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Charlie Harshbarger
Rose Harshbarger (deceased)
Don Cole (deceased)
Pauline Lichva (deceased)

Presidents Message:

Here it is another New Year, 2010. Yes, we are all one year older, but wiser also. As we enter the New Year there are a lot of exciting things to be accomplished with the Empire Chapter. We will be attending Super Swap in February for a charity fund raiser and also to promote the Rhinebeck Super Show and Meet. As usual we need wonderful volunteers to help staff our Coffee/ Doughnut table and the Rhinebeck table also.

Tom and I attended a meeting of the Coalition to recap the past two years and to organize going forward for the good of the AMCA. The Empire Chapter voted to move forward and support the Rhinebeck meet. So, we need members to step up to the plate to help us do as much as we can for the AMCA.

The Empire chapter has volunteered to run the Coalition Merchandising Committee. And along with the help of Dick and Sue White we will accomplish this assignment. Anyone else that is interested in helping may contact Dick White or myself.

This National Meet is as much our Meet as the other Chapters involved. We need to put in as much effort and enthusiasm as we always did with every National meet that we hosted.

I plan on getting a personal letter out to all members new and old to make sure that as many of us that are interested can volunteer. Our Chapter is built on volunteers and we need to make sure that that everyone is able to help out in any way that is possible.

Enough of the volunteer stuff. What is everyone planning for the winter? Is anyone doing a restoration? Is anyone going to Florida? All of this information usually has a good story or two that goes along with it. Your Empire Chapter family is interested in hearing from you and the best way to share is to submit articles and pictures to the Newsletter. The Gaslines is only as good as we make it. Doug Gustafson is doing a great job with the Gaslines and is always looking for articles to print.

Tom and I will be going to Florida but not sure if we will get Eustis. When we return there will be an article from us.

I am still going to attempt to get onto the National Board when there are vacancy's to be filled. The Northeast needs to be represented and I am willing to do this for the good of the Chapters. If you agree with my decision to apply for the National Board you can help by campaigning on my behalf. It would be very much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted
Karen Thomson
Empire Chapter President



In Memoriam

Submitted by Charlie and Martha Darling

It is with deep sadness that we bring the news of the passing of long-time Empire Chapter member, Rose Harshbarger.

Rose & her husband Charlie joined the Empire Chapter in 1975, soon after the Chapter was organized. At the meets during the 1970's, and the 1980's, Rose could frequently be seen riding around the grounds on her Cushman scooter. Also, she always helped out at the registration table at all of our meets. At the Brookfield meets, she soon became known as "the Flyswatter Lady" for her work in reducing the fly population in the area of the registration table.

Rose was appointed Social Secretary of the Chapter in 1999, and continued in that capacity until October 2008, when failing health made it difficult for her to continue.

Rose is survived by her husband Charlie, sons Charles (Jennifer) and William Harshbarger: grandchildren Keilen, Shawna and Amber.



Rose with Pauline Lichva

Rose Harshbarger

Rose accepts the prestigious Lou Lichva award



Anyone who ever received a card or note from Rose or experienced her warm smile knows what I mean when I say we will miss you Rose . . .

EMPIRE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2010

- February 6-7** – Super Swap at New York State Fairgrounds
- April 17** – Spring Business Meeting, Quack's Diner. Meeting starts at 11:00 am.
- May 30** – Norwich Car Show, Norwich, NY.
- June 11-13** - Rhinebeck Super Swap National Meet, Rhinebeck, NY.
- July** - Charity Road Run
- August 7** - Curtiss Museum Weekend , Hammondsport, NY.
- August 20-21** - Brookfield Chapter Swap meet. Brookfield, NY
- September 12** - Wampsville Car Show, Wampsville, NY
- September 25** - Fall Business Meeting



News Release

Antique Motorcycle Club of America

Contact: Bill Wood (614) 589-8500

AMCA Brings Kick-start Demo Back to Daytona

Rallygoers will get a chance to test out some old machinery during Bike Week in Daytona, thanks to a unique exhibition by the Antique Motorcycle Club of America.

For the second year in a row, the AMCA will host an Antique Bike Show on Wednesday of Bike Week (March 3 this year) at the Limpnickie Lot, which is a place where young custom-bike builders show off their work and talent. The show is open to all motorcycles at least 35 years old.

But the exhibit will also include an interactive feature that debuted last year, the AMCA Kick-start Demo bike display, in which visitors will get a chance to fire up two authentic antique motorcycles—a 1946 Harley Knucklehead and a 1945 Indian Chief. The bikes' owners, Matt Olsen and Rocky Halter, will be on hand to guide visitors through the process of setting throttle, spark advance and choke controls before kicking the V-twin engines to life.

“It seems like whenever I’m out for a ride on an old bike and have to stop for gas, a crowd of curious onlookers gathers to watch me start the thing,” says Halter. “What better way to teach people about old bikes than to let them try one out for themselves!”

The AMCA Bike Show and the Kick-start Demo will run from 1 to 5 p.m. March 3 at the Limpnickie Lot in the Stone Edge Skate Park, 1848 S. Ridgewood Ave. in South Daytona. Trophies will be handed out for best Antique Chopper, Bobber, Survivor and Restored, so bring your old bikes out!

If you can't make it to the festivities on Wednesday, then make sure that you mark Friday, March 5, on your calendar and check out the Cycle Source Ride-in Bike Show. The AMCA will sponsor an antique class in this show, also based at the Limpnickie Lot.

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The Antique Motorcycle Club of America is the nation's largest organization for vintage-bike enthusiasts. Its sister organization, the AMCA Foundation, is dedicated to preserving the history of motorcycles and educating the public about the heritage of motorcycling. For more information, visit www.antiquemotorcycle.org.

Ads from members, Winter 2009 "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
EMail: 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, Winter 2009 "Gaslines & Backfires" (continued)

FOR SALE: -Whizzer-1948. On Rollfast frame, Springer forks. Nice persons leather seat, Bi-Lite lights, Whizzer grips, nice embossed tank. Barn Fresh ! \$400.
-1964 Sears moped 810.94001 \$150.
-Velo Solex parts – BIG LOT \$200.
-250cc Benelli OHV single engine \$250.
-1960 Sears 125 ? cycle 808.895403 \$100.

WANTED: Harley 165-175 Hummer in original poor to good condition that runs. No restored please. Running condition is most important. 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

Attention Empire Members !!!
January is here and time to renew your membership.
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
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PLEASE ENCLOSE A SELF ADDRESSED
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YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD.

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