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Antique Motorcycle Club of America

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Presidents Message

Dan Krause - President



Hello Badgers!

Well, here we are again, on the doorstep of the Fall riding season and for me personally, my absolute favorite time of year! Nothing beats "gearing up" and riding with the warm sun

on your leathers and the cool air on your face, just perfect!

This also means yet another fantastic Summer of old bike activity has come and gone. Wild One's Weekend was well attended but seemed a bit down with visitors compared to years past. The field games went off without a hitch and featured some awesome competitions, especially in the board race where our own Jon Oeflein was edged out in "double overtime" by a young lady (can't recall her name) on a bobber Knucklehead. In fact, Jon was on top of his game's this year taking home 3, maybe 4 trophies with "Stella", his grandfather's old Panhead. Thanks to all the Badger volunteers who continue to step up and make this event one of the highlights of the weekend. You are all very appreciated!

The Badger Summer Bash at the Vernon Co. Fairgrounds with our friends from the Driftless Chapter was a great success as well! Even with the Bash location being some 3 hours away from our core area we still had 75 people for the weekend's activities. Will Lusignan and a handful of his chapter faithful coordinated all the logistics for the event. We were needing of nothing but good weather, great roads and the comradery that we all share. The 80-mile ride on Saturday took us through some of the most beautiful scenery in the state, most of which we had to avoid the year prior due to the massive flooding that occurred during the Driftless National Road Run.

The weekend highlight had to be the impromptu racing around the 1/2 mile horse track on the fairgrounds Saturday afternoon & evening! It all started with myself and Willie Kiefert seeing who could put in the fastest lap on my '48 WL. Then a few others thought they would come out and give it a try and then the flood gates opened as others lined up to see if they could put up the best "flying start" 1/2 mile.

We did have to coax a few others, John Smallwood,

Don Poetzel & Erik Lund come to mind, but you shoulda seen the smiles on their faces after they completed their laps, PRICELESS! I'm laughing out loud as I write this! After an awesome dinner at the Rooted Spoon, we returned to the fairgrounds and a few of us thought it would be a good idea to take a couple "hot laps" side by side as dusk settled in. Ya know, like "real" racers, HA! Oh, it was huge fun but that's when "Johnny Law" showed up and shut us down. All was good, Mr. Officer was pleasant and really liked the old bikes and generally what was going on, except for the racing. He mentioned something about "rutting up the horse track", oh well! You'll see the timed 1/2 mile results later in this issue.

Shannon & I and 25 of your fellow Badgers are just back from the Music City Chapter National Road Run held in Lebanon, TN. The weather was very warm when we arrived and stayed that way through the 1st day of riding but, we were treated to cool temperatures and some of the finest backroads you could ever hope for on days 2 and 3. At the closing banquet the Badgers yet again took home the Chapter Participation trophy, BAAADGERS! Music City Chapter President Tom Cleppe and his "right hand man" Bob Selph did a great job managing the event, hats off to all the Music City Chapter volunteers!

Hey, WE have a National Road Run coming up in 11 short months! The road run committee met for the first time back at the end of June and have come up with some great ideas to framework another fine Badger road run. We are meeting for the 2nd time at the end of this month to further refine the scope and settle into sub-committee work. Stay tuned!

Just a quick reminder that our Fall meeting is on October 12th at the Random Lake Rod & Gun Club. On the agenda will be officer elections as is the standard for our fall meeting. Jon - VP, Josh - Secretary, Chris - Treasurer and I are happy to continue serving in our roles for another year but that certainly does not preclude anyone from throwing their name in the hat as well. Finally, for those of you with "old and slow" machines that rarely see the light of day have a great opportunity to bring those machines out and participate in the "Pokey Run" that morning prior to the meeting. Look for more details later in this issue.

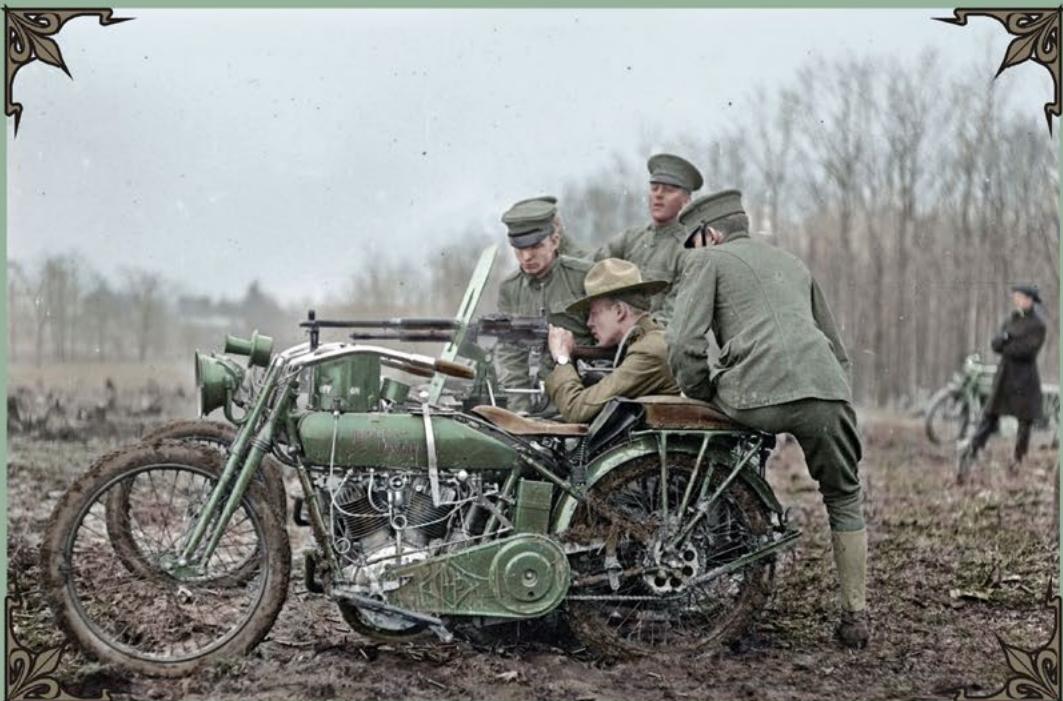
Take care and see you at the fall meeting!

Dan

BADGER HERITAGE CHAPTER

FALL MEETING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2019
12 NOON



Random Lake Rod and Gun Club

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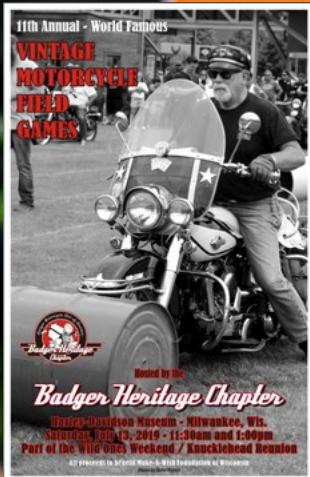
Luncheon
General Meeting
Officer Elections



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Knucklehead Reunion, H-D Museum - Milwaukee, WI - 7/13/19

Field Games Photos and Story by Cathy Drexler



The beautiful weather seems consistent from year to year, but this year's version of the Knucklehead Reunion had something new, starting with the Victor Mc-Laglen precision motorcycle team. I watched each of their performances, and thoroughly enjoyed every one. Part of me wanted to join the team.

This year the field games weren't just for adult riders: the kids got to show off their skills riding small electric bikes. Way to keep the sport going with the next generation. Not just for the young ones, Wade & Dan Krause had to try those small bikes too!

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And the women: this year there were more female riders, including the winner of the Plank Ride. Go Heather! David Haasch, with a surprise marriage proposal during the event. Congratulations!

The Reunion was especially sweet for the family of Bad-

Cathy Drexler

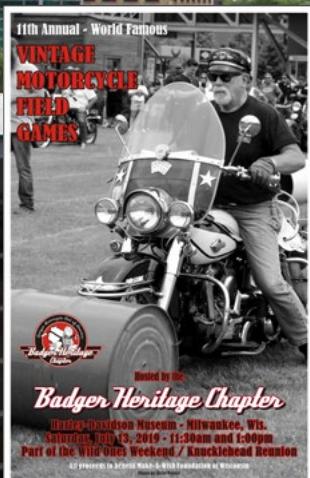


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Field Games Photos and Story by Steve Peters



This years Knucklehead Reunion and 11th Annual Field Games were a success as we had many participants with very warm weather. Numerous Badgers joined in the fun not only as those in the games, but as volunteers to keep things running smoothly from event to event.

The games included - Slow Race, Plank Ride, Barrel Push, Ball on Cone, Kids Slow Race, and the ever popu-

lar - Weenie Bite! Trophies were won by a few Badgers.

Always a very well attended event and favored by many Badgers, we all look forward to the 12th Annual version next year!

Steve Peters



Knucklehead Reunion, H-D Museum - Milwaukee, WI - 7/13/19

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From the Desk of the Newsletter Editor

Another Chapter... by Steve Peters



Hey Badgers!

This may not be antique motorcycle related, but it is an important change in my life and it does involve motorcycles.

As some of you may know, recently I have been working at Harley-Davidson, but that all changed at the end of August.

Friday August 23, was my last day giving tours at the Harley-Davidson Powertrain Operations in Menomonee Falls, WI for nine months after my

previous legal videographer position of 28 years was eliminated.

Since January 24, 1990 I had been video-recording legal depositions and we were in need of new digital equipment, but the owner of the company decided after a couple months of deliberation to not purchase anything new. Instead she was going to hire contract videographers, leaving me with no job.

In need of a job I applied at four small breweries in the area (Milwaukee, Sprecher, Lakefront, and Raised Grain) to do tours, etc. as I had given tours at breweries in the past, while also sending out resumes for Graphic Design positions. With no luck at the breweries or the graphics work, I applied at Harley-Davidson to give tours at the Powertrain Operations plant and got the job. It was fairly easy for me as I have extensive experience giving tours and know motorcycles from owning old ones for over 30 years. I was giving tours after being there only one week.



Then six months after applying at Milwaukee Brewing (MKE), I received an e-mail asking if I was still looking for work. I immediately replied - YES! After a quick interview I was working at the brewery.

Soon I was giving tours/bar-tending, working events and helping with production at Milwaukee Brewing (MKE) at the 9th St. Brewery in the old Pabst Brewery complex in Milwaukee. I have also been giving tours and/or bar-tending and doing artwork for three other breweries for some time

now - Delafield Brewhaus, Explorium Brewpub, and Westallion Brewing.

I have worked at a total of 7 different breweries part-time and full-time over the past 22 years starting with Wisconsin Brewing in Wauwatosa where I gave tours/bar-tended, helped bottle and brew, did some artwork, and worked events. The complete list includes, Sprecher Brewery and Lakefront Brewery.

My interest in beer and brewing goes back to when I was age 11 and started collecting beer cans to when I did home brewing in my 30's and continues today as I start a new chapter in my life of full time work at MKE Brewing. I will continue to help out at Delafield, Explorium, and Westallion. I also discovered my artistic ability when I was 8 and combining beer and art have been nearly lifelong passions of mine.

Anyway, the job at H-D was only meant to be temporary as the pay was low and after a few months I discovered that my immediate supervisor treated me differently than the other two tour guides that had been there longer than me. Everyday I felt like the unwanted step child and it actually affected my work performance. So, I started asking for more work and hours at MKE in the hopes of quitting H-D by having more work already lined up.



MKE was and still is more than happy to give me more work and even though I will miss many of the people I met while working at H-D (except one), every single person at MKE has been very friendly, helpful and genuinely happy that I am there and it makes for a much more enjoyable and fun working experience.

So, at least I have another feather in my cap and I can proudly say I actually worked at Harley-Davidson and know that I helped make the visit for our guests a much better one.

I hope to see many of you at one or more of the breweries I work at and maybe I will buy you a beer!

Take care and stay safe!

Steve Peters

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Badger Bash - Viroqua, WI - 8/2-4/19

Photos and Story by Cathy Drexler



It started with a beautiful drive across the state, with Wisconsin looking---and smelling---of late summer hay fields and ripening corn.

This year we joined our Driftless brethren at the fairgrounds in Viroqua for some happy camping & riding on the winding roads of the Driftless area. Driftless Chapter president Will & his team were impressively organized, and the route was lovely. It was great to experience that route this year after the 2018 Driftless Chapter National

Road Run had to re-route last year due to the flooding.

There were pre-event rumors of field games, but once the riders discovered the race track, that led to hours of "racing" fun...including a "bike vs motorcycle" race, and a couple of laps by a tractor pulling a wedding party on a farm wagon. Special mention goes to Will & the owner of the Rooted Spoon Kitchen Table for that memorably delicious meal Saturday evening. Farm fresh doesn't get any better.

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Badger Bash - Viroqua, WI - 8/2-4/19

Photos and Story by Cathy Drexler



I really enjoy the "expanded family" atmosphere when the Badgers & Driftless Chapters get together on our Wisconsin roads.
Cathy Drexler



Badger Bash - Viroqua, WI - 8/2-4/19

Photos and Story by Steve Peters



The Badger Bash was held far from home this year as we joined our fellow Wisconsin Driftless Chapter in Vernon County. I'm sorry, but due to circumstances I was not able to participate in the Friday evening activities nor do the Saturday ride, but I caught-up with everyone at the lunch stop at the Rockton Bar. From there I followed in my van the rest of the ride to our camp sites. The rest of the afternoon was spent hanging out around the horse track at the fair grounds watching others give a try at having the fastest time on the half mile.

Not being able to take my trusty '74 Sporty to the event, I brought he

next best thing I have - my mountain bicycle. Having bicycle raced for many years I gave it my best effort as well as the only bicycle in the time trial. My time was only about twice that of most of the participants.

Then a fine dinner at the Rooted Spoon before an evening of good fellowship in the waning hours of the day.

Steve Peters



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Badger Bash - Viroqua, WI - 8/2-4/19

Photos by Steve Peters



Badger Bash 1/2 Mile Time Trials Results - Viroqua, WI - 8/2-4/19

Photos by Steve Peters



1. Will Lusignan - '36 Indian Sport Scout - 47.06
2. Willie Kiefert - '66 Harley FLH- 47.35
3. Dan Krause - '48 Harley WL - 48.48
4. Rick Hudson - Norton - 50.95
5. Don Poetzel - '73 Harley FLH- 51.21
6. Jon Oeflein - '50 Harley FL - 51.27
7. Erik Lund - '51 Harley FL - 51.48
8. John Smallwood - '49 Harley FL - 51.60
9. Tom Hinderholtz - '46 Harley FL - 51.66
10. Jeff Hill - '63 Harley FLH- 53.77
11. Willie Kiefert - '48 Harley WL - 54.78
12. Chad & "Monkey Rich" - '66 Harley FL w/side hack - 55.09
13. Terry Brousseau - '65 Harley FLH 56.04
14. Tony Jankoski - '40 Harley ULH - 56.46
15. Vince O'Leary - '63 Harley FLH - 58.33
16. Jim Feyereisen - '65 Harley FLH - 1:01.38
17. Ed Feyereisen - '51 Harley FL - 1:06.38
18. Al Feyereisen - '67 Harley FLH - 1:44.79
19. Steve Peters - '95 Gary Fisher Hoo Koo E Koo Bicycle - 2:03.67



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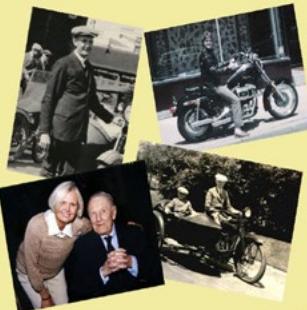


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Cruisin' the Grove - Elm Grove, WI - 8/12/19

Photos and Story by Dan Riedel



Cruisin' the Grove 2019 – Rainy Monday nights for the Badger Features, but fantastic weather and great attendance for the other cruise nights. If you didn't make it out to Elm Grove for a CTG event this season you missed a lot. Cruisin' the Grove held 7 Monday night cruise nights -- 4 with great weather, 2 with a mix of rain, and 1 complete rainout. We tried 2 feature nights for Badgers but unfortunately we had wet rainy weather for both.

But, a few bad weather nights didn't stop all the fun. Some highlights of this season's the cruise nights include, setting 2 attendance records; 110 cars and motorcycles attending our kick off night followed by a record setting 160 cars and motorcycles that attended our American Graffiti theme night. We had visitors this season that made the journey from all over including Dodgeville, Janesville and several from just south of the border in Illinois.

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Cruisin' the Grove - Elm Grove, WI - 8/12/19

Photos and Story by Dan Riedel



Our Sunday August 4th show was one of our largest with over 304 cars and motorcycles parked up and down the streets of Elm Grove and an estimated crowd of 2,500 to 3,000 people coming to enjoy the show. This year's Motorcycle Feature was Badger John Bartman with his 1940 H-D ULH Chase Bike Sweet Judy Blue Eyes and 1923 HD Model J "Miss Skeeter". Our Hagerty

Youth Judges even had an opportunity to stop and talk with John and learn about his bikes.

Thank you to all the Badgers for helping support Cruisin' the Grove during the 2019 season!

Dan Riedel



Badger Heritage Chapter **POKEY RUN**

**OCTOBER 12
2019**



**Welcome all Old and Slow Machines!
35 years of age and older**

We are going to ride "A 35/35".

In simple terms it means 35 miles distance at 35 miles per hour.

The featured ride this year is the Harley-Davidson and Indian Servi-car.

We will start at the Random Lake Rod and Gun Club at 8am for coffee and donuts. The ride starts at 10am, take a break at the gas stop, and then head back to the Rod and Gun Club for our Fall Meeting. Non-ridable vehicles can be trailered and displayed at the end of the ride. All vintage motorcycles are welcome as well.

We are hoping to see Servi-cars, Hummers, Toppers, Aermachi's, Sprints, Cushman's, Bobbers, Cannon Ballers, Bilda Bikes, anything old and street legal. We will have trouble trucks and trailers (just in case) on the ride with a gas stop.

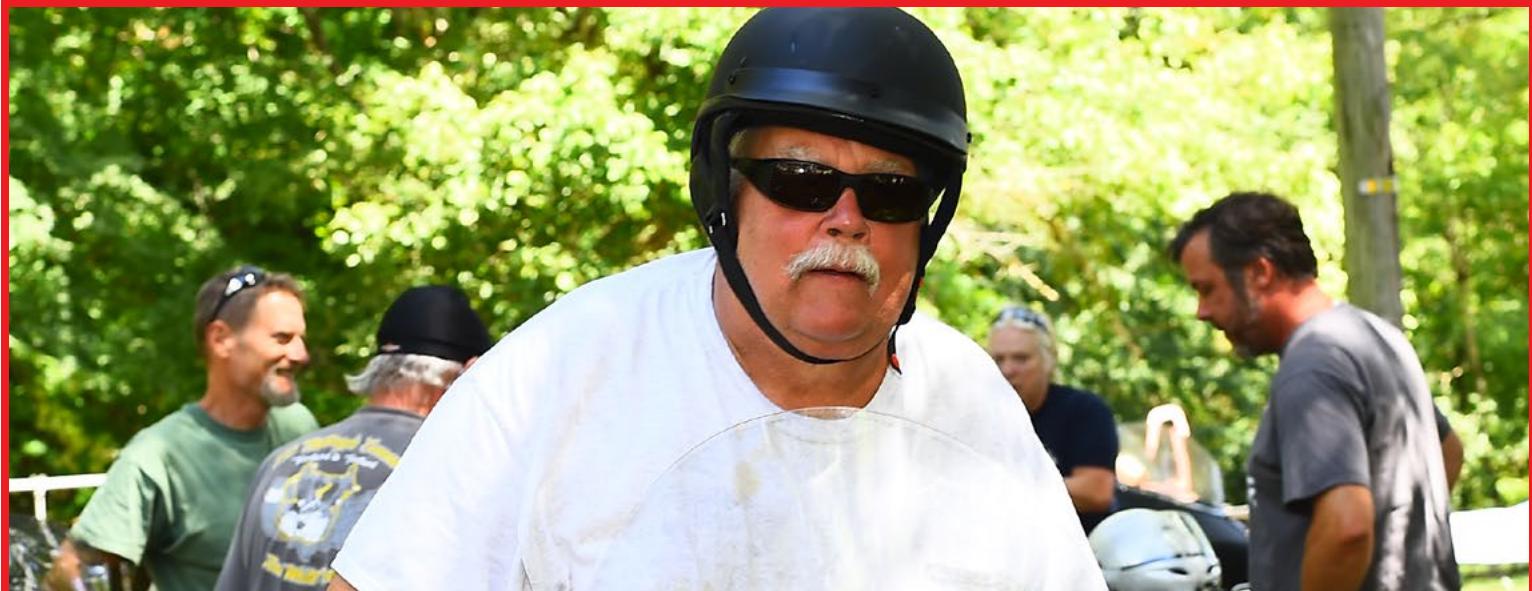
All vintage motorcycles are invited, so bring them please and ride with us as this will surely be a fun time!

More info to follow as planning begins. The ride will end at our club Fall Meeting location.

Pokey Run Committee - Jim Feyereisen, Al Feyereisen, Erik Lund, and Larry Bilda - any questions please ask.

Music City Chapter National Road Run - Nashville, TN - 9/3-6/19

Photos and Story by Cathy Drexler



September's always been one of our favorite months for vacation, but this time, instead of northern Minnesota, we headed for the Nashville, TN area, and a forecast for days in the mid-90's. We brought lots of Succeed electrolyte capsules along, and Wade had a couple other Badgers feeling the benefits of a little extra sodium during those long hot rides.

The event, hosted by the AMCA Music City Chapter, was well-organized, from the registration to the rides to the meals. Much thanks

for the effort that went into painting the directional arrows on the roads--since I drove ahead to do photos, it was nice to have confirmation that I was still on the correct route.

And what roads they were! It's obvious why Tennessee is a destination for riders. I also checked out some of the dead-end roads, with names that generally included the word "Hollow". The lunch spots were well-chosen and included the historic towns of Red Boiling Springs and Granville.

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Music City Chapter National Road Run - Nashville, TN - 9/3-6/19

Photos and Story by Cathy Drexler



As usual during a national road run, we reconnected with friends from previous events, and met new people. Wade and his "fish bike" rode with a new friend from near Fort Wayne, IN, who was doing his first road run, on a bike that won the "Best Rat Bike" trophy.

The Badgers won the trophy for the chapter with the greatest number of people---we were no doubt the loudest chapter as well! Amazing to think that in a year we will again be hosting our own road run.

Cathy Drexler



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September 5 - 15, 2019

*By the time you receive this Spokesman, the Chase
will have ended, so the next time you see any of the
three Badgers that participated in the event, give
them a hearty hand shake or hug for their courage
and determination to join the Chase!*

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