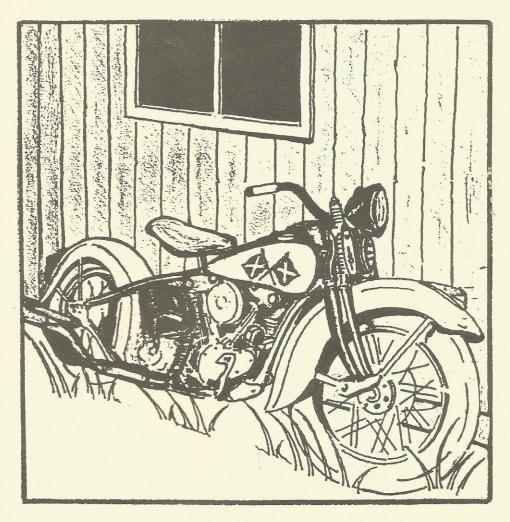
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The Colonel Speaks

It's hard to believe the year 2000 is finally here. I still remember taking booklets home in the first grade that showed how to build a nuclear fallout shelter. I could not imagine at that point in my life that the world would still exist in 2000 or that one of our biggest concerns would be the Y2K bug.

I'm proud to say that all of my motorcycles were Y2K compliant and I didn't have a single system shutdown. There was a fuel shortage problem with the 39 Chief but I determined it was junk in the carb, not a date code problem.

For those of you that have been keeping up with the Burnett house project (also known as the money pit), Lynn and I moved in on September 25th. The garage is a long way from functional, but I am making slow progress in that direction.

The other major Burnett family project has also been completed (at least the first phase). Lynn gave birth to Charles Michael (Charlie) on November 20th. Lynn finished the project 3 weeks ahead of schedule unlike any on my projects which are always months late. All are doing well with the exception of sleep deprivation.

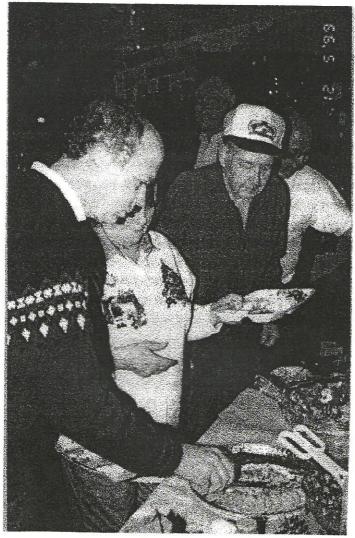
If you are not aware, the Confederate Chapter has put in for a National Road Run in 2001. This will be formally decided at the Florida meet next month. Even though that gives us over a year, we've got lots of work to do. Those of you that have been through the process before know lots of items have to happen very early in the process. It's a lot of work but very rewarding Everyone will get an opportunity to play a roll in this project.

Our prayers to the Horne family and a successful recovery for Fleming. He is doing very well after his surgery to remove a brain tumor.

Best wishes to all as we roll into the new millennium,

Calvin Burnett

Christmas Party 1999



Everyone brought such wonderful dishes. I think we all ate too much.



The Confederate Chapter's Christmas party was held at Ron and Lew Elliott's house. There was a good turn out with familiar and new faces. It was good to see Grady and Gladys. Though they were still a little scratched up from that nasty motorcycle wreck. We are all glad you two are all right.



Minutes from January 13, 2000 Confederate Chapter

Calvin Burnett brought the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Present were: Gilbert Cagle, John Munoz, John Ragan, John & Kathey Whitsett, Lynn, Calvin and Charlie Burnett, Bonnie & Mike Zikoski, Billy & Jeanie Tidwell, Bobby Scott, Peter & Dossie Heintz, Ron, Elliott, Lew Elliott, Shack, Scott Taylor, Tina Schmalshof.

Tina read the minutes of the November meeting. Calvin accepted and John 2nd.

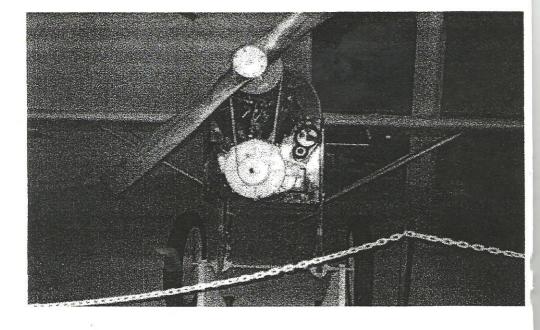
Lew gave the Editors report. He has articles and he's wanting to do a classified section. Call him with your wants and don't wants.

Bobby gave the Treasure's report. \$66.69 to Super Cycle for postage, Deposit from dues \$30.00, total of \$1210.97.

New Business: Fleming Horne's surgery to remove the brain tumor went great. He's doing very fine now with his rehabilitation. Jeanie Tidwell made a motion to make Fleming and Mary honorary members of the Confederate Chapter, and John Whitsett 2nd.

Old business: John Whitsett is Johnny on the job with getting information on our Road Run in 2001. He distributed maps on the area. He is also getting information on lodging etc.

Calvin made a motion to adjourn in Fleming's honor and Tina 2nd.



Steve Wittman's FIRST Homebuilt Airplane (Hardly Ableson)

It was a motorcycle that led to Steve Wittman's first airplane. "Witt" Learned to ride a motorcycle in his teen years. He rode easily despite very poor vision in his right eye and he decided that, if he could ride a motorcycle, he could learn to fly. With little money and no formal training, he designed and built his first airplane in 1923 and 1924. His project was a monoplane with an RAF 6 airfoil built mainly of wood, with a steel-tube axle, and metal fittings from scrap iron. Power came from a Harley-Davidson V-Twin motorcycle engine-61 cu. in. an 12-14 hp at 1200 rpm. The engine's less-than-adequate performance probably gave the airplane its mane: Hardly Ableson.

SPECIFICATIONS

Wing span 20 ft Length 15 ft

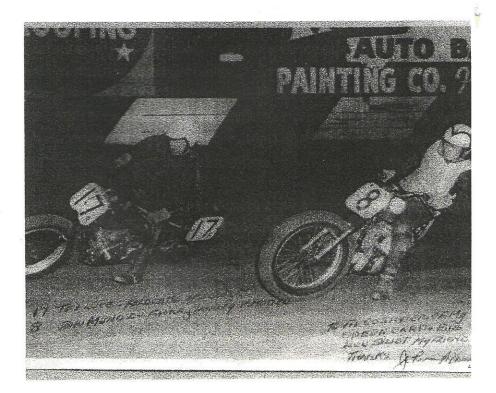
Powerplant Harley-Davidson V-Twin, circa 1918, 16hp

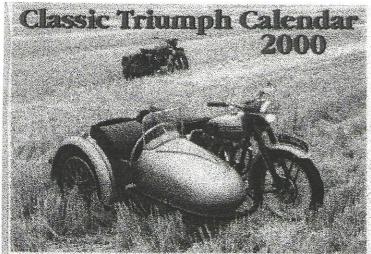
Estimated speed 40 mph Fuel capacity 1 gal.

Lew Elliott and Marvin Sheakelford went to Oshkosh in 1999 and found this on display.



Here is young John Munoz in his racing days. Picture below, John is #8, if you can't tell.





Folks looking to ring in the New Year with old bikes should look no further than Sullivans. The distributor's Classic Triumph Calendar 2000 offers 12 months dedicated to the British marque. Each 12"x16" full-color photo features a different viutage Triumph, from a 1948 T100 to a 1972 Hurricane. To top it all off, large type will help your customers keep track of their

busy schedules: Marking the British Biker Cooperative's "Year Of The Triumph" celebration should be one of the first things on their agenda (see Exhaust Notes, page 6).

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The next meeting will be at Zinnies East Thursday February 10, 2000 around 6:30.