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Presidents Message:

I would like to thank all of the members who participated with 2010 Super Swap. The coffee/doughnut table did an exceptional job and the amount of donations showed that. GOOD JOB. The Promotional Booth for Rhinebeck was represented by many members and they all did a GREAT JOB. On Sunday morning I read an E-mail that Dan Heneke put out to the Coalition members praising Empire Chapter for the effort put into the weekend at Syracuse. THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE MEMBERS.

Rhinebeck

We are committed to Rhinebeck as the permanent site for the Grand National Show/Swap Meet. We need to be positive about Rhinebeck and help out as much as possible. We have already given a sponsorship amount of \$500 to the Banquet committee. Each chapter needed to get at least a \$500 worth of sponsor money. If we get other amounts that will even be better. If anyone has an idea of a business or person who wishes to place an ad in the program contact either Tom or Karen Thomson and we will get the information to you.

As of today (Feb 9) 270 vending spaces have been sold. The goal is 500.

The Wall of death will be there again this year.

VENDORS CAN GO IN ON THURSDAY HURRAY!!!!!!

Set up day Thursday June 10 there will only be 5 members from each chapter allowed to be on the grounds early. So far we have Tom & Karen Thomson, Dick & Sue White. If anyone else wants to be there on Thursday let me know so I can put your name on the list.

Volunteers are needed throughout the weekend, especially on all of the gates. This is to identify AMCA members and the motorcycles they are bringing in for free admission. They will be working along side the fair people to collect admission fees.

Remember we need motorcycles to be entered for the TIMELINE. Register on line on the web site www.rhinebecknationalmeet.com for Friday and/or Saturday entrants.

Judging on Sunday morning, Tom needs help from members to assist with judging. Let him know if you are interested.

Your names need to be put on a list so that you DO NOT NEED TO PAY FOR ADMISSION if you are volunteering.

KAREN THOMSON
PRESIDENT OF EMPIRE CHAPTER AMCA

FALL BUSINESS MEETING

The Fall Business Meeting was called to order at 10:45 AM October 17, 2009 by President Karen Thomson. 13 Members present. Karen welcomed everyone.

The minutes of the Spring Business Meeting were read and approved by a motion from Martha Darling, a second by Ed Glasgow and the approval of those present. The motion was carried.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Dick White. The report was received by a motion from Ed Glasgow, a second by Sue White and approval by those present. The motion was carried.

Rich Bennett reported that we now have 90 members. He reported that 12 members signed up at the Brookfield Chapter Meet. He further reported that a new membership roster should appear in the Spring Gaslines and Backfires in Excel format so that members may download the roster and use it as they wish.

Committee Reports

Brookfield:

Meals for 2009 were fine and well attended. Questions arose regarding the time of the BBQ. Could it be held an hour earlier? Or, maybe at Noon? These questions will be discussed at the Spring Business Meeting.

Rhinebeck:

Karen reported that the profit per chapter from 2009 was \$1,088.22. The check has been received and deposited in the Chapter Savings Account. The National Board has promised to provide \$15,000 in seed money again for 2010.

The coalition is trying to negotiate direct rental of the fairgrounds for \$33,000 instead of the gate percentage now in effect. They are also trying to get lower gate and camping fees.

Empire attendance has been low. The coalition would like to know our intentions. The Chapter needs to provide more workers or get out. They would like to see at least 10. Al Sorensen suggested that each chapter provide a percentage of their membership instead of a fixed number. He also suggested that the profits be based on the number of worker hours. This would require a significant record keeping process. It also was mentioned that there were no Empire Chapter motorcycles in the timeline. If cycles were in the timeline, they were not noted as such. The coalition would like Chapter cycles in the timeline. Doug suggested Karen prepare something for Gaslines & Backfires. Karen reported that a smaller budget had been prepared for 2010. \$10,000 has been allotted for shirts, \$6,000 for the banquet, and \$10,000 for advertising. These are the top three costs of the meet.

Ed Glasgow suggested that the Wall of Death be paid for by the Fairgrounds. The coalition would like to invite a drill team. They found one in Washington State, but it is very expensive to bring them to Rhinebeck. Nancy Strobel suggested the Shriner's. Al

Sorensen suggested that there is a team in Florida. Could these be cheaper alternatives?

Karen reported that she had been re-elected Treasurer of the coalition.

The coalition may be looking for an alternate location for the meet. Possibly one that is a little less expensive.

A motion was made by Dick White that we participate in the 2010 meet with the understanding that if we do not meet the requirements of the coalition we will not share in the profit sharing. Ed Glasgow seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 11 – 2.

Karen is working on sponsorship. We must obtain \$500 in sponsors fees or pay them from our funds.

President's Meeting held in Davenport:

Karen reported the following:

Calendars will be available Nov. 15, 2009.

The AMCA logo and name are now trademarked. This means that we have to use the "registered" symbol whenever and wherever we use them. Ray Dhue will provide a digital image upon request. Karen will request the images and e-mail them to chapter members as needed.

Del Schumacher needs the date of chapter formation (June 30, 1974) and an updated version of the by-laws along with the articles of incorporation and chapter membership list.

Karen explained the insurance coverage provided by the National organization. We should notify the AMCA of every meeting or event. We need to fill out an incident report for every incident. They provided a "Release from Liability" form that must be filled out for every event where motorcycles are to be ridden. The forms must be completed by each participant.

A new version of the Policies and Procedures manual has been released. New guidelines for meets and election of officers are included. The new version of the financial reporting guidelines and forms were given to the Treasurer. We need to review the bylaws and amend them to provide chain of command issues, etc. Karen named Bill Lane, Al Sorensen and Ed Glasgow to serve on a committee to review and update the by-laws. The committee will present the revised by-laws at the Spring Business meeting and they will be approved at the Fall Business meeting in accordance with our current by-laws.

Old Business

Dick White made a motion that we give Canton College \$1,000 as our 2009 charity. Ed Glasgow seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

New Business

Ed Glasgow made a motion that any person who becomes a Chapter member after August 1st of the current year be granted membership in the following year at no additional fee. Dick White seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. Discussion took place regarding the charity for 2010. Several worthy organizations were

mentioned, including Hospice, Burn Camp, Ronald McDonald House, Galisano Children's Center, and Breast Cancer. Karen suggested that the donation be given the Children's Center and that we hold an event in conjunction with a presentation of the check. Doug Gustafson suggested we attend one of their events, if they have one. Ed Glasgow made a motion that we table the decision until the Spring Business meeting, but later rescinded his motion. Karen formed a committee to decide on the charity. The committee consists of herself, Dan Drexler and Dick White. They have been charged to make a decision by January 31, 2010.

Karen circulated a proposal for an "informal" logo with the suggestion to change the official logo. She would like to discuss the logos at the Spring Business Meeting. The tentative chapter schedule for 2010 was discussed. The following tentative schedule was presented.

Super Swap in February.

Spring Business Meeting at Quack's in Madison. NY on April 17.

Norwich car show on May 30.

Rhinebeck National June 10 to 13th.

Elmira June 13

DeRuyter car show on June

A charity road run in July??

Curtiss Museum August 7

Brookfield August 20 and 21

Wampsville September 12

Fall Business meeting on September 25

Election of Officers:

President – Karen Thomson was re-elected by a motion from Martha Darling, a second by Nancy Strobel and approval of the membership.

Vice-President – Dave Terpstra was re-elected by a motion from Karen Thomson, second by Ed Glasgow and approval by the membership.

Treasurer – Dick White was re-elected by a motion from Martha Darling, a second by Sue White and approval of the membership.

Secretary – Martha Darling was elected after much persuasion by a motion from Karen Thomson, a second by Dick White and approval of the membership.

Deputy Judge – Tom Thomson was re-elected by a motion from Ed Glasgow, a second by Karen Thomson and approval of the membership.

Editor – Doug Gustafson was re-elected by a motion from Ed Glasgow, second by Al Strobel and the approval of the membership.

President Thomson then re-appointed Rich Bennett as Membership Chairman and Sue White as Social Secretary.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:23 PM

Ads from members, Spring 2010 "Gaslines & Backfires"

Ads are free to Empire members. Submit ads to the Editor.

- WANTED: -Set of good used fork springs for H-D 1925-1929, 61's and 74's.
-A very good H-D p/n 2605-25 Spring Fork, for 1925-1929, 61's and 74's. Overall length is 30-1/8".
-H-D p/n 3502-30a, left side tank for 1930-1931, 45's.
-H-D p/n 3801-25 Primary Chain Cover, for 1925-1929, 61's and 74's.
-H-D p/n 2251-26 Gear Shifter Detent Plunger, for 1929-1937, 45's.
-H-D p/n 2035-30 Countershaft Sprocket (16 teeth), for 1930-1934, 45's.
-H-D p/n 2300-32 Countershaft, for 1932-1936 three-speeds on 74's and 80's. Prefer a N. O. S. but an excellent used one would be acceptable.
-Chain Guard for 1928-1931 Indian "101" Scout
-Rear Stand for 1920-1923 Indian Scout.
- TRADE: H-D model #52 generator in good condition-will swap for model #32E generator in equal condition or will sell for \$250.00.
- FOR SALE: Motorcycle related magazines: "Rider" 1984-1993; "Motorcycle Collector" 1992-1993; "Cycle World" 1978-1984; plus a few other motorcycle-related magazines. Send S.A.S.E. for price list. Chuck Darling, R. D. #1, Rte. 88, Sodus, N. Y. 14551
- FOR SALE: NYS motorcycle plate; 1963 good condition, \$150.00.
Early chief trans. Case (bevel drive) with NOS shifter top \$400.00.
1920 Indian scout trans. Complete with usable gears, main shaft, shifter top/shifter, inner and outer primary cases, make offer.
1940+earlier sport scout trans. Case \$250.00.
- WANTED: NYS motorcycle dealer plates (plates have a D prefix): 1929 to 1947 must be in at least restorable condition, original paint preferred, good prices paid. Original AMCA magazines 1960-69.
- TRADE: My 1948 NY motorcycle dealer plate for a 1947 dealer plate.
Al Strobel 315.429.9002 E-Mail: kingkong@capitol.net
- FOR SALE: Indian tall head bolt kits for most models 1936 to 1953. Head bolts for Twins and Fours. King clutches for Twins, Fours and Hendersons. Electronic Ignitions for Twins. Easy installation \$150.00. Chief Overdrive Transmissions (call for price) Replace the felts in wheels and drums with modern seals Kit for 37-45 Chief (8) seals \$28.00. Kits for 46-53 (5) seals \$20.00. Ed Glasgow, Tully, NY (315)696-8076; ed53ind@aol.com
- FOR SALE: - AMCA Mags. 1974-1997 (94 consecutive issues 23 years) sold in one lot!
- Odd AMCA mags. 1970-2007
- AMCA Membership Rosters 1961-1994
- AMA Mags. 1957-2007 Motorcyclist Post 70's,80's,90's
- Mixed Motorcycle Mags. 1950-2000
- Automotive Tour Books 1915-1933
- The Antique Automobile 1955-1986
State Your Wishes!! Curt Bunce (315)822-5874 or Cell (315)525-2304 email curt50ind@yahoo.com

Ads from members, Spring 2010 "Gaslines & Backfires"

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FOR SALE: -Velo Solex parts – BIG LOT \$200.

-250cc Benelli OHV single engine \$250.

-1960 Sears 125 ? cycle 808.895403 \$100.

-50 Jap bikes. Mostly Hondas '69 to '80. Parting out or \$75 each or deal on lot.

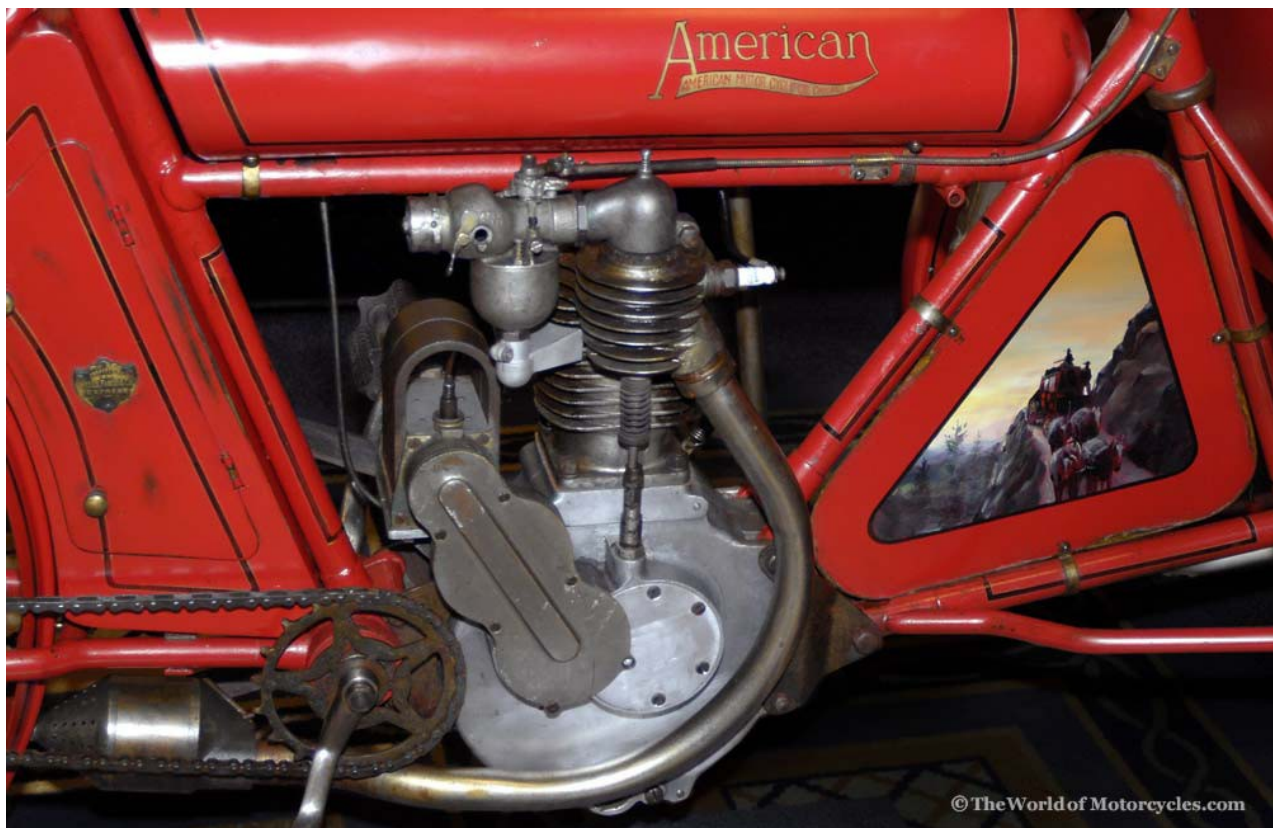
- Large lot of `76 Gold Wing parts \$200.

WANTED: Harley 165-175 Hummer "as is". Thanks Ken.

Ken Krauer (10 miles from Rhinebeck), 573 Clinton Hollow Road, Salt Point, NY 12578. 845.266.3363

WANTED: Indian Princess sidecar frame. I've got the body.

Al Sorenson 315.469.3420



DEADLINES FOR GASLINES AND BACKFIRES



ISSUE	DEADLINE	MAILING DATE
SPRING	Feb. 1st	March 1st
SUMMER	May 1st	June 1st
FALL	Aug. 1st	Sept. 1st
WINTER	Nov. 1st	Dec. 1st

EMPIRE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2010

April 17 - Spring Business Meeting Quack's Diner, Madison, NY

May 30 - Norwich Car Show, Norwich, NY

June 11-13 - Rhinebeck Grand National Super Meet 2010, Dutchess County Fairgrounds,
Rhinebeck, NY

July - Charity Road Run - date and location TBD

August 7 - Curtiss Museum Saturday, Hammondsport, NY

September 12 - Wampsville Car Show, Wampsville, NY

September 25 - Fall Business Meeting - location to be determined

Attention Empire Members !!!

Membership renewal was in January but it's not too late to renew now !.
2010 roster will be published in the Summer issue.

Please use the form below to renew.

Application for Membership in the Empire Chapter A.M.C.A.

Today's date _____

Please print your name and address. Include spouses name if you have A.M.C.A.
family membership

NAME _____ YOUR AMCA NO. _____
STREET _____ D.O.B. _____
CITY _____ Anniversary _____
STATE _____ ZIP _____ Spouses Name _____
Email address (If you have one) _____

Dues \$10.00 per year. Make checks payable to "EMPIRE CHAPTER, A.M.C.A."
Membership year is Jan 1 through Dec 31. Spouse membership at no extra cost if
you have a national family membership.

NOTE: We cannot process your Empire Chapter membership application without your
National A.M.C.A. number. It is a requirement of the National A.M.C.A. to be a
member in order to join a Chapter.

Send application to:

Richard Bennett
10659 Coombs Road
Holland Patent, NY 13354

PLEASE ENCLOSE A SELF ADDRESSED
STAMPED ENVELOPE FOR MAILING
YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD.

