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On the Cannonball Run 2010



Erik Dunk at his best

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In memorium

Duane O. Powers December 28, 2010

I, Duane O. Powers, kicked the bucket on December 28, 2010. I knew I was going to die sooner or later, but I had hoped it would be later. I lived a good life. I'm proud of the four years I served our country in the U.S. Navy from 1953 to 1957. I've enjoyed 50 years or more as a motorcyclist, heavy equipment operator and American Legion member. My greatest joy in life has been my family and my friends. Traveling by motorcycle has been another joy in my life, and I would like to share the stories of some of my most memorable trips: In August of 1954, my younger brother, Dale, and I left our home in DeRuyter, NY, on my Harley-Davidson motorcycle to visit our older brother, Roy, and his wife, Mae, in El Paso, Texas, where Roy was in the U.S. Army. Our entire trip was 5000 miles by the time we got back to DeRuyter, and we were gone two weeks. Then I rode back to North Carolina, where I was stationed in the U.S. Navy. In July of 1987, my 12-year-old daughter, Wendy, went with me on a two-week trip on my restored 1947 Harley-Davidson Knuckle-head from Austin, Texas, to Central Nebraska, visiting relatives and friends. The 1947 was my main ride for 15 years. In April of 2000, I bought a new Harley-Davidson and on June 1, 2003, I started a trip to Alaska with a riding partner. This ride had been at least a 40-year dream of mine. We were gone 47 days and by the time I got home I had traveled 13,020 miles. In my working career I operated bulldozer and other earth moving equipment in New York, Nebraska and Texas. My longest time with an employer was with Orchard Earth and Pipe Corp. of Solvay, NY, from 1989 to 2008. So must be I did not treat my employer too badly or he would not have kept me around that long. That's my story and I'm sticking to it. I am survived by son, Michael Powers; daughters, Wendy Powers Kelly, Michelle Powers and Rebecca Thompson; and brothers, Roy Powers and Dale Powers. The calling hours will be held at Smith Funeral Home, DeRuyter, on Sunday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. The funeral service will be at the United Church of DeRuyter on Monday at 11 a.m. I hope that when remembering me, family and friends will be more likely to laugh than cry. Instead of flowers, I would appreciate donations to the United Church of DeRuyter, the Woodford Burdick American Legion Post, the DeRuyter Library or Hospice in my name.



Duane at Oley in 2009.



Duane on his Harley

Cannonball Run 2010

For those who are living in a vacuum or way off the grid I wanted to let you know about an exceptional antique motorcycle event took place this year; the Cannonball Run. You can read about it in the AMCA national magazine or find someone with a computer to show you all the stories and photos available out there.

For those who do know about it, I want to highlight several current and past Empire Chapter members who participated in this event: Frank Westfall, Erik Dunk, and Jim Dennie.

Frank Westfall # 49 who rode his black 1914 Henderson four cylinder model D motorcycle in the event completed 2,820 miles of the 3,300-mile trip.





Ahh... life on the road. We envy you Frank.



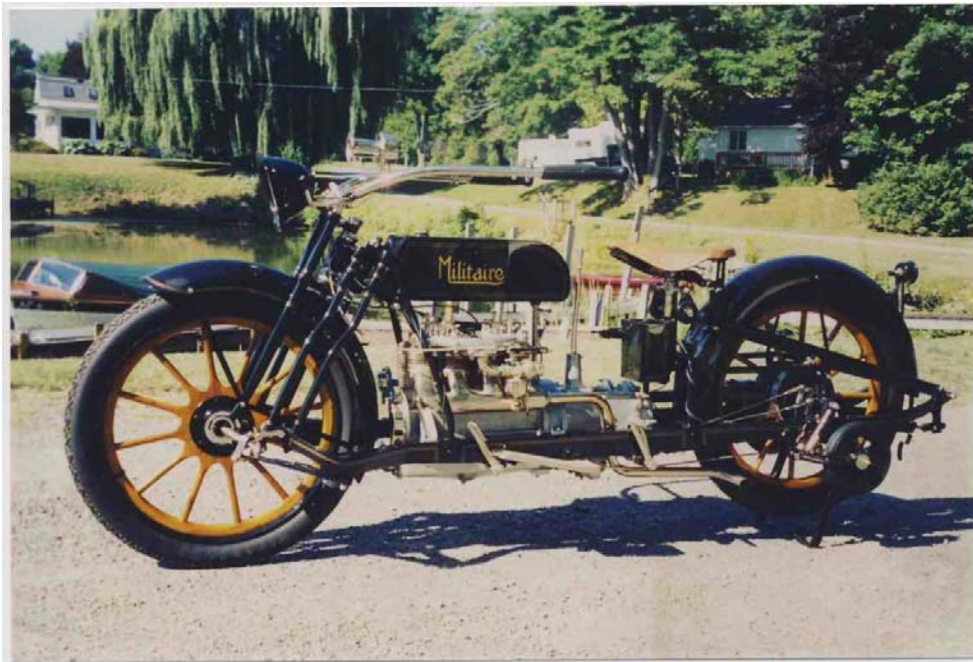
(Easy Rider) Erik Dunk #2, rode his 1915 Harley Davidson and completed 3179 miles of the 3,300-mile trip.



Erik makin time and counting the miles.



Jim Dennie #20 on a 1915 Militaire completed 1737 miles.



Jim's beautiful 1915 Militaire.

Ads from members, Winter 2010-2011 "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
- 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, Winter 2010-2011 "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
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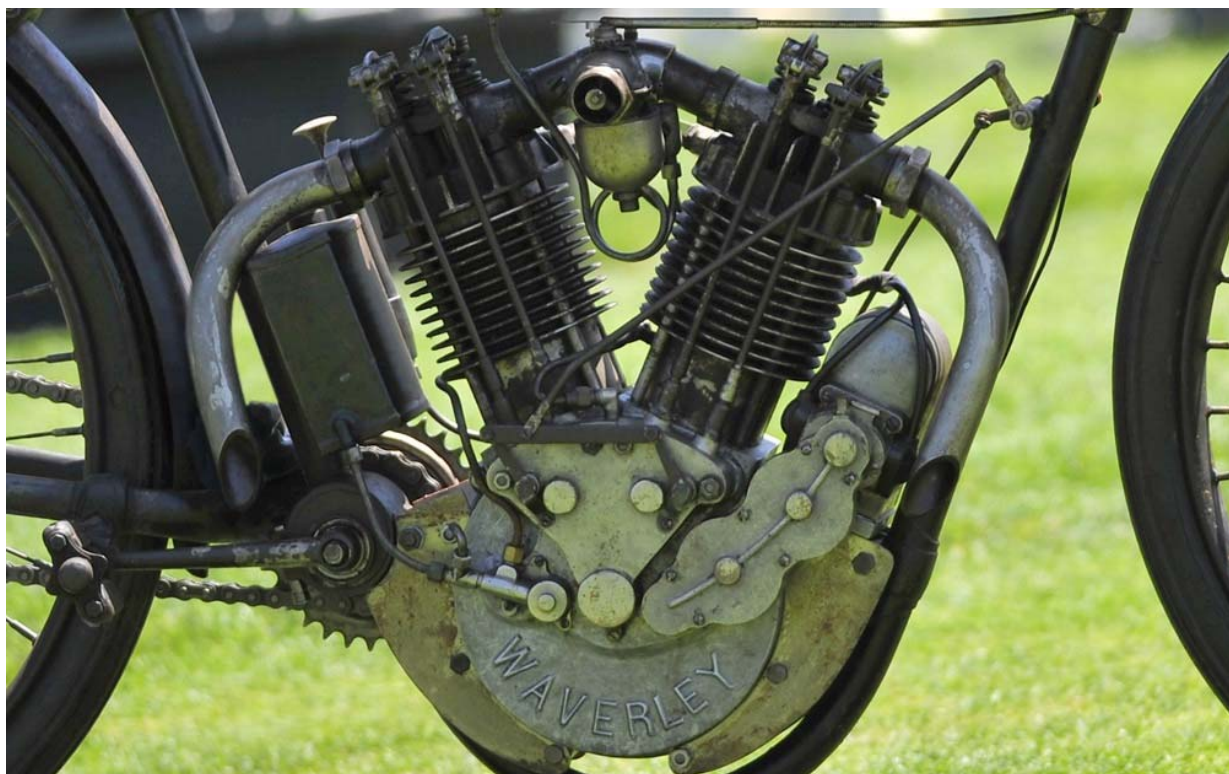
FOR SALE: -Velo Solex parts – BIG LOT \$200.
-250cc Benelli OHV single engine \$250.
-1960 Sears 125 ? cycle 808.895403 \$100.
-50 Jap bikes. Mostly Hondas '69 to '80. Parting out or \$75 each or deal on lot.
- Large lot of '76 Gold Wing parts \$200.

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. 1 st	March 1 st
SUMMER	May 1 st	June 1 st
FALL	Aug. 1 st	Sept. 1 st
WINTER	Nov. 1 st	Dec. 1 st

EMPIRE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2011

February 12th and 13th – Superswap at the New York State Fairgrounds in Syracuse, NY.

April 16 - Spring Business Meeting - Quack's Diner, 7239 State Route 20, Madison, NY 11:00 a.m.

August 19 & 20 - Empire Chapter Meeting, Madison County Fairground, Brookfield, NY

EMPIRE CHAPTER FALL 2010 BUSINESS MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Karen Thomson at 11:00 AM. There were 17 members present. The minutes of the Spring business meeting were read. On a motion by Dave Terpstra & seconded by Al Strobel the minutes were approved. Treasurer Dick White gave the Treasurer's report. Sue White made the motion to receive the treasurer's report. It was seconded by Al Strobel. The motion passed. Membership Report was given by Rich Bennett. The members total 57, down about 25 over 2009. Rich will send reminder cards in December. Dave Terpstra will scan the card on the front page of the Website. New National members under the age of 25 have a free year's membership. Editor Report: Editor, Doug Gustafson was absent. All Chapter members should do a better job of getting presentable materials to Doug so that he has more to include in each Newsletter. New Business: Dave Terpstra attended the President's Meeting at the Davenport National Meet. About 90 % of the meeting pertained to National Treasurer, Ray Dhue's 90 page Treasurer's report. Rhinebeck Meet Report: None of the money for 2010 meet was split among Chapters because \$5000.00 seed money from the National is cut from the 2011 Meet. Gate attendance was 1/2 of previous year. Empire Chapter had more members as volunteers than previous year. Karen & Tom have been stressing that there needs to be a signed contract with the Rhinebeck Fair Board. Chapter members present at this meeting all expressed the opinion that the Fair Board has to be separated from the Meet and not man the gate. If Empire Chapter pulls out from the meet at Rhinebeck we will only get back our \$1000.00 "Seed Money". Discussion was held on

Empire Chapter pulling out from the Rhinebeck Meet:

Benefits to Remain:

- 1-Empire Chapter remains a name to the AMCA
- 2-Increase in Chapter membership possible
- 3-Possible income to Chapter

Downside to remaining:

- 1-Costs for members for gas, food, camping, etc
- 2-Possible loss of income: no National Meet
- 3-Loss of Promotion for Empire Chapter
- 4-Chapter members are negative about meet/ loss
- 5-Chapter Morale
- 6-Loss of involvement in a Spring Meet

VOTE TAKEN WHETHER OR NOT TO REMAIN INVOLVED IN RHINEBECK:

Yes votes: 2

No votes: 13

Abstained: 2

The results of the vote means that Empire Chapter will no longer be involved in the Rhinebeck Meet as a Chapter. Chapter members are still free to participate as individuals.

Election of Officers:

President: Karen Thomson
Vice President: Dave Terpstra
Secretary: Martha Darling
Treasurer: Dick White
Deputy Judge: Tom Thomson
Appointed by the President:
Membership Rich Bennett
Editor: Doug Gustafson
Social Secretary: Sue White

CHARITY FOR 2010:

A motion was made by Dick White and seconded by Dave Terpstra to send the \$548.00 from the coffee booth at Super Swap to the Syracuse Golisano Children's Center as our 2010 Charity. Motion passed.

Suggestion for the Charity for 2011 was Camp Good Days. Ed Glasgow made this a motion and it was seconded by Duane Powers. The amount will be determined at the Spring Business Meeting. Motion Passed.

CHAPMAN PARK:

Bill Lane will check on when it will be available for use so we can set a date at the Spring Business meeting for a possible return to the park.

DATES FOR 2011:

Spring Meeting Saturday, April 23 at Quacks. Curt will reserve.

Norwich Car Show: May 29

Rhinebeck: June 10, 11, 12

Twin Tier Car Show, Elmira, N Y June 12

Curtiss Museum: August 6

Brookfield Chapter Meet: August 16 & 17

NATIONAL ROAD RUN:

Tom Thomson made a motion to apply for a National Road Run for 2013 on August 11, 12, 13 & 14. Seconded by Dick White. Motion Passed.

Brookfield meet for 2011:

Buffalo area people want flyers sent to them as a reminder of the meet.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:52 P. M.

Respectfully Submitted

Martha Darling

Secretary of Empire Chapter



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