# The Confederate Chapter Newsletter



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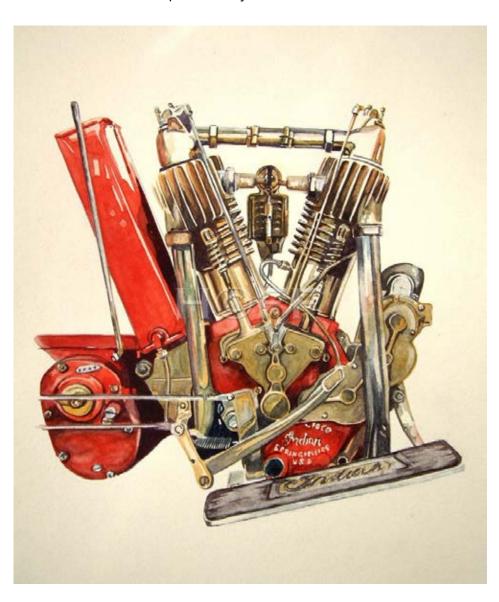
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# The Colonel Speaks

We have had four GREAT events this year.

First was the 6th Annual Scooter Ride held on May 23rd. First stop was the Colonel's shop, 2nd was John Reddick's, 3rd was John Callie's and 4th was Eddie Wilbanks (SURPRISE) and back to DDR for a catfish dinner. Again we had about 100 riders and fans for another great success thanks to Shane who put it all together, and Rox and Big Daddy for their contributions.

Next was the 11th Annual Barber Festival, which if you ask me was one of our best yet. Things have smoothed out at the new venue and we were a lot more visible and visited this year. We didn't have as many bikes this year but the field had a lot more quality bikes. We had many new showers and several new winners which makes it nice for the new folks.



Colonel Bob

For the second year Mark and David put together the North Mississippi ride, newly named Gallop through the Trees. We started at David Lloyd's with breakfast provided by Longview Heights Baptist Church Thank you very much) and ended at David's for a hamburger cook-out with the ladies doing the cooking-out. Thank you Ladies, it was wonderful, and Thanks to David and Mark for a great job planning the ride. A Hardy Thank You to Johnny Whitsett for opening his home and shop to us for a great stop. We also was able to shot a recreation photo of a very early club picture that came out very good. Thanks David for thinking to do that. All in all a great day of fellowship and good riding, and the weather was very cooperative.

We ended the year with our annual Christmas Party. This year it was in Big Daddy's newly completed showroom/ museum/ shop. The place is mind boggling. What a GREAT job he did on it. Big Daddy was also presented with a special piece of history for his (all to proud of) replica of a gas station men's toilet. Ask him to show you a picture if you haven't already seen it. The pot luck was awesome and the floor was still spotless when we left after the party. Thanks Big Daddy.

Please take the time to enjoy some of the history of the very beginning of the Confederate Chapter that David has included in this issue. Thanks to Clark Bennett, The very FIRST President of this club who sent this information to me and David from his archives.

I want to congratulate the Officers of the club for 2016, who are by the way, the same as the last 9 years so you should know who they are by now!!!!! It looks like they are still doing it right. Thank you guys, I couldn't do it without your help and support.

If anyone has any thoughts, ideas, suggestions, or recommendations, my door is always open. Please give me a call.

Till next time, Ride Safe









# Letter from the Editor—David Lloyd



A new riding season is upon us! 2016 looks to be another busy year for the activities with in the Confederate Chapter. With many of our annual events, we have many new opportunities to be involved with antique iron in our local area and surrounding chapters.

I received some scanned copies of the original application forms when 4 or 5 guys started a local Memphis antique motorcycle club. In the good ole days of 1981, Clark Bennett applied for charter membership as the Confederate Chapter. It was approved by Ralph Mundell, past AMCA president and director of chapters. Included within this issue are photos of that original document and a picture of the early group of the Confederate Chapter. Thank you Clark Bennett for your dedication and perseverance in building a club that still operates today. I only hope we can pass the torch on to others beyond us to allow the antique iron to continue to the next generation.

Now, can I challenge you, the "current members" to accept that challenge so this chapter continues to strive forward. We need to see this body of people as more than a vehicle for our own individual entertainment, instead, see it as a legacy of enthusiast who love antique motorcycles and then become personally involved in the history that will span past our lives. Allow future generations to look back and see the contributions you added to this chapter.

It's encouraging to look over the clubs history and see the work and involvement of past members, like Clark and others. You will see a photo re-enactment of a ride in 2002 and the returning members, plus new ones in 2015.

When we look at the overall schedule of 2016, there are many opportunities to become involved. Here is a brief summary of those events:

Saturday, March 26, 2016 - Bumpus Antique Motorcycle display - Whitten Road Harley Davidson.

Saturday, May 7, 2016 (rain date – Sat, May 14, 2016) 7th Annual Scooter Ride – Dacus Museum

Weekend, May 27 - 29, 2016 - Lucas Oil AMCA National Meet - Barber Motorsports Park

Monday, June 20, 2016 – 25th Annual Ride to Work day

Friday, June 17 or rain day 24 - Iron Butt record attempt - 1,000 miles in 24 hours - 1919 Harley

Weekend, July29 -30, 2016 - Kick Start Classic - Maggie Valley - Wheels Through Time

Weekend, September 1-3, 2016 - Davenport Swap Meet - Davenport IA

Mon - Wed, September, 11-13, 2016 - Ride with the 2016 Cannonball riders

Weekend, September 25-27, 2016 - AMCA National Road Run - Blue Ridge

Weekend, October 7-9 - Barber Vintage Festival - Leeds Al

Saturday November TBA – 3rd Annual Gallop through the Trees – North Mississippi Ride

Thursday, November 17, 2016 - Fall Rodders Dinner

December TBA - Annual Confederate Christmas Party

As you can see, we are going to have a Great 2016 and we need each of you to jump in and pull the cart. Look for more discussions and details to follow concerning each of the above events. We meet every second Thursday of the month and look forward to having you.

Another topic to cover concerns membership dues. It is important that each member stay up to date with the local and national dues. Our fiscal year began January we ask you to stay current so that these events can continue. Looking forward to riding beside you in 2016!!

Special Thanks to Marshall and Chris Robillo for the photo collogues used in this Newsletter

The 11<sup>th</sup> Barber Vintage Weekend was a tremendous success!! Every year the crowd numbers go up. Just look at the past 6 years of foot traffic, meaning visitors to the event:

It becomes very obvious why the AMCA would want to be included in a World Antique Motorcycle event that captures an audience of 50,000 plus vintage motorcycle enthusiast. They inquired about trying to take over the October Vintage event, but settled on starting a new AMCA National meet, sponsored by Lucas Oil. The Inaugural event is May 27-29, 2016. We will have to wait and see how the AMCA blends with the Barber personnel.

Back to our role in the 11<sup>th</sup> Vintage weekend, it was our 2<sup>nd</sup> year in our new area. I truly believe you will get conversations on both sides of the coin when asking questions about our new area. Members that have attended all 11 Vintage Festivals will lean toward favoring our original area, because it was the best real estate on the entire facility. Newer members will say they like the private, secluded new area, off the beaten path. Regardless how you feel, the AMCA Confederate Chapter Antique Motorcycle "People's Choice" award show has gained more foot traffic or eyes to vote than any other previous show. Our motorcycle entry numbers may have dipped slightly, but the ballot count has increased to nearly 300 votes, when our other area produced numbers around 200 ballots. So, in summary, I would tend to say that means success! Why do we bring our motorcycles to Barber? To expose them to the public - - - - Ding Ding

Many thanks to Bob (Colonel) Kenney and his crew for a perfect well laid out bike show that allows the people to choose their favorite motorcycle. Also Big thanks to Les (Coop) Cooper for laying out the grounds and being the Patrolman, keeping our place uniform, clean and up-holding the standards that the Barber officials expect!

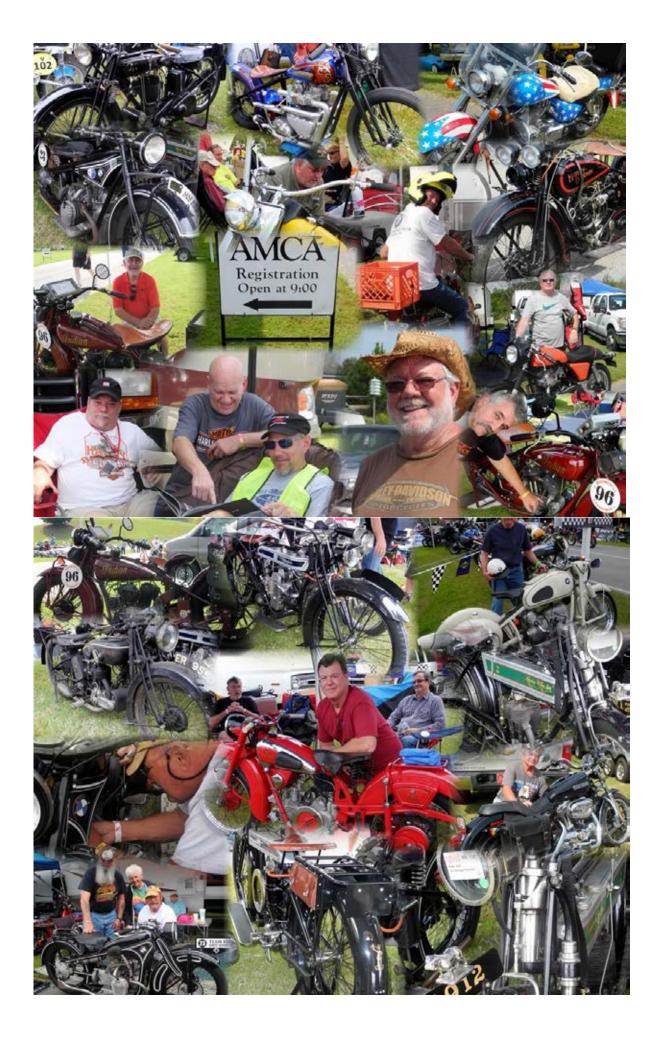
A Special shout to the Muirhead's who brought family members and 3 gorgeous machines that all placed and took home trophies. Buddy and Cris are 2 very talented antique motorcycle individuals. The Confederate Chapter is proud to have them with us!

This year, I took Zeke inside the pits of the Century Lap and Cannonball lap. He got the chance to see inside, trackside and even got to meet George Barber himself. Big Daddy, John, Shane and Rox kept a close eye on him while I covered some important details. Thanks

Finally, another big thank you to Andy and Karla Griffin for cooking the many meals for the chapter and our friends. They were able to organize, prepare and cook meals for many people and still have time to party with us.

2015 was once again the best Vintage Weekend that goes down in the books as one of the top events the Confederate Chapter helps faciatate. We hope to continue raising the bar with our cooperation as Barber continues to improve this epic weekend for "we the people" who love antique iron. Many thanks to all the members who contribute their time and energy.





# Gallop through the Trees - 2<sup>nd</sup> annual North Mississippi Fall run

This was our second annual North Mississippi antique motorcycle fall event. This one usually ends our riding season and is very risky to schedule because of weather conditions. Last year, our first ride landed on a bitter cold morning. The sun shined later, but it was still very chilly ride.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> ride landed on picturesque perfect fall day with temperatures around 60 degrees at midday.

We started the morning at David Lloyd's home / shop with breakfast supplied by Longview Heights Baptist Church. Sausage biscuits and orange juice were consumed by most everyone. They had a very scenic 100 mile ride, scheduled through winding hi-ways, with a stop at Arkabutla dam. After that brief stop, we continued to Johnny Whitsett's home to see his remarkable collection of motorcycles and memorabilia.

For lunch, we returned to David's home and the ladies had burgers on the grill, ready for us to enjoy. Thanks to Kathey, Pam and Sonja for cooking lunch.

The highlight of the ride was a re-assembling of Confederate Chapter members, in front of Johnny Whitsett's garage to re-enact a club picture taken in 2002. Seven (7) members from the 2002 photo were in the 2015 re-enactment photo, along with eighteen (18) other Club members. It should also be noted that 5 members from the 2002 photo are no longer with us. They are listed on the tribute page of the newsletter.

What a Great day for a Fall ride









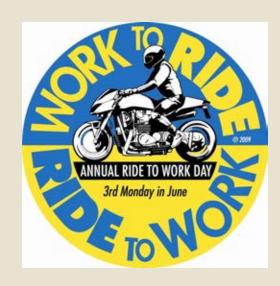




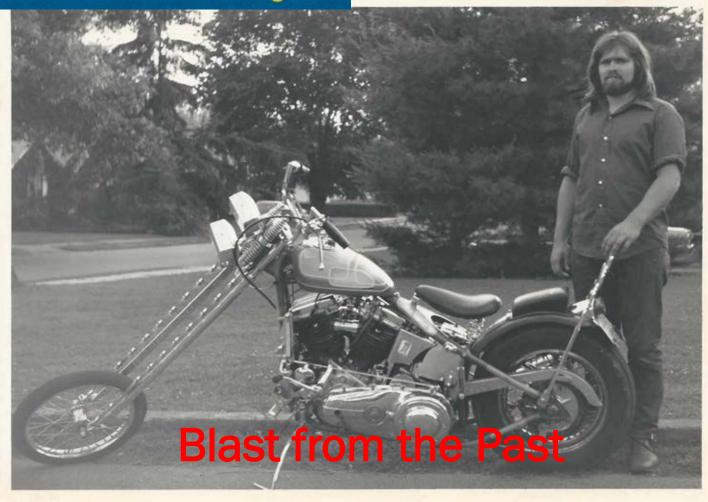
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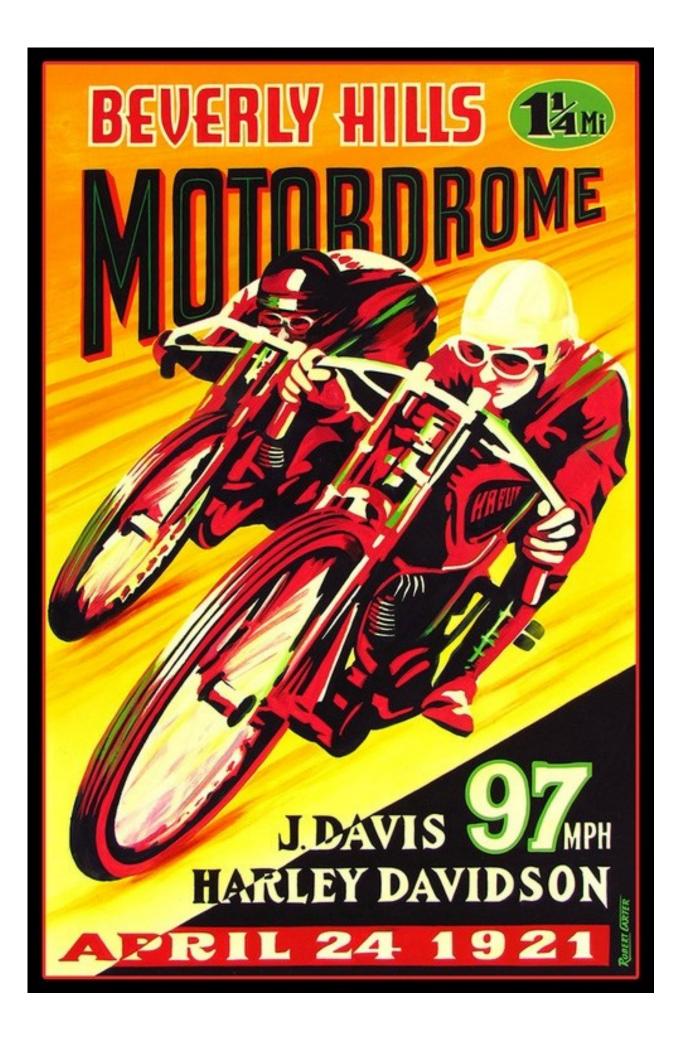


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Who is this Blast from the Past— Ride to Work club rider?





### CCM – Texas Local Road Run – 2015

Everyone knows everything in Texas is BIG!! Well, the Carson's proved that fact when they opened their home, shop / museum and state for a BIG Texas local antique motorcycle road run. Ten (10) Confederate chapter members left Memphis TN on October 29, 2015, loaded and headed to Livingstone, Texas. Bob Kenney, Phil Henke, Les Cooper, Ed Dacus, John Bates, Shane Dorton, Rox Spencer, Robin & Deb Richardson and David Lloyd knew the forecast schedule for the weekend was 100% heavy rain and it promised to rain the entire weekend. I personally remember thinking, I will go to support the Carson's, but this is looking to be a long wet weekend.

We arrived in Texas Thursday evening in the rain and got checked into our hotel. By dinner time, we had spoken to Buck Carson and everyone met at a popular Mexican restaurant. The topic of most discussions was the weekend forecast. There was some excitement in the air and a fairly large group of folks had come to Texas.

The next morning, it was cloudy, but not raining. The Carson's had all rides staged from Lake Livingston State Park. Steve Klein had his rolling head quarters set up in a visitors parking area where all of our rides would begin. Day 1 ride was a 130 mile scenic winding route through East / Central area of Texas. We stopped and ate lunch at the famous Pickett House. Fried Chicken and all of the fixings. The evening social event was held at Mike & Theresa's Texas ranch with food, drinks, live music and tons of FUN! When I review the total day, I don't remember ever getting rained on.

Day 2 was slightly different. We woke to pouring rain. Everyone was dragging around slowly to decide what we were going to do. Buck invited us to come to the shop / museum and hang out to see if the weather would break. Around lunch time, we ate lunch at an Italian restaurant. The skies had cleared slightly, so we decided to make a run for it and ride. We ended up running about 100 miles that day and escaped rain the entire ride. That evening was a blowout party at the CCM shop, serving full barbecue meal, drinks and more live music.

Hats off to Mike Carson, Theresa Prosser, Buck Carson and everyone who supported and assisted with this truly awesome weekend with friends and old motorcycles.

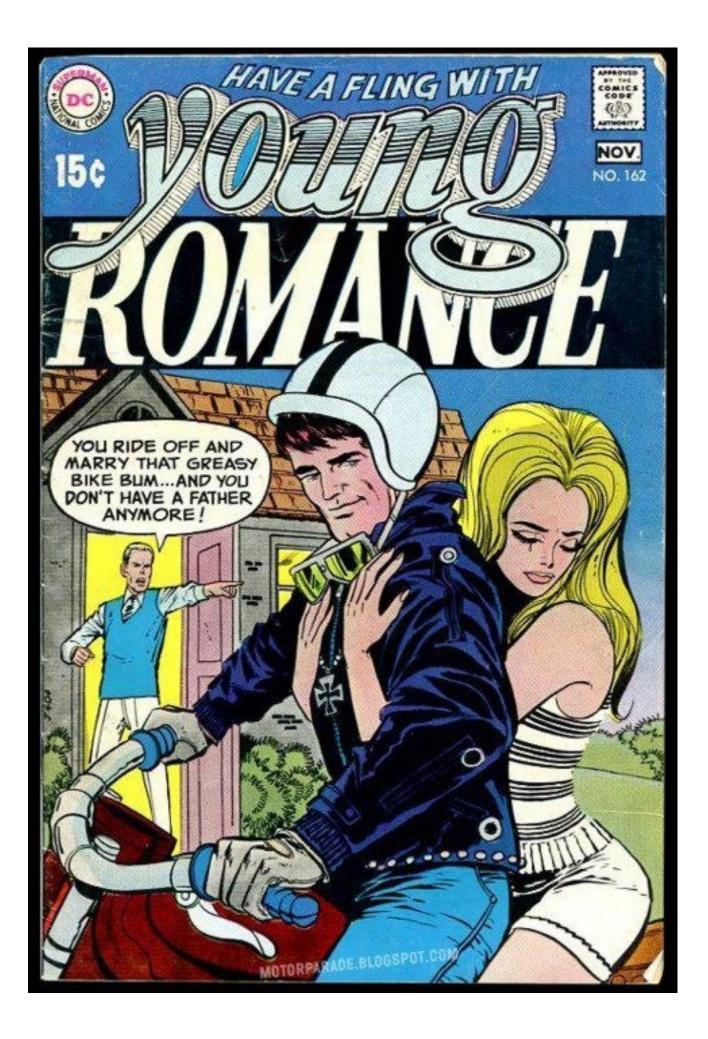
Ed Dacus commonly says, "You can't have this kind of fun unless you commit and Go" Maybe the Carson's will repeat this event again! If so, I challenge you to go.

Special note: The Confederate Chapter won the revolving trophy award of "most attending members" from a chapter. Steve Klein's home brewed trophy is in the hands of the Confederate Chapter and sitting in Big Daddy's Museum.

David Lloyd was also awarded the oldest participating motorcycle with his 1919 Harley Davidson Cannonball motorcycle, riding over 250 miles.







# 2016 AMCA Nationals

February 26-27

Omaha Chapter, Fremont, NE

March 4-5

Sunshine Chapter, New Smyrna Beach, FL

April 22-23

Perkiomen Chapter, Oley, PA

May 20-22

Southern National, Denton, NC

May 27-29

AMCA Lucas Oil Vintage Motorcycle Classic

Birmingham, AL

May 27-29

European Chapter, Raalte, Netherlands

June 10-12

Viking Chapter, St. Paul, MN

June 17-18

Fort Sutter Chapter, Dixon, CA

**July 1-2** 

Rhinebeck National, Rhinebeck, NY

July 15-17

Wauseon National, Wauseon, OH

August 5-7

Yankee Chapter, Hebron, CT

September 30 - Oct 1

Chesapeake Chapter, Jefferson, PA

# 2016 National Road Runs

### **June 1-3**

Phoenix Road Runner Chapter, Kanab, UT

### September 6-8

Roosevelt Chapter, Detroit Lakes, MN

### September 25-28

Blue Ridge Chapter, Ashville, NC

### October 3-5

Sunflower Chapter, Junction City, KS

# **Confederate Chapter Events**

7th Annual Scooter Ride — May 7, 2016— Rain date—May 14, 2016

**25th Ride to Work Day** —June 20, 2016

Kick Start Classic—July 29, 30 2016

45th Davenport Swap Meet —Sept 1 - 3, 2016

3rd Mississippi Fall Ride—TBA

Barber Vintage Festival —October 7—9, 2016

Fall Rodders Dinner—Nov 17, 2016

**Annual Confederate Christmas Party** 

Please allow me to give credit to Roxanne Spencer for her countless hours behind the camera. She supplies nearly every picture we take at Confederate Chapter outings. You don't see her in any pictures as a result, but please know she is 100% there & appreciated!! Marshall and Chris Rolbillo also do a fantastic job of taking their photos and blending them into a collage masterpiece! Thanks—David

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MESSAGE

Dear Clark, Mailed you the Confederate Chapter Charter, under separate cover. Your By-Laws were approved without any corrections, I am pleased to report. As per our phone conversation, I did sign on as a Charter member. I have enclosed a check for \$5.00 to cover my dues. If there is anything I can do to help the Chapter, please let me know.

Best regards to you and the Confederate Chapter -SIGNED Talp

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# 20 15 Rodders



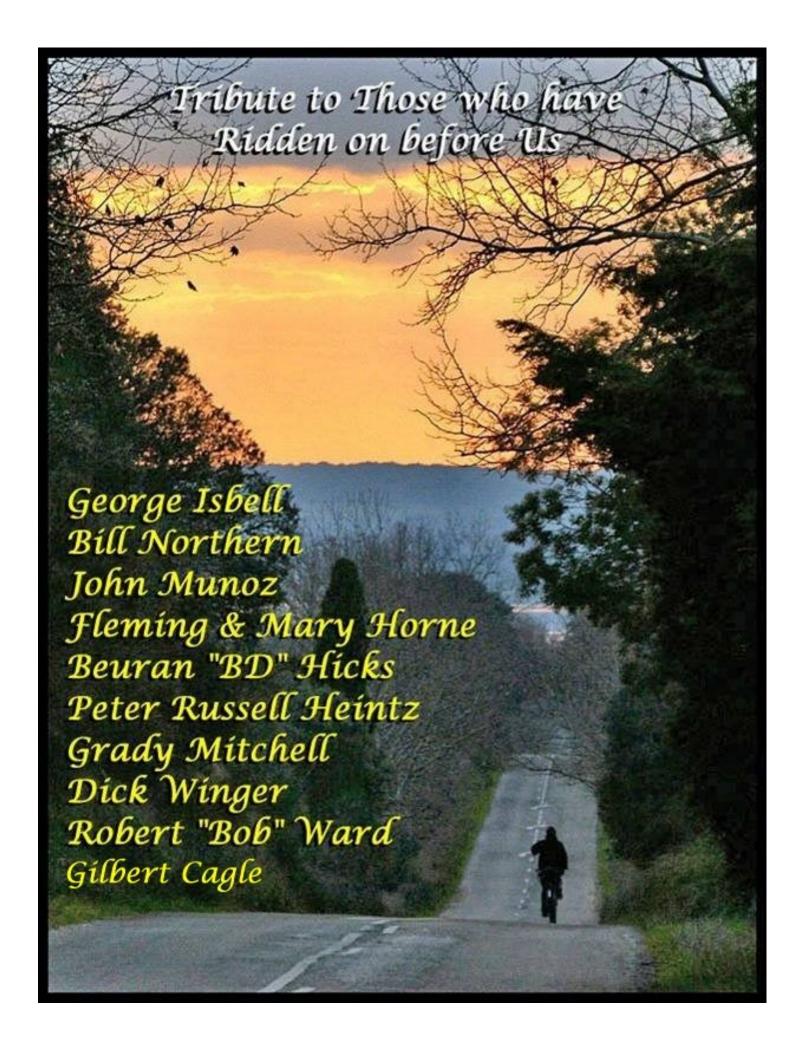


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