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Things I Think and Why I Think Them

Charley Finney President

11000 Strong and Mute?

The AMCA has 11000+ members as I understand things, though I'm unclear as to what that number really means, and at best 11 paths to getting their voices heard. Effectively mute, as in deaf, dumb and mute. Oh yes, I forgot, they can all join the forum and express their thoughts there. However, the current leadership appears to be about as open to questions and criticism as President al-Assad of Syria is to requests for basic human rights by the Syrian people, so I wouldn't expect any serious dissension to make it past the forum moderators, so 11 paths.

In point of fact there are possibilities for 56 unmoderated paths and 11 director paths. I have no idea how many members might gain a voice by there being 56 member columns in chapter newsletters, but certainly more than have an effective voice today.

With this column I call on every Chapter to solicit the views of their Chapter membership on what is done well and on what could be improved in the practices, procedures, organization and operations of this club, your club, the AMCA. It doesn't have to be a column written by the president, it can be written by any member of the Chapter who is up to the task. Such a column does not have to meet the publishing criteria of the NY Times or the Wall Street Journal; it only has to give voice to the membership. Get involved, write a newsletter, and make your voices heard. The AMCA will be a better club for your involvement.

To the AMCA directors, get rid of the existing President while we still have a club. It is my sense the failure to do so will destroy the club. My experiences with the current President tells me the mode of operation is "my way or the highway" and "shoot the messenger". The clock is ticking. Loudly!

Good luck,

Charles E. Finney

President Chief Blackhawk Chapter

It takes both pistons and cylinders to make a bike run. One is not more important than the other.

The Ride to Morning Sun a Knight's Tale lol

by [Mark Teel](#)

The day started out cold as we rode to my sister's house to meet up with our fellow riders. The ride there was enjoyable but uneventful and we arrived 15 mins ahead of schedule .We visited for a few then our daughter Shelly and her pet Robbi (lol I mean boyfriend) showed up. Then we set to the task of releasing the mounts for the day from their stables (took the bikes out of the garage, lol I crack myself up) I had to run to the feed store (gas station) to nourish one of the smaller stallions. I, King Papa bear then led my army onto the trail (highway 22) and headed west. The sun had risen and the air had warmed as my queen and I led the way. While riding through a small village one of the local peasants was selling their wares along the trail (yard sale) so we stopped to browse. Many fine fabrics were purchase then we returned to our mounts but at last one of the steeds went down ,with coaxing by many he regained his stride and all remounted. The word was passed and we were on our way west again. As we entered a large city we led our mounts to one of the many fine feed troughs (gas station) where the steeds were nourished and riders relived of the drinks of the morn (potty break) When the all cleared had been sound I led my band of merry travelers back to the trail to our destination .Ah our quest you ask? Our quest dear friends was to pay homage to the queens mother who had gone 4 year before to the land known as Morning sun. The trail was wrought with many giant beast but our knights proved dedicated to their task and rode hard for near an hour .We grew close to the Morning sun near the noon hour so we sought out the inn for some nourishment of our own, the first stop met none of our hunger desires so we pressed on finding the local tavern known as the sun spot .We were all caught by surprise as it seemed the whole village had gathered to stare at the sight of our approach. We walked past the on lookers to enter the vastly empty tavern sept for the bar winch and one lonely drunkard who told tales of knowing the queens parentage .We partook of bread and drink and swapped tales of earlier quest we had taken apart. After paying for our feast we entered the daylight to find the villagers surrounding our faithful stallions, a one armed man bearing an hook approaching me and said," sir we think this village heaven so please don't ride threw her like hell !"I assured the threatening man we met them no harm and told them of our quest ,a wench from the crowd then offered up cake ,I declined then whispered to my queen ,"let them eat cake" We all mounted up and rode through the crowd to the burial grounds of this holy land as we approached the stone that bear my queens family name I raised my hand to alert the stop and dismounted .As we gathered around the stone and in silence recalled our own personnel memories of our dear departed love one ,we were greeted with the signs that the love we felt was there for all men to see. After all finished paying their respects we all sorely remounted for the journey to the homeland. HOPE YOU ALL ENJOYED MY TALE IT WAS A FUN AND ADVENTURES DAY DIDN'T NEED MY ELABORATION BUT COULDN'T HELP MYSELF LOL



Annual Chief Blackhawk Picnic

When: July 10, 2011



Where: Moto Dome, 25126 Ridge Road, Colona, IL 61241

Time: Began gathering: 9:00 AM Lunch: 11:30 AM

RSVP: Check for \$10 per person by 1 July to:
Chief Blackhawk Chapter,
C/O Hollie Swain
611 Wisconsin Ave.,
Davenport, IA 52804

(Your check will be returned to you at the picnic)

I/we plan to attend _____ (names) the picnic. Enclosed is our check to Chief Blackhawk for \$10 per person.

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

For Questions: Call Hollie at 563-514-4022

Estate Auction

Tri-City Motorcycle Sales
 2219 Third Avenue - Rock Island, IL.
 Motorcycle Parts - Shop Equipment - Tools
 Sunday, June 12, 2011
 Time 10:30 A.M.

Motorcycle parts to be sold first, followed by shop equipment & tools

Motorcycles: 1985 K100 RT BMW Motorcycle, 51,000 miles; 1979 Bonneville 750 Triumph motorcycle, 11,358 miles;

Indian Chief Motorcycle parts: Transmissions, 9 - Primary covers; 19 - Cylinders; 18 - Cylinder heads; 9 - Engine cases; 8 - Transmission covers; Piston & rods; 3 - Rims;

Indian 741 & 45 parts: 3 - Engine cases; 6 - Primary covers; Mags & mag drivers; 13 - Cylinders; 4 - Heads; Several cams; 6 - Wheels; Transmission cases; Gears; 10 - Flywheels; A few frames & forks; Many other Indian parts; Assortment of new & used BSA and BMW parts.

Machines & Tools: Tow Meter Mod. 35 Fork lift w/ 4 cyl. Gas engine; Central Machine Mod. SKU T33274 - 12 x 36 Metal lathe; Enco #111-1445 Metal lathe; Crescent metal lathe; Milling fixture for lathe; Bridgeport milling machine; Kwik-Way valve grinder; Boring machine; A few BMW Specialty tools; 60 gal. upright air compressor, 200 psi; HD Drill press; 225 amp welder; Dayton arc welder; Acetylene torch w/ small tanks on cart; Cutting torch; Motor stand; Impact tools; Drills; Disc sander; Older power Hack saw; Grinder on stand; 1½ ton Floor jack; Parts washer; Quick Way boring bar; Jones port. Tach, 50,000 RPM; Alum. Ramps; Bench grinders; Metal work benches & tables; 3, 4, 5 & 6" Mics; Starrett 4" - 8" Mic; Depth gauges; 2 - Exact 4 & 8" machinist levels; Dial & Thickness gauges; Magnetic bases; RIMA spring tester; Lathe cutting tools; Torque wrenches; V-Blocks; Letter & number stamps; Hand reamer set; Tapered drill bits & others; Jacob chucks; Files; 'C' clamps; Many other tools. Others will sell: **1950 Crosley conversion pick-up truck, running condition, 12 volt system;**

Erwin 'Smitty' Smith Estate

Smitty has been in the motorcycle business since the 1940's and is well known for his expertise & honesty.

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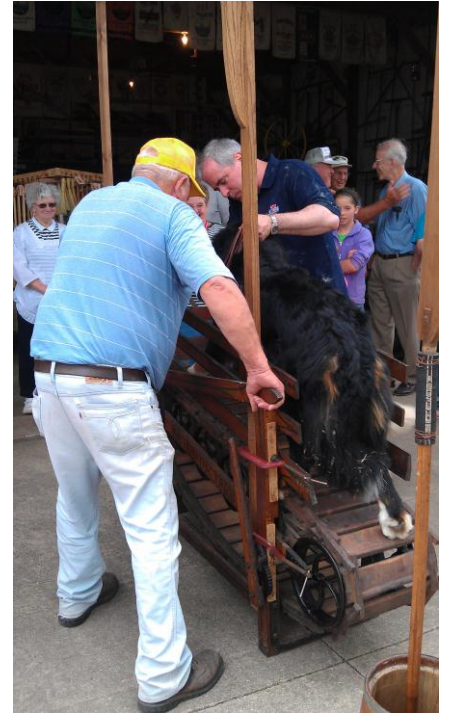
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For those of you who have not heard we have lost another Director and an Officer from the AMCA board. Steve Dawdy has resigned as a director and Steve Slocombe has resigned as Secretary. Maybe as members of the AMCA we need to ask what is going on why have three board members resigned since the first of the year? Just some things to think about.



Pictures from the farm of Harold Steele. Great farm full of antique equipment and a day of fun.



Events Near and Far

Chief Blackhawk

Business Meetings

June 7- meeting at the
Welcome Inn in Milan
Meeting starts at 7PM come earlier to eat.

July no meeting Picnic
July 10 see page 3 for details

Special Events of Chief Blackhawk

Looking for suggestions from members

7/23/11 Ride to the Wheels o Time Museum in Dunlap, IL more details to follow.

8/21/11 Ride to the National Motorcycle Museum in Anamosa more details to follow

Upcoming

2011 National Meets

Rhinebeck June 10-12
Rhinebeck, NY

Viking June 10-12
St Paul. MN

Fort Sutter June 17-18
Dixon CA

Wauseon July 15-17
Wauseon, OH

Upcoming

National Road Runs

Omaha Chapter RR
Jun 15-18
Mullen, NE
Bluegrass Chapter RR
Jul 19-22
Richmond, KY

In Our Backyard

June 16-18 Mississippi River Motorcycle Rally Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds Davenport, Ia.
<http://sturgisontheriver.com/>

June 24-25 Cleveland's 8th Annual Rock the River Event Cleveland, Illinois. Vendors, Bands & Poker Run.
For Info Rocktheriver@gmail.com or (309)7920930

We have a member Francis Samp who is looking for posters from a Peter Gerber of Poland that was possibly given away as door prizes at the 2009 banquet. If you know of anyone who has one Francis would sure love to get a copy or possible purchase. 815-878-7267.

June Birthday and Anniversaries

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

Bill Allison	Chris Argint	Mike Bitschenauer
Ed Butler	Christina Caldwell	Donna Curtis
Mark Dixon	Steve Gross	Merle Keppy
Matthew Payne	Brenda Teel-Lash	

Happy Anniversary Wishes to the following couples:

Ed and Ella Butler
Brian and Tracy Fitzgerald
Eric and Barb Neece