



AMCA EUROPEAN CHAPTER NEWSLETTER
"Having fun with old motorcycles"

October 2025

Hello AMCA Europe Members,

This time we feature the Goodwood Revival, the West Kent Run, the UK Pioneer Run and the big Mannheim Meet in Germany which pretty well closes out the European season, plus a couple of local events, plus What's in the Garage, New Members, and the results of the big Stafford bike auction.

Goodwood Revival 12 September

I'd been before, once as a stand holder and once as third mechanic on a Norton racing team. This year I had been comped a Friday ticket for a three day show where only Sunday tickets were still for sale at £84, say \$115 It is held at the old Goodwood aerodrome/racing circuit, and vintage cars were running around all day, with most people dressed up in period costume. The weather forecast was sunshine and showers, but I seemed the only one carrying a raincoat and we all got lucky. There were many early Land Rovers present, plus a theme of split screen Volkswagen vans which were there in numbers. Three Spitfires in a hanger were drawing a crowd and there was a line-up of Rolls Royce Phantoms Marks 1-5. My interest was the bikes, and a World War 2 maintenance tent had been set up with British bikes as shown:



And with American ones:



I also visited regular attendees The Hornets, lined up on their old US bikes:



They were echoing the 1947 Hollister riot photos and had empty (plastic) beer bottles strewn around on the ground. As the others they were staying there as performers for all three days, as a sideshow to the main events. Meanwhile, member Simon Roud's race team were winning the motorcycle races, well done! There is a lot of action and a lot of money at that show, put it on your list...

International West Kent Run 2/3 August

This 39th running was again held at the Priory, Aylesford in Kent. International visitors came from France, Belgium, Germany and Czechia and could have joined social runs on the Thursday, Friday and Monday, but I was there for the main Saturday run and the Sunday bike show. We enjoyed good weather both days with a 107 mile Saturday run on the 1950 Sunbeam, made slightly longer by a roadworks diversion at the end. We had a tulip map, plus good signposting, plus the occasional marshal for the tricky bits. It was very civilised, with a morning coffee and cake stop at Gray's Cafe in Brenchly and a nice lunch at Bewl Water. Here's the view from the balcony at Bewl with some of the 300+ bikes on the run:



Next day I visited the bike show and saw this recently finished 48cc overhead valve Italian Motom:



This was designed by Lancia engineers after WW2 and was popular in the mid-1950s like this one, but production ceased in 1971. This 1930 French Dresch also caught my eye:



The bike is a 500 cc in-line twin side valve with shaft drive, and is of course reminiscent of the later Sunbeam S7 and S8. Henri Dresch apparently gave 20 to the Paris Police and they were then used as Police motorcycles afterwards. The company was a major manufacturer 1920-39 but did not resume after WW2.

This little Indian 350 cc from the Czech Republic also looked good on the day:



Romney Marsh Run 14 September

This is often seen as a shakedown run for the Pioneer Run in October. It is organised by the Sunbeam Club with 25 and 42 mile routes over mostly flat lanes around the marshes. I was on the 1914 Douglas with nearly thirty others, many on older bikes. Here is a 1902 Quadrant with a Minerva engine from Belgian

engineer Paul Kelekom, also responsible for the Motosacoche, Kerry and FN designs:



Next is a 1914 Dayton, not the US manufacturer, but the London based bicycle company with a 162 cc strap-on engine:



We had tulip maps and a pre-run briefing, but the signposting was immaculate. I left early, did the short run, and was among the first ones back, followed by a ploughman's lunch at the adjacent Brenzett aeronautical museum, worth a visit. I then saw this Levis returning, a typical British utility bike of the 1920s:



And three-wheelers were allowed on the run, and who doesn't like a Matchless-engined Morgan with outside overhead valve springs and rockers?



What's in the Garage?

I picked up this 1952 Ariel Square Four recently at an estate sale:



It had been a sidecar bike so the primary cover is not damaged from a drop, and the December 1963 tax disc shows it has been standing for a long time. The engine is plastered with red Hermetite jointing compound, so I'm hoping that scraping that off, and checking everything else, should allow a 'rustoration' of an original matching numbers bike. This is the so-called 1949-53 Mark 1, with the alloy rather than cast iron engine but before the four-pipe exhaust. I briefly owned a Vincent Rapide in my last year at college but never had a Squariel, so am looking forward to learning a new bike.

Hamstreet Show 21 September

There was a good attendance on this Sunday morning, and with more stands than usual selling old bike parts. These two BSA Bantams looked sensible money, asking \$2300, both with titles, an earlyish plunger 1954 and a late D14/4:



Among the large number of ride-in bikes I saw this Royal Enfield V-twin:



and this tidy wartime Triumph:



Normandy Beach Racing 27/28 September

A number of European Chapter members were there, and made some runs on Saturday. Unfortunately a Sunday morning fatality when a car overturned meant the event was cancelled and some 15,000 spectators and competitors had to go home.

Pioneer Run 05 October

This was the 85th running of this event for pre-1915 bikes with 116 listed in the entry, again down on last year, so it was also the first year of the 'Pioneer Plus' run for 1915-29 motorcycles over the same route but leaving an hour later with 27 entries. I'd lent my two 1914 Douglases to two first time riders so I was in the back-up van this time. Here they are in the early morning sunshine at Epsom Downs:



And again at Brighton airport with their finisher medals:



There are 2,034 motorcycles on the UK Pioneer Register, with Triumph and Douglas being the most popular makes. That means a lot of bikes are sitting in old guys garages and they can't find riders for this bucket list event, what a shame. If you like really early bikes, here's a 1901 Royal Enfield quadricycle:



Bonham's put on a show of auction entries at Brighton airport, Britain's oldest by the way dating from 1910 and with a fabulous 1936 Art Deco building. We'll see in the next section if those big-money bikes made their reserves.

Stafford Auction 12 October

The results from Bonhams motorcycle sale at the Stafford Mechanics show gave signs that the bottom of the market is past us. The top money bikes sold essentially on estimate, with a known 1929 Brough SS-100 at £184k, a 1937 Series A Vincent twin at £182K, two Joey Dunlop race winning Hondas at £132k and £92k, and a tidy 1974 Ducati 750SS at £103k. There were 207 lots in the catalog, many from collections or estate sales, many Japanese, Italian or race bikes, a lot at no reserve and very few unsold on the day. Among the more affordable bikes I saw no bargains. A 1949 Vincent Series B Rapide went for £27k and a 1955 Series D Black Prince for £53k, so these bellwether bikes are back in favor.

Some unusual Pioneer bikes made good money but there were none of the more common Triumphs or Douglases in the auction. There were few earlier American bikes, but I thought a 1944 Harley WLA was on the money at £16k (\$22,000) and a 1931

Indian 101 Scout might have made more than its £20k (\$27,000).

Mannheim Show 10-12 October

Claudia Krause sent these words and pictures:

This year's Veterama had over 4,000 exhibitors and more than 10,000 visitors. Members of AMCA Europe (Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands) were again represented with a large stand. If you like to be part of our Veterama group next year in October you may contact Martin van Kuijk: amcaeuropa@gmail.com.



Chris Bastiaansen and Manfred Krause with Claus Barth on his 1939 Nimbus C



New Members

We welcome these new members since May:

from the Netherlands

- Benno and Buf Poelma

- Jos Willems

from Germany

- Olaf Buchholz

- Heinz Christahl

- Peter Kox

- Stephan Vögele

from Portugal

- Alejandro Miranda

from France

- Pascale Maguin as an associate member to Thierry Rebert

And here are pictures of some of their motorcycles:



1929 JD, Owner: Olaf Buchholz, Germany



1965 Panhead, Owner: Stephan Vögele, Germany



1955 Panhead, Owner: Peter Kox, Germany

Website Address Change

Please note we have changed www.amca-europe.eu to www.amca-europe.com

2026 Events

Would our Country Ambassadors please supply dates for motorcycle events next year. The 2025 list below is a model.

2025 Events

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.

2025 AMCA National Meets

Jan 31-Feb 01 Music City Chapter, Lebanon TN

Feb 27-Mar 01 Sunshine Meet, Daytona FL

Mar 22-23 Omaha Meet, Fremont NE

Apr 25-26 Perkiomen Chapter, Oley PA

May 30-31 European Chapter, Raalte NL

June 06-07 Viking Chapter, St. Paul MN

June 13-14 Fort Sutter Meet, Dixon CA

July 17-19 Wauseon Coalition, Wauseon OH

July 25-27 Yankee Meet, Greenfield MA
Aug 22-23 Australian Meet, Bulli NSW
Oct 03-04 Chesapeake Meet, Upperco MD
Oct 10-11 Southern National, Denton NC

2025 National Road Runs

Apr 22-24 Phoenix Road Runner Chapter, Sierra Vista AZ
May 20-22 Riveter Chapter, Berea KY
June 18-20 Oregon Trail Chapter, Cottage Grove OR
Sep 02-04 Roosevelt Chapter, Detroit Lakes MN
Sep 16-18 Blue Ridge Chapter, Maggie Valley NC

European 2025 Events

Austria

September 02-07 European Bike Week, Faaker See
www.europeanbikeweek.com

Belgium

August 17 Oude Klepper Parade, De Haan

Croatia

June 12-15 European HOG Rally, Medulin
www.harley-davidson.com

Czech Republic

Denmark

May 29-31, Skagen Run, this time Skagen to Copenhagen, for pre-1935 bikes. Details from elleham07@gmail.com

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

Finland

January 11 Swap (Rompepäivä) in Jyväskylä 250km north from Helsinki. Mostly Japanese and Eastern Europe bike parts, but some vendors of vintage American and British. For 2026, second weekend in January.

Jan 31-Feb 02 in Helsinki: is said to be the largest motorcycle exhibition in Northern Europe. Some vintage bikes and choppers. More info in English <https://mp.messukeskus.com/?lang=en>

Apr 18-20 Helsinki American car show, with some custom, vintage and modified Harleys.
May 03-04 Classic Motor Show, Lahti, emphasis on vintage cars, but also some old bikes.

May 19. Walkka swap meet, mostly modern H-D and choppers, but some older stuff plus an evening party.

mid-July Flathead Rally, location and date to be confirmed

Late August is the "Pannuralli" meet for Panheads. 60+ km NW of Helsinki.

01 November. Walkka swap meet, mostly modern H-D and choppers, but some older stuff plus an evening party.

France

May 08-11 Euro Festival, Port Grimaud
www.harley-davidson.com

Beach racing pre-1947 cars and bikes in Ouistreham, Normandy. Next one is Sep 24-27 2025.
www.normandybeachrace.com

Germany

January 26 Winter Classic Bike, Ruesselheim
www.diewerkhalle.de

Feb 27-Mar 02 Retro Classics Stuttgart
www.retroclassics.de

April 05-06 Technorama Kassel www.technorama.de

April 25-27 Veterama Hockenheim www.veterama.de

May 03-04 Technorama Ulm www.technorama.de

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

May 24-25 Technorama Hildesheim
www.technorama.de

June 19-22 Magic Bike Week, Ruedesheim
magic-bike-ruedesheim.com

August 23 Velodrom Racetrack Darmstadt, board track racing www.vollgas-rennspass.de

September 12-13 Hindenburg Dirt Track racing
hindenburg-dirt-track.com

Oct 10-12 Veterama, Mannheim. Biggest European swap meet. www.veterama.de Our AMCA stand is open to all members who want to sell their own parts.

Italy

Jan 24-26 Motor Bike Expo Verona, custom bikes
www.motorbikeexpo.it

May 09-11 ASI Vintage Vehicle Day www.asifed.it
to be confirmed

May 21-25 FIVA Italian Rally, Emilia Romana, Tuscany www.fiva.org

Latvia

Sep 12-15 Kurland Rally. Details from Juris Ramba at ramoto1992@gmail.com

Netherlands

May 30-31 AMCA European Meet – see you there
www.amca-europe.eu

June 06-08 Silent Gray Fellows International Meet, Oosterhout. 21th meet for pre-1966 American bikes.
www.silentgrayfellows.nl

Nov 02 Silent Gray Fellows swap meet, Chaam
www.silentgrayfellows.nl

Norway

Feb 07-08 Enköping Market for Indian Parts
www.indianklubb.no

June 27-29 Kogsløpet 2025 (*this is the NVMC Norwegian Vintage Motorcycle Club main event*) Selbu Camping, arrangement hosts are Stjørdal Veteran Motorsykkell Club. More info on the event; www.nvmc.no/ekstra2/ekstra_00/

August 14-17 Indian Summer Rally, Hunderfossen
www.indianklubb.no (tbc)

Poland

Here are the proposed dates for Oldtime Club Poland (OCP) events in 2025.

25-27 April 2025 season opening – Brzeg

15-18 May 2025 North East – Suwałki

04-08 June H-D Super Rally - Bydgoszcz
www.superrally.com

05-07 Sep 2025 Vintage Indian Days Rally

16-19, October 2025. End of the season Bieszczady Mountains

Spain

January 24-26: 17th edition of Jabalinera; Location: Noja, "Cantabria"; www.mcpiston.com

May 23-25: 3rd Centenary Rally for cars and motorcycles up to 1925; Location: Salou (Tarragona); Contact: motos@feva.es

May 30 - June 1: 25th edition of Vuelta Cantabria; Location: "Cantabria" www.mcpiston.com

June 8-14: *Road Run Spain; Small locally organized Road Run with daily tours in Northern Spain/Pyrenees for a limited number of participants.;* Contact: amcaspain@gmail.com

September 13-14: 5th National Meeting of Antique Motorcycles; Location: El Burgo de Osma, Soria; Limited number of participants (organized by FEVA); Contact: motos@feva.es

September 11-14 40th edition Big Twin Club Spain
Catellón; Location: Grau de Castellón;
bigtwinclub@gmail.com

September 21-28: 38th edition of Pistón Rally;
Location: Santander and surrounding areas; Website:
www.mcpiston.com

Sweden

To be announced.

Switzerland

March 01 Sam's OTM Swap meet Vianco Arena
Brunegg, AG <https://www.samsotm.ch/>

March 22 Auction Oldtimer Galerie Toffen
<https://www.oldtimergalerie.ch/de/5/20163/?oid=10129&lang=de>

April 05 FAM Oldtimer-Markt swap meet Pratteln

April 05 „Einstellfahrt“ FAM Linthgebiet Airfield
Mollis (ride on airfield for adjustment of vehicles
without registration - not for flying)
<https://linthgebiet.fam-amv.ch/index.php/veranstaltungen/veranstaltungen-2-blog/05-04-2025-einstellfahrten-mollis>

May 02-04 Goudron Bike Days, Brig VS
<https://www.goudron.ch>

May 03-04 Retromecanika swap meet Palexpo
Geneve <https://retromecanika.ch/>

May 04 Love Ride Switzerland Dübendorf ZH
<https://loveride.ch>

May 18 The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride (in
different cities in Switzerland)
<https://www.gentlemansride.com>

May 30-31 Rock this town Solothurn (rock'n roll
weekend) <https://www.rockthistownsolothurn.com/>

May 30-June 01 Swiss Classic World Luzern
<https://www.swissclassicworld.ch>

May 31 Swiss Classic World Rallye
Luzern <https://rallye.swissclassicworld.ch/details>

June 13-15 Motor Classics
Lenzerheide <https://www.lenzerheidemotorclassics.ch>

June 13-15 Harley Davidson Mountain 4StarWeekend
Arosa <https://www.waldhotel.ch/de/harley-davidson-mountain-weekend>

June 29 Oldtimertreff
Schwaegalp <https://www.oldtimertreff-schwaegalp.ch/index.htm>

July 04-05 Hangar Rocking in St.
Stephan <https://www.hangarrockin.com>

July 12-13 Rally Tremola
2025 <https://motoepocaticino.ch/>

August 23-24 Toefftraeff The valley & motorworld
Kemptthal <https://www.toefftraeff.ch/>

August 23-24 Bergsprint Walzenhausen-
Lachen <https://www.bergsprint.ch/>

October 26 Oldtimermesse swap meet St.
Gallen <http://www.oldtimermesse-ch.com/>

November 01 Sam's OTM Swap meet Vianco Arena
Brunegg, AG <https://www.samsotm.ch/>

United Kingdom

April 25-27 Stafford classic bike show and auction
www.staffordclassicbikeshows.com

June 08 Banbury Run, Gaydon, 250 pre-1931 bikes
www.vmcc.net

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

September 05-07 Beaulieu International
Autojumble/Netley Marsh motorcycle jumble
www.beaulieu.co.uk/weekend-events/international-autojumble/

Oct 05. Pioneer Run, 350 pre-1915 bikes, Epsom
Downs to Brighton.
www.sunbeam-mcc.co.uk/events/the-pioneer-run

Oct 10-12 Stafford classic bike show and auction
www.staffordclassicbikeshows.com

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

The next newsletter will probably be in January, 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,

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