This beign my last neslwetter, I heva to say it has bene a pleausre to pubilsh aprpoximtaely 20 "Rusty Rebel's", and a great learnnig experience abotu writing & uisng a comptuer, but also vrey time consuimng. My husband will be glda I'm not spedning so much time giong over ti & over it tyring to make it as erorr free as posisble. But as you know, I sitll manage to get one by. I hope Bill Walters, teh new eidtor, will recieve ipnut form all of uor members. It's very simple to do, if you raed somtehing intreesting and think one more person woudl also think it's interseting, cut it out, make a copy of it, or downlaod it and send it to Bill. I nkow he will apperciate it.

Regards, Tina Elliott - Editor

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Our feature member of the quarter is Ron Elliott. By Tina Elliott

Ron Elliott was born in Lexington, KY, March 12, 1934 to a carpenter and a hair dresser, and he followed in both of their footsteps. After attending The University of Kentucky, he worked as a carpenter making 25 cents an hour more than most, because he choose to work above 50 feet. He joined the Navy at a ripe old age of 21, and, as a journeyman carpenter, bypassed basic training. He was assigned to the Sea Bees as a 2nd class Petty Officer working on the D.E.W. Line (Distant Early Warning) that extended from Newfoundland to South America. He spent his Korean War duty in Antigua, British West Indies and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. After his discharge from the Navy, Ron Jr. came along pretty fast. Besides selling life insurance for John Hancock he raced Hot Rods with the Pacers Hot Rod Club. He loved to show his cars and was especially proud of his 1934 Ford 4 door sedan with suicide doors. Tiring of the insurance business, he moved to Memphis to join the beauty business with his brother, Lew. Eventually they bought Molar Beauty School, the school Ron graduated from in downtown Memphis, TN. While in the beauty school profession, he bought his first motorcycle, a 1963 Triumph. He really got into customizing it, so much so, he would bring it to work with him and work on it in the basement of the 4 story building. To do this, he would raise the elevator past the first floor and hook a chain to the front end, then lower it to the basement. The fire marshal would have frowned I'm sure.



8 1/2 months old. born March 1, 2004, in Water Valley MS. Super Cycle's not so tough guard dog. Although her affection has scared off some folks. She likes to lay around in monkey grass, canoe, chew on squeaky toys and



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# H-D honored with secretary of defense employer support freedom award. An article from V-Twin News

The National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), in conjunction with the Secretary of Defense, honored Harley-Davidson as a 2004 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award recipient on September 21, 2004, in Washington, D.C.

Harley-Davidson has shown tremendous support of its Guard and Reserve employees for more than half a century. It is estimated that 14% of Harley-Davidson employees are members of the Guard and Reserve. Upon mobilization, the employee receives frequent "care packages," pay differential, continued health and life insurance, and 401k benefits.

"Everyone at Harley-Davidson is deeply honored to receive a 2004 ESGR award and we thank those who nominated and selected us," said Harley-Davidson Chief Financial Officer and Army veteran Jim Ziemer. "But the real honor belongs to those who put their personal well-being on the line in service to our country."

The secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom award, a Waterford crystal eagle, was introduced in 1996 to publicly recognize the significant contributions and sacrifices made by America's employers of Guardsmen and Reservists.

"Harley-Davidson's exceptional support of their Reserve and National Guard employees during mobilization for the war against terrorism has set a standard for all employers to follow," said David Janes, ESGR National Chairman. "Harley-Davidson's advocacy of extending continuing benefits, making up pay differentials and ensuring employees are returned to their jobs in a timely manner is truly a role model for corporate America. I am proud to have participated in the selection of Harley-Davidson for this prestigious award," added Janes. After Dr. Martin Luther King was assassinated in 1968, the marching and rioting was so tremendous downtown, that Ron would often sit in the front school window with a gun in his hand to make sure no one broke the windows out of his business, like they did to so many others. Eventually he had to close the school down, and he, Lew, Marvin Shackleford and Jim Haas opened up Super Cycle in midtown Memphis in 1971. There were 17 other motorcycle shops in town, tearing apart what we're now trying to put back stock. During the 70's they had a pretty good customer from down the street, Elvis Presley. He bought two Volkswagen Trikes and had Lisa Marie's H-D golf cart restored among other things. Super Cycle would regularly pick up his bikes at Graceland to service.

Ron still has his first Harley, a 1967 Sportster, and his first big twin Harley, a 1967 FLH. Ron and wife, Tina, attend many AMCA swap meets finding old parts to put together his MANY projects. He has completed most of them, and thought he was close to finishing, but he is always coming up with and engine he would just "stumble" upon. He has most of his motorcycles in the museum at Super Cycle, but they are starting to spill out into the show room. Ron has several Police and Firefighter friends and customers, therefor, has taken a particular liking to restoring Police motorcycles. And has even dedicated a wall in the museum for Police and Firefighters.



Ron in the middle with his two favorite buddies, Gilbert Cagle and Fleming Horne. Continued from page 3.

Ron had been friends with Fleming Horne for 30 something years. Any time Ron needed something he didn't have to complete a project, Fleming wouldn't sell Ron a part, he would "loan" it to him. "Just replace it" he would say. The Elliott's dedicated a side of their motor home garage to Fleming and Mary "Horne's H-D".

"Fleming was and still is an inspiration to me as to how I feel about the old stuff, not only bikes, but all other collectibles, and to the friends who value them as well. I have never met a better bunch of people like the AMCA people, the caretakers of the keepsakes."

By Pam Cooper

On Saturday, September 18, The Tennessee Forest Festival had the Second Annual Antique Motorcycle show.

Thanks to Mimi and Joe (mostly Mimi) Anderson for putting on another great show and providing spectacular weather! The complimentary breakfast was delicious, not just a sausage biscuit, but a full fledged full breakfast, fruit, Danish, breakfast casserole, etc. She had the women in mind when she thought this up!

Our Chapter was a Proud Lot! We stole the show!

Ed Dacus with his '46 Harley 45 took 1st place in Antique American Class

Lee Rudd, below to the left, walked away with 2 awards, 1st Place for Original Theme bike and 2nd for Antique American Class.



# AMCA National Meets 2005

February 18-20 Omaha Chapter LeMars. IA March 4-6 Sunshine Chapter Eustis, FL April 29–May 1 Perkiomen Chapter Oley, PA Kerrville, TX May 15-18 Tejas Road Run High Plains Chapter Canon City, CO May 27-29 Colonial Chapter June 10-12 Harmony, NJ Dessau, Germany June 10-12 European Chapter June 20–23 Yankee Road Run Lennox, MA June 24-26 Fort Sutter Chapter Dixon, CA June 24-26 Viking Chapter Farmington, MN July 22-24 Prairie Chapter Wauseon OH Empire Chapter August 19-20 Brookfield, NY August 22-24 Evergreen Road Run Olympic Pen, WA Chief Blackhawk Davenport, IA September 2-4 Black Hills RoadRun Sturgis, SD September 6-9 Sept. 30–Oct. 1 Chesapeake Chapter Jefferson, PA



AACA Eastern Division National Fall Meet Hershey, PA



By Tina Elliott

Ron, Dixie, and myself headed up to Pennsylvania Saturday, October 2 spending the night in Nashville to visit our friend, and ex member Scott Taylor, AKA, Purvis. Sunday we stopped in the "secret city" of Oak Ridge, TN to go through the Museum of Science and Energy. Oak Ridge is where they made the first Atomic Bomb.

What a beautiful ride up through the Tennessee Smokies and Virginia's Appalation Mountains. We met up with Sam and Nancy Simmons, outside of Hershey Monday night at a KOA. We discussed our plan about setting up our 10, of over 10,000, vending spots, and voiced our worries about the soggy ground that we were going to face in the morning. Our vending spot is in an old cow pasture at the bottom of a hill, and hurricane Ivan had just deposited several inches of rain in Hershey. Tuesday morning came and after the dew had burned off we drove into Hershey. THANKFULLY, the ground wasn't too soft to accommodate our motor homes.

Wednesday morning we awakened to a heavy frost and a knock on the door, it was Bob Ward. We sat around a had coffee while it tried to warm up outside. Bob's son lives in Staton Island, NY and is getting ready to move, so Bob rode his motorcycle over there on the beautiful back roads for a visit, and to check out his new home he purchased in Bethlehem, PA.

Thursday, we walked over to Jerry and Dot Carpenters booth to visit for a while, and to rest our wary feet. As I stated before, Hershey has about 10,000 vending spaces!!!! While we were in the Chocolate field, we decided to check out Mary Horne's spot. Low and behold she was there! It was very nice to see that she made it up. She was happy about it also. That evening Nancy and Sam went to Leroy's Toy swap meet in town. They had a banquet set up with a very unusual menu; BBQ from a can, lima beans with BBQ sauce and red hard eggs. YUM!

Sam saw a bunch of scooter friends, Ron found some good deals on the few motorcycle parts they had there, and the dogs played with field mice.

If you go to the White Rose Chapter's swap meet next October in Jefferson PA, you need to plan on staying a few extra days and attend the AACA swap meet in Hershey.

John and Kay Ragan won 3rd Place with their '59 Harley Pan for Antique American Class.

Paul and Edna Kosma drove "Little Blue" the 30 Roadster for the "Hot Rod show."

Leslie and Pam showed their "New" 1941 Harley Davidson bike, "B.D." Even though, they didn't place at the beauty pageant, there were lots of lookers. Watching Ed crawl over the pavement detailing "B.D.'s" spokes was worth the trip.

Another Story.....

Thanks to Calvin, Leslie "Coop" Cooper lovingly acquired B.D.'s 1941 Harley-Davidson WL last September. Toy Hicks was happy to see it "stay in the chapter!"

Thanks for writing this article Cam Pooper! I really appreciate it when members of the Club submit articles

John Ragan and his 1959 Pan.



This has been a tragic year for the Confederate Chapter, the AMCA, and the motorcycle community in general. B.D. Hicks passed away this year leaving his lovely wife Toy. Joe Bingham lost Rhonda, his long time companion of 30 years. Dennis and Anne Daniel had to bury their son, Josh, in August. Harold Sanders of Cape Girardeau, MO, who frequents Davenport, IA lost his wife also this year after complications from surgery. James Rickman's wife, Barbara, passed away in October after losing a battle with cancer. Larry Kobeck, of Memphis, succumbed to a bike injury that occurred on "bike night". He began his career as a H-D technician working for Taylor H-D in the '70's and for himself lately, building and maintaining early and late model bikes.

By Ron Elliott

# Toy Hicks with Leslie Cooper. Leslie bought B.D.'s '41 H-D.



# THE ART OF THE MOTORCYCLE

Coming in April of 2005, WONDERS presents The Art of the Motorcycle. Based on the landmark exhibition that opened at the Guggenheim Museum in New York to record crowds, it examines ne motorcycle's history of innovative industrial design and its role as a cultural icon. The exhibition includes nearly a hundred motorcycles from around the world. From the earliest steampowered motorcycles, which pre-dated automobiles by 25 years, to contemporary models, each was selected based on aesthetic and design excellence, technological innovation, and social impact. It is this mixture of engineering and the ability to embody the abstract themes of rebellion, progress, freedom and danger that makes this exhibition extremely compelling to such a diverse audience.

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### **OMAHA CHAPTER AMCA**

# NATIONAL WINTER INDOOR MEET

WHERE: LeMars, Iowa WHEN: *February 18 - 20, 2005* LOCATION: Plymouth County Fairgrounds

- · First Winter National in The Cold Country!!
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- Indoor Judging
- · Catered Banquet
- Indoor Fellowship in heated 10,000 sq foot bldg
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- Visit Wells Blue Bunny Visitor Center
- See the Historic Round Barn
- Many Antique Stores
- Many Museums

The Omaha Chapter has been the host of Winter Indoor Chapter Meets for 25 consecutive years! Our 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Meet is a National! The meet will be held in a 10,000 square foot heated building at the Plymouth County Fairgrounds. The fairgrounds are located in the Northeast corner of LeMars, Iowa which is 20 miles Northeast of Sioux City, Iowa. Come and help us celebrate our 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Meet!

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Meet Hours; Friday, 8:00AM - 8:00PM Saturday, 8:00AM - 8:00PM Sunday, 8:00 - 1:00PM Please! No Pets!! Vendor Pre-Registration; Rich Schultz, 712-546-5042

Judging Pre-Registration; Wanda Schumacher, 2219 W Central Pk, Davenport, IA 52804, 563-323-8643

Or online at www.antiquemotorcycle.org Judging Pre Registration Deadline February 4, 2005 Meet Information; Rich Schultz, 712-546-5042 or Paul Jensen, 712-323-1576 or 712-325-1312 or e-mail, jensen.superx@att.net

As Gilbert tells: While looking for parts at the swap meet in Davenport, IA, he declares how windy it was. Sam said, "I thought it was Thursday" and then Grady said, "I'm thirsty too, give me another beer."

# Chief Blackhawk Chapter Davenport Iowa 2004

By Tina Elliott

We Elliott's, Tina, Ron and Dixie arrived in Davenport Tuesday afternoon after visiting my folks in Quincy, Illinois.

Attendance was off due to the Maggie Valley Road Run, but we made it, as did Jerry Powell, Calvin Burnett, Roddy Newland, Patrick Gentner, Clark Bennett, Matt Morgan, Jamie Payne, Peter & Dossie Heintz, and Bill & Wanda Walters, sorry if I missed anyone.

Wednesday, Ron and I drove over to Anamosa, IA to the Motorcycle Museum and Hall of Fame. It was defiantly worth the 75 mile science drive over there. They have on display over 170 motorcycles and a lot of memorabilia. Later that night we were advised to move our motor home as far as possible from the race track, which we were backed up to, on account of



modified car racing with an \$8,000 prize. (They were rained out the week before.) I'm really glad we moved, the next day there was so much dirt that was flung over the fence where we were parked, and talk about being loud!!!!!!!!!

Jerry Powell vended with us this year, taking Gilbert's booth. He is one NICE son-of-a-gun. He unloaded both of his BMWs. Unfortunately, the club's booth sat empty. We missed Patrick and Roddy setting up in it, and so did a few other attendees, asking where they were.

And, of course, we had a crowd over Friday night for the races. I fixed viddels for everyone and we all watched the antique races. Always a good time! After the races, Jerry Powell got out his Mandolin and he gave his guitar to Calvin's friend, Mike McGill from Texas, they picked and grinned 'till midnight it felt.

Bill Walters took up some bikes to be judges Sunday. He scored 99 points, making a Senior with his 1965 Pan and with his 1947 Knuckle, he placed a Junior 1st receiving 96.75 points. Bill Fowler received Winners Circle for his 1931 Indian Scout.

### Minutes from October 16, 2004 Meeting

The meeting was held at Bob Ward's house after a ride from Ed and Sherry Dacus'. The meeting opened the meeting with the Treasurer's report. Lou Elliott stated the bank balance was the same as last month minus the service charge.

Calvin read notes from Toy Hicks and the family of Josh Daniels thanking the club for their support following the loss of their loved ones.

Under old business, the Wonders Exhibit for next year will be "The Art of the Motorcycle" It starts on April 20, 2005, with about 90 bikes on display. Calvin thanked everyone who brought out their bikes for the press announcement. Pete Gagan of the AMCA and Ed Youngblood of the AMA will be curators.

Under new business, the following were accepted by unanimous vote as officers for the coming year: Leslie Cooper-President, Bob Kinney-Vice President, Pam Cooper-Treasurer, Angela Fowler-Secretary, Bill Walters-Editor, John Ragan and Bill Fowler-Directors.

Ed Dacus was appointed "Unofficial Permanent New Member Chairman".

It was suggested by Bob Ward that we discontinue collection of the \$5.00 donation to the club treasury for the meals we have at member's homes. Bob also suggested raising chapter dues as an alternative fund raiser for the treasury. After some discussion regarding the healthy state of the bank balance it was determined that a final decision would be made at a later date.

Lou Elliott brought up the 3 meeting rule regarding potential new members and suggested that prospective new members join the national first and then be presented for consideration by a sponsor, to be voted upon by chapter members. After some discussion, it was decided that this would be handled on a per case basis.

Doris Cagle mentioned the meeting dates being on different days of the week. Ed Dacus suggested that it was whatever was convenient for the members that were hosting the meeting. Calvin stated that the official meeting night will remain the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month unless there is a hosting member for that month. In that case the hosting member will choose the date.

The next meeting date will be Thursday, November 11, 2004. Bob Ward offered to make arrangements at Coletta's.

Roddie Newland won the 50/50 prize of \$35.00. There were two door prizes awarded; one to Doris Cagle and the other to Bill Walters.

Mary Horne made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Doris Cagle.

## Here is a joke bouncing around the Internet. God and Harleys

The inventor of the Harley-Davidson motorcycle, Arthur Davidson, died and went to heaven. At the gates, St. Peter told Arthur, "Since you've been such a good man and your motorcycles have changed the world, your reward is, you can hang out with anyone you want to in heaven."

Arthur thought about it for a minute and then said," I want to hang out with God"

St. Peter took Arthur to the Throne Room, and introduced him to God. God recognized Arthur and commented, "Okay, so you were the one who invented the Harley-Davidson motorcycle?"

Arthur said, "Yeah, that's me....."

God commented, "Well, what's the big deal in inventing something that's pretty unstable, makes noise and pollution and can't run without a road?"

Arthur was apparently embarrassed, but finally spoke, "Excuse me, but aren't you the inventor of the woman?"

God said, "Ah, yes."

"Well," said Arthur, "professional to professional, you have some major design flaws in your invention:"

1. There's too much inconsistency in the front-end protrusion.

2. It chatters constantly at high speeds.

3. Most rear ends are too soft and wobble too much.

4. The intake is placed way too close to the exhaust.

5. The maintenance costs are outrageous!!!!!

"Hmmmmmm, you may have some good points there," replied God, " hold on"

God went to his Celestial super-computer, typed in a few words and waited for the results. The computer printed out a slip of paper and God read it.

"Well, it may be true that my invention is flawed," God said to Arthur, "but according to these numbers, more men are riding my invention than yours."



# British private equity firm now holds Indian trademarks.

Investor working on strategy to resume motorcycle production.



Stellican Limited, a London-based

private equity firm has acquired the trademarks and related intellectual property of the motorcycle brand Indian, Stellican announced July 26.

"I believe Indian remains among the most powerful brands in the U.S. motorcycle market, and we are delighted to own such an iconic American brand," commented Stephen Julius, an Anglo-Italian financier and founding partner of Stellican Limited. "Our primary goal is to return Indian to its rightful position as a premium motorcycle brand, selling beautifully designed, high-quality products and delivering world-class services. We will do so by carefully and thoughtfully developing the business from the ground up, guided by an overriding determination to remain true to the rich heritage of the Indian brand. We are long-term brand builders, obsessed with product design and quality. We have clearly demonstrated our ability to the world over the last three years with our re-launch of Chris-Craft boats, another business we own today and which we purchased out of the 2000 bankruptcy of Outboard Marine Corporation. "We are confident we will repeat our success with Indian," added Julius.

Stellican Limited is an unusual private equity firm in that it specializes in reviving distressed companies mainly in the recreational products area. Even more unusual, its capital is provided by its own principals who actively mange its portfolio companies directly. Most recently, in addition to Chris-Craft boats, Julius, through Stellican Limited, acquired and turned around the iconic Italian yacht manufacturer, Riva, and the Italian Premier League soccer team, Vicenza.

Stellican says it will now start determining how to re-position and re-launch the Indian brand, addressing such issues as where to manufacture in the USA, which engine technology to utilize, which dealers to appoint and when to re-start production. Stellican says an enormous investment has already been made in product and engine development and the firm is aware of the need to re-start production as soon as possible once its strategy has been clearly defined.



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