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From The President

Jim Justice

Dear Santa Fe Trail Antique M/C Club Members,

Fall riding season is just around the corner and that means that we need to start planning for the February 2025 Lawrence Show. It may seem early, but there's a lot of decisions and work to be done to assure another successful show. A theme has been chosen and it will be bikes of the 50's. I plan to wear a white t-shirt and a black leather jacket. I refuse to get my haircut into a flat top, however, as some have suggested!

I know a lot of our members have taken some fun rides this summer and I was able to attend the Sunflower AMCA Chapter's Spring Ride from Council Grove, KS. The weather and roads were perfect and, as usual, the Sunflower people did an excellent job organizing the ride.

This is the first year (shame on me!) that I attended Bill Brown's Sidecar Meet & Picnic and really enjoyed looking at all the bikes.

As a reminder the following events are coming up:

- SFT picnic will be held on September 8th at 1:00 at Heritage Park in Olathe, Shelter house #6. All food and drinks will be provided, but you need to let Sharon or I know if you will be attending by September 1st.
- Sunflower AMCA Chapter's Fall Ride is on September 20/21 out of Grove, OK.
- SFT Club's Christmas luncheon will be on December 8th. More details will be given later.

I want to especially thank those who have given various demonstrations/talks at some of our monthly club meetings. They are always well received and Frank Sereno makes videos of the demos and posts them on our website and FB. We are always looking for people to share their knowledge and skills with our group and if you would be willing to do so, please contact me.

I hope the rest of your summer is great and that you will attend our meetings, picnic and Christmas party.

Stay safe and keep the old wheels turning!

Jim Justice

President



Meeting Minutes

recorded by Sharon Justice

June 9, 2024

Treasurer, Ibbey Rollert, gave the updated report on the Club's financial standing.

Jim J. reported that our Club had several members attending the Kansas City Motorcycle Invitational Show at Blip Roasters that was held the morning before this meeting. The following SFT members won awards:

- Steve Letcher won Best of Show for his 1947 Indiana Chief
- Jim Justice won Best V Twin for his 1946 HD Knucklehead
- Frank Sereno won the SFT Award for his 1962 Yamaha YD3
- Lon McCroskey won the Tiddler Award for his 1989 Yamaha YSR 50cc.

Kudos to Mark Bayer for all his hard work in putting on this show.

The AMCA National Road Run held in Eureka Springs, Arkansas May 20-24 was a great event. The rides were well planned and except for Wednesday morning the weather was terrific. Sharon, Jim J. and Brian McCroskey attended and Brian spoke at this meeting about how much he enjoyed it. We heard that there was approximately 300 people from several Chapters, with the Sunflower Chapter having the largest number of people in attendance.

The Weasels did an excellent job with the Know Norm Poker Run and Bike Show that took place Saturday, June 1st. As usual, the roads for the Poker Run were very well marked with over 300 signs placed strategically. Dan Holman won the \$300.00 prize for the oldest bike ridden (a 1916 Indian Power Plus) on the 108 miles run. He donated the money to the Know Norm charity. Jim J. teased Dan because his left butt cheek was hanging low due to the fact the bolt had fallen off the seat spring. At the first stop, Eric Schlossenberg went to a hardware store to get another bolt which Dan installed on his bike. Right afterwards the old bolt was found lodged in the seat spring!

John Webb is a first time Grandfather as his daughter had a baby girl on June 5th. Congrats John!!

Two people at this meeting decided to become SFT Club members. They are Marguerite Giger and Tim Burton. Welcome!!

As a side note, Marsha Lecher and Cindi Park requested that new cash boxes be purchased for the 2025 Lawrence Show.

After the meeting, Tom Schraeder gave a talk about polishing. He brought the equipment he uses and explained how each is used. Thank you again Tom for your wealth of information and willingness to share it with the Club members.

Recorded by Sharon Justice, Secretary
As told to her by Jim Justice, President

July 14, 2024

Treasurer's report was given by Doug Rollert.

Jim J. thanked David Park, Dan Holman, Frank Sereno and Larry Bergman who helped him with the maintenance on the Club's trailer. He also mentioned that before the trailer is loaned to any club members, there should be specifications made concerning insurance, licensing, etc.

Jim recommended that the theme for the 2025 Lawrence Show be "Bikes of the 50's" (that idea was submitted to him by Jack Larson). Don Lipsky needs this information very soon so he can begin designing the artwork for the T-shirts and posters.

In addition to mentioning the theme, Jim said that there needs to be discussion about whether or not to have stickers made for 2025 and if the dash plates should be purchased with magnets attached or if club members would be willing to attach magnets after the plates were received. The plates are free without the magnets or approximately \$1.25 each if the trophy people attach them. Magnets with adhesive strips can be purchased inexpensively. This will all be discussed at the picnic on September 8th.

Tom Binger will have a demonstration on repairing fiberglass parts at the August 11th meeting.

Jim J. mentioned that he had attended the Sunflower Chapter's AMCA Spring Ride out of Council Grove, KS. at the end of June. As usual, the rides were well planned. The roads were excellent as was the weather.

Upcoming events:

- Bill Browns's 10th Anniversary Sidecar Meet & Picnic will be Sunday July 21st from 12-5:00pm. The address is: 8120 Gleason Rd; Lenexa, KS 66227. All bikes are welcomed and donations are requested for the food and drinks.
- Chief Black Hawk swap meet in Davenport, Iowa is at the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds. Doug Rollert told everyone that he will arrive in Davenport on Tuesday (Aug. 27th) as the vendors set up their wares on Wednesday and if you want to get the "good stuff" it sells out early.
- Sunflower Chapter's AMCA Fall ride will be Sept. 20th, 21st, 22nd in Grove, Ok.
- Thunder on the Speedway at Lakeside Speedway on July 20-21. Gates are opened at 9am.

A reminder that the Club's picnic will be held on September 8th which is the date of our monthly meeting. As Ibbey and I did last year, we request that you sign-up to attend **NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1st so that we can make certain we have enough food/supplies.** There will be a sign-up sheet at the August 11th meeting or you can just reply to this email that you will be attending. **Please indicate your name if your email address doesn't contain it.** A third way you can sign-up is to text Jim at 816-868-2476.

Recorded by Sharon Justice, Secretary

August 11, 2024

Treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Ibby Rollert.

Secretary, Sharon, reminded members that the annual Club's picnic is September 8th and that she and Ibby needed to know how many will be attending to get the right amount of food, etc. She passed around a sign-up sheet and will also be advising members via an email about the picnic.

Sharon next talked about moving the Christmas lunch to Cinzetti's restaurant at 91st & Metcalf. We will have a closed room for ourselves and as well as Italian food, breakfast items will be offered. A show of hands indicated that almost everyone wanted to try this restaurant in December.

Later in the meeting, Sharon shared that Marsha Letcher had a great idea of having Club members dress in 1950's looking attire for our 2025 Lawrence Show where the theme will be bikes of the 1950's. Marsha and she found Pink Lady satin jackets on Amazon for under \$20.00. Members can find their own 50's attire or not even dress up in the 50's style for the show if they wish.

Jim passed around Don's Lipsky's poster designs for the attendees to vote upon for the flyers/posters for the 2025 Lawrence show and one was selected. Don also brought pictures of 1950 cycles to be made into 12 posters to place around the venue.

Jim mentioned that he attended the Bill Brown Sidecar & Picnic event and he was impressed by the bikes.

He also attended the Sunflower's AMCA Spring ride out of Council Grove, KS. Sharon commented that the Sunflower Chapter really has well-planned and enjoyable rides.

Upcoming events:

- Davenport Swap meet is August 28-31.
- Ozark Bike Fest on September 11-15.
- Sunflower's AMCA Fall Ride is September 20 & 21 in Grove, OK.

Directly after the meeting Tom Binger gave a talk about repairing fiberglass and did an excellent job, as usual.

Recorded by Sharon Justice, Secretary

Know Norm Ride and Show

Several SFT members attended the Know Norm Ride and Show on June 1st. Eric Schlossenberg and his father, Norm along with Eric's brother and the Weasels put on a really nice event every year to raise money for Northland kids in struggling families. This year was another great ride with plenty of food, music, and refreshments. SFT members in attendance included President, Jim Justice, Secretary Sharon Justice, VP Doug Rollert, Frank Sereno, Steve Letcher, Chris Treat, Dan Holman, Rich Orth, Lon McCroskey, Brian McCroskey myself and of course organizer, Eric Schlossenberg.



Dan Holman won the award for oldest bike to complete the ride with his all original (except for the seat and tires) 1916 Indian Power Plus. Dan generously donated the \$300 prize money back to the ride organizers. Top left is our club secretary Sharon Justice with her friends Lin and Steve VanMeters.



Top right, Doug Rollert, Dan Holman and Lon McCroskey. Left, Dan and Jim replace a bolt that fell out of Dan's seat. Right, Steve and Frank at stop #1. Bottom right, Brian McCroskey made the ride on this Beemer.

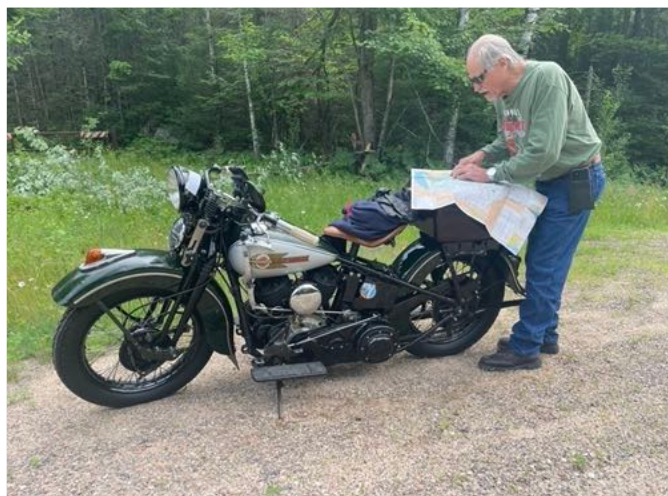




Above right is Lon McCroskey with his Vincent HRD. At right Dan rolls in to stop 2 on the 108 year old Power Plus.



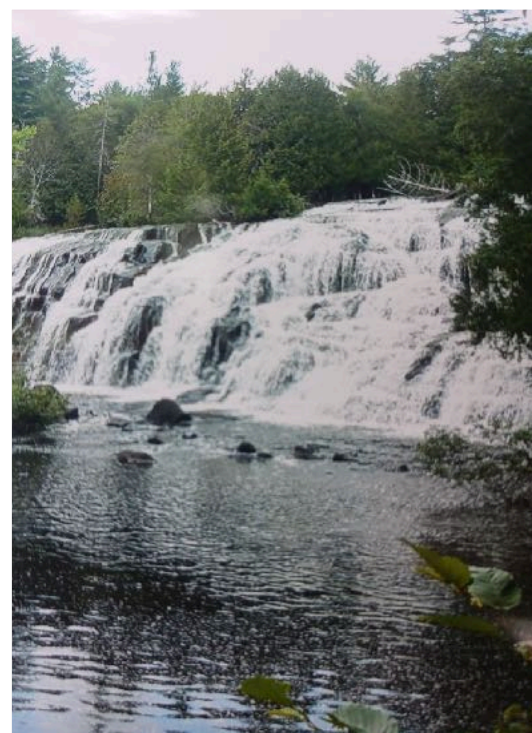
Wisconsin / Michigan Backroads



Above left- Even though Jack has finally made the leap into the world of smart phones and GPS, he still likes to drag out the old road map.

Above right and below left- Dave and Kenny install a new battery in Kenny's bike.

Right- Bond Falls





Beer, Booze, Bait and GAS! It was a relief to find this convenience store on our way back to camp after being on reserve for several miles. We didn't even care that the lady behind the counter seemed to despise everyone who came in the place. I mean, it couldn't have been us could it? We're quite pleasant fellows.



Jack Larson, Dave Schneider and I trailered our antique bikes to Eagle River Wisconsin in mid July for 3 days of riding in the upper Wisconsin and Michigan countryside. We were met there by

Dave's longtime friend Kenny from Indiana who would stay with us in a cabin in the Chain 'O Lakes campground just outside of Eagle River. We got there after dark and prepared to take off the next morning to ride the back roads and see the sights. After a good breakfast we left town headed northwest when Kenny's bike, a 1963 HD Duoglide started sputtering and died. After some checking Kenny decided it was a bad battery. There were small towns nearby so Jack and

I went on a hunt for a battery. After two or three stops we found one that would work and headed back to where we left Dave and Kenny on the side of the road. The plan was to finish our ride and recharge the new battery that evening. After several more miles and a lunch stop we were headed back toward camp when Kenny's bike died again. The new battery had already lost its charge. He was fed up by now and probably needed a generator. Dave and I rode back to camp, got Kenny's truck and went to pick up Kenny and his bike. The next morning Kenny headed back to Indiana and the three of us headed north 125 miles to Copper Harbor, an old copper mining town on Lake Superior in the Michigan Upper Peninsula. On the way we stopped at a beautiful waterfall known as Bond Falls. For lunch we enjoyed fresh water fish filets caught from the many lakes in the area at a nice restaurant in Copper Harbor. It's a very small town and we didn't see any gas stations there so we went south toward camp looking for gas. It wasn't

long before Dave and I had to go to our reserve tanks at exactly the same time. Jack had 4 gallon tanks on his flathead and his bike is lighter than our Duoglides so he wasn't in danger of running out of fuel yet. We finally found a station after about 15 miles on reserve and made it back to camp. The next morning was cool and crisp and looked like rain could fall. We planned a shorter ride for the last day which turned out to be a good thing because I had lost most of the brake fluid from the master cylinder of my one good brake and my battery was dead as well. We took Jack's truck to town for breakfast, a new battery and more brake fluid. On this last day we left Eagle River going south and then east, riding by several lakes and through small towns.

Once again we had trouble finding gas stations and this time Dave went on reserve first and I followed about 5 miles later. This time Dave clocked about 18 miles on reserve before we found gas so that's good to know but we were both feeling pretty anxious about it. Anyway we made it back to camp safely.

This part of the country is beautiful and well worth the effort to get there. The weather was cool and was a welcome break from the heat here in the KC area. Next time, I'm definitely taking my spare fuel bottle in the bubble bag when we go wandering around in unknown parts.



Bill Brown's Sidecar Show and Picnic

Photos by Jim Justice



Sunflower Chapter Spring Ride

Photos by Jim Justice



These are some of the bikes that were on the Sunflower Spring Ride and the stop is in Wamego, KS. at the city park to see Jerry Ottoway's dad's small locomotive he built for the park. The RV's just happened to be there-
Jim



SFT's How-To Series

SFT member Tom Binger provided a seminar on fiberglass repair for motorcycle restoration. Tom is a teacher at the KC Art Institute and he also restores motorcycle and



automobiles parts. In fact, Tom has personally restored some motorcycle and car parts for club members and has always does an excellent job. In our opinion, and that of many we have spoken with, Tom is one of the best restorers in this area. Thank you Tom and thanks to Frank Sereno for taping and posting the video on our social media page.



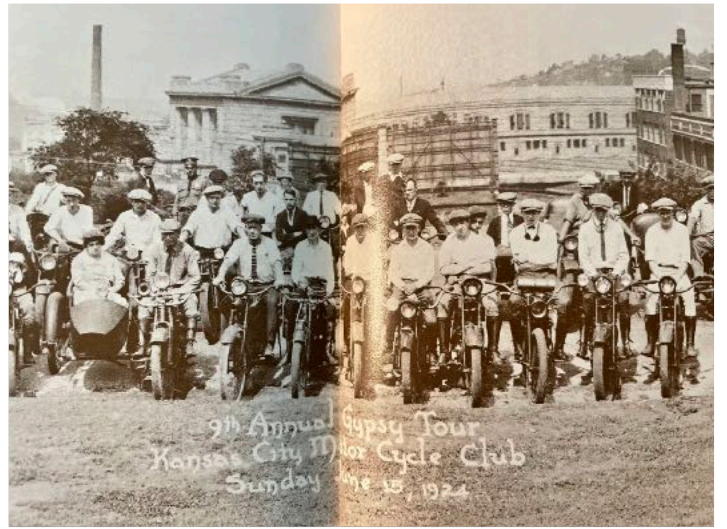
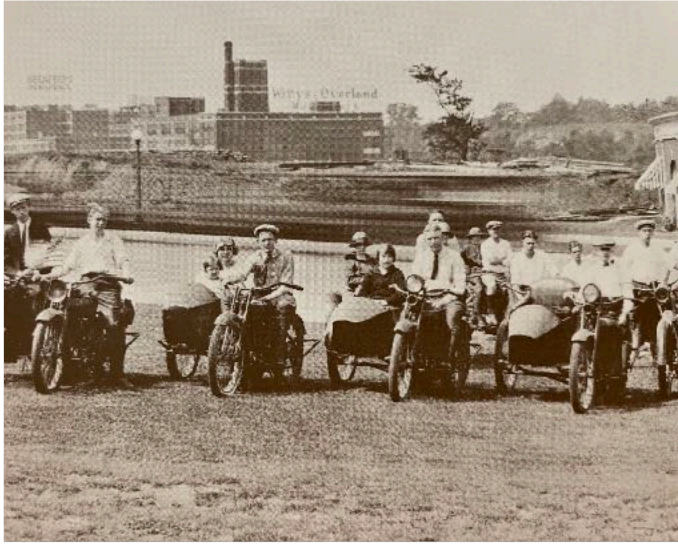
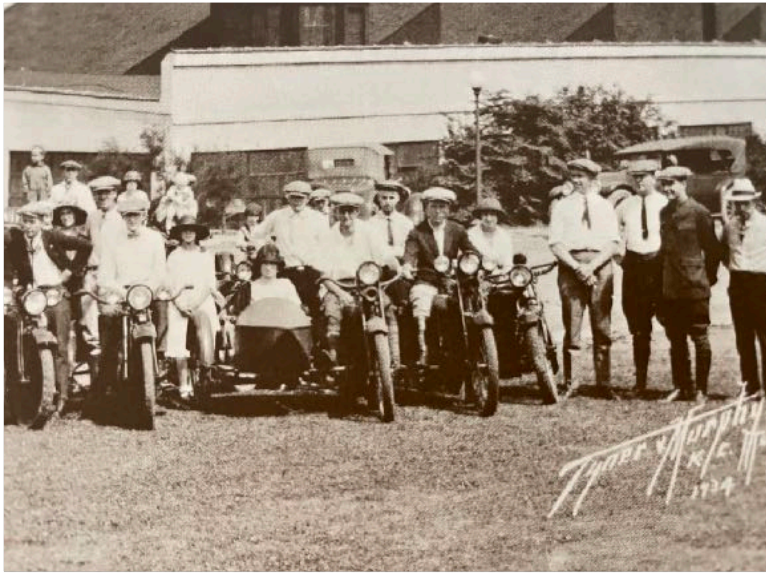


Photo at the top is the Kansas City Stockyards on April 4, 1927.
 The photo at the right is the Excelsior Springs Contingent on the south end of the new ASB Bridge on July 23, 1927. On this same date was the ceremonial handshake of Mayor Beach of Kansas City and Mayor N.E. Emerson of North Kansas City commemorating the "free" bridge with no more toll charges.



These old photos were in a book of Kansas City history belonging to my Mom. The people on bikes and sidecars were participating in the 9th Annual Gypsy Tour of the Kansas City Motorcycle Club in 1924. The photo above celebrates the opening of the new ASB bridge in 1927.

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Upcoming Events

- * SFT annual picnic, Sept. 8, 1pm, Heritage Park, Olathe KS, shelter house #6.
- * Ozark Bikefest, Sept.11-15.
- * AMCA Sunflower Chapter Fall Ride, Sept. 20-22, Grove OK.
- * SFT Annual Christmas Dinner, Dec.8, Cinzetti's Italian Restaurant.

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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.

Welcome new members of SFT; Rob Ojeda, Marguerite Ginger and Tim Burton.

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