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From The President

Jim Justice

I usually don't like to start out a newsletter with a somber tone, but I think that the following warrants just that. John Webb who has been creating (I use that word as an emphasis) our newsletter for several years has advised me that he would like to turn over this responsibility to another SFT Club member at the end of this year. I personally think it's a remarkable quarterly paper and have heard praises from many SFT Club members as well as from other clubs. Thank you, John, for your hard work. We'll miss your newsletters but know that you will work with your successor to continue giving our members and others a fantastic overview of what's happening within our club.

I also want to highlight some other SFT members who have been willing to share their wealth of knowledge at the end of some of our monthly meetings. Before I do that, however, I want to thank Frank Sereno for filming these talks and adding them to our club's fb page. A great deal of our club's successes ride on the shoulders of a few SFT members who spend a lot of their time doing so much work on our behalf! Another example is David Park who stores our trailer for us and has been instrumental in making it top notch.

Over several months, I've asked members to share their knowledge and I want to take the time to thank them again. Thank you, Tom Binger, Jim Lepisto and Tom Schraeder. I'm always looking for others to be willing to give a talk at our meetings and hope you'll contact me if you are willing to do so.

Now on to a few things that have been happening these past few months:

- If I haven't mentioned it before, the Know Norm ride and bike show was a fun event. I applaud their entire staff in setting up interesting and well-marked roads. It's always great to see several of the SFT members coming out to support this good cause. Once again Jon Green won while riding his 1934 Morgan. Congratulations, Jon!
- The KCVJMC KC Invitational Show at Blip Coffee is always fun and we appreciate Mark Bayer keeping us informed about any upcoming KCVJMC events.
- KCVJMC show at the New Century Airport. It was extra special as along with the bike show there was a B29 Bomber, a P51 Fighter and various other WWII planes and vehicles.

There, of course, have been other shows/events that happened over the past few months since my last newsletter remarks, but I unfortunately wasn't able to attend.

Fortunately, there are events coming up that you may want to add to your calendar as follows:

- September 14th: Indian Motorcycle Summer at Blip Coffee from 9:30 to 12:00. Only Indian motorcycles will be shown and there are no entry fees.
- September 14th: SFT Club's annual picnic for club members. Eat at 1:00; meeting to follow.
- September 29th-October 2nd: Sunflower Chapter's ride at Robbers Cave State Park in Oklahoma.

Thankfully, there is a lot more riding weather ahead this year. I just want to remind everyone to stay safe and keep the old wheels turning.

Jim Justice

President



Meeting Minutes

recorded by Secretary Sharon Justice

Santa Fe Trail Motorcycle Club Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2025

Ibby Rollert, Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's Report.

Jim Justice, President, shared information that he and Sharon's son had passed away this past week.

Jim welcomed a new Member to the Club, Michael Lamy and asked him to tell us about himself and his motorcycles.

Jim Lepisto announced he will be giving a demonstration to VJMC at the end of the month and needs a wheel that needs 'truing'.

Jim Justice asked the group how many Members would be interested in patches of the new logo. A show of hands produced 9 Members interested. Jim will check on details including price and report back.

Jim reported on the Know Norm Ride over the weekend. He told us it was partly under water but eventually the sun came out. Those Members riding were Jim Justice, Marty Finley, Jon Green, Steve and Marcia Letcher and Frank Sereno. Jon Green won \$300.00 for completing the Poker Run on the oldest bike. He donated the prize to the Know Norm charity. He also won "Best of Show" for his 1934 Morgan.

John Webb requested photos from anyone who attended the Know Norm Ride to send to him for the next Newsletter.

The get together at Blip Coffee this Sunday morning was well attended and Jim thanked those Members who attended.

Jim requested any Members who would like to share information in the form of an educational talk to please step up. He also asked for Members to bring jokes about motorcycle riders and motorcycles to the next meeting to share.

Jack Larsen shared that there will be a chopper motorcycle show for Dave Mann in the West Bottoms on September 20.

The Club picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 14 at Heritage Park at 12 noon in Shelter House 6.

Tom Binger gave a talk about ordering spokes for antique motorcycle wheels which has been posted on our website, facebook and YouTube. Thanks Jim Lepisto for also contributing information. As usual, it was very informative.

Santa Fe Trail Motorcycle Club Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2025

The treasurer's Report was given by Doug Rollert.

The first order of business was to congratulate Dave Schneider for recently getting married.

Cindy Park was asked to give information about David's ankle injury. After a fall while painting his mother's house, David had to have extensive surgery which was successful, and he is at home recovering. Cindy did not know how long his full recovery would take.

Jim J. then asked the attendees if anyone would be willing to do some research on having Club patches made and new member, Michael Lamy, volunteered to do so.

Next, Jim J. stated that he was contacted by the director of the TransAmerica Motorcycle Endurance Run, Kelsey Jackson, that ride participants will be getting into Branson, Missouri on Tuesday, September 9th around 4:00 pm. She is hoping by reaching out to various clubs that there will be a nice crowd cheering them on as they arrive. From Branson, the riders will be heading the next day, September 10th, to the Twisted Oz Museum in Augusta, Kansas. They will be staying overnight at the motel located next to the museum. Jim J. encourages the SFT members to be there to welcome the riders to the museum.

Jim Lepisto announced that he will be giving a talk at the next meeting about making break lines. If you were at the meeting where Jim talked about spoking wheels, you know how knowledgeable he is and we are certainly looking forward to his talk on August 10th.

Mark Bayer talked about the upcoming KCVJMC annual motorcycle show at New Century Airport on Saturday, August 2nd at CAF Hanger (3 Aero Plaza; Olathe, KS) from 10:00 am to midafternoon. In addition to the motorcycles being shown, there will be 2 of the remaining B29's, a P51 and C47 (the first airplane that dropped paratroopers on D-Day).

Tom Schraeder told the group about the Baxter Cycle open house on August 15th and 16th in Marne, Iowa. He also said that the HoAme group will be having a picnic at Antioch Park on August 17th at 1:00. Tom is taking a head count on those who will be attending which he would like asap. Please text him at 913-742-9505 (this number is different from the one on the flyer he passed around at the meeting and is the correct phone number for a text).

On September 20th the Dave Mann Chopper Show will be held outside in the West Bottoms near the Golden Ox Restaurant. It will cost \$20.00 to see the bikes and there will be live music.

Sharon J. indicated that she will be sending emails to the SFT members in a few weeks about the September 14th picnic. She added that members may bring one guest, but that she needs to know who plans to attend by the due date that will be included in her later email. The reason solely is to make certain that she and Ibby get enough food and supplies.

Santa Fe Trail Motorcycle Club Meeting Minutes August 10, 2025

The Treasurer's report was given by Doug Rollert. He also outlined some issues that Treasurer, Ibby Rollert, was having with the current Club's bank. He indicated that she was going to look into finding another bank that would be better for our Club.

Jim J welcomed David Park back after his extensive leg surgery.

Michael Lamy was asked about his progress on finding someone to make patches for the Club. Michael mentioned that he felt having both the Club's logo and one for AMCA may make the patch design too cramped looking, but Jim advised him that both are needed. Michael will pass along information about the patches as soon as he is able.

It was then reported that our current Editor, John Webb, has asked to be replaced by the end of this year. He feels he has done as much as he can to publish our newsletter and wishes to turn over the responsibility at that time. We can all agree that the SFT Club's Newsletter is one of the best and his contribution will be greatly missed. Jim J hopes that another member will step up to be the new Editor soon so that John can help them as much as possible.

There was a little discussion about the theme for the 2026 Lawrence Show. Jim J suggested that we use bikes of the 40's as it has never been done. A show of hands indicated that the 40's theme was acceptable. Tom Binger suggested maybe a European bike theme could be used and Jim will add it to the list for 2027.

Upcomig Events:

September 10: Transamerica Motorcycle Endurance Run will arrive at the Twisted Oz Museum.

September 14: Indian Summer bike show at Blip Coffee 9:30 to 12:00.

September 14: SFT Club Picnic at Heritage Park in Olathe; Shelter House #6; Eat at 1:00. **Please contact either Sharon or Jim Justice by September 1st if you are attending.**

September 20: Dave Mann Chopper Show outside at the West Bottoms near the Golden Ox Restaurant.

After the meeting, Jim Lepisto gave a talk about break lines. Thank you, Jim for your expertise.

The next meeting will be at the Club's picnic on September 14th at Heritage Park.

Know Norm Ride and Bike Show

Text and photos courtesy of Eric Schlossenberg

Summer 2025



The KC Weasels embarked on their 7th Annual Know Norm Run where they raise money for Feed Northland Kids, which is a food program that helps children and their families with critical food needs throughout the school year. This event is a bit unique compared to other motorcycle Poker Runs you might attend. The Weasels create a well manicured and flagged country route. They also host an Antique Vintage Motorcycle Show for all types and classes.





This year faithful members of the Santa Fe Trail Antique Motorcycle Club attended the bike show and for their chance at winning \$300 for the oldest bike to make the Poker Run. This is always a treat for those in attendance seeing these old well maintained machines take to the Missouri country roads. The route this year was beautiful, but this year came with a twist. It could not have rained any harder right in the middle of the run. Not only did the antique bikes decide to ride, they did it in the pouring rain like a bunch of men, and showed up for the bike show with a smile.





This year's winner was Jon Green from the Santa Fe Trail Antique Motorcycle Club. Jon won both the oldest bike to make the ride, and the crowd favorite, winning him \$300 which he gave directly back to the charity, and the Robbie Buck Award for Best In Show. Well deserved and we can't thank the members of the Santa Fe Club enough for participating year after year to show off their bikes and put their old iron to the test rolling the backroads of Missouri. Till next time.....Thank you for your support!!!



Few things are better than a vintage bike show, but the KC chapter of the Vintage Japanese Motorcycle Club did a good job of it by combining vintage aircraft with vintage bikes. The show was held at the Commemorative Air Force hangar at New Century Airport on August 2. There was a good size crowd there to check out the hardware and enjoy the show. I was not prepared for the massive size of "Doc" one of only two air-worthy B-29 Superfortress bombers in existence. It was reported to me that you could get a ride on Doc for a \$600 donation. I passed on that, but watched with interest as it lumbered down the runway, wondering if it would ever get up enough speed to get off the ground. When it did get airborne the pilots gave their passengers a nice long tour of the area, coming back to land about 30 minutes later. You could buy a ride in a couple of the other planes that were on display as well. I heard that a jaunt in the P-51 Mustang would set you back a few thousand, but that report was unconfirmed.

As a side note, my girlfriend, Patti is the niece of 3 of the men on the team responsible for bringing Doc back to life. Wilbur, Ervin and Donald Berger lived and worked in the Newton/Wichita area where the plane was originally built and where much of the restoration took place. They even traveled to Topeka sometimes to volunteer their labor on Doc. The old Boeing was rescued from a field in California in 1987 where it was deteriorating and had been used for target practice. Doc's first flight since 1956 was in July of 2016. The plane's interesting history can be found with a simple search. The Berger boys have since passed but Doc lives on, and their love of old iron lives on in many of us. Oh yeah, the motorcycles were pretty cool too. Nice show, KCVJMC.



Above left; Wilbur, Ervin and Donald Berger donating their time to Doc's restoration.
Above; Ervin riveting new sheet metal onto the plane's superstructure.



From Garage to Heirs

Navigating Estate Planning for Motorcycle Enthusiasts



Friday July 18, 2025

Wauseon AMCA
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This important topic is one which is worthy of additional discussion in that the motorcycle community is aging.



Seminar speakers, left to right, Jan Ringnald, Wanda Winger, and Clay Baker.



Jon Radmacher, previous AMF President, is putting a video together which will be made available on the AMF website – <https://www.amf.com.foundation>.



Left to right, Jan Ringnald, Jon Radermacher, Lucas Tate, Ken Goldman, Roger Smith, Clay Baker, Mark Bayer, and Ken Kelly.



As the Wauseon National Meet is AMCA's largest swap-meet, AMF was pleased to be a part of what makes this event great.



The Wauseon swap meet provides a great service to those who are restoring old motorcycles. This event caters to the older bikes more than the more modern classics.



This exacting re-creation of the Curtiss V-8 motorcycle which held the speed record for motorcycles at 136.6 mph was on display at Wauseon. The builder Dale Stoner, is without a doubt a master builder.

A Seminar held in Wauseon, Ohio titled “*From Garage to Heirs*” covered many important topics which have become very important to our aging motorcycle community. The Seminar was held in mid July 18th at the National Meet in Wauseon, Ohio. The Wauseon event is one of the largest AMCA (Antique Motorcycle Club of America) swap meets in the country.

As the motorcycle community is aging, it is becoming more common for collectors to begin selling off either a part of their collections or all of them. In a few cases, the owner may pass away before the liquidation has occurred, leaving the machines to his wife or heirs. When this occurs, his wife or family may not know the value of his collection and may also not know where the titles might even be. Here are some of the important issues which need to be resolved:

- **Are there clear titles** allowing the motorcycles to be legally sold? How can the heirs know if the titles are complete, allowing the machines to be sold!
- Where can **accurate values** be found? Ultimately, the value is what a buyer will pay. What is the best way to come to determine this figure?
- What are the **best ways to market** and sell vintage or collectable motorcycles? What expenses can a seller expect to pay, depending on the marketing program which is used?
- **With so many scams**, how can a seller stay clear of dishonest buyers or dealers? How can the money and titles be exchanged securely?
- How can you **build trust** with an individual or marketing company to insure that the sale of machines will be hassle free?
- **How can machines be shipped** and what would the general cost be?

These are just a few of the major issues which must be confronted by the individual who has inherited valuable vehicles of any type. In many cases there will be a car, truck, motorcycles, or just valuable parts involved. As an individual who has discussed these matters with many people over the years, typically widows, deciding what to do can be daunting. Other issues include moving ahead while grieving, dealing with family disputes, insuring that you are working with people who can be trusted, and even seemingly simple issues like how money can be safely collected or transferred once something has been sold. Many situations can cause distress. This topic is a large one with many different avenues to consider, which may be discussed at future events of this type.

The “***Garage To Heirs***” seminar answered many of these questions and many more. Because of the relevance of this topic at this time, the AMF (Antique Motorcycle Foundation) is considering continuing this series in the future. There was a video made of the July presentation and after it has been edited, it will be made available to the public on the AMF website – <https://www.amf.foundation>.

The Wauseon National Meet is made possible by five AMCA Chapters and was attended by many current AMCA members. These include the Lake Erie Chapter, the Maumee Valley Chapter, the Ohio Valley Chapter, the River Valley Chapter, and the Wolverine Chapter. Our thanks go out to those who do the work so that this event and others like it, can serve our motorcycle community.

Mark H. Bayer: Vice President AMF



Santa Fe Trail Motorcycle Club August 2025 meeting presentation: Jim Lepisto



SFT members, Jim Lepisto, above, and Tom Binger shared their knowledge / experience at meetings this summer. Jim gave us a talk about building brake lines and Tom about measuring and ordering spokes. Great stuff! These talks are confidence builders to try it yourself. The videos can be seen on our fb page or on Frank Sereno's YouTube channel. Thanks you Frank, for recording and posting these.



Dorothy "Dot" Smith of the San Francisco Motorcycle Club on her 1939 Harley-Davidson EL Knucklehead. Dorothy was a motorcycle stunt woman in the 1930's and 1940's. She was the co-founder and first president of the women's riding group "Motor Maids" and held the president title for 25 years. Motor Maids was established in San Francisco in 1940 and was one of the first women's motorcycle groups created and is the oldest still existing in the United States. SFT member, Gina Williams is a member of the group.



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I have mixed feelings about stepping aside as the editor of On The Trail for the last 6 years. I have enjoyed doing the newsletter but feel like it's time to let someone else have a voice, or take it in a new direction. I've always encouraged members to send in pictures and stories about their bikes or rides and I hope you all will keep doing that for the new editor. I will be happy to help the new editor get started. You don't have to use this format, the only requirement the AMCA asks is that we publish a newsletter quarterly. Thanks for all your positive feedback over the years. It is appreciated.

John Webb- Editor

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Upcoming Events

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*Sept. 14, Annual SFT picnic, Heritage Park, Olathe KS

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On The Trail is a quarterly newsletter of past present and future SFT Chapter events. It's published during the months of February, May, August and November.

Chapter meetings are held at 2pm at K&M BBQ, 603 N Webster St. Spring Hill KS. 913 592 5145, on the second Sunday of every month unless otherwise stated.

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Thanks to Eric Schlossenberg for the Know Norm photos and text, to Mark Bayer for his article on estate planning for collectors, and to Jim Justice for his photos of the KCVJMC show in this edition of the newsletter.

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