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From The President

Jim Justice

Dear Santa Fe Trail Antique M/C Club Members,

I am so happy to report the fantastic success of the Club's 14th Annual Show in Lawrence, Kansas.

There were some very rare and interesting motorcycles shown. A special thanks is shouted out to Mike Bahnmaier for bringing his 1937 Crocker, an Ace 4 cylinder and an Indian 8 valve bike. They certainly received a great deal of attention.

Although many awards were given for various categories, I wish to mention the top 2 here. The President's Award went to Jack Larson for his 1917 Excelsior and Best of Show was awarded to Mike Bahnmaier for his 1937 Crocker. Thanks to all the Club members, as well as non-members who brought so many wonderful motorcycles to Lawrence.

We received many compliments about the show such as the food in the kitchen, including the extremely reasonable prices. Thanks to Kelli Bailey, Frank Sereno and Bev Ormsby for all their hard work preparing and serving the food. Also, many comments were about the interesting and variety of the bikes shown.

Finally, the Club members who worked the admission tables, the sales of shirts and posters as well as checking in the bikes to be shown, counting the ballots and generally setting up the building for the show and doing the clean up afterwards were all very helpful and professional. It would be impossible to have such a wonderful Show without your commitment and effort.

Upcoming Events:

Freemont, NB National Meet: March 23/24

Twisted Oz Bike Show and Swap Meet in Augusta, KS : April 6

Land of Oz Rally, Miami County Fairgrounds in Paola, KS: May 23 thru May 26

Know Norm Run: Saturday at Worth HD: June 1st

KC Motorcycle Invitational at Blip Coffee: June 9th (9:30- 12:30)

Bill Browns 10th Annual Sidecar Meet & Picnic: July 21st 12-5PM

Doug Nixon, former SFT member is having a street party in Alexandria, NB on July 6th

Info not given at meeting, but wanted to add it now: Ozark Bike Fest: Sept 11 thru 15

Stay safe and keep
the old wheels
turning!

Jim Justice



SFT Christmas Party



BD's Mongolian Grill is the place we like to be for the annual Christmas party. This is always a family event so we get to know some of the members' spouses. The all-you-can-eat salad bar and buffet is the main attraction. Load up your plate and watch the show as they grill your food in front of you. Remembering the smells of those savory sauces steaming on the grill is making me hungry. The drinks are on you but SFT picks up the food tab.



Mike Bahnmaier's "Best of Show" 1937 Crocker small tank. Mike has a collection of rare antique motorcycles, most of which can be seen in either the St. Francis Motorcycle Museum in St. Francis KS or the Kansas Motorcycle Museum in Marquette KS. Mike has shown a few of his bikes at our show for several years. We appreciate the high quality of his motorcycles and the prestige they bring to our bike show.

14th Annual SFT Bike Show and Swap Meet

Photos by Jim and Sharon Justice, Patti Welty and John Webb



The 2024 version of our show was well attended by both bikes and the general public, alike. This year's show theme of racing bikes seemed to generate a lot of interest, along with the efforts of Frank Sereno who got the word out on social media. It all came together like a well oiled Indian board track racer thanks to Frank's other work in the kitchen, counting ballots, his Master of Ceremonies job and the Jim Koenig memorial slide show. Is there anything else we can throw at him? Of course there were a lot of other members that pitched in to make it all happen too. Doug Rollert was instrumental again this year in getting some very rare machines from Mike Bahnmaier's collection, including this 1937 Crocker, (left). Until now many of us had only seen pictures of a Crocker. Everyone pitched in selling t-shirts, posters, admissions, and concessions, setting up displays and cleaning up afterward. Thanks to Dave and Cynthia Park for storing and hauling the club trailer every year, to Jim and Sharon Justice for all their hard work, and to Don Lipsky for his cool poster and t-shirt designs. My own personal thanks go to Patti Welty, Tony Halpin and Dan Holman for their help at the registration table. This years awards were pretty cool too. I love the piston trophies.



Left; Kelli Bailey, Frank Sereno and Bev Ormsby did a fantastic job in the kitchen. The food was very good and reasonably priced. Lower Left; Malena Binger and Gina White selling Lipsky designed t-shirts. Below; Marsha Lecher and Cynthia Park staff the admissions table. Below right; Ibbey Rollert, chief bean counter, keeps track of the dollar signs.





Tim Thoele's
1911 Indian



Jon Greene's 1926 Rudge Four Sport



Thanks to all our Vendors at the 2024 SFT Bike Show/Swap Meet;

Tom Allen, license plates; **Larry Niederschulte**, license plates; **Tim Thoele and Jack Benson**, mc parts; **Becky Rawls-Riley**, bekcrawls-rileycreations.com, headgear; **Tony Rawls-Riley**, tony@operating-sooner.com, ABATE of KS; **Eric Schlossenberg**, eric@icckc.com, Know Norm Ride and Bike Show; **Tim and Marlene Milbern**, marlenemilbern05@gmail.com, Heaven's Angels; **Mark Bayer**, nkcma@yahoo.com, and the KC Vintage Japanese MC, a big thank you to VJMC who constitute about 1/3 of our show bikes each year; **Jack Larson**, mc parts; **Gregory Maggiore**, www.rxsportoptics.com, RX goggles; **Tom Gierum**, mc parts; **Earl Mustard**, mc parts; **Dan Welty**, dwelty1@cox.net, license plate artist; **Chris Treat**, mc parts; **Tommy Ray**, raytommy674@gmail.com, artist, painter, helmets and tins; **Richard Backus**, Slimmer's Automotive; **Rick and Spencer Banks**, Facebook @banks.motorcycle.rescue in Gardner KS;



Scott Marshall, www.saltcycles.us, Salty Cycles in Hutchinson KS; **Brad Peterson** of Discount Powersports of KCK; **Brady Law**, mc parts; **Doyle Pendergraft**, mc parts.



David Bryan's 1950
Schwinn Panther



Tony Stuckwisch's 1963 Allstate Track Racer



John Stansbury's 1960 HD Topper/Caddy



Chris Treat's 1928 HD JD



Jonah Ross' 1977 Puch Maxi



Jack Larson's HD Pea Shooter

Jack Larson's 1931 HD Pea Shooter single



"This is what I want for our next anniversary"



Fred Reynolds' 1971 Home Built drag bike



Mike Bahnmaier's
1927 4 cylinder Ace



Bahnmaier's
1916 8 valve
Indian board
track racer

Bob Walker's 1912
Indian OHV
Experimental Long
Distance Racer



A trio of pre-1920 Indians



Rob Ojeda's 1915 Indian OHV 4 valve Racer





Bill Doll's 1966 Sears Saber



Bill Doll's 1959 Wards Mobylette



Bill Brown and Grandson Stiles Davis with Bill's 1949 BMW R24



Bill Doll's 1974 Suzuki GT 750 2 stroke triple



Tom Gierum's 1980 HD FLH. Tom bought this bike new, sold it, then bought it back decades later, and converted it into the trike you see here



Some of the guys from KCVJMC



Mike Sobetski's 1972 Kawasaki 750 H2



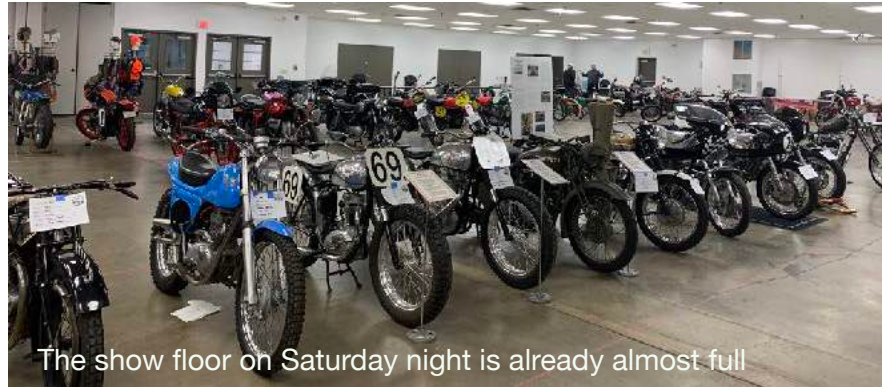
Tim Stark's 1965 Triumph Bonneville Chop



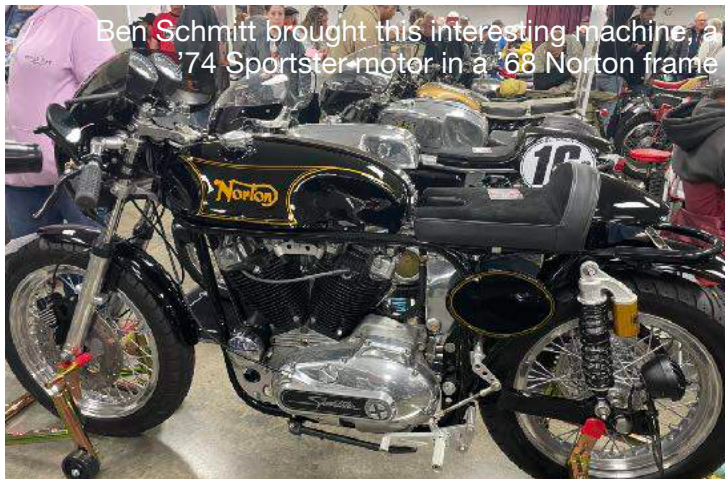
Joey Zibell's 1971 BSA B50MX



Brett Epp's 1972 Yamaha DT1



The show floor on Saturday night is already almost full



Ben Schmitt brought this interesting machine, a '74 Sportster motor in a '68 Norton frame



Another nice creation by Ben Schmitt, a 1970 Norton Commando "S"



SFT Treasurer, Iby Rollert and Mike Judy



Becky Rawls-Riley of Rawls-Riley Creations



Tom Gierum and Jim Stauch



Patti Welty and Tony Halpin



Rick and Spencer Banks and family



License plate art by Dan Welty



Richard Backus & friends



John Webb, Dan Holman and Dave Schneider



Tony Rawls-Riley from ABATE of Kansas



Isabel and Tammy are from Salty Cycles in Hutchinson



Long-time SFT swap meet vendors Jack Benson and Tim Thoele



Jeff Chiles' 1978 Honda Mini Trail 50



KCVUMC President, Mark Bayer



Clockwise from above; Brad Peterson and friends from Discount Powersports of KCK; Former SFT President and general agitator, Jack Larson, the Motor Man; Scott Marshall of Salty Cycles in Hutchinson KS; Harry Enyart's '68 Norton P11 Desert Sled; Tom Binger's 1927 Indian Scout; Bill Page's 1920 HD Model F; Bill's other entry, a 1920 HD Board Track Racer; Larry Niederschulte, one of our license plate guys.





Clockwise from above;

Tim and Marlene Milbern and the Heaven's Angels crew from the Christian Motorcycle Assoc.;

Sharon and Jim, with Elizabeth Castillo;

Harry Enyart's 1970 Norton Flat Tracker. Harry always brings some beautiful machines to our show;

Elizabeth's '47 Knucklehead bobber;

Prescription goggle vendor Gregory Maggiore and his daughter. Find out more at www.rxsportoptics.com



100 Series - American Street

1st - 1927 Ace 4 cyl Mike Bahnmaier
 2nd - 1937 Crocker Mike Bahnmaier
 3rd - 1917 Excelsior Jack Larson

200 Series - British Street

1st - 1968 Norton P11 Desert Racer Harry Enyart
 2nd - 1944 BSA M20 Ken Bright

300 Series - European Street

1st - 1966 BMW R69S Ben Schmitt

400 Series - Asian Street

1st 1985 Suzuki RG400 Walter Wolf Ben Schmitt

500 Series - American Competition

1st - 1916 Indian 8 Valve Board Track Mike Bahnmaier

600 Series - British Competition

1st - 1969 Triumph Flat Tracker Mike Gallup

700 Series - European Competition

1st - 1975 Montessa 125 Capra MX Richard Hird

800 Series - Asian Competition

1st - 1985 Yamaha YZ 490 Dennis Utt

900 Series - Special Interest

1st - 1968 Norton Cafe Racer Ben Schmitt

1000 Series - Period Modified

1st - 1965 Triumph Bonneville Tim Stark

1100 Series - Racers

1st - 1970 Norton Commando "S" Ben Schmitt
 2nd - 1920 HD Board Track Bill Page
 3rd - 1974 Suzuki GT 750 Bill Doll

1200 Series - Youth

1st - 1973 Yamaha Trials 80 Stiles Davis
 2nd - 1981 Suzuki SP175 Jack Bishop

Award Of Excellence

1971 Penton Six Day 125 Dick Wegner
 1975 HD Sportster Hill Climb Marty Finley
 1970 Norton Flat Track Harry Enyart
 1978 Honda CR250 Richard Hird
 1960 HD Topper John Stansbury
 1972 Indian Minibike Tony Stuckwisch
 1970 Triumph T120 Brady Law
 1968 BSA Dirt Track Richard Hird
 1931 HD Pea Shooter Jack Larson
 1912 Indian Long Distance Bob Walker
 1977 HD XLCR Cafe Richard Hird
 1928 HD JD Chris Treat
 1972 Kawasaki 750 H2 Mike Sobetski

President's Award

1917 Excelsior 17 Series Jack Larson

Best Of Show

1937 Crocker Mike Bahnmaier







Tom Schraeder gave part two of his talk about motorcycle electrical systems at our January meeting. Tom is an electrical engineer and he gave us some great information on ignition, lighting and charging.

At our February meeting I brought in a hub and rim that I purchased from two different vendors at the SFT Bike Show. I had asked Jim Lepisto about lacing them together, so he had me bring them to the meeting and he gave a short talk on how to begin the lacing process and answered some questions for a few of us that hung around afterward. In spite of Jim’s advice, it was frustrating. I had to start all over again two or three times before remembering a couple tips he gave us that helped a lot. For some of my confusion I’d like to lay the blame on the type of hub I was lacing up, but it was probably just me needing to learn the hard way, by trial and error. Once I figured out how to start, it was fun. Anyway, I think I got it right and it actually spins true. I’ll find out when I take it back to Jim and let him do the final tightening and truing.

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Upcoming Events

- * SFT Meeting- Mar 9, 2pm, K&M BBQ, Spring Hill KS
- * Omaha Chapter Nat'l Meet, March 23 -24, Fremont NE
- * Twisted Oz bike show /swap meet, Apr 6, Augusta KS
- * SFT Meeting, Apr 13, 2pm, K&M BBQ, Spring Hill KS
- * Land of Oz Rally, May 23-26, Paola KS
- * Know Norm ride /bike show, June 1, Worth HD, KCMO
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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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Special thanks to Don Lipsky for his series on bygone American Motorcycle brands and to Frank Sereno, Jim and Sharon Justice, and Patti Welty for their photos.-ed.

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