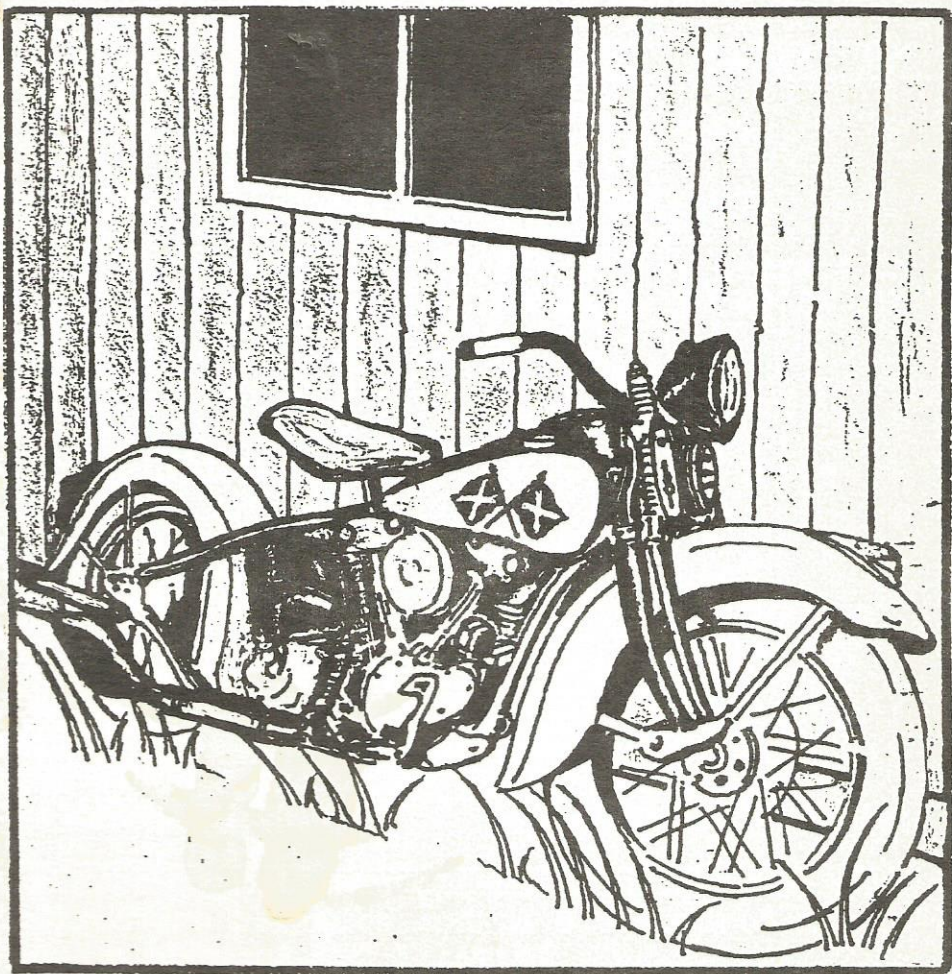


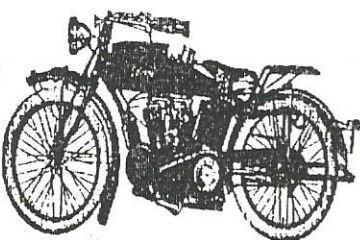
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## THE COLONEL SPEAKS

Based on the comments and letters I have received, the 1997 National Roadrun was quite a success. I can't thank everyone enough for all the time and energy they put into making this event successful. I've gotten outstanding feedback on every phase of the event from the routes to the logistics, banquet, shirts, hats, badges, chase vehicles, etc. I don't think I've ever attended an event that everyone seemed so happy with. Everyone in the group deserves a big pat on the back. Thanks again.

This was the first National Roadrun for several of our members. From the conversations I've had, I don't think it will be their last. It is quite an experience. You need to sign up for the one next year in the Smokey Mountains if you want to see some beautiful territory. The Blue Ridge Chapter does a super job with that event.

The Confederate Chapter experienced a great loss in June with the death of Margaret Isbel. Cancer finally got the best of her. Margaret had been an avid motorcyclist with her husband, George, since the '30s. I know she's happy to be back with him now. They had been married for 61 years when George passed away last November. She told me that was the only time he had ever made a trip without her. We will miss them both.

So that's all I've got for now but there is still a big question that needs to be answered: When do we do our next roadrun? Regards, Calvin Burnett

Kris Thompson from Lincoln, NE on his Henderson



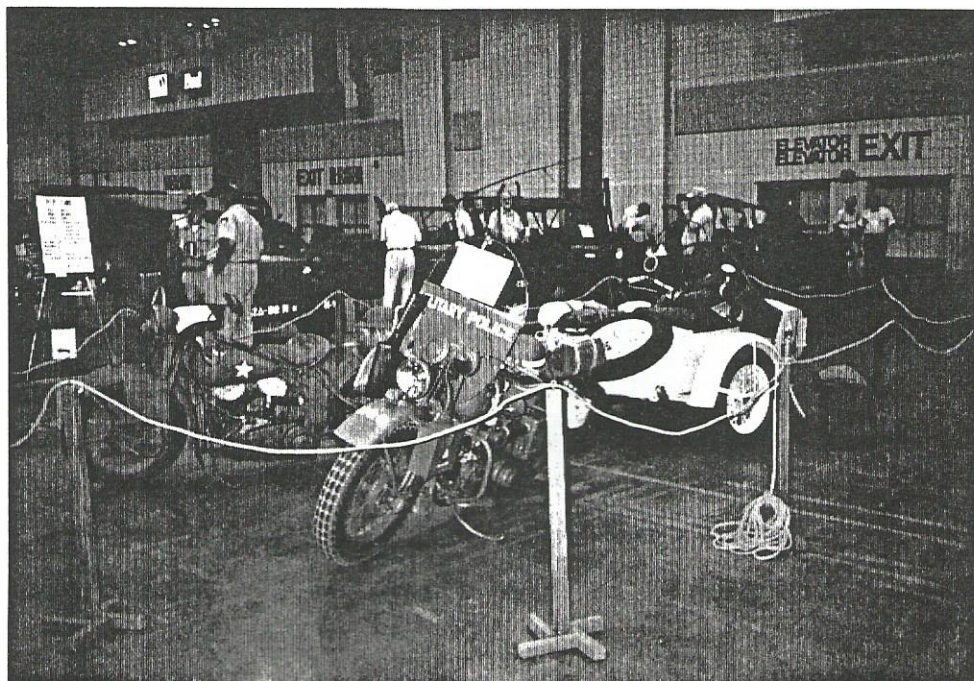
## MVPA CONVENTION

On July 10th through the 13th, the Mid-South Chapter of MVPA (Military Vehicle Preservation Assn) held their 22nd Annual International Convention in Memphis, TN. Confederate Chapter members who participated in the event were Lee Rudd on his 1942 HD Model U; Steve Brown on his 1942 HD WLS; and myself, Bobby Scott, on my 1942 HD WLA.

Calvin swept the meet (as usual) and found Indian and Harley parts. We met many foreign visitors who either owned or are interested in military motorcycles. They had plenty of questions.

Lee's recently restored 1942 HD Model U w/sidecar, done up in Shore Patrol dress, was of particular interest to the military vehicle enthusiasts. By Bobby Scott

*Below: Bobby, Lee and Steve's bikes at the MVPA convention.*





## 1997 NATIONAL ROADRUN

Hot-Wet-Passionate!!! No, this is not an XXX rated article (thank goodness). Yet these were the words used by area residents to describe the exhaust, the weather and the enthusiasts who supported the AMCA National Roadrun in Hot Springs, AR, June 15-18, 1997.

With great confidence, your associates of the Confederate Chapter hosted this event lead by our own [S.ome W.orrried - O.thers T.ried] S.W.O.T Team Leader Calvin Burnett. Thanks to Clark Bennett, Gilbert & Doris Cagle, Lee Rudd, Bobby Scott, Billy and Jeanie Tidwell, Mary and Fleming Horne, Peter and Dossie Heintz, Ron Elliott, Lew Elliott, Tina Schmalshof, John and Kaye Ragan and Jerry and Charlotte Powell for all the hard work it took to make your '97 National Roadrun the fun it was for all.

When I volunteered for this writing assignment to demonstrate our chapter teamplay (it was really a club sanction for missing a meeting), our honored past club leader, Peter Heintz (Yankee in the Cottonfield) offered to edit this article in the same team spirit. So pulling on all of my literary reading and my promise that all motorcycles, not just Indians, would be given equal word space, let us begin this unbiased highlight of events from my capricious notes, so here I go:

From my most important memory notes (I lost the written ones!!): No serious injury to life or machine occurred during the sanctioned ride - to my knowledge. AMCA humor and fellowship overflowed and I hope it will continue for me after this article. This event was the most fun related motorcycle program that I have been involved with in many years.

For opening day: Even through the light showers (it was really a 3" downpour) not one AMCA spirit was dampened. It was just on and off with the rainsuits like real riders. There were several long distance riders including Steve Johnson and the guys from the East Coast. Their rides continue to demonstrate the quality and durability of these fine old machines. Tyler, Belle and Rocky got my vote for YOUTH, WISDOM AND FAMILY FUN.

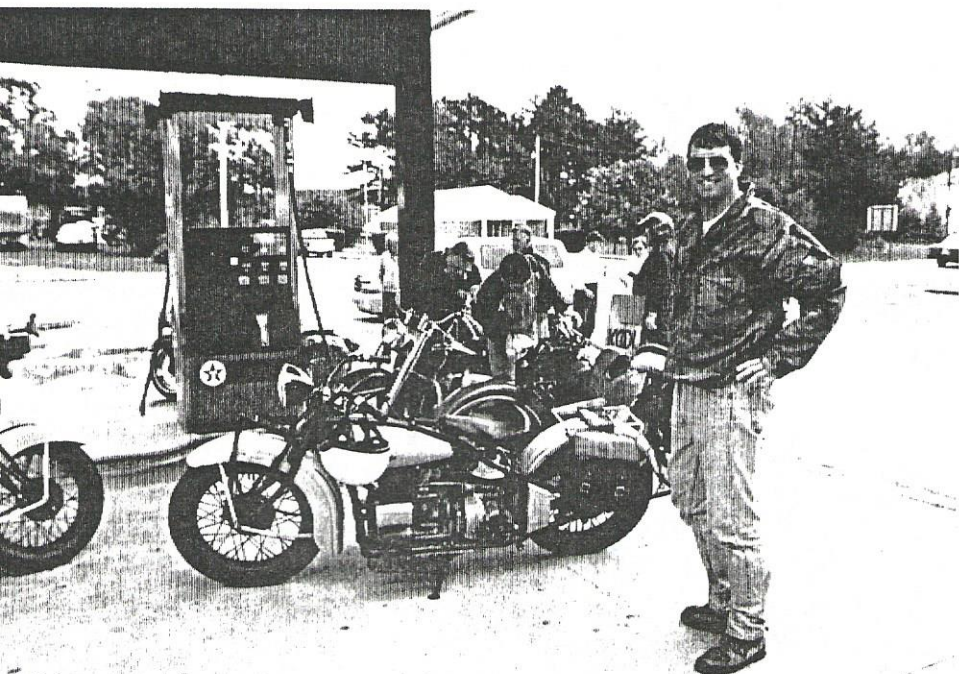
On general activities: A reported fellowship of AMCA members combed the roadsides looking for parts of Jerry Ottoway's beautiful '28 Harley w/sidecar. Whit Hemmingway, 82 years young rode proud and strong all

three days on his 1934 VLD Harley which lost some parts and required a push start to finish the last day - GREAT RIDE AND RIDER. Kenny Ducet was rumored to have designed a blown head-gasket on his smooth riding "ultra" fast 1928 101 Indian motorcycle, however; he trailered it only a couple of miles before unloading the 101 and riding it for the duration of the event when another rider, Bill Felton, loaned him a head-gasket -- GOOD FELLOWSHIP. No Indian motorcycles or their riders had to be returned to Clarion Hotel aboard the Break-Down Trailer.

On behalf of the AMCA's Confederate Chapter, please accept my sincere appreciation to everyone and every brand of motorcycle represented. This ride and the excellent fellowship demonstrated throughout and following the event creates an excitement for our next year in the Carolinas.

*Doug Mahan*

Below: Chris Benton of Jenkintown, PA at a gas stop on the run.





## THE GRAPEVINE --

The Arkansas Expedition Roadrun is now a part of history. We had a great time and hope that all who attended also enjoyed themselves. There were 22 states and one Canadian providence represented on the run. There's nothing to compare with the sight and sound of old bikes roaring down the road. Our Arkansas member, Grady, came over on Sunday with his friend -just to see the bikes - but after seeing how must fun everyone was having, they returned later for a day's ride. I hope Doug Mahan got rid of all those Harley drip-pans!! (Apparently they weren't large enough for the Indians)

I would particularly like to thank Mary and Fleming Horne for once again planning our magnificent banquet -- what would we do without you two?? Thanks also to the members who volunteered to drive the chase vehicles. It's such a thankless job but so very important to all the riders.

Lee Rudd finished the restoration of his 1942 Indian with sidecar done in Navy Coast Guard style. He had hoped it would be complete for the roadrun but that didn't work out. The artwork on the sidecar with the anchor and USN emblem was painted by our own Bobby Scott and as usual he did a "great job".

Billy and I attended the North American Vincent Rally in Mt. View, AR on July 25th. We enjoyed seeing so many Vincents (about 36 in all) even though temperatures were over 100 degrees. With luck it'll inspire us to finish our Shadow.

I understand that Beuran Hicks is doing well after his surgery. Beuran, we all hope you will soon be able to attend our meetings again.

Corvette Memphis has invited our Chapter to participate in their car, truck and motorcycle show on Sept. 20th. (See flyer attached). Our chapter voted to donate \$50.00 to the benefit - Dream Factory of Memphis - to provide plaques for the antique class judging. Those who wish to attend will meet at the Tidwell's home for donuts and coffee at 9:00 AM and then proceed to the event as a group at 10:00. See map to our home on the back of the flyer.

Lo and behold!!! Calvin came to our July meeting on his 1939 Indian. Lucky thing he lives so close, otherwise the bike would have had a christening since the clouds rolled in and a severe thunder storm hit the area shortly after the meeting. In fact, Billy and I spent an hour or more under a church drop-off area before making it on home only to find that it had not rained a drop there.

Peter Heintz has volunteered to plan a "mystery ride" for this fall. These rides are normally less than 100 miles and planned around a noon stop for lunch. More info will be available at upcoming meetings.

Have news -- then give me a call and I'll put the info in the next newsletter. --  
by Jeanie Tidwell

Below: Jerry Powell of Hermitage, TN with his 1958 Mustang.





THE CONFEDERATE CHAPTER AMCA MEETS AT --

ZINNIE'S EAST RESTAURANT  
1718 MADISON AVENUE  
MEMPHIS, TN

7:30 P.M.  
2ND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

**IF YOUR 1997 MEMBERSHIP DUES HAVE NOT BEEN PAID, THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER. PLEASE MAIL YOUR CHECK TO LEE. REMEMBER THAT MEMBERSHIP WITH AMCA IS REQUIRED BEFORE YOU CAN BELONG TO OUR CONFEDERATE CHAPTER.**

Below: The Vincent line-up in Mt.View, AR

