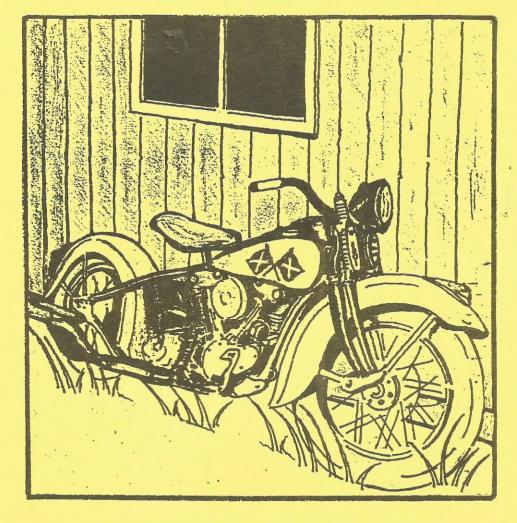
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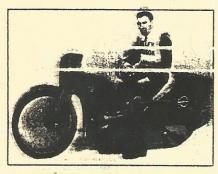
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# STREAMLINING THAT DIDN'T

The ohv Model E, known quickly and ever since as the Knucklehead, was introduced in 1936 and Motor Company management wanted to make a splash with the sporting middleweight. They decided to do it by setting a national speed record, so they fitted a



magneto and twin carbs to a new machine and cloaked it with spats for the fork tubes, discs on the wheels, a tiny semi-fairing up front and a full, tapered cowling out back.

The first runs down Daytona
Beach showed a serious lack
of directional control. Rider Joe
Petrali, who in 1935 won all, yes
all, the national championship
events, knew the wobble
came from the bodywork-aerodynamics
were very much experimental back then.

So they stripped off all the bodywork, juggled the gearing, and Petrali, who'd go on to be flight engineer aboard Howard Hughes' giant Hercules flying boat, tucked

in, gritted his teeth and set a new national speed record, a two-way average of 136.183 mph.

Then they put back the bodywork and the record machine was displayed in full regalia for years afterward, with lots of hemming and hawing if anybody asked the wrong questions.

# Harley-Davidson Plant in Brazil

MILWAUKEE - Harley-Davidson Inc. said it will establish a motorcycle assembly operation in Brazil.

The motorcycle manufacturer said the plant, to be located in the city of Manaus, will begin assembling motorcycles from U.S.-made components and sub-assemblies in 1999.

The company said the move aims to lower the taxes on its motorcycles and increase their availability.

Harley-Davidson had 1997 sales of \$1.76 billion.

News Letter

Supercycle Now

has The wisco style

TALL BALLANDA

BGAIN 9995 Less

AMCA DISCOUNT

The meeting was held at Zinnie's East September 10, 1998.

Present were: Gilbert Cagle, Ron Elliott, Lew Elliott, Fleming & Mary Horne, John Regan, Lee Rudd, Tina Schmalshof, Billy & Jeanie Tidwell, John & Kathy Whitsett and our newest members Jerry & Dot Carpenter.

Gilbert Cagle brought the meeting to order at 7:30. Lew Elliott will have the newsletter out as soon as his computer man gets out of jail.

Lee Rudd gave the Treasures report, their were 2 dispersments \$153.04 total 1 deposit of \$10.00 dues

leaving a total of \$1,055.63.

Tina Schmalshof read the minuets of the last meeting, Gilbert accepted and Billy 2nd.

Old business: The Corvette Show is September 19. It will still be at the Holiday Inn Corp. but will be next to the road for more exposure. Meet at the Tidwell's house to ride out there together. John & Kathy Whitsett made us an excellent dinner in Davenport. Thanks! Also in Davenport Lee Rudd with his 1942 U Harley got 97 points to get his Senior. David Standard Jr. & Davis Standard Sr. both won trophies and cash at Sam's Town motorcycle show on Labor Day. Lew Elliott also won Best bike with Super Cycle's new line of California Motorcycles.

There was no new business.

Tina made a motion to adjourn and John Whitsett 2nd.

