

The April meeting was hosted by Hendrick Sheet metal, Ed Dacus & some of his experienced men demonstrated the many various machines they have. Such as the Laser Cutter, which he made napkin holders for everyone (one Indian profile and the Harley bar and shield). His top of the line Water Jet Cutter, cuts steel stone, etc.

Central BBQ catered the food and we had an outstanding meeting. We stayed late, if you didn't make the meeting, look forward to the next one.

Shack

Our feature member of the quarter is Jerry Powell. Jerry was born in Marion City, Tennessee, June 28, 1946. He married Charlotte in 1966 and have two children and four unspoiled grandchildren. Below is Jerry and grand daughter Amelia Hope, 4.



Jerry spent four years serving with the U.S. Navy as an Engineman 2nd class rank E-5. He made two cruises to the Antarctica (South Pole). "Operation Deep Freeze".

After returning home from the service in 1967, he and Charlotte moved to Nashville, Tennessee for him to attend Barber College where he received his master barbers degree. However; a job opportunity with the Kroger Company as an Air Condition/ Refrigerator Maintenance Man in 1969 put his barber tools in semi-retirement (except for family, friends, and grandbabies first haircuts!)

In 2001 after 32 years with the Kroger Company Jerry was able to retire and turn his part-time hobby into a full-time love. These days you can find him happily restoring, buying, selling, and mostly....enjoying the thrill of riding a vintage motorcycle.

He purchased his first motorcycle in 1966, a 305 Honda Scrambler. In 1984 he found an old 1947 Harley 45 "Skelton" in a family members basement and the hunt for parts was on! Once restored the addition to these vintage bikes and their history would prove to bring Jerry many hours of enjoyment.



"Well, I never thought about it before . . . but I suppose I'd let the kid go for about \$1.99 a pound."



"Gad! . . . Not these Indians again!"

Jerry joined the AMCA in 1984 and joined the Confederate Chapter in '88 when he met Clark Bennett while riding on his '47 Harley 45. In 1993 he attended his 1st Road Run with the Confederate Chapter in Vicksburg, MS. He attends many AMCA meets like Eustis, FL, Oley, PA, Wauseon, OH, Davenport, IA and Jefferson, PA.

He also belongs to the BMW club since 1988 and the Vintage Motorbike Club. In 1991 he restored a "National First Place" 1947 (R.E.D.) Mustang Motorcycle. Jerry and some of his favorite bikes have appeared on local TV stations such as Channel 5, NPT Channel 8, and ABC Evening News with Peter Jennings.

In the 90's he restored, rode and sold several Mustangs, Indians, and Harley— most of which he proudly displayed with his signature color of "Canary Yellow". These days his



garage holds a 1954 BMW R51, 1960 BMW R-60, 1962 BMW R-69-S and a 1950 Powell P-81. He is currently restoring a

1962 BMW R-69-S

Jerry Powell and friend Sam Simmons, worked out a deal on this 1937 ZUNDAPP. These guys really enjoy swap meets, wheeling and dealing. Stories are told that these two have even been known to buy back their own "stuff" from one another!!!! So, where DOES the profit go?



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When we asked Jerry what restoring these old bikes meant to him, he answered, "Ah, a part of the past gets to take another trip down an old winding road. Getting together with friends, sharing stories, trading, working and riding on these great machines! Having fun and making new memories with parts of the past... Meeting unforgettable people like Fleming Horne- the greatest stories he always had; yes, he is greatly missed.

Jerry adds...."I love retirement and I love to travel so if any of you guys there head out west (or any direction that two wheels can go) come by Hermitage and PICK ME UP! Happy and Safe riding to you all!!!!!!

ALL THE YRS. I HAVE BEEN IN
THE AMCA & CONFEDERATE CHPT.
I HAVE MET SOME OF THE
MOST WONDERFUL PEOPLE, I ENJOY
THE PEOPLE AS MUCH AS THE MOTORCYCLE.
MY MOST UNFORGETTABLE PERSON IS
FLEMING HORNE. HE MADE EVERY BODY
FEEL SO WELCOME IN OUR CLUB
HE ALWAYS HAD A STORY & A SMILE
I MISS HIM VERY MUCH.

JERRY

THE COLONEL SPEAKS

The Confederate Chapter had a good turn out for the Agri-Center 7th Annual Bike Show held March 19th –21st. The following members brought out their bikes and all seemed to enjoy the weekend of fellowship. This being our first year to participate in the event, we all learn a lot.

The dinner gathering after the show on Sunday capped off the weekend with 27 enjoying food and fellowship.

BD Hicks	1941 WL HD
Ron Elliott	1961 HD Topper w/ sidecar
Gilbert Cagle	1948 Indian Chief
Calvin Burnett	1915 Twin HD
Lee Rudd	1942 WLA HD
Bill Fowler	1948 Famous James
Ed Dacus	1947 WL HD
Bob Ward	1942 WLA HD
Dennis Daniel	1940 Indian Scout
Johnny Whitsett	1929 JD HD

Thanks to all for bringing them out!
Johnny Whitsett



Calvin Burnett
guarding the
bikes.

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Oct 1 – 2
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Bill Fowler wrote this to THE EDITOR of the Commercial Appeal. The cut 3/4 of IT off. So here's the full letter.

Wendi Thomas' article of February 5th expressing her outrage over the SCV's license plate, which displays the Confederate battle flag, caused me pause for reflection. There are many more important issues that one can be offended by that can be changed; history can't or shouldn't be.

While there is no question that slavery is a barbaric and reprehensible institution, it was not, as many African Americans seem to believe, conceived by the white man especially for them. Depending on how far you want to go back in history, all cultures have practiced slavery. As time passed and civilization was enlightened, slavery subsided. The exception is Africa, the great "Mother Land", where curiously slavery still exists today. That can be changed now, and is worthy of outrage, but oddly there is little comment or effort to eradicate it.

How about the things that offend me? What should be done about that? I am offended by "rap" music, pants at half mast with underwear sticking out the top, and the display of the clenched black fist. I am offended that the best and the most qualified are routinely passed over in deference to the less qualified simply because they aren't black. I am offended at the burgeoning rate of illegitimate births, the disproportionately high rate of crime committed by African-Americans, and a welfare program that perpetuates the repression of the African-Americans.

The SCV exists, not as a racist organization, but as an inclusive organization that simply strives to preserve the real history of the war between the North and the South, not the revisionist version that the Federal Government has perpetuated in order to lend dignity to the illegitimate position of the North that led to this conflict. The Confederate battle flag is simply the most recognized symbol of a cause that has been much maligned due to a campaign of misinformation. If African-Americans are to be offended by a flag, be offended by the flag we have today, the one that repressed them before and after the Confederacy.

Bill Fowler
Olive Branch

I have to add, we Elliott's have the new "Son's of the Confederate Veterans" license tag.

Eustis 2004

By Tina Elliott

Sam and Nancy Simmons (along with Sally & Ed) left for sunny Florida three weeks before Eustis and went to and set up at several flea markets. Jerry and Charlotte Powell also drove down early, but not that early. They have good friends down there and really turn it into a reunion/vacation. Ron and I meet up with the four in Webster, FL at a very large flea market and spent the night there. It started raining that night and the next morning and that afternoon and that night! We received 3 inches of rain! New Orleans that day received 6 inches during Mardi Gras. That, folks, is a lot of rain. We went to Homosassa Springs to the manatee sanctuary, and that is a really fine and interesting place to visit. They have many of the wild animals you find in Florida such as the manatee, of course, alligators, panthers, bear, salt water crocodile, eagles, owls and a lot of other birds, key deer and snakes. Most of these animals were injured and they are being taken care of.

As far I know, 15 Confederate Chapter members made the 1st meet of the year, the Sunshine Chapter meet. Jerry & Dot Carpenter, Jerry & Charlotte Powell, Sam & Nancy Simmons, Johnny & Kathey Whitsett, Peter & Dossie Heintz, Ron & Tina Elliott, Bill Fowler, Mary Horne and Calvin Burnett came down together in her motorhome.

From left to right:
Ron & Tina Elliott, Dot & Jerry Carpenter, Jerry Powell, Nancy & Sam Simmons, and Kathey & Johnny Whitsett.



We set up the Simmon's tent Thursday evening and saw many friends we haven't seen since the fall of last year. Friday morning was a VERY cool morning. Thanks goodness for the propane heater at the vending booth!!!!!!! We Southerners know how to travel. Ron's son drove over from Sarasota, FL Friday and found a carburetor for his Honda right off the bat .

That evening Johnny and Kathey had everyone over for some killer ribs. They set up tables in his trailer with an electric heater. That was great! Saturday was warmer and sunnier. Thankfully. We found a few deals but we are wrapping up our projects and really don't need much.

Oley 2004

Oley was a very fine meet. Ron and I got there Wednesday night, and Dick and Lavera Davies were already in their vending spot is next to us, and they helped us maneuver in the dark. They specialize in the Indian Fours. Their daughter, Mary Beth and granddaughter, Kate also showed up. Those three generations of girls get around to a lot of the swap meets and Road Runs together. Mary Beth rides a Triumph and Kate a BSA. They will also be attending our Road Run in the Ozarks. I heard a lot of positive talk about our upcoming Road Run in June.

Jerry Powell and Mike Silva out of the Music City Chapter, Jerry is a member of both Music City and Confederate Chapters showed up. They drove together in Mike's motorhome, he finally realized how inconvenient tent camping was. Mike bought and sold some interesting items. Mike opened up a motorcycle shop and museum in Nashville. Check out his web-site:

Cyclemos.com.

Thursday people slowly set up. It's a pretty relaxed swap meet. No hurry is to tone. The weather couldn't have been any nicer. It rained at night, just enough to keep the dust down, but did not get muddy! If you've never been to this meet, you need to try to check it out.