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From The President

Jim Justice

May 24, 2022

Dear SFT Antique Motorcycle Club Members,

We are now in the midst of events and even some have already come and gone. I was happy that several SFT members showed up at the VJMC Invitational at Blip Coffee. It's certainly a good thing to support other clubs that share our interest in antique vehicles. Jack Larson planned a very pleasant ride to Coffeeville, KS on May 22nd and I was fortunate to be able to join the ride. It was a little cool in the morning, but turned out to be an all-around great day. Thanks, Jack, for planning the day. AHRMA's Motofest has also come and gone and, unfortunately, I was unable to attend that event.

Upcoming events include the Gateway Chapter's Trains, Planes and Antique Motorcycles in Mountain Grove, MO. on August 13th and our SFT Club annual picnic in Heritage Park in Olathe, KS. on September11th, Shelter House #6 at 1:00.

I have been President of this Club for 4 years now and it seems harder every year to plan any rides or other events that interest the Club's members. I am making a special request to all of you to voice your opinions and ideas about what rides or activities would interest you. Any thoughts and suggestions would be greatly appreciated. You can contact me by phone (816-868-2476) or email (jhjustice2@icloud.com).

One thing that we need to start thinking about soon is the theme for the 2023 Lawrence Show, so Don Lipsky can start on the poster/t-shirt design. We need the designs by the September picnic so we can vote on which one we like the best.

That's all I have for now. Hope to see you at the meetings and other events!

Stay safe and healthy and keep the old wheels turning.

Jim Justice

President

Santa Fe Trail M/C Meeting

March 13, 2022

Treasurer's Report: Currently, there is \$11,899.02 in the Club's account. Ibby will be getting the Club's taxes prepared soon and will give the results at the April meeting.

Jim J asked the members if they wanted to keep the 2023 Lawrence Show on the first Sunday in February or change it to the second Sunday which will be Super Bowl Sunday again. It appeared to be anonymous that we keep it on the first Sunday in February. It was suggested that the date be more emphasized on the posters/brochures.

Upcoming events:

- Sunflower AMCA out of Wichita is sponsoring a ride to Texas on March, 28, 29 & 30 just prior to the AMCA Fandango swap meet/bike show/races event on April 1 thru April 3rd.
- Twisted Oz held in Augusta, Kansas on April 9th.
- · VJMC Invitational will be held at Blip Coffee on May 1st starting at 9:30 a.m.
- AHRMA Motofest will be in Topeka from May 27th thru May 29th. VJMC will have several tents at this event.
- Thunder in the Street will be in Pleasanton, KS on June 4th by the Solders of Jesus.
- Gateway St. Louis AMCA Chapter will be hosting the following 2 events:
- o A ride near Potosi, MO that will be around 100+ miles.
- o Bike show in Mountain Grove, MO on August 13th.
- · Jack Larson is planning a ride on Saturday, May 21st to Coffeeville, KS (rain date, May 22nd). Riders should meet in Louisburg, KS and be ready to leave by 9:00 a.m.
- There will be a Know Norm poker run, antique bike show and 50/50 raffle on June 5th beginning and ending at Worth HD on Prairie View Rd. There will be a \$300.00 cash prize for the oldest motorcycle to ride in the poker run. Members of our Club were encouraged to bring their bikes to Worth's to show and/or ride in the poker run.

NOTE: The May Club meeting will be on Sunday, May 15th instead of the 8th due to Mothers Day.

Santa Fe Trail M/C Club Meeting April 10, 2022

There were 17 members and 2 guests at this meeting! Thanks to all for coming!! Treasurer's Report: Ibby reported that since the Club had very little income because there was no Lawrence Show in 2021, there were no taxes due for 2021. There was a \$194.00 refund that will be applied to the Federal Estimated taxes for 2022.

There are several events coming up as follows (please note that a new event which we just found out about today has been highlighted in red.

May 1st- VJMC Invitational will be held at Blip Coffee at 1301 Woodsweather Rd; KCMO, starting at 9:30.

May 18th- Vietnam Veterans Traveling Wall Escort. Starting at Gail's Powersport at 3:00 P.M., the group will leave at 4:00 P.M. and arrive at the National WWI Museum & Memorial at 5:00 P.M. Motorcycle or car groups are encouraged to ride.

May 21st- Jack Larson is having a ride to Coffeeville, KS. (Rain date is May 22nd). Riders will meet in Louisburg, KS and be ready to ride by 9:00 A.M.

May 27, 28, & 29th- AHRMA Motofest at Heartland Park in Topeka.

June 4th- Thunder in the Street in Pleasanton, KS by the Soldiers of Jesus which will include a Wall of Death. This group has asked SFT to participate and Jim J said at the meeting that any SFT member who wants to arrange a group to attend is fine with him, but he will be unable to do so.

June 5th- There will be a Know Norm poker run & antique bike show and 50/50 raffle on June 5th beginning and ending at Worth HD on Prairie View Rd. There will be a \$300.00 cash prize for the oldest motorcycle to ride in the poker run. Members of our Club were encouraged to bring their bikes to Worth's to show and/or ride in the poker run.

August 12-13th- St. Louis Gateway Chapter is having an event in Mt. Grove, MO., in conjunction with the Arts & Entertainment Council of that city. It's called Trains, Planes & Antique Motorcycles. Vendor set-ups are on the 12th and the actual event is on the 13th. September 11- SFT Club picnic. It will continue to be held at Heritage Park in Olathe, but the new shelter house that will be reserved is Number 6. It is just a short way up from the previous shelter and the parkingT is better and restroom is a little easier to "visit".

Jim J again encouraged SFT members to also become AMCA members.

May's Club meeting will be a week later on May 15th because of Mother's Day the previous Sunday.

Minutes reported by Sharon Justice, Secretary

Santa Fe Trail M/C Meeting May 15, 2022

Treasurer's Report: There is \$12,049.51 in the Club's account with all the currently due taxes and corporate fees paid in full.

Sad news was reported as member, Gina Williams, was in a motorcycle accident on May 14th. Although the accident was a serious one, she was life-flighted to a hospital and seems to be recovering. A get-well card is being mailed to her. If anyone hears updated news, please advise Jim Justice so he can make certain that the information is passed along.

Jim J. introduced a new member Erik Miller who took a few minutes to tell the attendees about his motorcycles.

Jim also said that the SFT members should take the time to view the Club's Facebook site as Frank Sereno has done an excellent job of updating information about the Club and upcoming rides.

Upcoming events:

- Vietnam Veterans Traveling Wall: May 18th. Participants should meet at Gail's HD at 3:00 to ride to the WWI Museum.
- Coffeeville, KS: Jack Larson is setting up a ride that will begin sharply at 9:00 on May 21st at the Shell Station on the NE corner of Highways 168 and 69. The ride will take place even if there are scattered showers. If harder rains come in, the ride will take place the next day on the 22nd.
- AHRMA Motofest at Heartland Park in Topeka: May 27th, 28th & 29th. VJMC will be having a bike show on Saturday at this event.
- Thunder in the Street: Held on June 4th in Pleasanton, KS and will include the Wall of Death.
- Sunflower Spring Ride: June 3rd, 4th & 5th and will start in Neosho, MO.
- Know Norm Ride: June 5th, beginning at Worth HD.
- Gateway Chapter's Trains, Planes and Antique Motorcycles: August 13th in Mountain Grove, MO.
- SFT Club Picnic: September 11th at Heritage Park in Olathe, Shelter House #6.

Minutes recorded by Sharon Justice, Secretary.

The 2nd Annual Kansas City Motorcycle Invitational.

Our Kansas City VJMC (Vintage Japanese Motorcycle Club) has been active for the past twelve years and has made a point of joining the Santa Fe Trail in the February show in Lawrence for at least the past nine years. We love the SFT show because of the great variety of motorcycles and the frequent old and rare models which show up.

Our club typically has eight or more events yearly with each one featuring something different from the other club events. Some of our favorite events are the 2 Stroke Rally which is the only true two-stroke event in the Midwest, and the show at the Commemorative Air Force Museum in New Century, Kansas. This has been our primary vintage Japanese show for a number of years. Another reason for multiple events is the bad weather, every year several are rained out. We love all of our events but I don't want to list them here. To see them go to keying.com.

The idea behind the "Invitational" has been to recognize other clubs in our area. The first year featured VJMC, SFT, HoAME, and the regional BMW club. This year with the HoAME group gone we were left with just the three clubs though I invited several other groups as well. We want to be inclusive and just love any old or unique motorcycles. We also invite Anchor Moto which has a door facing the show area. They open their door for us to see their show bikes. Most are customs.

Blip Coffee is a great location for the event because there is already a willing motorcycle audience. The show area is a 90' x 60' area behind the main building with walls around the asphalt square. Blip enjoys having us there because we generally show bikes which don't normally show up in front of their business. On a typical Sunday there are from 150 to nearly 200 motorcycles already present in front of the main building. Every year we have had people come to Blip and not realize that the show area is behind the building. I have to say over and over again, go to the end of Woodsweather Road, make a left, go 30 feet, then left into the show area.

This year we had around 60+ bikes show up with at least 300 guests. From SFT Jim Justice brought his Indian 4 and Jack Larson brought a Harley Knucklehead. I know there were other SFT guests and am sorry that I failed to record any other machines which were brought, sorry!

Please consider yourself invited next year, we are already making plans for 2023. Our goal is to come together as a community of motorcycle enthusiasts and to just enjoy the motorcycles. Just remember to go "around to the back of the building." In a sense, there are two shows, the one out front and the one in back, both are great entertainment.

Mark Bayer President KCVJMC



KCVJMC InvitationalPhotos courtesy of Mark Bayer

















On the Trail of The Dalton Gang













Our ride to Coffeyville may not have been as historic as the Dalton Gang's ride but we did survive to go home that night where most of them did not. We checked out the site where the Gang ended their careers, cut short by the Defenders of Coffeyville.

The Daltons tried to rob two banks at once, wearing disguises, in a town where they were well known...maybe not the smartest bunch 'a fellers. There's a museum across the street from the bank they robbed, that pays homage to the men who heroically stepped up to defend the town. No one remembers their names though. Funny how we tend to get transfixed on the bad guys. It's a good story though, and it's a fine ride on a sunny day.







Top left; the sidewalk where the gang was laid out after the gun battle

Left; The jail (reconstructed from the same stones) in the alley where the gang tied their horses while robbing the banks, and where the bodies of the gang were interned, and where Emmet Dalton, the only survivor in spite of 23 bullet wounds, was held. Emmet served 14 years in prison for his crimes until he was pardoned. He eventually capitalized on his notoriety to publish books and become an actor in Hollywood.

Thanks to Jack Larson for organizing this ride.

The Schikel Motor Company

by Don Lipsky





This issue I'll talk about another motorcycle manufacturer that not many of you have heard of before - Schickel Motorcycle Company.

Schickel has an interesting history and a tie-in with Indian and Harley-Davidson.

Norbert H. Schickel began development of his engine in 1907 while in school at Cornell University. Development continued until 1910, then in 1911 it was introduced at the Chicago motorcycle show. He was overwhelmed with inquires and began manufacturing in 1912 at a factory in Stamford, Connecticut.

Schickel motorcycles were all single 2 cycle engines.

These early cycles were designed to run on either gasoline or kerosene. During this era kerosene was easier to obtain than gasoline since it was used in kerosene lamps.

1912 Single 495cc - 5 hp 695cc - 6 hp 190 lbs. Top speed: 50 mph Price: \$210

These were the early years of American motorcycle production and improvements in Schickel motorcycles were only incremental.

In 1914 Schickel had four models in production. Two of which were a 5 hp or 6 hp with belt and chain drives.







Photos and text by Don Lipsky

In 1915 Schickel introduced a motor attachment for the rear wheel of a bicycle.

In 1917 and the entrance of the U.S. into the war, Schickel factories turned to manufacturing automobile and truck parts along with small parts for the U.S. Liberty Aircraft engine.

The factory was also used for the development and manufacture of the Liberty Army motorcycle. This motorcycle was to take the best features of Harley-Davidson, Indian and Excelsior and combine it into a military motorcycle. The motorcycle never went into production.

Schickel was reintroduced in 1920 at the Chicago motorcycle show and were produced until 1924. And like many motorcycle manufactures of that time, production were stopped with the sales of the Ford Model T.

The Schickel Motorcycle was the first motorcycle with a rear hinged fender to make it easier to remove the rear tire, Patent # 1,048,894. And with this patent, Norbert Schickel sued the Harley-Davidson Motorcycle Co. and a Royalty Agreement was signed by Arthur Davidson for patent infringement on 40,000 motorcycles.

Indian Motorcycle Co. agreed to pay for a patent infringement on 10,000 motorcycles for their front suspension system. Schickel patent # 1,189,874.

A book was written by a descendant of Norbert H. Schickel for anyone interested.

Schickel Motorcycle
The Illustrated History of the Schickel Motorcycle
1911 - 1924
The First 2-Cycle Built in America

And a website to visit:

https://thevintagent.com/2008/11/30/book-review-illustrated-history-of-the-shickel-motorcycle/

Member Spotlight

Tom Geirum has been a member of SFT since 2017, and he's been around bikes his whole life. I first met him about 5 years ago when he was showing a beautiful 1960 Duoglide that he had built and has since sold. Last year he built and sold a '47 Flathead that could stop a guy in his tracks. We're all familiar with his award winning, spotless orange '70 FLH with the chrome springer, and the red two-tone, '81 Shovelhead/sidecar he sold last year. He has a reputation for nice builds. Over the last several weekends Tom generously helped me install a wiring harness in my '58 FLH and I got a chance to know him better. He wasn't crazy about the idea at first, but then he agreed to let me do a member spotlight on him for this issue. I interviewed Tom in person for this and here are his answers to a survey I sent out last year.

Q How did you get interested in motorcycling?

A My dad rode motorcycles and one of my dad's friends had a '54 Panhead with a sidecar on it, it was white and I just loved that bike. After I went in the Navy the bike went up for sale for twenty five hundred bucks and my dad would not buy it for me. "You don't want that old piece of junk" God I was heartbroken because I was born in '54, and that was kind of where my sidecar thing came from. It had the spare tire on the car, it was just so cool.

Q What was your first motorcycle?

A A '67 Bridgestone 50. Got it for my 15th birthday. Mom was not impressed. Dad bought it for me. I wasn't supposed to ride it when dad wasn't around but I used to ride it to work at Baskin and Robins and park it on the sidewalk by the window.

Q Where did you grow up?

A Park Ridge Illinois, a northwest suburb of Chicago. Back then we could shoot pheasants and bows and arrows because it was far enough out of the city, but now it's a suburb.

Q What brought you to the KC area?

A My wife's Grandmother used to send her the Tonganoxie Mirror newspaper (she grew up in Tonganoxie) and I saw an ad for 6 acres, on a private lake road, with a pond and a 24 x 40 shop, concrete floor, double walled, insulated, for \$15,500. This was 1988. I told Deana when I get back from Japan we're buying it. She said you don't even know where Lake Dabinawa is, let alone McClouth Kansas. I said I don't care, it's 6 acres, already got a shop on it, sounds good to me.

Q Are you retired?

A Yes, United States Navy.

Q How long were you in the Navy?

A 22 years. Retired as Senior Chief Petty Officer, Electrician. If I hadn't got the lung disease and they made me retire I would've stayed in long enough to make Master Chief.

Q Married? Kids?

A Tom met his wife Deana when they were stationed on the same ship in the Navy. Deana (pronounced Deena) now works at Hallmark. They've been married 36 years. They have no kids, just a cute little Yorkie that doesn't bark and a house cat.

Q Do any of your family members share your passion for old bikes?

A My wife does and my brother just younger than me. In fact my brother is moving from Illinoise to Michigan and he would kill for that '80 Shovelhead I'm getting out of Michigan. He wants it bad.

Q How many bikes have you owned in the past?

A 93. Tom has a list of the bikes he's owned, I've seen it. The list includes many American, European and Japanese brands. He has several sidecars too including a Ural mounted on one of his Moto Guzzis.

Q How many bikes do you own now?

A 10. Five Harleys, a Harley project, a Guzzi with a sidecar, 2 Guzzi projects, and a BMW.

Q Why do you like antique bikes in particular?

A Because they're cool. They are what they are and they don't have all the electronics and BS. A guy can work on 'em and enjoy them.

Q What is your favorite antique bike in your collection?

A Right now it would be my '68 Shovelhead with the '60 Harley sidecar.

Q What is the one bike you wish you'd never sold?

A That is tough. I'd say the '39 ULH is probably the bike I should've kept. It was the first Harley I had in the Philipines. I only had it for about a week before I traded it for a '48 Panhead EL.

Q What is your dream bike you'd like to add to your collection?

A A prewar Indian Chief

Q What are you currently working on?

A I'm finishing the '68 Shovelhead, got two '80 80" Shovelheads to work on, and a '56 Pan/Shovel chopper project.

Q What other hobbies do you have?

A Shooting. Tom used to build motors and drag race cars too but now he sticks to bikes.

Q What do you like about being a member of SFT?

A The camaraderie and meeting people with similar likes.....like meeting Dave Schneider through SFT, we got to talking and found out we were both in the P.I. at the same time.



Top left; The Ural sidecar on the Guzzi.

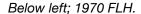
Top; A two seat, side by side, side car project and a '48? HD sidecar project waiting their turn.

Left; Another sidecar recently bought and more recently sold.

Below; This was Tom and Deana's first sidecar rig. They had this picture made into a Christmas card. You know their dogs loved it.







Below right; Tom bought this 1980 FLH new in '81. When he shipped out to Scotland he had the bike shipped over too. He rode it all over Scotland and then sold it to a buddy before he came back to the States. His freind eventually brought it back to the States and when he passed away about 3 years ago, Tom bought it back from his friend's daughter. He has already started the restoration.







You can usually find Tom's trailer at all the local swap meets.

Right; in the trailer are a couple rollers and tubs full of parts for sale.



Right; Tom and his neighbor Rob in the shop.

Far right; A built Buell motor in a racing chassis that was recently sold









Above left; Moto Guzzi project bikes.

Above; Deana's '67 Morris Minor project

Left; Tom and Deana like to get out on their Moto Guzzi with Ural sidecar.







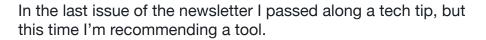


This is Tom's '68
FLH with '60 HD
sidecar. It's nearly
done and it's
beautiful. He's fitted
it with all hand
controls so he can
ride it. Tom may be
confined to a
wheelchair but it
hasn't slowed him
down a bit.



Tech Talk





Most of us, and I suspect all of us, use rattle can paint sometime during our bike builds. You know the routine, shake the can for a good two minutes and your ready to spray. Well sometimes I get lazy or just can't judge how long two minutes are. That leads me to my discovery.

I like watching YouTube video's, machining, motorcycle related subjects and just watching random video's that YouTube posts for me to watch. For a year to so I've been watching video's by Adam Savage, one to the two original Mythbusters. Late last fall he gave a review of a rattle can mixer that he'd just purchased. It's called 'ICANMIXX'. It's an attachment for a drill that spins a can of spray paint, mixing it rather quickly. Adam Savage raved about his so I tried to order one from Amazon, but they were sold out. So as most older males do, I quickly forgot about it. Now it's December and my Christmas present from my son was, and you've guess it, a ICANMIXX. I now use it all the time prior to using a can of spray paint. Quick, easy and does a better job mixing than my short two minutes shaking.



Amazon price: \$25.99 or go to icanmixx.com

This product review was submitted by Don Lipsky. If you have a tech tip or a product review you'd like to share with the club please send it to me. Include photos and a paragraph or two about your tip. Thanks, Don! - Ed.

2022 National Road Runs

Don't miss the opportunity to sign-up for a National Road Run before they're full.

September 6-8

Driftless Chapter Deadline to Register, August 1st

La Crosse, WI

September 14-16

Music City Chapter Deadline to Register, July 15th

Dickson, TN

September 19-21

Evergreen Chapter Deadline to Register, August 21st

Colville, WA

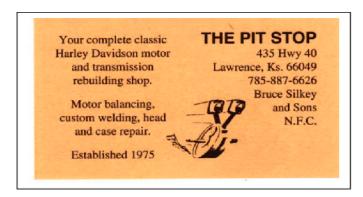
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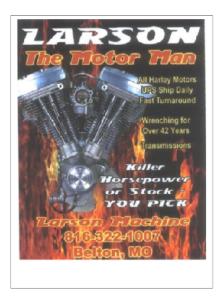
Fort Sutter Chapter Deadline for Fort Sutter Host Hotel reservations is June 10th

Lake Tahoe, CA



Indian motorcycle advertisement courtesy of Don Lipsky. Don is only covering lesser known American motorcycle brands in his series of articles but he has been sending me these great ads from the past by Indian and Harley Davidson.





Upcoming Events;

- All Japanese Motorcycle Rally at LLC Powersports, July 9, 10am to 2pm
- Meetin In the Middle, Saturday July 23 bike show, free food, live music. Sunday July 24 pancake breakfast for a donation, ride to the Kamikaze Museum. Nishna Valley Motorcycles, 2500 E 7th, Atlantic IA. More info-Dennis at 712 254 2590
- VJMC Show at the Commemorative Air Force
 Museum, Heart of America Wing, Aug 6, 10 to 2
- Trains, Planes and Antique Motorcycles. Gateway Chapter ride, Aug 13, Mountain Grove MO
- VJMC All 2-Stroke Rally, Aug 13, 9am to 2pm. Check <u>KCVJMC.com</u> for location
- SFT annual picnic, Heritage Park, Olathe KS, Shelter House #6, Sept. 11, 1pm

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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