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Presidents Message

Jon D. Oeflein - President



Hello Badgers!

Summer is upon us! The long and cold winter months have past and riding season is finally in full swing. We are going to have a busy summer with many events on our calendar. I am happy to report that our chapter is in excellent shape. We are fiscally strong and our plans for our summer activi-

ties are all going according to plan. I have numerous topics I want to cover in this edition of the Spokesman.

First off is our recently held Spring Meeting. Tom Hinderholtz deserves a huge thank you for inviting us all to his place in Caledonia. The weather cooperated and we had a great turn out. The food was delicious. In fact, everyone loved Tom's famous beef so much that there wasn't even a sliver left over. Once the meeting portion of the day started, we were able to cover all the items on my agenda in about an hour and a half. Thank you all who helped out with the planning and the duties of the day that are always required to have a successful meeting.

Next, I would like to address dues. By the time you are reading this our June 10th deadline for 2025 membership dues will have passed. We are going to wait a week in case any renewals were mailed in just before the deadline and then begin removing all delinquent members from our roster. If you still haven't paid your dues, this issue of the Spokesman will be the last one you will receive. We have sent out numerous reminders and everyone has had plenty of time to get their dues taken care of. If your 2025 dues are still outstanding, please go to our website and get them taken care of. We don't want anyone to miss out on any Badger fun!

Dues collection is one of the most challenging chores that chapter officers have to deal with. Most of this responsibility rests on our treasurer. In order to make the job easier, Boz really pushed for us to add a multiple year option to our collection system. I am happy to report that I proposed this to the chapter at the last meeting, and

it breezed through the voting process. Starting in 2026, members will be able to pay dues for one, two or three years. This mirrors the National system and will make things much easier for our members. It will also make things easier for our treasurer!

I would now like to turn my attention to the 2025 Badger Vintage Motorcycle Show. I have been working on putting this together for the last 6 months. We will be once again teaming up with Harley-Davidson in a similar fashion as we did last year for our very successful Timeline event. The show will take place at the new Davidson Park on July the 12th, from noon to 3pm. We will have the top of the park set aside for us with spots for our vintage bikes. We have some great perks for the participants. The first 50 to sign up get \$25 in food/bev coupons, complimentary historic tours and a collectable, custom designed Badger challenge coin! We will also be given a special pass to get a roof top group picture! Don't miss this cool day. Let me know if you want to bring a bike as soon as you can.

This leads me to our Summer Picnic. Planning is well under way for this year's party! We are headed back to the K-Ranch in Eagle, August 15th -17th. Kevin and Rene Klatt have taken the lead on this and it is going to be a blast! Please see the poster in this issue for all the details.

Lastly, I want to touch on the future of our chapter. This future depends on volunteers to step up and commit to donating their time and talents. Without these fine people our chapter will fail to function at the level it has been achieving. We will need others to come forward to keep things moving in a positive direction. If you are interested in volunteering, please let me know. I would love to talk to you and discuss the future opportunities that will arise.

Don't forget to check our list of upcoming events and get out and ride!

Your president,

Jono

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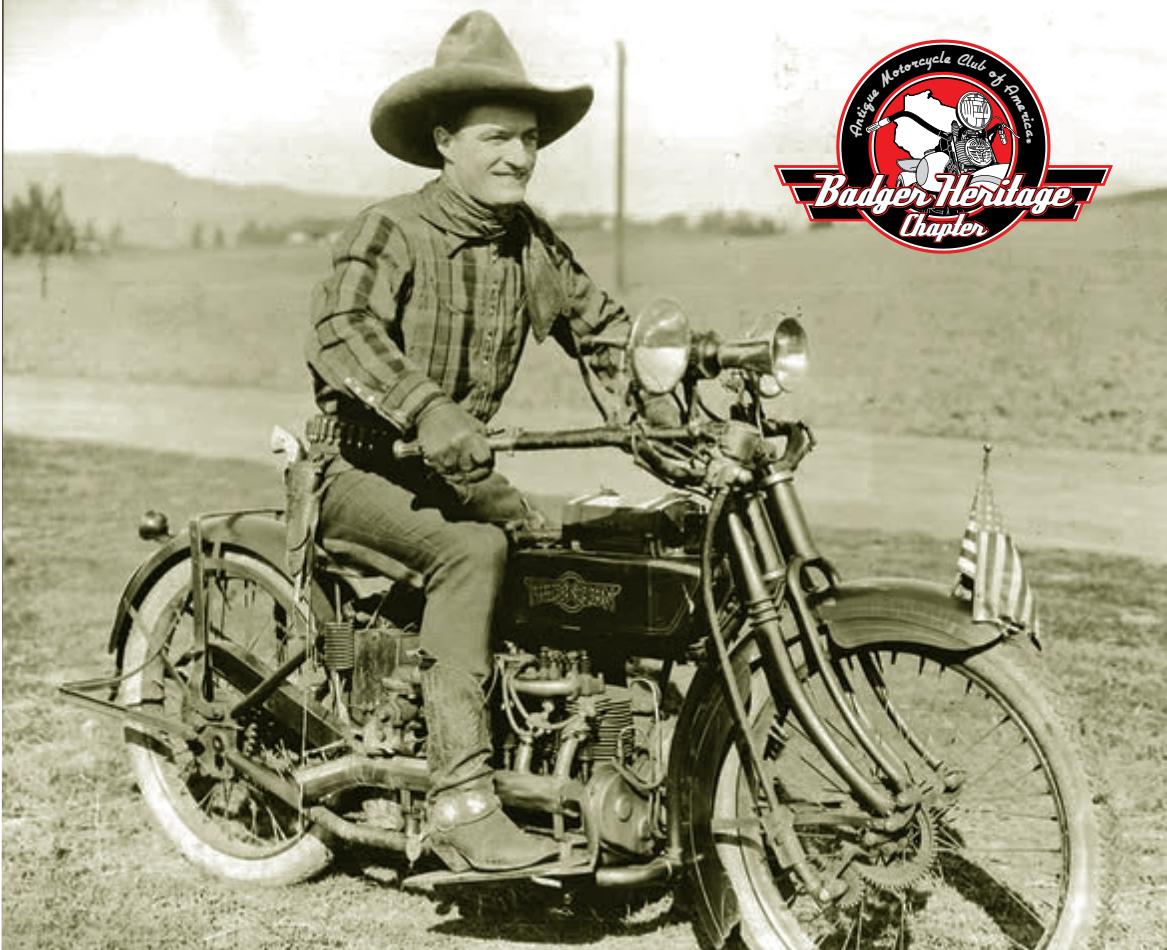
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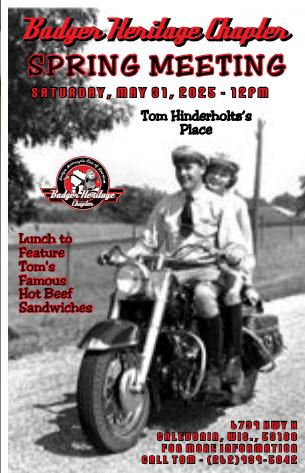
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Spring Meeting - Caledonia, WI - 5/31/25

Story and Photos by Steve Peters



This years Spring Meeting took place at Tom Hinderholtz's place in Caledonia, WI. It was a sunny day with cooler temperatures, with no worry of rain as we did for the Fall Meeting last year.

There were 72 members in attendance on 49 motorcycles. It was great to see everyone in good spirits with plenty of stories and good things to say about their motorcycle adventures.

Tom had his Famous Hot Beef Sandwiches that were a hit with everyone plus all of the needed extras. The liquid refreshments were flowing as well as everyone had a good time.

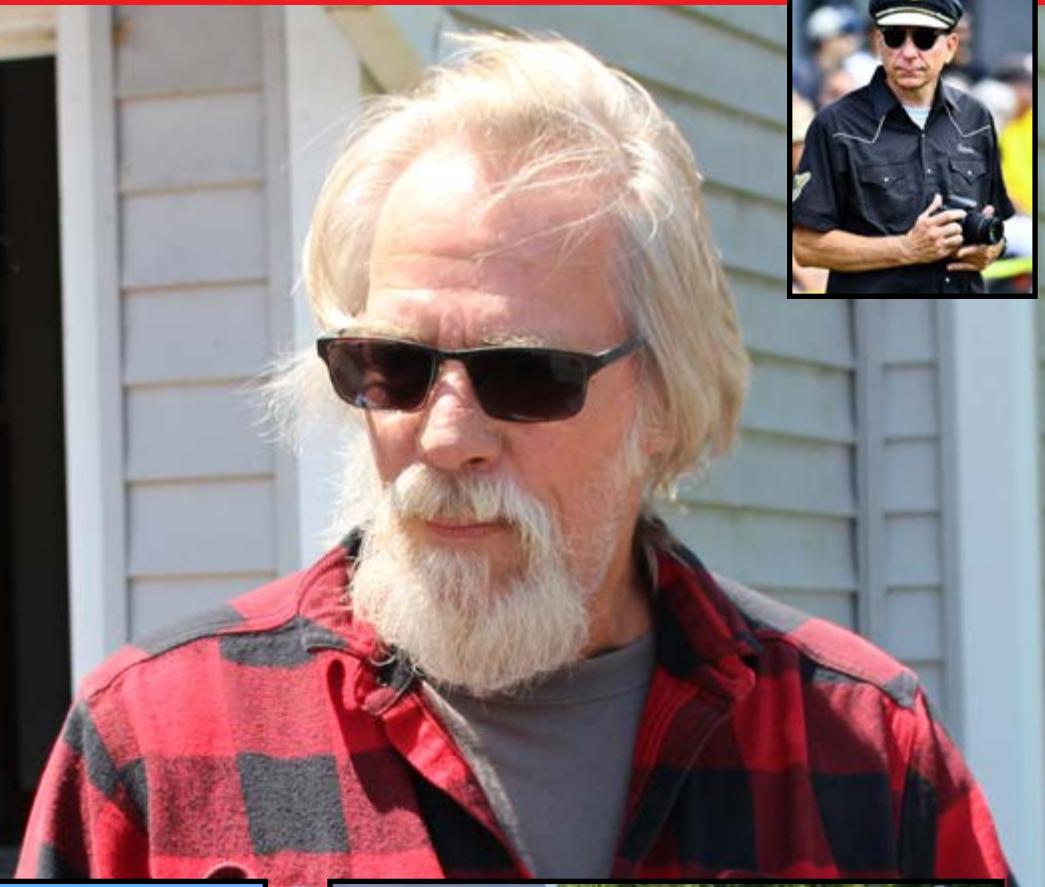
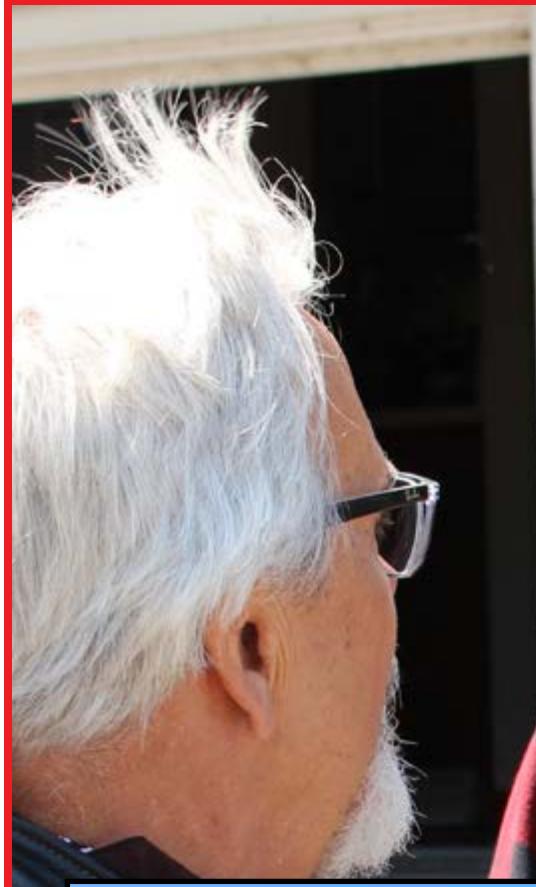
The meeting was packed with many events and topics to keep us occupied and interested. The ride home was as pleasant as the ride to the meeting and I'm looking forward to the next Badger event.

Steve Peters



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Badger Heritage Chapter

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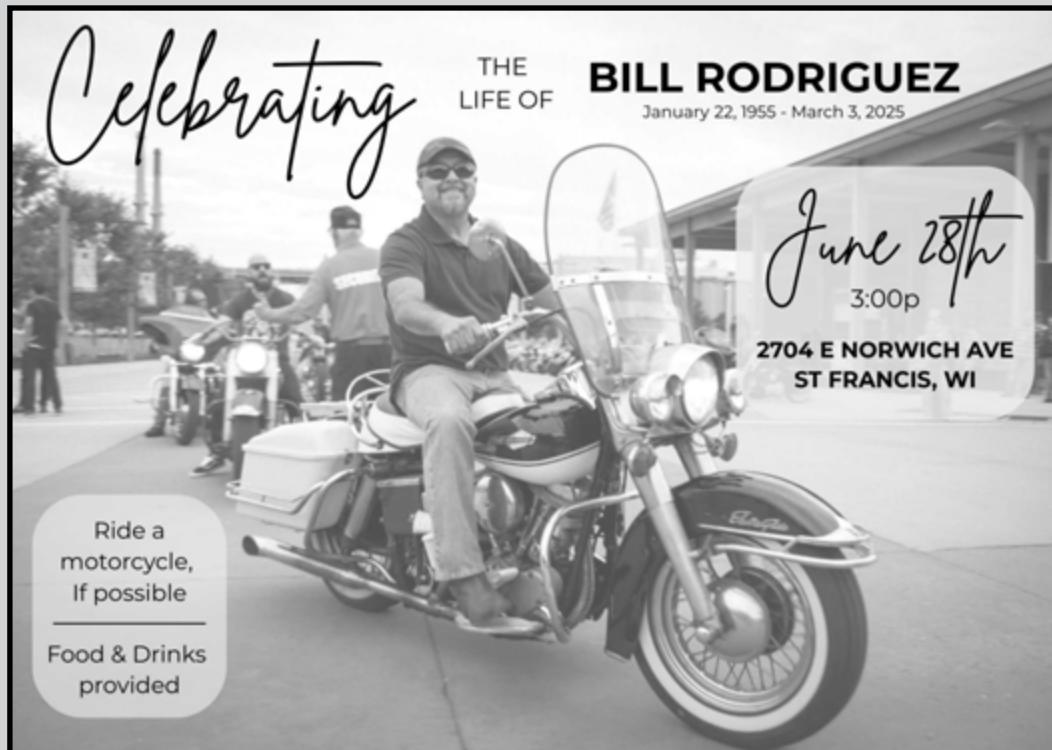
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In Memoriam
Badger Guillermo Gilberto “Bill” Rodriguez - 1/22/55 - 3/3/25



It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Guillermo Gilberto Rodriguez “Bill” who departed this world on March 3, 2025 at the age of 70. Born on January 22, 1955 in Lima, Peru.

Bill worked 30 years at the United States Postal Office until his retirement in 2015. He served as the Union President for the last half of his career. He was a proud Vietnam Era Army Veteran and an avid antique motorcycle builder and enthusiast. He loved his family, riding with his friends, and his river house up north.



AHRMA Vintage Races - Hastings, NE - 5/30/25 to 6/1/25

Story and Photos by Cathy Drexler



We headed to Hastings, NE at the end of May for the American Historic Racing Motorcycle Association (AHRMA) races. Along the way we made a stop at the Rowe Sanctuary on the Platte River, a notable migration stop-over for sandhill cranes.

The usual format for AHRMA racing is practice sessions on Friday, with racing on Saturday and Sunday following shorter track practice sessions. Wade enjoys getting acquainted with the features of different tracks during

the season. Before race day AHRMA offers a trackwalk, during which expert riders familiar with the track give advice about how to approach each turn & section of the course. This event's track walk, in light rain, was conducted by Nick Lenatsch, a motorcycle racer, author on riding techniques, and instructor at Yamaha Champions Riding School. AHRMA also has riding school for aspiring racers.

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AHRMA Vintage Races - Hastings, NE - 5/30/25 to 6/1/25

Photos by Cathy Drexler



Wade's race bike is a 1968 Honda CB450. "It takes a village": he had a lot of help prepping the bike from his friend Tim Schneider (most of the bike) and Dale Coffman (the engine). Our friend Rob Himmelmann trailered the bike down to Hastings, making travel easy.

Wade races in 2 classes: RR Novice Historic Production Lightweight, and RR Novice Historic Production Heavyweight. In the Heavyweight class he had quite a duel with William Dokianos, ending up in 3rd. Since old bikes tend to break down when ridden hard, Wade end-

ed up on top of the podium in the lightweight class due to attrition of the other bikes in the class (but of course he's fast too!)

AHRMA events are well organized, and the people are friendly, fun, and safety-oriented. While there are classes for modern bikes as well, watching the older bikes out on the track is just magic. There will be AHRMA racing at Blackhawk Farms Raceway in South Beloit the weekend of August 1-3----check it out!

Cathy Drexler



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Brewtown Rumble 2025/BUILD Moto Challenge - Milwaukee, WI - 6/7/25

Story and Photos by Cathy Drexler



The 2025 Brewtown Rumble enjoyed a beautiful June day and Davidson Park is a great venue for this event. There were plenty of beautiful bikes to admire with their owners happy to describe their machines. My favorite was the 1968 Benelli 125, a make I'd never seen before.

The centerpiece of the event was the BUILD Moto challenge, in which BUILD teams raced each other to complete a task. The teams did not know which task would be assigned until about 15 minutes before the event. No power tools are allowed for the challenge and the mentors' contributions are limited to advice before the event starts. The bikes were XG500 Street bikes provided by Harley-Davidson. This year's task was to remove the bike's battery and replace it, then start the bike.

It is exciting to see the BUILD program expanding beyond the Milwaukee area. I spent some time talking to the team from Tomahawk WI, who incorporated some regionally distinct touches into their bike, such as a hockey puck on the foot peg, and the bike number plate 715 (their area code).

The BUILD Moto season includes multiple events, with points awarded for each event. The overall winner for the season was the Columbus BUILD Moto team. It is very heartening to see the results of this program, with camaraderie among the young people and some sharp looking bikes.

Cathy Drexler



Brewtown Rumble 2025/BUILD Moto Challenge - Milwaukee, WI - 6/7/25

Photos by Cathy Drexler



From the Desk of the Newsletter Editor

Antiques? by Steve Peters



Hey Badgers!

As we all know, the definition of an "Antique" motorcycle in the AMCA is 35 years. To those of us a few years past being 35 years old will look upon this a bit differently than those under 35.

I see this sort of thing every time I sell my wares at the Cedarburg Maxwell Street Days flea market. I have many items that are older than 35, but it can be humorous when I get some 20 somethings looking at my stuff that might even be newer than 35 and they think of my booth as being some kind of museum or antique shop.

I have had some VHS tapes and cameras over the last few years and the young-ins think of them as antiques. Something Grampa used to lug around when the kids were little recording their activities and birthdays. I guess in a way, it would be similar to me in my 20's seeing a camera from the 1950's and thinking it was a cool antique and something I wanted to display or even get "working".

So this year, the definition of an antique motorcycle would be from 1990. Wow. I bought my 1974 Sporty in 1992 when it was only 18 years old and I thought it was really old at that time. But then again, around that same time my everyday driver was a 1964 Rambler Classic 770 – now that was old. I recall buying it for \$600 and sold it for \$25 about 15 years later after it sat for 9 years un-drivable. Just out of curiosity I looked up new products in 1990 and have the list here. It's not a very long list, but many of the things I found online I have no idea what they were/are.

New in 1990:

Extra High Density Floppy Discs

Digital Cameras

The World Wide Web (do you realize it actually takes longer to say WWW, than it does to say World Wide Web – each letter is two syllables and each word is only one)

Adobe Photoshop

Launch of the Hubble Telescope

Sega Genesis

Super Nintendo

Texas Instruments TI-81 Calculator

Beano (dietary supplement)

Navy (perfume)

Marshmallow Alpha-Bits

Rembrandt Toothpaste

The Super Soaker

Windows 3.0

I'm sure are more, but I didn't see any in my quick search. If you know of any, maybe just keep it to yourself, I don't need anything else to make me feel old.

Take care and stay safe!

Steve Peters



A Thousand Miles on a Trident

Story and Photos by Steve Strohmeier



It all started innocently one night.

I was reading a motorcycle encyclopedia and came upon an entry for triple cylinder engines. I have ridden a lot of engine configurations from horizontal singles to flat sixes, but I never had a go with a triple. Then, not two days later we ran into a Laverda Jota at Wau-

seon and the hook was set.

Over the next few months I gandered at a string of Laverdas, BSA, and Triumph triples. None really spoke to me and the owners were generally forthcoming about all the faults that needed addressing. Most were almost mystically terrified of working on their triples and it showed in dirty, leaky machines that were fussy starters.

Late in the season, a lovely 1972 Triumph T150v came up for sale south of Indianapolis. It was about 90 percent original and wearing the distinctive Royal Purple available on '72 Tridents. In looking at the VIN, I realized this was an unusual bike. Being built in late June 1972, it had every upgrade found on the '73 models, which began production in July, with one exception; the bike was one of the last to leave Meriden with a conical drum front!

The owner turned out to be a fellow AMCA member who used to live near my neighborhood. The bike was better than described on the phone and started easily in two kicks from dead cold in 20 degree weather. I went over the Trident during the dark days of winter only to discover the previous owner was 100 percent honest. Everything was done correctly and with factory fit parts. The bike even came with a fresh high end battery, several OEM manuals, brand new Dunlop tt100s, and a cover. I could not wait for spring and as soon as the weather broke, the Trident started getting used.

In a little over ten weeks, I put more than 1,000 miles on the Trident in all sorts of riding. From commuting to work in Chicago traffic to a 250-mile round trip to our spring chapter meeting, the Trident has not missed a beat. It has been 100 percent reliable, almost always starting first kick. Other than kicking it to life, the Trident is very much like a modern bike. It simply scoots along and is fully usable in modern traffic. Even the conicals work extremely well on this bike thanks to extended length levers.



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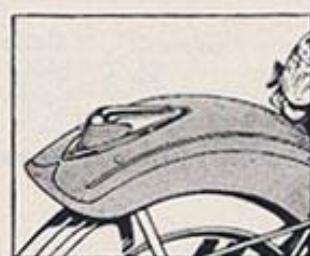
The biggest problem is how addictive it is to rev the bike. It simply howls with glee the harder you twist the throttle. However, everyone seems to love the sound. Neighbors who normally scowl at my noisy bikes give the Trident a huge thumbs up. Overall, the bike feels much lighter on the road than its 500 pound wet weight would suggest. It is easy to pull double parking space u turns as well as walk the bike in traffic. The clutch action is heavy but very progressive and the five speed gearbox delightful.

Out on the road, the Trident has excellent road holding manners and feels much like a late 80s Honda product. It simply holds a line and rides remarkably well for a 55 year old bike. The most surprising thing to me is how much of a road burner this bike truly is. It adores being flogged on the highway and sits at 4200 rpm at a true 80mph for miles on end. There is a price to be paid for such fun in terms of fuel economy and oil use. Like testers in the 70s, I average in the mid-30s on economy and get through a bit less than a pint of oil every 300-400 miles depending on how hard I twist the throttle. My particular Trident is oil tight, there's no smoke in the exhaust, and the spark plugs are quite clean, so it's a mystery exactly where the oil escapes!

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Steve Strohmeier

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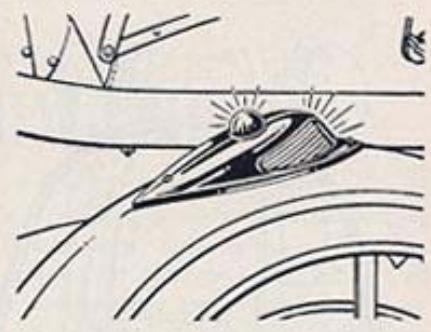
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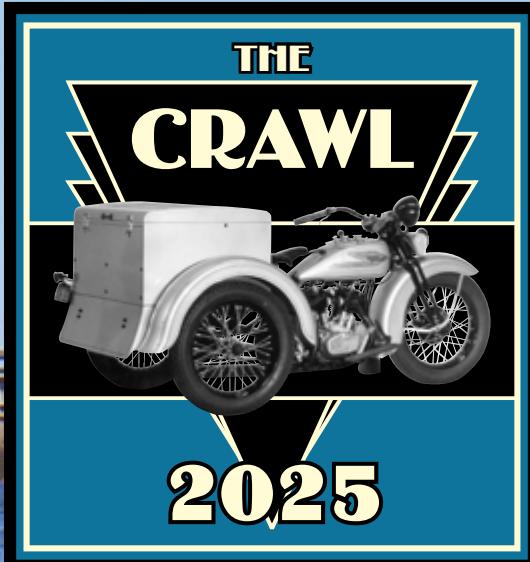
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Notes From the Secretary

Danielle Werner - Chapter Secretary



Badger Heritage Spring Meeting 5/31/2025

Ken Bosman, Kevin Klatt, Tom Hinderholtz, Danielle Werner, Jon Davidson Oeflein, Mark Hurst

- Food for 80 -100 people for picnic

- 160 waters, iced tea, 36 Sprite, 36 Pepsi, 25 lbs of beef
- Have tables and chairs 25, Jon to bring 15
- Have sound
- Tell Steve Peters - Do not make posters for summer picnic – venue sold
- Tommy registered at Restaurant Depot (on Beacher St), we get discount and no sales tax, we have a card to scan to get discount, can use a picture on the phone
- Jon to send out one more notice and will do a FB post
- Would like everyone there @ 10:00 – 10:30
- Dues: did a purge of membership list of people who have not been engaged with a cutoff date of June 10th, and sent out an email they need to pay, picked up 5 since email was sent. Boz to address membership is due at this meeting
- Look to do a 2 or 3 year membership in the future, will bring up at picnic, maybe do a bi-annual in the future but start with a 2 year membership. Will have a non-pay list at the door – Mark and Boz to monitor
- **SUMMER PICNIC** – not Kettle Moraine Ranch, now Wise Owl Productions. Everything stays the same for picnic.
 - o Kevin to deal with owners and caterer, will set up bike route and gas stops, band (2 piece band \$500 for 7-11)
 - o Need 2 people to man coffee / donut table (Richie

- & Tom)
- o Need people for check in table on Friday nite and Sat am (7:30-8:30)
- o Richie for music
- o Mark in charge of RV's
- o Jon to do MC and Rider meeting
- o Sunday morning there will be a Bloody Mary bar, Friday there will be pizzas for purchase
- o \$75 / head to break even, Jon proposed chapter to chip in with swag (\$2265 for Caterer, just under \$2000 for KM Ranch)
- o Proposed to look at what expenses were and adjust pricing for winter dinner
- o At picnic will have regular itinerary, Brew Town (will put a tent up)

At picnic will have regular itinerary –

- Jon to put up a tent 6-7 / 6-14 Bilda Bike Show
- 6-21 H-D Wild Ones at Museum and Beer City Cycles (Puglers Hall)
- Jon working on Badger Bike Show with H-D 7-12 up to 50 bikes, Steve working on a poster
- Kevin to get dates for Texas Road House car and bike show
- Badger exhibit in the works at the H-D Museum – temporary exhibit
- T-Shirts = ordered men's t-shirts which took shirts out of Steve's order, so Steve canceled order. Boz ordered from Uber Prints. Proposed have our logo at a company and put a link to the company on our web page. Kevin made up business card

Danielle Werner
Chapter Secretary



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EU AMCA Meet - Raalte, Netherlands - 5/30-31/25

Photos and Story by Chris Tribbey



Each year in the American Motorcycle (AMCA's quarterly print magazine), I see the advertisement for the European AMCA meet held at the American Motorcycle Museum (AMM) in Raalte, Netherlands. This annual event takes place at the end of May each year. I've always wanted to attend. Well, 2025 was the year I planned on going and I did.

The on-site hotel was already booked so I secured a room in Deventer, NL about 10 miles away. Taking the 11-hour flight from Milwaukee to Amsterdam was smooth and trouble free. In Amsterdam I picked up a rental car and headed east about 80 miles to drop my bags off at the hotel and then head to Raalte to see what

was going on.

The area is much like Wisconsin, nice rolling two lane roads. I arrived at the AMM and the 70 vendor spots were all marked off and people were setting up. The AMM provided each vending spot with tables and canopies. There was some slight rain, so the canopies were very much appreciated. I was impressed with the amount of JD, VL, singles, and Indian parts available. Lots of New Old Stock (NOS) parts in original boxes were available and plentiful. Several complete JD engines, transmissions, frames, and front ends. One spot was all magneto's that were rebuilt.

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Equally impressive was the large number of antique bikes ridden in. Indian Scouts, Chiefs, and four-cylinders, Harley JDs, Knuckleheads, and singles. A beautiful Thor, a Yale, a few Excelsiors, and WLAs. It was a great "bike show" in the parking lot.

And the people. Equally as enjoyable as looking at the parts and bikes, meeting new folks and seeing friends is also a big part of the AMCA meets. I met fellow Cannonballers, friends from the USA, and several friends from Germany, France, and Switzerland. Also was able to meet some new folks and we enjoyed talking about these old machines.

There were about a dozen bikes that were judged at the event. It's really fun to watch the judges look over each bike and make notes. The owners are welcomed to observe and are often asked questions about their bikes from the judges.

In conclusion, I am so happy I finally decided to attend the event. It exceeded my expectations. Don't know if I will go again next year, however it will be "penciled" in for 2026. It was a great experience, and I have excellent memories of the event.

Chris Tribbey



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Calling All Members!

I am always looking for more content for the Spokesman newsletter.

I know many of you attend various events and take photos and have a story to tell. I see the photos on Facebook all the time and just wish you could send at least a dozen of those photos to me with a short story about the event. We would all like to see and hear what our members are doing.

I will no longer ask individuals for photos and a story as I would like to leave it up to them if they choose to send anything or not.

If you need help with your story I can help and will always do a punctuation and spell check of the stories and may edit them a little as well.

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