

# GASLINES & BACKFIRES

## EMPIRE CHAPTER A.M.C.A.



Remember when ?  
See you at Brookfield August 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>

*Summer 2011 Issue*

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Charlie & Martha Darling  
Curt & Dot Bunce  
Al & Nancy Strobel  
Charlie Harshbarger  
Rose Harshbarger (deceased)  
Don Cole (deceased)  
Pauline Lichva (deceased)

### PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:

It was so good to see all of the familiar faces at the Spring Business meeting. The winter did just not want to go away this year and the spring had been so rainy I really think we will have a tremendous summer filled with riding and fun on the motorcycles.

Tom and I attended the opening of the Motorcyclepedia Museum in Newburg on April 16, 2011. It was a success, with approximately 500 people attending. I have pictures that I will share with everyone at Brookfield.

There seems to an interest in reviving our Picture Book that was completed several years ago. So everyone needs to be going thru their drawers of pictures from all of the past functions. We will be collecting and copying photos to be used at a later date. The pictures need to be identified with date (year) and persons in the picture. We will then put them in order of the year to add to the initial Picture Book. This could be a tradition for every 20 years to be considered adding to the Picture Book.

Once again we look forward to gathering at Brookfield, August 19 & 20, 2011. There will many other events that we can gather at but Brookfield is our main Event. There are a couple of new ideas that we are going to try this year. COME JOIN US TO SEE WHAT WE HAVE ON THE ADGENDA FOR THIS YEAR. Keep an eye open for information on a Chapter ride in early August to Camp Good Times on Keuka Lake to present the Charity Donations to them in person and to meet some of the children that attend the camp. I believe that the children will enjoy seeing the motorcycles and meeting members of the Chapter. If any one needs flyers for Brookfield E-mail me, [kthomsonmk@yahoo.com](mailto:kthomsonmk@yahoo.com) and I will forward a copy and then you can make copies to distribute flyers in your own area.

May everyone have a safe and healthy summer filled with riding and good times.

😊 KAREN THOMSON  
PRESIDENT OF EMPIRE CHAPTER AMCA



## 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. \_\_\_\_\_

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CITY \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary \_\_\_\_\_

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Email address (If you have one) \_\_\_\_\_

Dues \$10.00 per year. Make checks payable to "EMPIRE CHAPTER, A.M.C.A."

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## SPRING BUSINESS MEETING EMPIRE CHAPTER

April 23, 2011 - Held at Quack's Village Inn

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by President Karen Thomson. There were 17 members present.

### TREASURE'S REPORT:

Was received as amended

### SECRETARY'S MINUTES SPRING MEETING:

On a motion by Dick White & second by Nancy Strobel to approve the minutes as amended. The motion passed.

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Only 25 paid members to date.

Karen will check with Corner Stone about getting a list of New York National members who live west of the Hudson River as listed in the current National AMCA Roster.

Doug will be asked to place a blank Chapter membership application in each newsletter.

Charlie Darling made a request to add deceased Chapter members Lou Lichva, Ed Higgins & Duane Powers to the Honorary Members list

Sue White made a motion to accept the membership report. Second by Ed Glasgow & Tom Thomson. Passed

### EDITOR REPORT

The Editor was absent. The deadline for the next issue is May 1st.

### TWIN TIERS CAR SHOW

The date has been changed to June 5th. It will be held at the Elmira Fairgrounds. Contact Dick White for info.

### ROAD RUN

Curt Bunce made a motion to apply for a National Road Run for 2013. Seconded by Dot Bunce. Passed 16 to 1.

Discussion on possible dates & link to a National Meet, etc.

Dick White made a motion for registration on August 11, 2013 with the road run on August 12 thru 14, 2013. The Empire Chapter meet would be at Brookfield on August 16 & 17, 2013. Second by Sue White.

Nancy Strobel made a motion to the effect that if we don't get a National Road Run that the Chapter plans a Chapter Road Run for the same dates. Second by Al Sorensen.

Both motions passed.

## NEW BUSINESS

Chapter members need to give input to the new President of AMCA, Richard Spagnoli, on our thoughts about the National.

Dot Bunce made a motion to find out about buying some bumper stickers of which she had a sample for possible sale and/or awards at Brookfield. The bumper sticker had the message:

LOOK TWICE - SAVE A LIFE

MOTORCYCLES ARE EVERYWHERE

Motion seconded by Al Strobel. Motion passed.

Dot will check & find prices.

## NEW CHAPTER PICTURE BOOK

Discussion held on taking pictures at Brookfield by our Banner & publishing a revised Chapter Picture Book.

Ed Glasgow will check with a person he knows who may take the pictures.

## BOY SCOUTS, GIRL SCOUTS, 4H CLUBS

Karen suggested inviting any of the above listed clubs in the Brookfield area to visit on Saturday afternoon to maybe get some youths interested in the Motorcycle Hobby.

## BROOKFIELD

The dates are August 19 & 20, 2011

There will be a Fish dinner on Friday night & a Chicken Barbecue on Saturday night.

Discussion on meet shirts. Heather gray color was selected. Al Sorensen will order the shirts. Dot Bunce will proof read what will be printed on the shirts.

Curt Bunce will plan the road run

Tom Thomson will order the awards.

## MOTORCYCLEPEDIA

It has opened in Newburgh. All workers are volunteers at the museum & they will welcome your help.

## DONATION

This year's donation goes to Camp Good Days on Keuka Lake.

## FALL MEETING

Dick White suggested having it at the Slatterville Fire hall on Saturday, September 24 where it was held in 2010. Check website for details.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Martha Darling  
Secretary of Empire Chapter



# PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE: March 24, 2011

Massachusetts Motorcyclists' Collaborate with New York  
Motorcycling Activists to Halt Arbitrary Motorcycle Roadblocks

(Boston, MA) The Massachusetts Chapter of Biker of Lesser Tolerance (B.O.L.T.) has begun collaborating with the New York Freedom Riders, and their counsel, representing several riders in a lawsuit filed in the US Federal Court, in efforts to extinguish state and municipal "roadblocks" or so-called "safety checkpoints" requiring only motorcyclists to submit to an arbitrary inspection of their bikes.

While there has been rare experience with such activity in Massachusetts, this practice has been quite active in New York State since 2008, at locations where organized Motorcycling Rallies are held. Said roadblocks occur on New York Highway Exits that riders use to get to the scheduled Rallies.

In their insidious nature, the "roadblocks" for motorcycles-only are falsely entitled "Motorcycle Safety Checkpoints" by Government sponsored agencies. However, most motorcyclists' see this as nothing more than opportunities for harassment of fellow motorcycle riders.

Furthermore, motorcyclists see these tactics as a revenue enhancement procedure during difficult economic times with the citations they can write motorcyclists based upon police officers' arbitrary assumptions and not in the name of "safety."

Following this action that New York has been performing, the Federal Government under the auspices of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (N.H.T.S.A.), offered financial incentives to individual states to perform Motorcycle-Only "Checkpoints."

Last season, the State of Georgia received a \$70,000 grant to pay for motorcycle-only "checkpoints" to be operated during the recent annual Daytona Florida Bike Week, giving Georgia multiple opportunities to stop multitudes of motorcycle riders on their way to this mammoth 70 year-old Rally.

"This is pure Fascism, plain and simple," stated Massachusetts B.O.L.T. Director Bill Gannon. "Police Departments are stopping and harassing motorcyclists without probable cause, proper authority, statute or ordinance that specifically authorizes such fascist tactics once again by a tyrannical action targeting a single subculture of our society."

"Police officers are not trained mechanics and most do not have the competency to check a motorcycle's engineering for safety purposes. That is why we go to actual mechanic's annually to have our motorcycles inspected and the inspection sticker displayed on our vehicles should be enough evidence to allow us to travel unimpeded," Gannon continued.

Massachusetts B.O.L.T. Legislative Director Paul Cote` said, "It reminds me of the "Checkpoint Charlie" stops separating East and West Germany before the Berlin Wall was torn down."

Massachusetts B.O.L.T. is also planning a lobbying effort on behalf of US House Resolution 904 authored by Wisconsin Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner, which would prohibit NHTSA from providing grants for Motorcycle-Only "roadblocks."

"In these difficult economic times with the myriad of difficulties facing citizens of this country, such as 25% of all Massachusetts drivers being on the road after revocation of insurance, I would think that the Government would have much higher priorities to use this revenue on rather than wasted spending just to harass motorcycle riders," stated B.O.L.T. Secretary Betsy Lister. "

Massachusetts B.O.L.T. is an elite collective of motorcycling activists opposing discrimination against motorcyclists. Known, primarily, for opposition to government-mandated motorcycle helmet laws, B.O.L.T. will lawfully fight discrimination on all fronts, including legislative buildings, courtrooms, and the streets. Membership is limited to proven motorcycling activists chosen as a result of their exemplary actions. More information on Massachusetts B.O.L.T. activities can be viewed on [www.JusticeRider.com](http://www.JusticeRider.com)<<http://www.justicerider.com/>>; web site.

## Memorial ride for Duane Powers

Several Empire Chapter members attended a memorial ride on June 5, 2011 for long time and well loved Empire member Duane Powers.

Duane (in his won words) kicked the bucket on December 28, 2010 (see Winter 2010 issue).

We all met at the Funeral home on Main Street in De Ruyter, NY on a beautiful June day:



Duane's son Mike led the ride on Duane's '47 Indian with over 20 motorcycles following on one of Duane's favorites country rides.

We ended the ride at the cemetery in De Ruyter where a group of friends, neighbors, and relatives were gathered for a graveside committal service. A military honor guard executed a 21 gun salute along with words of hope from Duane's pastor.

The ride:

DIRECTIONS: Head north on Rt. 13 – thru Sheds – thru New Woodstock – till getting to Cazenovia – take left (west) on Rt. 20 - 4 miles to Oran Delphi Rd. – take left (south) – thru Delphi Falls – cross over Rt. 80 – come to Dam Rd. (north end of DeRuyter Lake) take left – at end take right on East Lake Rd. (south) – go till you pass Duane's old house – back to Rt. 13 – take right – back into DeRuyter and then up to Hillcrest Cemetery for graveside committal service.

## 4 pm – Hillcrest Cemetery Committal Service



## Ads from members, Summer 2011 "Gaslines & Backfires"

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

- FOR SALE: H-D Model #52 generator, 6 volt, good condition....\$250.00  
H-D Model # 48 generator, 6 volt, two-brush fan cooled....\$250.00
- TRADE: H-D p/n 4405-40 N.O.S. Battery Box ( no lid ), will trade for H-D p/n 4404-29 Battery Box ( fits 1929-52 solo 45's) in equal condition. 4405-40 fits 1940-1963 Servi-Car.
- WANTED: H-D p/n 2260-30 Gear Box Cover (starter side) for 1930-34, 45's.  
H/D p/n 2035-30 Countershaft Sprocket (16 teeth) for 1930-34, 45's.  
H-D p/n 2251-26 Gear Shifter detent plunger, for 1929-37, 45's  
H-D p/n 3502-30A Gas /oil tank (left side) for 1930-31, 45's  
H-D p/n 2300-32 Countershaft for 1932-36 (3-speed) 74 & 80's Prefer N.O.S. but excellent used would be acceptable.  
H-D p/n 3801-25 Primary Chain Cover, 1925-29, 61 & 74's  
H-D p/n 2653-30 Fork Top Triple Clamp for all 1930 Twin Cyl.  
H-D p/n 2653-29 Fork Top Triple Clamp for 1929, 61 & 74's  
Rear Stand for 1920-23 Indian Scout  
Chain Guard for 1928-31 Indian "101" Scout  
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](mailto: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

## Ads from members, Summer 2011 "Gaslines & Backfires"

(continued)

- 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](mailto:curt50ind@yahoo.com)

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".  
- 1972 Harley sprint sx 350, \$400, 2 Harley sprint engines, \$100 each  
1972 Yamaha yz 125 monoshock dirt bike . Ken Krauer (10 miles from Rhinebeck), 573 Clinton Hollow Road, Salt Point, NY 12578.  
845.266.3363 joankrauer@yahoo.com

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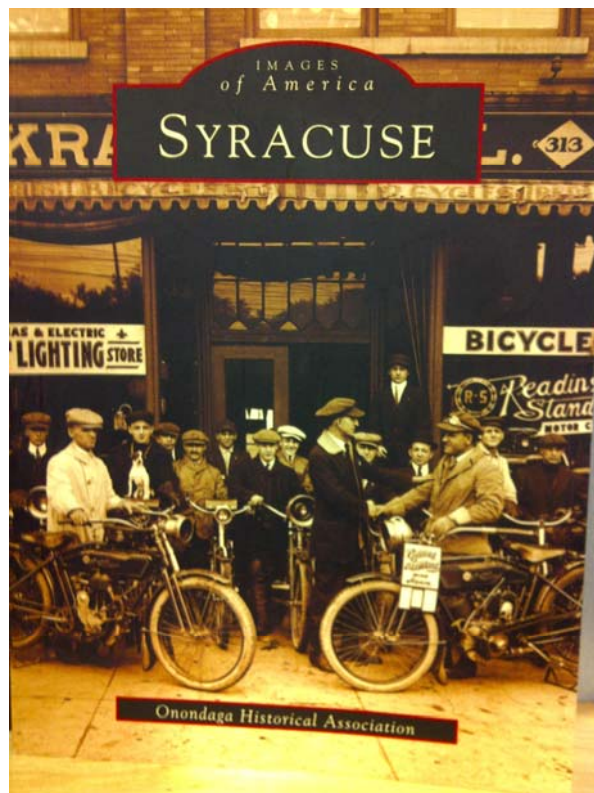
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## DEADLINES FOR GASLINES AND BACKFIRES



| ISSUE  | DEADLINE             | MAILING DATE          |
|--------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| SPRING | Feb. 1 <sup>st</sup> | March 1 <sup>st</sup> |
| SUMMER | May 1 <sup>st</sup>  | June 1 <sup>st</sup>  |
| FALL   | Aug. 1 <sup>st</sup> | Sept. 1 <sup>st</sup> |
| WINTER | Nov. 1 <sup>st</sup> | Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup>  |

### EMPIRE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2011

**August 6** - Curtis Museum - Hammondsport, NY

**August 19 & 20** - Empire Chapter Meet, Madison County Fairground, Brookfield, NY Info (315) 365-2639

**September 11** - Wampsville Car Show, Wampsville, NY (Look for our tent)

**September 24th** Fall Business Meeting at the Slaterville Fire Hall on Route 79 east of Ithaca. If you are using MapQuest or Google to get directions, the address 2681 Slaterville Rd., Slaterville Springs, NY 14881.

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