stanley, date TBD

July 23-25, Oregon Trail Chapter National Road Run

August 14-16, Tenino Swap Meet

September, Whatcom County End of Summer Blast

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A few photos from the San Juan Islands to Mt. Baker National Road Run





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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Do you want this information made available to other Evergreen Chapter members?
YES _____ NO _____

National AMCA member number _____

Evergreen Chapter membership: New _____ Renewal _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Prov _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Evergreen Chapter Membership entitles you to:

FREE listing in the Chapter Directory

FREE ads in the Evergreen Times

FREE subscription to the Evergreen Times, the chapter newsletter that will keep you informed about the upcoming rides and events all over the Pacific Northwest.

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

Year/Make/Model _____

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

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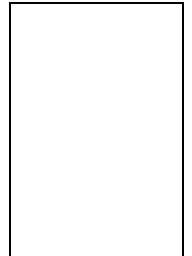
The **TENINO MOTORCYCLE DRILL TEAM** performs at noon on Saturday
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giving back to the community in the form of scholarships for deserving
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