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Mouth Watering Desserts & Chocolate Motorcycles  
Highlight Wolverine Winter Blues Party

Antique Motorcycle Club of America  
Ride-Em! Don't Hide-Em!  
Wolverine Chapter

**WINTER BLUES**

2020 AMCA  
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## MISSION STATEMENT

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

Since large gatherings are temporarily prohibited Wolverine Chapter meetings are naturally on hold. If any Wolverine member has pertinent news that they would like disseminated Barb will put out an all chapter e-mail with that information. NOTE: E mail change of address: [engelter80@gmail.com](mailto:engelter80@gmail.com)

**Stay safe and this will all be over soon.**

## JOIN US

The AMCA Wolverine Chapter meets monthly on the third Wednesday at the Club Car Grille located at 6225 West D Avenue, 1 mile west of US131. Meet & greet at 6 PM and the gavel falls at 7 PM sharp. All welcome.

**Currently on hold due to quarantine.**

## NATIONAL NEWS

The following AMCA National Meets have been cancelled for 2020 as of this printing. Empire national, Phoenix Road Run, Viking National, Fort Sumpter National, Colonial National, and Wauseon National, The Yankee National is rescheduled to September 10-12, 2020. Consult <https://antiquemotorcycle.org> prior to making plans for others listed in The Antique Motorcycle magazine.

## MEMBER NEWS

1 new member has joined the Wolverine Chapter AMCA since January. Our new friend is Scott Zylstra of Galesburg. 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.

## President's Message

You can't help but notice this tardy and abbreviated issue of the Wolverine Tales Newsletter. The April issue is normally comprised of full page issues of the Centreville Swap Meet and Bike Show plus promotion of the June Gilmore Vintage Weekend. When all that went away so did a large portion of the April Newsletter. My tardiness issue is a product of a closed print shop up until a recent development. We can now e mail a pdf file to the office and pick up our copies outside the door when complete. These are trying times for all and everyone is doing their best to make life as near normal as possible under the conditions. I would urge everyone to follow the guidelines, wear your mask, wash your hands often and we will get back to normal.

El Engelter

## Leah's "Tracks of Wolverine"

22March 2020 - AMCA Newsletter, April 2020

That American biker spirit - you know about it. Helping out, sticking to the old school, standing fast for what means something to us - feet firmly planted. Bikers can be raucous and crass at times, but step up when need presents itself.

My name is Leah and I'll be providing this new section to your newsletter - "Tracks of Wolverine" I've called it. I may ramble about a bit of bike history, you (with permission and an interview), myself (may get quite entertaining), or my man always entertaining -guaranteed!!) though 'twill always be inclusive of bikes - motorcycles that is.


In April 2012 I experienced one of the most chivalrous deeds I can lay claim to. It goes as follows: I lost my beloved Dad to Alzheimer's. He had made me promise early on to ride a motorcycle to his funeral and lead the pack; I promised. I asked him not to pass in dead Winter because I would have a bike trailered home, unloaded - no matter if snow, ice and salt included - and ride to honor him. At his passing, not a single one of our bikes would run, but it was April - riding weather for sure.

Insert chivalry: a great biker friend who builds some of the sweetest bikes - and has more bike knowledge than should be legal for his age - stepped in. His honey's name is "Grace" and NO ONE goes out with her except him. He learned of my Dad's passing, his request and our predicament. He offered Grace to us.

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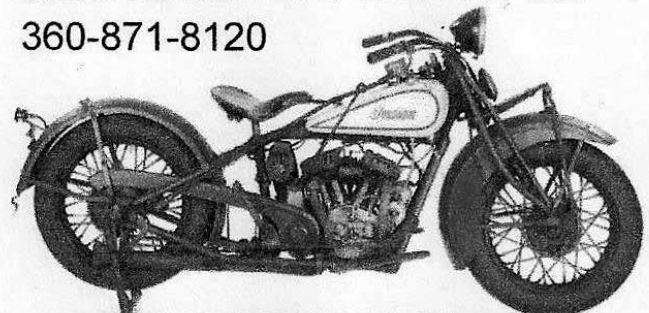
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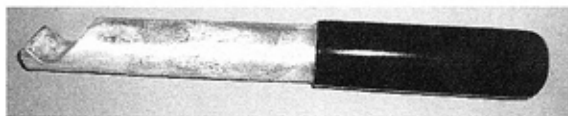
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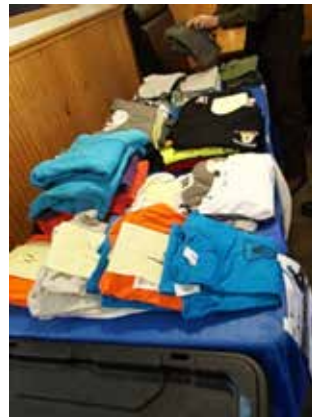
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**Gilmore Vintage Weekend**  
Re-scheduled to August 29-30

Wolverine participation sought by the museum if our members deem it safe to take part. Extensive safeguards have been put in place for participants safety.

**How to “Like”  
The Wolverine  
Facebook Page**

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Google “Facebook”. Prompt will be Sign-in or sign-up. If you are a member-sign in, if not sign-up. Hit “enter” and put “wolverine chapter amca” in “find friends” box at top of page, Wolverine facebook page will pop up and you can now scroll down over the good stuff that Wolverines have submitted. Click on some things meant to expand.

# Leah's "Tracks of Wolverine" (continued)

Here is where I started the national tear fest - you can understand - something being offered that was near unbelievable. So totally unselfish, honoring of my Dad and the promise while totally befuddling us. That was 8 years ago this month. Like the day of the funeral, we still show up to his grave on a bike - I know he'd still love to hear that sound. It made us proud - leading that procession. My man and I helped carry that war veteran's casket to his final rest.

Thanks, Chris, for LITERALLY providing Grace to the weary and suffering - may we somehow, someday be able to provide this back to you. You are a great friend - truly one of a kind in my book.

SAFE JOURNEYS, FRIENDS. MAY THE WIND ALWAYS BE TOUCHING YOU. Until next time,  
LEAH

Let's make good use of this down time to dive into those projects that have lay dormant during busier times. Touch up the frame, rebuild the engine, recover the seat. We all really have something to do.



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# In Fond Memory



It is with very heavy heart that we say goodbye to our dear friends and former Wolverine Chapter members Jon and Kathy Hornbeck of Gaylord. Jon and Kathy were long members of the Wolverine chapter and were active in many of our activities.

Jon passed away on March 29th after a long battle with diabetes and heart complications. Kathy followed Jon in death on April 6 after fighting cancer for a number of years. They will be dearly missed.

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