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## What was I Thinking? What are you Thinking?

### Charley Finney President

The number of friends I have who do not ride, race, restore, collect and talk motorcycles is close to zero. Of course the number of friends I have is close to zero, but we won't go there. I was thinking that if one is asked to help and says no, then one is just a user. So, I was thinking I should do what was asked of me.

What are you thinking? I clearly do not know. However, I would love to have you tell me. Tell me why you are involved. Tell me what the Chapter does that you like, and don't like. Tell

me how you would like to see things change, where to go from here.

In my short time as a Chief Blackhawk member it seems to me we do four things, the spring brunch, coming up by the way, the summer picnic, the swap meet and the Christmas party. Are these the right things, should there be more things, less things, or different things? Are we doing the things we do in a way that is consistent with what you want from your involvement?

I will be forever grateful if you would let me know

what you are thinking about. The time and the manner in which you choose to share your thoughts is wide open from my perspective. You can buttonhole me at any time and any place, call, email, over coffee, over beer, over lunch. Everyone of your ideas is important, not only to me, but to the well-being of the Chapter.

Please talk to me.

Thanks,  
Charlie Finney

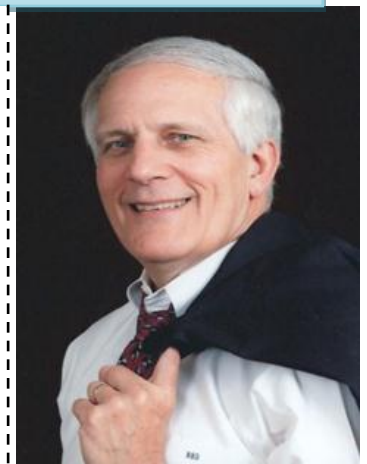
## AMCA Loses A Real Gentleman

Lakeland, FL-Raymond Barry Dhue kick-started and rode his 1946 Indian Motorcycle through the gates of Heaven on Sunday, January 23, 2011 following complications due to chemotherapy.

Raymond worked at AT&T for 30 years and Prudential for 4 years before starting his retirement job as a Harley-Davidson Technician.

His passion for motorcycles led him to be on 2 boards of The Antique Motorcycle Club of America, Inc. where he was known as "Gentleman Ray". He was very active with the First Presbyterian Church of Lakeland and The Gideons. Raymond is survived by Kathy, his wife of 20 years; his parents, Nancy and Ray Dhue who live in Dunnellon, FL; his brothers Steven (wife Beth), Hunter; and nieces and nephews Amy Pettifer (and husband Mark), Bryan Dhue (and wife Melanie), Ali Dhue, Keegan Dhue.

Memorials may be made to Gideons International South Lakeland Camp, P.O. Box 173, Lakeland, FL, 33802.



## Indian racer will commemorate 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of historic Isle of Man Tourist Trophy win

Submitted by Peter Gagan

Barely 100 years have passed since a team of Indian motorcycles swept the first three places at the Isle of Man Tourist Trophy, and now another Indian entry is set to commemorate this historic victory of the first and only American brand to win a TT race.

A replica of the special 580 cc Indian TT model V-twin has been built by Canadian entrant Peter Gagan and on Friday, June 10, 2011 it will lead the centenary parade lap for historic machines. The rider will be Dave Roper, the first American ever to win an Isle of Man TT. Roper has a lifetime of achievement in vintage racing, including more than 20 AHRMA national championships as well as his win of the 1984 Senior Classic TT on a G50 Matchless.

Roper will be first of 26 starters in the "Milestones of the Mountain" parade lap, leading such legends as Giacomo Agostini, Phil Read and current TT star John McGuinness. They and their famous machines represent highlights in the history of the Tourist Trophy in the 100 years since its adoption of the full 37.73 mile Mountain Course. The TT was first held on a shorter course starting in 1907.

The Indian factory's star rider in the 1911 Senior Tourist Trophy race was Canadian-born board track legend Jacob DeRosier, supported by three local riders from England and Ireland. In the event, though, DeRosier suffered tire failure and was disqualified for accepting outside help while Oliver Godfrey, Charles Franklin and Arthur Moorhouse swept the first three places.

Their mounts were special machines built at the Indian factory in Springfield, Mass., to comply with TT rules. Single-cylinder machines were limited to 500 cc displacement while twins, which operated less efficiently with the atmospherically-opened inlet valves which were common at the time, were given an 80 cc advantage. Chief engineer Oscar Hedstrom adapted a 680 cc Indian "little twin" with a smaller cylinder bore and added a two-speed transmission from the company's 1,000 cc "big twin" to cope with the demands of the hilly Isle of Man course.

None of these special machines survived intact to the present day, but fortunately about 10 years ago Peter Gagan located a 580 cc Indian racing engine in England. It may have been from one of the original TT machines but the records that could verify it do not exist. Working from his home in White Rock, British Columbia, Gagan constructed a replica using a 1911 Indian frame and transmission. No drawings of the TT bikes exist, so the frame modifications and exhaust pipes had to be fabricated according to photographs of the originals. The machine bears Godfrey's race number 26.

Gagan has a lifetime of experience with early motorcycles, having been a member for more than 50 years of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America, of which he is past president. He has also served as president of the Antique Motorcycle Foundation and was founder of the Canadian Vintage Motorcycle Group.

Gagan and his team are eager to hear from potential sponsors of this historic return to the legendary Isle of Man. They can be reached at [petegagan@blaze.ca](mailto:petegagan@blaze.ca).



## Chief Blackhawk Chapter National 2011 Road Run

It's official! Chief Blackhawk Chapter will host its first AMCA National Road Run while celebrating our 40th Anniversary. I remember attending my first road run with my dad in 2004 at Gunnison, CO. I was hooked and have attended several road runs in Colorado, New Mexico and South Dakota. After being pushed and prodded by Peter Heintz and Del Schumacher into taking the lead to organize a road run in the Midwest I went to our club for approval. After some debate the club overwhelmingly approved the event. Wanda Schumacher emailed me suggested AMCA road run guidelines, job assignments and tips.

I immediately started to solicit volunteers and received a great response; Karen Anselmi, Christina Caldwell, Tommy Caldwell, Jerry Cedillo, Joyce Corken, Donna Curtis, Craig Dayton, Charlie Finney, Pam Gross, Vicki Hahn, Brenda Lash, Dave Lash, Sandy Schumacher, Wanda Schumacher and Hollie Swain. It's not too late to volunteer! With a lot of planning and decisions to be made I asked Jerry, Craig, Charlie, Pam and Dave to serve with me on a committee to take on this task.

A tentative date for the event was submitted to the AMCA National along with our request to host a road run. Our first committee meeting was held January 30, 2010 with an agenda to select dates, select a host location and follow-up to notify the National of possible date changes, reserve the host location and update the club membership. After much discussion the committee voted to hold the road run after the 2011 Chief Blackhawk Meet in Davenport. September 5-8, 2011 (Mon-Thu) was selected with Monday, Sep 5th, 2011 as the day for registration and rider briefing, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday as riding days and the Banquet on Thursday evening. Selection of a host location was tabled to allow for the collection of additional information. Our second committee meeting was held February 20, 2010 and Chestnut Mountain Resort near Galena, IL., was selected as our host location. The number of riders will be limited to 125. Chestnut was reserved for the selected dates and members from the committee will meet with Joan at Chestnut on March 27, 2010 to finalize and document our agreement.

Hollie Swain has been asked to handle financials related to the road run event. Tony Swain has been asked to participate with coordinating T-shirts.

All club members are asked to contribute ideas for a T-shirt design, prospective road run routes or anything else that may be of help with Chief Blackhawk hosting this road run and making it a successful memorable event. Maybe we will be able to take a day run over to the National Motorcycle Museum in Anamosa, IA and see their new location? Possibly spend the other two days enjoying great roads and sites in NW Illinois and SW Wisconsin? Wow, imagine a road run covering territory in three states! For those who don't ride we'll be situated along a bluff overlooking a scenic section of the Mississippi River Valley and we'll only be about 9 miles outside of beautiful historic Galena, IL. Our committee will meet this fall to select routes, shirt designs, rider pricing, etc. Whether it's riding, relaxing, camping, historic touring, dining, outdoor activities or fellowshiping this will be one of the best road runs ever. I'm excited, let's ride!

Tim Schumacher

Chief Blackhawk Chapter

## February Birthday and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday Wishes to the following members with birthdays in February:

Suzy Adreon	Eric Neece
Mike Anselmi	Tom Pribyl
Tom Boyer	Don Richhart
Scott Kuntz	Francis Samp
Terry Long	Judy Thiakos
Mike Mefford	

Happy Anniversary Wishes to the following couples:

Bill and Marlene Allison
Dale and Jeanette Kuntz

**REMINDER – your dues for 2011 (\$6) are due. Please return your renewal sheet and dues as soon as possible to Hollie Swain, 611 Wisconsin Ave, Davenport, IA 52804. If you have questions, please call 563-514-4022.**



What: March Brunch

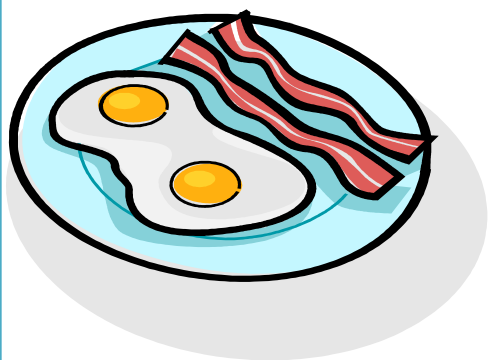
Date: Sunday, March 13

Time: 9 am-11 am (Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead that day!)

Where: Thunder Bay Grill

Cost: \$20/person. Check must be made out to Chief Blackhawk. Check will not be cashed unless you do not show up. Your check will be given back when you get there.

RSVP: Please send the slip for how many and your check by **March 7**



- Brunch Menu Includes
- Smoked Salmon
  - Made to Order Omelets
  - Waffles with all the toppings
  - Salad Bar
  - Pastries
  - Carved Turkey and Ham
  - Grits and Oatmeal Station with toppings
  - Much More!

Cut here and return form to Hollie.

I/we plan to attend \_\_\_\_\_  
(names)

the brunch. Enclosed is our check to Chief Blackhawk for \$20 per person.

Return to: Hollie Swain, Treasurer  
611 Wisconsin Ave.  
Davenport, IA 52804

For Questions: Call Hollie at 563-514-4022

## Events Near and Far

### Chief Blackhawk Business Meetings

**February 1-** meeting postponed due to weather to **February 8**. Meeting at the Welcome Inn in Milan, IL. Meeting starts at 7PM come earlier to eat.

March -No Business meeting see special events.

April 5- meeting at the Welcome Inn in Milan

### Special Events of Chief Blackhawk

March 13- Brunch at the Thunder Bay Grille in Davenport Iowa 9 AM to 11 AM don't forget to turn your clocks ahead.

### In Our Backyard

February 6- Parts Girl Promotions 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Motorcycle Parts Swap Meet at the Quad Cities Expo Center

That Was Then, This is Now Keels and Wheels May 13-14- Muscatine, Iowa For more information contact Dave Mortiz at [MoritzDavid@stanleygroup.com](mailto:MoritzDavid@stanleygroup.com) or call 563 260 1970

### Around the Globe

February 11-13- Progressive International Motorcycle show in Chicago, IL Donald E. Stephens Convention Center

### Upcoming 2011 National Meets

Omaha Chapter  
Fremont, NE  
February 25-26

Sunshine Chapter  
Eustis, FL  
March 4-6

Perkiomen Chapter  
Oley, PA  
April 29- May 1

### Upcoming National Road Runs

Everglades Chapter  
Road Run  
Palatka, FL  
February 28 - March 2



## Chief Blackhawk's First Garage Party

The first garage party of the year was a fun time for all. We talked about the road run and finalized some details there. Everyone who came brought a bowl of chilli and we dumped them all together in a big roaster. Made for some very tasty chilli. We all got a nice surprise when Del and Wanda showed up fresh from Arizona. They were back to welcome a new granddaughter, Ashlynn Grace born 1/21/11, 7 lbs 3 oz and 19 inches long. The rest of the afternoon was spent with lots of good conversation and catching up with things. Of course there was a lot of motorcycle talk as David showed the group what he has been working on. Pete pictured at the right really was enjoying the fruit pizza as Ed Ahlf was razzing him about his 5<sup>th</sup> plate. Thanks for the picture Ed.



## Newsletter Editor

### Wanted:

Ideas for other activities or rides we can do outside of just having a business meeting. Bring any ideas with you to the meeting or email to Brenda. Anyone interested in having a garage party at your house, please let us know and we will get it on the schedule.

Please forgive the tardiness of this newsletter. I have had major computer issues in the last two weeks. Sad to say the computer that I was using for the club business is no longer working. David and I did buy a new laptop but it does not have all the programs that the other

one had on it. So here I am starting from scratch again. This is your newsletter and our means of communicating with members who cannot attend a local meeting. If anyone has anything that they would like to include in the newsletter please sent it to me via email at bteellash@gmail.com or

you can mail it to PO Box 514, Buffalo, Iowa 52728, or just give me a call at 563-381-4015. *I do request that if you want to include something to please have it to me by the 10<sup>th</sup> so that it will appear in the following months newsletter.*

*Thanks Brenda Lash*

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See us at:

[www.chiefblackhawk.org](http://www.chiefblackhawk.org)

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