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An Indian Four at the Curtiss Museum's Wintercycle Therapy Show in February.
See more photos inside.

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From the Workbench

By Empire Chapter President Al Sorensen

Hello everyone, we have a few things to go over.

First off, Super Swap went really well. We signed up some new members National and Chapter and also renewed some Chapter members. It was really nice to meet new ones and see our chapter members that renewed. The coffee table did well not quite as well as past years, but still a nice sum to donate.

Thanks to Joan and Steve and everyone else who helped to keep the coffee table running (too many to name) It was very appreciated.

Sorry about not having a March coffee meeting. Quite a few of our members were in Florida. We saw many of them at the Sunshine Meet.

Last, with this self-quarantine, our spring meeting at Trumansburg will be cancelled for everyone's safety.

We will be having a spring business meeting and talking about Trumansburg on a conference call. If you do not get an email or a call from me, please call me prior to the meeting and I will give you a number to call on April 11 th at 10:30 a.m. But keep in mind, for this to work there cannot be any background noise such as dogs, kitchen noise, etc. so please mute your phone. Also, please try not to talk over anyone else and give them time to talk. We will only have two hours so we will have to make this as smooth as we can. I appreciate everyone's help with this

Thanks, Al

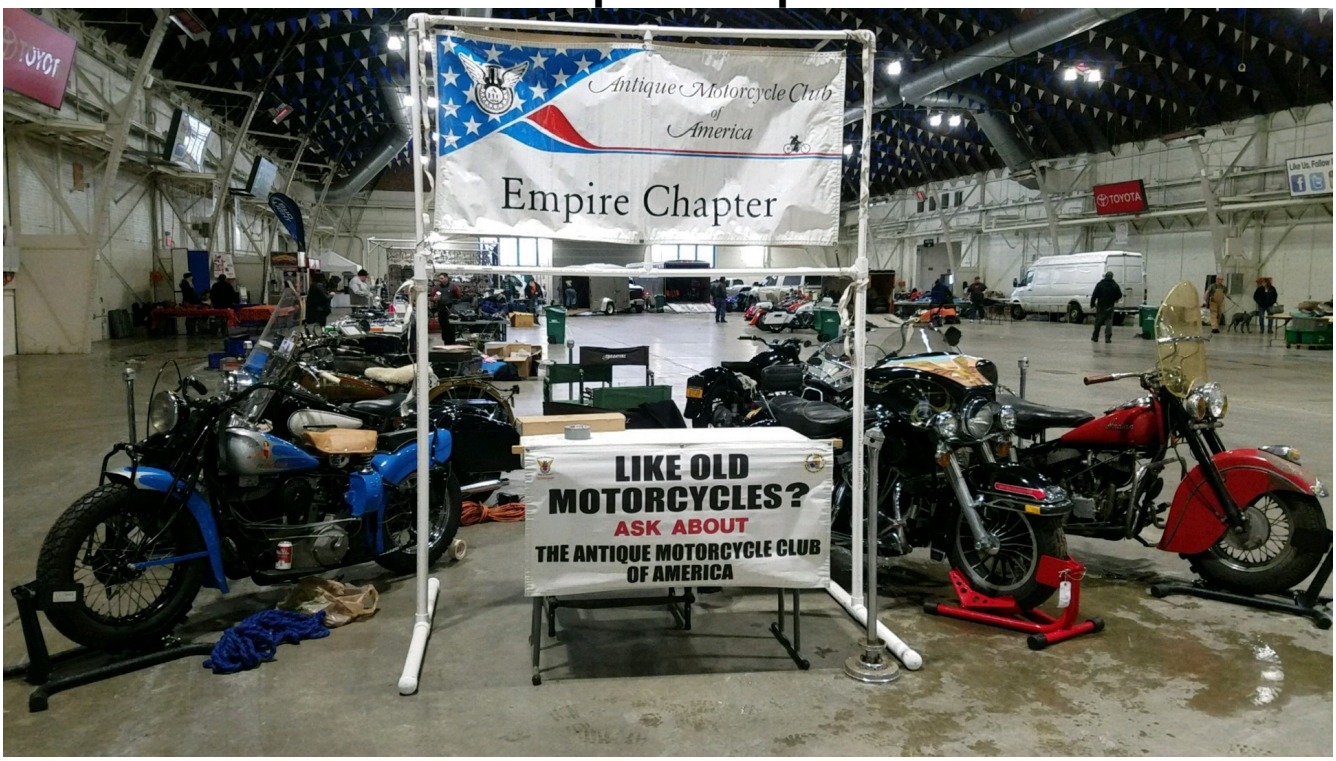
Events

Spring Business Conference Call Meeting: Saturday April 11, 10:30 a.m. Watch for a call or email with phone number to participate.

Trumansburg National Meet: Friday May 29 - Sunday May 31, Trumansburg Fairgrounds.

Brookfield Chapter Meet, Fri. & Sat., Aug. 15 & 14, Madison County Fairgrounds, Brookfield.

Super Swap



Empire members got together at Frank Westfall's Super Swap in February, promoting our club. The bike display and fundraiser was held at the New York State Fairgrounds Center of Progress Building.
Thanks again to Frank Westfall who donated the space for our bike display and coffee-donut fundraising table. We successfully added new members to our club and raised over $900 dollars for our club charities.
Members Al Sorenson, Bill Lane, Steve DeCosa, Rick Smith, Karl Haselbauer, and Tom Fetterman set up and tore down the Empire display. Many bikes were displayed and members enjoyed sharing their projects with bystanders. Judging from the enthusiastic response from the public, our display was a success. Joan DeCosa, Rose Smith, Rick Smith, and Carol Pelkey and Rick Roux took care of the coffee and donut table.

The following is a March 13 email statement from AMCA Executive Director Keith Kizer:

AMCA Events Affected by Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Each year the Antique Motorcycle Club of America host 13-National Meets, 5-National Road Runs and hundreds of local events through our 82 Chapters, locally and abroad. Because our events are spread so far and wide, any decisions regarding continuing, postponing or canceling any event will be the responsibility of our hosting Chapters and their state and local officials.

We will closely monitor our National Meets and Road Runs and post event updates or changes on the AMCA home page under the Club News section.

The actions of each State and municipality are updated frequently. We are advising our Chapters to follow the instructions of their state and local officials.

Wintercycle Therapy 2020

The Curtiss Museum in Hammondsport hosted its Wintercycle Therapy Show February 22-23. The show featured a nice selection of vintage bikes representing a Wide range of manufacturers and was a welcome event during the long NY winter. And for those who have not been to the museum, it is well worth a visit.

Application for Membership in the Empire Chapter A.M.C.A.

Please print your name and address. Include spouse's name if you have A.M.C.A. family membership

NAME _____

YOUR AMCA NO. _____

STREET_____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

Spouses Name _____

Email address or phone _____

Dues $10.00 per year. Make checks payable to "EMPIRE CHAPTER, AMCA"

Membership year is Jan 1 through Dec 31. Spouse membership at no extra cost if you have a national family membership.

NOTE: We cannot process your Empire Chapter membership application without your National A.M.C.A. number. It is a requirement of the National A.M.C.A. to be a member in order to join a Chapter.

Send application to: Karen Thomson

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kthomsonmk@yahoo.com

1-315-573-2854

Please make sure your National membership is up-to-date. Thank you for choosing to remain a member of the Empire Chapter of the AMCA.

Karen Thomson Membership Chairman.

Office use only: Cash_____ Check_____ Card_____ Added/Updated_____

Classifieds

FOR SALE: Indian parts: cylinders, oil pumps, transmissions and parts, carburetors, seats, restored princess sidecar. Contact Bill Lane, plane5@twcny.rr.com.

WANTED: Rear stand for 1923 Indian Scout in usable condition. Also need H.D. fork triple clamp; ts all 1930 twin cylinder models (dual headlamps) and 30.50 models, part# 3502-30A. I would also like to locate a rear mudguard (fender) and braces; to t 1926-29 H.D. 61" & 74" twin cylinder models. Would prefer NOS or very good used condition with original olive green paint. **FOR SALE**: two large boxes of motorcycle-related magazines: Cycle World - 1978-84, approx. 60 issues, Cycle Guide - 1985- 1987, approx. 10 issues. Prefer to sell all mags. as one lot which would include $12.00 for shipping. Also **FOR SALE**: H.D. Battery case (part # 4405-40). No lid. This is an NOS item that ts 1940-63 Servi-Car; $275.00 plus shipping. BARN FIND: 1968-73 Kawasaki Mach III, Model H-1. This chassis originally had a 500cc, 3 cyl. two stroke engine/trans. (which is missing). Good condition, no serious rust. Buyer to inspect, pay for and take away. CANNOT CRATE OR SHIP. $475.00. CONTACT: Chas. Darling, R.D.#1, Rte. 88, Sodus, NY 14551.

WANTED: still looking for original AMC magazines from 1960-69, good prices paid. CONTACT: Al Strobel, kingkongkat1@hotmail.com or phone: 315-429-9002.

FOR SALE: "The World of Motorcycles" in hard cover, 22 volumes, exc. condition - $300.00 The Antique Motorcycle" all issues in binders, complete set, exc. condition - $4,000. "The Antique Motorcycle" 1974-97, 96 issues in exc. condition, $1,000. Odd issues of the "Antique Motorcycle" $10.00 each, in exc. cond. CONTACT: Curt Bunce, Curt50Ind@yahoo.com or ph. 315-525-2304 (c)

WANTED: H.D. police solo seat. 1945-48 HD springer front end. Looking for HD pan head wide glide front end (takes a left side brake). Other HD items: want "wish bone" straight leg VL, UL frames plus sixteen and eighteen inch wheels (prefer star hubs). Original knucklehead and panhead items: gas tanks, HD "wae" grips, Flanders risers/handlebars and speedos. CONTACT: Pat Morgan, conure1@gmail.com.

FOR SALE: Splitdorf NS-4 Indian Four magneto (1927-33) part no. as listed in AA5850X, Factory #35Q478X in good shape. A couple of pieces missing (rotor, obtainable new manufacture, point base-points are there. Spins freely with magnetic resistance. Also **FOR SALE**: NOS Indian M.C. parts. CONTACT: Kevin @ 973-948-3615 or email

FOR SALE: 1979 Honda CX-500cc, transverse twin, liquid cooled, shaft drive. Very good condition with fairing and saddle bags. $1500.00. Dick White, (607) 539-6468.

WANTED: German mechanic's tools made by Hazet, Heyco and Stahlwille. Wrenches, sockets, ratchets, etc. Hazet and Heyco were suppliers to BMW and other manufacturers for automotive and motorcycle tool kits. Jim Austin, jamesaustin607@gmail.com