



AMCA EUROPEAN CHAPTER NEWSLETTER
"Having fun with old motorcycles"

Hello AMCA Europe Members,

This time we have a report from a German show and news of 2024 events missed from our last list.

Don't forget to pre-register if you are planning to bring a bike for judging! You have only a few days left.

Claudia Krause reports:

The "Winter Classics", organized by Werner Kasper, took place in Ruesselsheim, Germany, again on January 15. A lot of enthusiasts had brought their bikes and so we could enjoy more than 100 exhibits, for example 3 very nice Vincents, a German "Diamant", an original paint Ner-a-Car from the 1920s and a 1901 De Dion Bouton "Tricycle". Here is the Diamant:



And the De Dion trike:



This is a rare opportunity to see or participate in Board Track racing in Europe, in Darmstadt, Germany on 22 June.

Our friends at the Langhe Hills Chapter in Italy are organising another get-together, this time pre-registration is mandatory. For registration or more information please contact Fabio or Cristiano directly or visit:

<https://www.instagram.com/patina-garageitalyfrance/>



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This is the big one held in Las Vegas, with about 1600 bikes going under the hammer this year. With such a long auction and so many lots, prices depended to some extent on who was in the room at the time, so it is hard to explain some of the results. Overall I said two years ago that it was a sellers market, a balanced sale last year, and this year the buyers were in the driving seat. Some sellers had set their reserves too high, so we see 'The Bid Goes On'

in the results. Indian Chiefs seem particularly affected. The early replica bikes were making no money, while the eight valve racers with no provenance were fetching about what they cost to build. Among the Harleys, there were several knuckleheads under \$50k, a \$2400 Sportster, and two of those 2003 Anniversary models at about \$4500. Among the exotica were just two Hendersons, a 1914 at \$148k and a 1929 KJ at \$110k. Of the two Indian Fours, a 1928 'Indian Ace' went for \$220k while a 1941 fetched \$77k. Like they say, go figure, but anyone with deep pockets and patience could find some deals. There were 30 private collections in there, so the older guys are still selling out while there are younger ones out there to buy.

Welcome to Olli Huber from Germany.



Olli is part of the "Undermotorized idiots" and he has been riding his moped – a 1968 Zündapp M 50 – through Canada, the USA and Mexico. At the moment he is cruising in the US again, visiting Route 66, the Mojave Desert and other famous places. He says that his Zündapp has a top speed of 60 km/h (without headwind) and he has been riding more than 30.000 km since he started the trip 10 months ago. If you would like to read more about Olli, visit [instagram https://www.instagram.com/undermotorized_idiots/](https://www.instagram.com/undermotorized_idiots/)

Ride safe, Olli, and enjoy your trip! Olli has now participated in the Borrego Springs National Winter Road Run organized by the Southern California Chapter. He even received the trophy for "Farthest Ridden"

We provide a service to UK members by providing dating certificates for imported Harleys, and helping recover lost license plate numbers. Recently I had this Harley 1943 WLC come round to try to recover the original 1946 London registration number from when it was sold as Army surplus.



Valances have been welded to the front fender sides, but otherwise I'm amazed at how many original features have been retained after 80 years.

I have a big collection of Harley-Davidson Enthusiast magazines from 1930-1957 for sale, initially as runs or complete years. Let me know if you're interested and I can bring them to Raalte.

Below is our latest timetable for the year. The AMCA events are firm, but some of the others are provisional, and will be updated as more information is received. Please advise me of any corrections, or additional events you would like to see included. Any events cancelled or postponed are marked with an asterisk (*). Please check with the organisers before travelling any distance.

Feb 02-03 Music City Chapter, Lebanon TN

Feb 29-Mar 02 Sunshine Meet, Daytona FL

Mar 23-24 Omaha Meet, Fremont NE

Apr 26-27 Perkiomen Chapter, Oley PA

May 10-11 European Chapter, Raalte NL

June 14-15 Viking Chapter, St. Paul MN

June 14-15 Fort Sutter Meet, Dixon CA

June 21-23 Can-Am River, Waddington NY

July 19-20 Wauseon Coalition, Wauseon OH

July 26-28 Yankee Meet, Greenfield MA

Aug 24-25 Australian Meet, Bulli NSW

Sep 06-08 Colonial Meet, Harmony NJ

Oct 04-06 Chesapeake Meet, Upperco MD

Oct 11-12 Southern National, Denton NC

Feb 29-Mar 02 SoCal Chapter, Borrego Springs CA

May 21-23 Cherokee/Diamond, Eureka Springs AR

Aug 13-15 Badger Chapter, Eagle River WI

Sep 23-25 Yerba Buena Chapter, Napa Valley CA

Oct 07-09 Seaboard Chapter, Hamilton NJ

September 03-08 European Bike Week, Faaker See
www.europeanbikeweek.com

August 25 Oude Klepper Parade, De Haan

May 15-19 Harley-Davidson Super Rally, Pasohlavky
www.superrally.com

May 09-11, Skagen Run, this time Copenhagen to Skagen, for pre-1935 bikes. Details from elleham07@gmail.com

Check. Aug tba Laholm Beach Jutland, pre-1947 beach racing and partying www.romomotorfestival.dk

January 06 Swap (Rompepäivä) in Jyväskylä 250km north from Helsinki. Mostly Japanese and Eastern Europe bike parts, but some vendors of vintage American and British.

February 02-04 in Helsinki: MP 24 is said to be the largest motorcycle exhibition in Northern Europe. More info in English <https://mp.messukeskus.com/?lang=en>

30 March "Walkka Swap" in Helsinki, mostly chopper and later model Harley parts, but occasionally also old rust.

April, date tba. Vintage bike swap "Rompe" in Tampere 180km north of Helsinki

May 04-05 Classic Motor Show, emphasis on vintage cars, but also some old bikes.

mid-July Flathead Rally, Lieto, near Turku in SW. Location and date to be confirmed

July 13-14 (preliminary date) Dirt race for old bikes in Ramsöö near Tampere

August 02-04 28-30 Veteraaniralli a big vintage m/c meeting in Keuruu, southern Finland, some 270 km north of Helsinki.

August is the "Pannuralli" meet for Panheads. 60+ km NW of Helsinki. Mostly customized bikes, but some restored, too.

02 November "Walkka Swap" in Helsinki, mostly chopper and later model Harley parts, but occasionally also old rust.

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Beach racing pre-1947 cars and bikes in Ouistreham, Normandy. Next one is 2025. www.normandybeachrace.com

January 15 Winter Classic Bike, Ruesselheim

March 23-24 Technorama Kassel www.technorama.de

April 12-14 Veterama Hockenheim www.veterama.de

April 27-28 Technorama Ulm www.technorama.de

April 25-28 Retro Classics Stuttgart www.retro-classics.de

May 13/14 Technorama Hildesheim www.technorama.de

May 30-June 02 Magic Bike Week, Ruedesheim magic-bike-ruedesheim.com

June 22 Velodrom Racetrack Darmstadt, board track racing www.vollgas-rennspass.de

July 14-20 Black Forest Road Run. Small locally organized Road Run with day tours through Germany's Black Forest for a limited number of participants. amca.europe@aol.de

September 13-14 Hindenburg Dirt Track racing hindenbergdirttrack.com

Oct 11-13 Veterama, Mannheim. Biggest European swap meet. www.veterama.de Our AMCA stand is open to all members who want to sell their own parts.

Jan 19-21 Motor Bike Expo Verona, custom bikes www.motorbikeexpo.it

June 06-09 European HOG Rally, Senigallia www.harley-davidson.com

June 13-16 FIVA Italian Rally, Manfredonia
www.fiva.org

June 28-30 Langhe Hills Chapter Oil Leakers Party
<https://www.instagram.com/patinagarageitalyfrance/>

October ASI Vintage Vehicle Day, to be announced
www.asifed.it

June 07-09 Silent Gray Fellows Meet, Oosterhout.
19th meet for pre-1966 American bikes.
www.silentgrayfellows.nl

August. No Old Timers Club International Rally this year.*

tba November Silent Gray Fellows swap meet

June 08-11 Trondheim rally, from Oslo, 1200 km on pre-1945 bikes www.fiva.org

June 22 Norgesloepet, Bodoe www.fiva.org

August 15-18 Indian Summer Rally, Hunderfossen
www.indianklubb.no

Here are the proposed dates for Oldtime Club Poland (OCP) events in 2024.

April 26-28 opening of the season. Brzeg (Brodziaówka)

May 23-26 Moto Rally -Kościelisko (Szyna)

July 15-21 Bałkans Tur -Szyna

September 04-08 FIVA Polish rally, Mikolajki 400 km www.fiva.org

September 6-8 Indian Days -Kazimierz Dolny

October 18-20. End of the season OCP

March 23 Auction Oldtimer Galerie_Toffen
<https://www.oldtimergalerie.ch>

April 21 American Bike Meet Ace Cafe Luzern
<https://www.acecafeluzern.ch>

April 27-28 Swiss Retro Mecanika Palexpo Geneve <https://retromecanika.ch>

May 03-05 Goudron Bike Days, Brig VS
<https://www.goudron.ch>

May 05 Love Ride Switzerland, Dübendorf ZH
<https://loveride.ch>

May 19 Harley Davidson Meet, Ace Cafe Luzern <https://www.acecafeluzern.ch> and monthly classic meets <https://www.acecafeluzern.ch/events>

May 19 The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride (in different cities in Switzerland)
<https://www.gentlemansride.com>

May 25-26 Arbon Classics <https://arbon-classics.ch/arbon-classics/ac2024/programm2024>

May 31-June 02 Swiss Classic World, Luzern
<https://www.swissclassicworld.ch>

June 7-9 Lenzerheide Motor Classics
<https://www.lenzerheidemotoreclassics.ch>

June 14-16 Race Kerenzerbergrennen
<https://www.kerenzerbergrennen.ch>

June 14-16 Harley Davidson Mountain 4StarWeekend Arosa <https://www.waldhotel.ch/de/harley-davidson-mountain-weekend>

June 28-29 Hangar Rocking in St. Stephan
<https://www.hangarrockin.com>

June 30 Oldtimertreff Schwägalp
<https://www.oldtimertreff-schwaegalp.ch/index.htm>

July 5-7 Swiss Harley Days, Lugano
<https://swissharleydays.ch>

August 11-12 Motorfestival by Gasoline Friends,
Elgg ZH <https://motorfestival.ch>

August 24-25 Töffmäss by motorworld, Kempthal
ZH <https://www.toeffmaess.ch>

September 7-8 Memorial Bergrennen “Kleiner
Klausen“, Opfertshofen SH <https://kleinerklausen.ch>

October 27 Oldtimermesse St. Gallen
<http://www.oldtimermesse-ch.com>

April 20-21 Stafford classic bike show and auction
www.staffordclassicbikeshows.com

June 16 Banbury Run, Gaydon, 250 pre-1931 bikes
www.vmcc.net

July 08-09 Festival of 1000 bikes, Mallory Park
www.vmcc.net

Aug 01-04 International West Kent Run, 250 runners
at The Friars, Aylesford, ME20 7BX www.vmcc.net

September 13-15 Beaulieu International
Autojumble/Netley Marsh motorcycle jumble

Oct 06. Pioneer Run, 350 pre-1915 bikes, Epsom
Downs to Brighton.

Oct 12-13 Stafford classic bike show and auction
www.staffordclassicbikeshows.com

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Please volunteer if you would like to be representative for a country not mentioned. You just need to know what bike-related events take place in your country, and answer occasional Email questions.

And keep me up to date if you change Email address.

The next newsletter will probably be in June, so please keep sending me articles and photos on bike related items, and safe riding until then.

Stay safe, wishing you happy riding, and best regards,

Steve Slocombe,
President AMCA European Chapter

