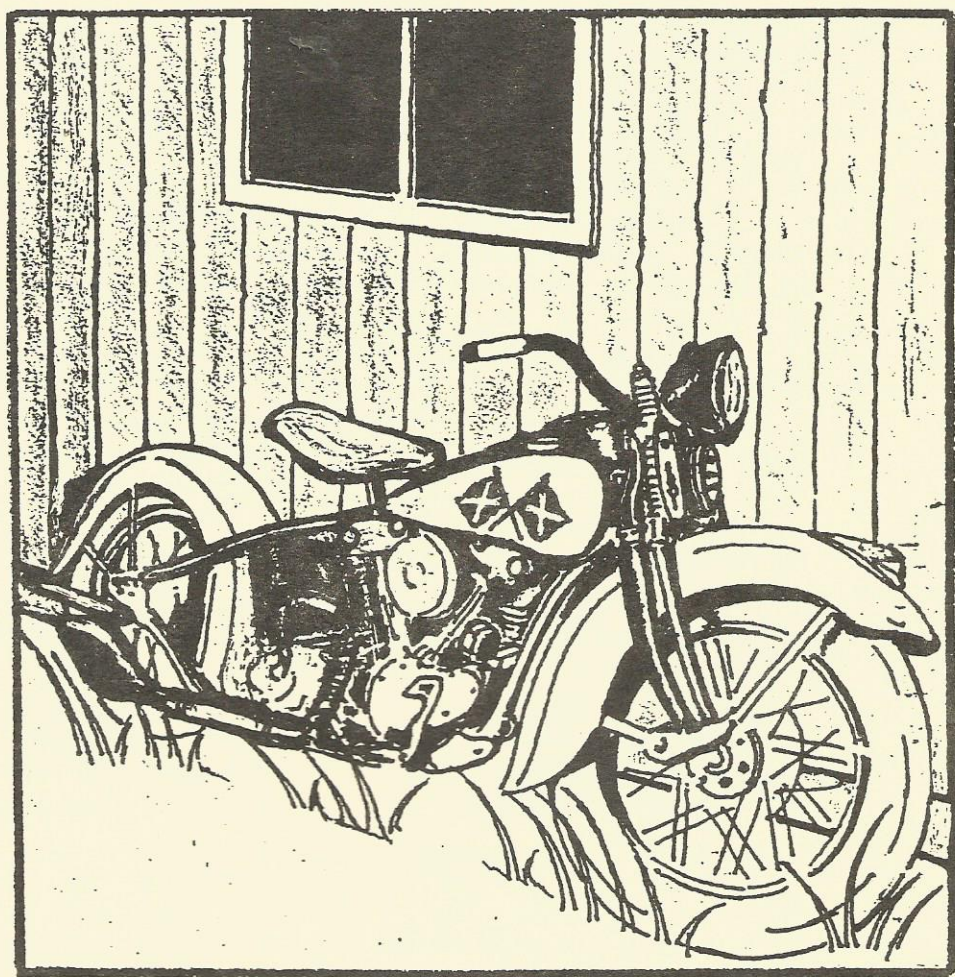


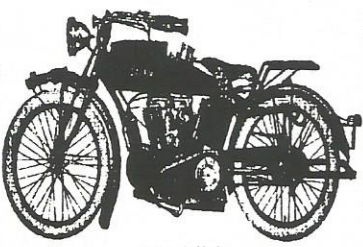
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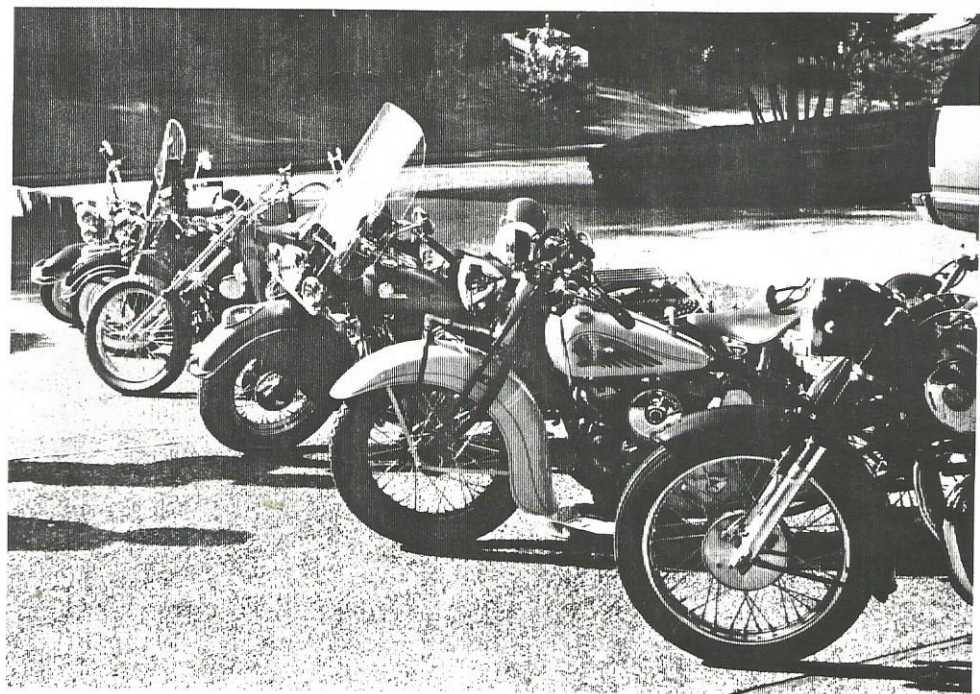
WE DO NOT HAVE A REPORT FROM THE COLONEL FOR THIS ISSUE. THE COLONEL JUST WANTS TO REMIND EVERYONE OF THE CHANGE IN OUR MEETING PLACE TO -- THE EAGLES NEST RESTAURANT (SEE BACK PAGE).

IN MEMORY OF BILL NORTHERN:

THE CONFEDERATE CHAPTER WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF BILL NORTHERN. BILL HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF OUR CHAPTER FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS AND FAITHFULLY ATTENDED MOST OF OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS. BILL DIED ON NOVEMBER 29TH FROM A FALL AT HIS HOME. BILL ENJOYED TALKING ABOUT OLD BIKES (ESPECIALLY BRITISH BIKES) EVEN THOUGH HE HAD BEEN UNABLE TO RIDE FOR MANY YEARS DUE TO DEBILITATING ARTHRITIS WHICH HE HAD BATTLED FOR MANY YEARS. WE WILL ALL MISS BILL.

*Season
Greetings*





Bike line-up in Tidwell's driveway.



David Jr., Lee and David Sr at car/bike show.



Calvin, David and Doug at car/bike show.



Calvin on his '39 Indian on Mystery Ride.

THE GRAPEVINE -- by Jeanie Tidwell

Where did the summer go? Time just seems to fly by when you're riding and having fun.

Many CC members attended the car/motorcycle show held for the "dream factory" charity. Our letter of appreciation from Corvette Memphis indicated that a check for \$8800 was presented to the charity. It was the largest single donation ever made to them. Corvette Memphis has indicated that they would like for our club to participate in the show each year. I do hope we will be able to make this a yearly event in order to help such a worthy cause.

I would like to thank Peter Heintz for planning our recent Mystery Ride. Everyone had such a good time that we need to plan more of these events for next year. In fact, Doug Mahan is already planning another Mystery Ride for March 1998. Way-to-go Doug!!!

Our yearly elections was held a while back with very few changes being made. Gilbert Cagle will move into the vice-president position and John Ragan will take his place as a director. All other officers will remain the same.

It was a shock to hear about another loss of a member of the Confederate Chapter. Bill Northern died on November 29th at his home after a fall. Bill will be missed by all members of our chapter.

Lew and Ron Elliott hosted our Christmas Party this year and, as usual, did a great job. Mary and Fleming planned our meal with the help of Tina and you could tell that the food was delicious from the looks of all the full plates, including mine. Thanks again to each of them for all their planning and hard work -- we really enjoyed ourselves.

Please note that our meeting place for January has been changed to The Eagle's Nest Restaurant at the corner of Sycamore View and Macon Road. We're trying this new place and may make it our new meeting place. Be sure to come to the January meeting so that you can have your say about the new location.

GRADY'S RUN by Bobby Scott

Come the end of September it's a sure bet that you can find some Confederate Chapter members shopping for last minute camping supplies for the annual weekend ride to Grady's.

For several years now on the first weekend of October, our Arkansas member, Grady Mitchell, hosts a party on his land in Dewitt. This includes camping, bon-fires and a fish fry.

This year members Mark Himelright, his son Miller, Lee Rudd and I rode down Friday afternoon. Other members attending were Clark Bennett and Gilbert and Doris Cagle. The weather was gorgeous all three days. Friday night, Mark cooked up some chicken, sausage and pork chops which Lee and I really enjoyed. Saturday morning, I made my first attempt at making fresh perked coffee. I'm sure that I will improve in the years to come.

Mark's son, Miller, gave rides on his dirt bike to his female friends from sun up to sun down; stopping only briefly for food and sleep. Needless to say he had a big grin on his face the entire weekend.

Saturday afternoon, everyone rode to downtown Dewitt to the Domino Parlor for a cheeseburger and a cold one. Saturday night, it was time for the fish fry. Everyone in Dewitt must have been there. There was plenty of food to eat and it was delicious as usual.

Sunday, after one last look at Grady's collection of Harleys, Indians and Whizzers, we said our good byes and then had a really enjoyable ride home.

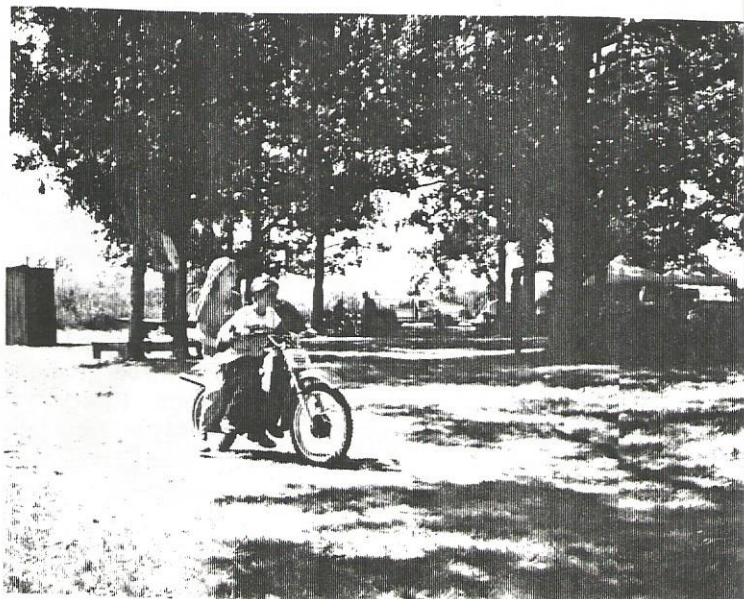
Every year I look forward to this weekend to just plain kick back and relax. This year couldn't have been nicer.

Thanks Grady,

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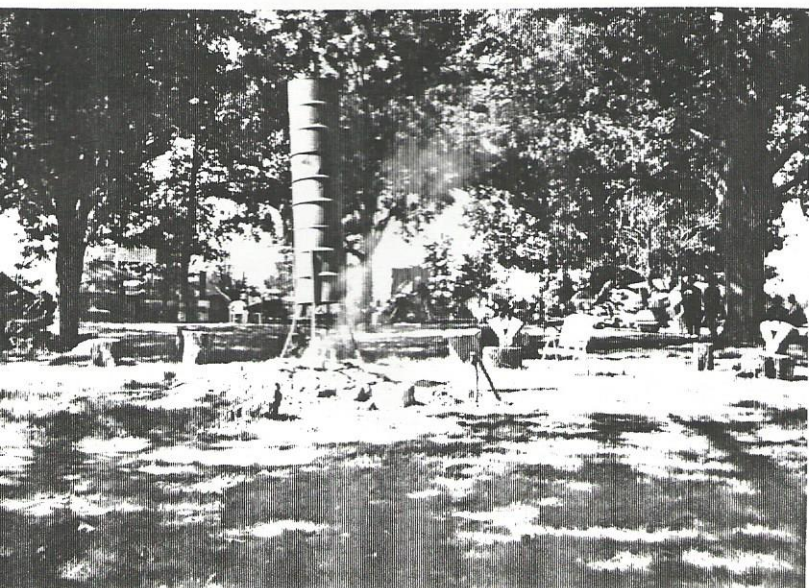
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Bobby and Lee at show with Lee's HD.

Miller and friend at Grady's.



THE HEINZ'S EXCELLENT MYSTERY RIDE ON NOV.2ND

by Doug Mahan

Real riders with their capable antique machines turned-out in mass for this event. The participants and machines were as follows: Peter Heintz on his early model HD evolution, Bobby Scott's military stealth HD, Lee Rudd's 3-wheel boat HD, John Ragan's pie-pan HD, Calvin Burnett's popper HD, Gilbert Cagle's two seater Indian, Billy Tidwell's speedster AJS, Peter Gulden's oiler Indian and me on short-legs Indian, along with Jeanie Tidwell's GMC, Doris Cagle's Ford, Ron and Tina in the Cad with their still unused "Indian Breakdown Trailer". Note - Peter Heintz claimed that his non-fairing Indian had a flat - sure everyone believed him?

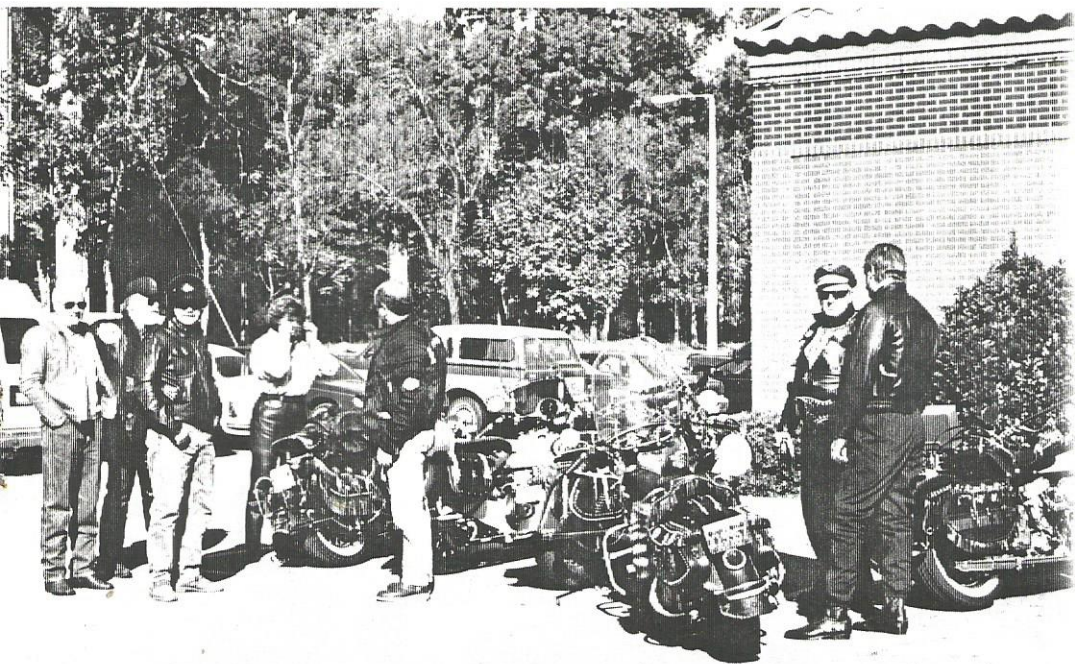
Our club's flexible planning and management style allowed for a late departure and an early fuel stop for a couple of riders. It was during a follow-up check on these riders that I learned even more humility. Noticing the opportunity to blow by Billy (AJS) and Bobby (HD), I seized the moment; however, the Tidwell speedster made my chief look like a 30-50 with a simple flick of his wrist. I was grateful for his loss of speed when my inquiry about his machine being a two-stroke seemed to break his concentration.

Our club sponsored luncheon came with fellowship, good food, intelligent debate with some profanity for color. Please note that all gratuities are the responsibility of each participant, so be generous.

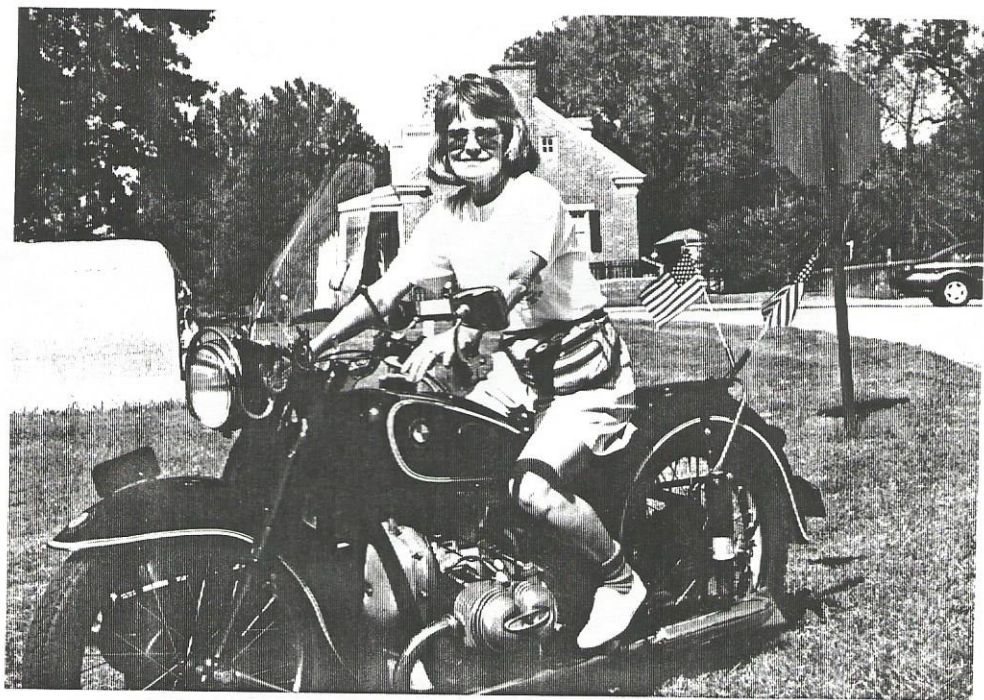
With all participants of the CC returning to the departure point without any problem, Gilbert and Doris provided coffee and dessert. This allowed us a moment to brag about the quality of our chapter, the machines and the club members. Note: this went quick as I was the only one to show.

Closing notes of interest. Our thoughts and prayers for Jeanie's ill mother and appreciation to Dossie and Peter for the smooth roads and great food.

It is my personal hope that our club will do another ride in 1998. Pending club interest, maybe we could do a monthly, bi-monthly or semi-annual roadrun -- ah what a dream! Whether you are riding a S.O.B. (Some Other Brand) or an Indian Motorcycle, remember they were designed to ride.



Group gathering for Mystery Ride.



Jeanie on her '50 BMW.



Billy and Doug - are they talking "Indians"?

John Ragan and his beautiful Harley.



HOLIDAY INN OUTING by Billy Tidwell

Our chapter had decided to participate in the car/motorcycle show sponsored by the Corvette Memphis Club on September 20th with proceeds going to "the dream factory" for terminally ill children. Our chapter donated \$50.00 to the charity.

We had invited the club to stop by our house for coffee and donuts to be followed by a group ride to the outing. It seemed that the Indians were the early risers with Calvin B. being the first to show up on his Indian Chief.

After a little wrenching, bragging and tire kicking, everyone was ready to depart the Tidwell's at 10:00 AM as planned. Calvin, Gilbert and Doug (Indians); John R. and Bobby (HD's); Lee R. (HD with sidecar); Phil M. (Triumph); Jeanie (BMW w/ Kali sidecar); and I, on my AJS, made up the group. This was Jeanie's first time to participate in a Confederate Chapter event riding her BMW with a cooler in the sidecar as ballast. What a beautiful sound those old engines made as they roared to life when all were being fired up in the driveway. One of our neighbors had heard the old bikes and came by later to compliment them as he had seen and heard the group as we departed.

The Indians became victims of our newly installed short-cycling traffic light which only gives a green for about 5 seconds at our infrequently used entrance. Before they could get started, the light was already red. With puzzled faces, several riders looked back at Jeanie as if to say "what happened- wasn't that light green?". The only problem with the ride was that it was too short for such a nice day.

Lew arrived at the show with the Chapter tents which proved to be a lifesaver from the hot sun. Other C.C. members joining us at the show were Ron, Tina, Doris, Cindy M., and David Standard.

A good time was had by all. Some of our members helped in judging the bikes, and several members carried home trophies. About 300 cars and a wide variety of motorcycles and scooters, from antiques and classics to customs, were present.

IMPORTANT NOTICE OF MEETING CHANGE

THE CONFEDERATE CHAPTER AMCA MEETING FOR
JANUARY WILL BE HELD AT:

THE EAGLE'S NEST RESTAURANT
6102 MACON RD
CORNER OF MACON & SYCAMORE VIEW
MEMPHIS, TN

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

**YOUR 1998 MEMBERSHIP DUES WILL BE DUE ON
JANUARY 1ST. PLEASE USE THE ENCLOSED
FORM TO MAIL YOUR CHECK TO LEE.
REMEMBER THAT MEMBERSHIP WITH AMCA IS
REQUIRED BEFORE YOU CAN BELONG TO OUR
CONFEDERATE CHAPTER.**

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PARTS SWAP:

Doug Mahan (601) 342-1296 will trade an
original working '40 model CON/TEL AMP gauge
for (4) four "old" tag toppers, i.e. the
flying horses, etc. This gauge needs a bezel,
total repair \$55.00.

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NOTICE TO OTHER CHAPTER EDITORS:

The Confederate Chapter has been receiving
newsletters addressed to "The Dixie Chapter"
from several chapters. There is NO Dixie
Chapter. Please correct your records.