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Hearty Wolverines Brave The Elements to Attend the Wolverine 2017 Annual Christmas Dinner



A total of 56 brave Wolverines, spouses, and friends ignored Mother Nature on December 19th to attend the annual Wolverine Christmas Dinner at the Lynx Golf Course Club House. The evenings weather was absolutely “to stay home for”, but the lure of good food and good fun was to overwhelm the fears and the party drove on. Early cocktails, followed by a hearty buffet dinner, some Chapter up-dates by the president, and polished off with an extensive array of door prizes filled the evening with something for everyone present.

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Our hopes are to make our forefathers of two wheels proud, to truly maintain the tradition, spirit, and integrity of the vintage motorcycle riding experience. Promote the preservation and share our restorations of the vintage motorcycle and it's social culture.

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CHAPTER NEWS

The Wolverine Chapter AMCA was again blessed in 2017 by continued growth in chapter membership. The missing link to this growth is not just membership in numbers, but in "active membership". We need more new members to become active in chapter activities and continue to improve our heritage.

JOIN US

The AMCA Wolverine Chapter meets monthly on the third Wednesday at Aubree's Pizzeria & Grill, 618 Allegan St. (M-89)Plainwell, MI next to the Comfort Inn, just off US-131. Meet & greet at 6 PM and the gavel falls at 7 PM sharp. All welcome.

NATIONAL NEWS

It's well worth a few minutes of your time to visit the 4 page tribute to Lonnie Isam Jr. in the November/December issue of "The Antique Motorcycle" magazine. Lonnie was the founder and foremost promoter of the "Cannonball Motorcycle Endurance Run" and organized 4 events before succumbing to cancer on August 20, 2017. A great read and tribute to another motorcycle legend.

MEMBER NEWS

7 new members have joined the Wolverine Chapter AMCA. Our new friends include Keane Cooper of Wayland, Kevin Spicer of Wayland, Kyle Spicer of Hopkins, Dan Priest & Jackie Townsend of Wayland, Eric Drummond of Kalamazoo, Steve Randolph of Hesperia, and Emily Gwillim of Delton.. New members bring new ideas to the chapter and your editors look forward to fresh "Tech and Travel" submissions to the Wolverine Tales newsletter. Classified ads are also free to all Wolverine Chapter members. We encourage all our members to become active in Chapter programs and attend membership meetings when possible. It's fun to trade stories.

2018 Wolverine Antique Motorcycle Swap Meet and Vintage Motorcycle Show in Planning Stages

Committees are already in session in preparation for the 9th annual 2018 Wolverine Antique Motorcycle Swap Meet and Vintage Motorcycle Show set for May 20, 2018 at the St. Joseph County Fairgrounds in Centreville, Michigan. Team Leaders as of this writing include:

Bike Show - Nancy & Jim Summers
Vendors - Mary Traxler
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Vendors Dinner - Russ Bailey
Volunteer Sign-up List - Dave Lehr



All Wolverines are encouraged to step forward and be included in this important program that brings much needed funds to the chapter for continuing community efforts.

Watch for Developements -----

Pan Head Tour to Pass Thru Wolverine Territory

In celebration of 60 years of the Harley Davidson Pan Head motor, the Harley Davidson Museum in Milwaukee will be hosting a Grand Celebration in July, one week prior to the 2018 AMCA Wauseon National Meet in Wauseon, Ohio. As a supplement to this event, a Grand Tour of Harley Pan Head riders is planning to cross Lake Michigan with a stop in Ludington. The Pan Head Tour will continue to an overnight stay near Kalamazoo, eventually arriving at the AMCA Wauseon National as that event begins.

Pan Head Tour planners intend to spend some time at The Gilmore Car Museum at Hickory Corners as a side trip to the tour. Southwest Michigan Pan Head riders are being encouraged to join the tour at Ludington and ride with it toward the Wauseon destination. More information forthcoming as dates firm up for this historic event. Organizers expect the event to draw 200 to 400 participants.

Some Pan Head history:

The Pan Head engine was introduced by Harley Davidson in the fall of 1947 as a replacement for the famed knucklehead. First introduced as both 61 and 74 cubic inch versions, the 61 engine was dropped in 1952. Through continuous improvements in ruggedness and horsepower, the 74 cu. in. engine was the only large Harley Davidson engine until the introduction of the "shovel head" version in 1966. "Pan Heads" continue to be sought after by many Harley Davidson devotees.

Calendar of Events

- January 7 Motorcycle Swap Meet, Barry Co. Event Center, Hastings, MI
- 17 Wolverine Chapter Meeting, Aubree's, Plainwell, MI, Meet & Greet 6pm, Meeting 7pm
- 28 Motorcycle Swap Meet, Lansing Center, Lansing, MI
- February 3-4 KAARC 55th Annual Automotive Swap Meet, ExpoCenter, Kalamazoo, MI
- 21 Wolverine Chapter Meeting, Aubree's, Plainwell, MI, Meet & Greet 6pm, Meeting 7pm
- 25 Motorcycle Swap Meet, Suburban Collection Showplace, Novi, MI
- March 4 Motorcycle Swap Meet, Lebanon, IN,
- 18 Motorcycle Swap Meet, Wings Event Center, Kalamazoo, MI
- 21 Wolverine Chapter Meeting, Aubree's, Plainwell, MI, Meet & Greet 6pm, Meeting 7pm
- 31 Motorcycle Swap Meet, Cadillac, MI
- April 15 Motorcycle Swap Meet, Delta Plex, Grand Rapids, MI
- 18 Wolverine Chapter Meeting, Aubree's, Plainwell, MI, Meet & Greet 6pm, Meeting 7pm
- 22 Motorcycle Swap Meet, Birch Run, Birch Run, MI
- May 6 Motorcycle Swap Meet, Monroe, MI
- 12 Coldwater Car and Motorcycle Show and Swap Meet, Branch Co. Fairgrounds
- 16 Wolverine Chapter Meeting, Aubree's, Plainwell, MI, Meet & Greet 6pm, Meeting 7pm
- 19 Grounds prep. and vendor set-up, Wolverine Motorcycle Show and Swap Meet
- 20 Ninth Annual Wolverine Antique Motorcycle Swap Meet and Vintage Motorcycle Show, St. Joseph Co. Fairgrounds, Centreville, MI

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1/8 Page	\$10	\$35
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1/2 Page	25	80
Full Page	40	140

Presidents Message

Welcome to 2018, Wolverines. Looking forward to another successful year of accomplishments and growth for one of the most dynamic AMCA Chapters in the midwest. I am always envious of the chapters headquartered in Florida, Texas, Arizona, California, etc. that enjoy a year around riding season and year around outdoor activities. But, what is our advantage here in Michigan? We get to fire up the shop stove and dive into that "next summer's riding project", ready to step into the new year with fresh wheels. We've learned to love it.

El Engelter

Secretary's Message - 2018 Chapter Dues

2018 Wolverine Chapter Dues are due beginning November 1st 2017 thru January 31, 2018. Mail to Barb Engelter at 1173 26th St. Allegan, MI 49010 or pay her at any monthly meeting.

Dues are \$15.00 per family. Family means 2 members of the same household. Single membership is \$10.00. Seniors over 65 are half price and over 75 years of age is FREE. If your dues are not received before January 31st your name is dropped from the roster and the newsletter mailing list, so renew early.

Also remember you must be a member of the AMCA National Organization to be a member of any chapter. Please sign up or renew your membership with them. Phone:866-427-7583 or e-mail amca@cornerstonereg.com.

Barb Engelter, Secretary



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With Fond Memories- A Tribute to Wolverine Members Lost in 2017

Roger Cutler, 63, 4/11/1954 to 7-11-2017

A well known businessman as owner/operator of Galesburg Heating and Cooling, Roger was well liked and promised to be welcomed as a new member of the Wolverine Chapter AMCA. It was an unfortunate incident that took Roger from his friends and family far too early in his life. Roger was just beginning his association with the antique motorcycle world when his calling came. Those who knew Roger well tell us that we missed a great friend.



Art Farley, 64, 11/18/1952 to 11/09/2017

Art Farley crammed a phenomenal amount of motorcycling history into his life, as he continuously astonished and entertained his friends and all who knew him. Some of Art's accomplishments included an AHRMA National Championship, sharing first place in the Cannonball Run on his 1928 harley Davidson JD, holding active membership in a number of motorcycling associations as well as being a member of the Wolverine Chapter AMCA. Art was instrumental in the resurrection of the 1911 Flanders 4 on display in the Chelsea Area Historical Society Museum. If, in fact, there are legends, Art Farley must be included.

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Dear Wauseon Antique Motorcycle Coalition Members

I hope everybody is ready for Christmas and looking forward to a Great New Year.

As I announced at the Wauseon 2017 Wrap-up meeting, I along with Nancy will be leaving the Planning Committee and relinquishing all other responsibilities related to preparing for the Wauseon meet at the end of the 2019 meet.

We have had a wonderful time working with all of the Chapters involved with the Wauseon National. I cannot praise our exceptional volunteers enough, without them there would be no Wauseon. You are THE BEST.

So....to the point. We need someone to step up and take over our "jobs". I'll be honest here, running the Wauseon Meet is a BIG job, that requires year long attention. Many things that seem automatic actually require hours of work before the meet.

Please read this email at your next Chapter meeting or forward to your Chapter members. I feel that it is imperative that somebody from our Coalition takes over management of the Wauseon meet. We have worked too hard to let it all slip away.

Best regards, Fred

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Fred Davis, Director of Chapters AMCA Inc. National Board
Lake Erie Chapter Treasurer/Membership
Wauseon Coalition Chair

THE ABOVE LETTER WAS RECEIVED BY ALL WAUSEON COALITION MEMBER CHAPTERS AFTER SEVERAL YEARS OF "ATTEMPTS TO RESIGN" BY FRED AND NANCY DAVIS. NOW IT IS REALITY. SOMEONE ,OR A COUPLE, OR SOME PARTNERS ARE NOW CALLED UPON TO CARRY THE TORCH.AND LEAD THE WAUSEON MARCH.

GILMORE CAR MUSEUM TO REFURBISH THE MOTORCYCLE GALLERY

It's been five years since a group of Wolverines banded together with Gilmore Museum Executive Director Michael Spezia to create the inaugural "Motorcycle Gallery" in the building vacated by the operations department. Now the call is up again to freshen up the appearance and displays of the gallery to keep it fresh in the public eye.

The gallery was originally arranged in chronological order to take visitors on a journey of the motorcycle evolution. As displays have been moved in and out over the years, the intended time line has dissolved. Our grey topped risers have become stained beyond cleaning and need repainting. Some new risers need to be built and painted for current displays. The wall displays need to be freshened up with new posters and artifacts.

If you would care to be a part of this effort contact El Engelter: Ph 269-673-3480 or email engelter@charter.net



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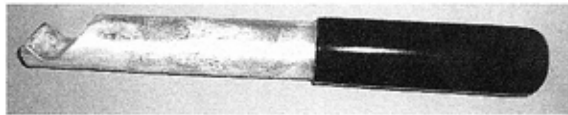
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