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Presidents Message



Hello Badgers!

I hope this message finds you well and enjoying the excitement of the upcoming holidays! Winter has finally set in and I'm sure many of you are starting those "projects" for the downtime after the riding season. First off, I would like to thank Paul Woelbing for opening his Carmex business to us in October and hosting our fall meeting. What a great spread for lunch, the pipe organ tour and mini-concert were fantastic! If you didn't get a chance to see this amazing musical instrument Paul has amassed over the years, it is a "must see"! Thanks again Paul!

Time sure has "flown by" this year and looking back, I feel so very fortunate for all the great opportunities we had to get together and share "good-fel-

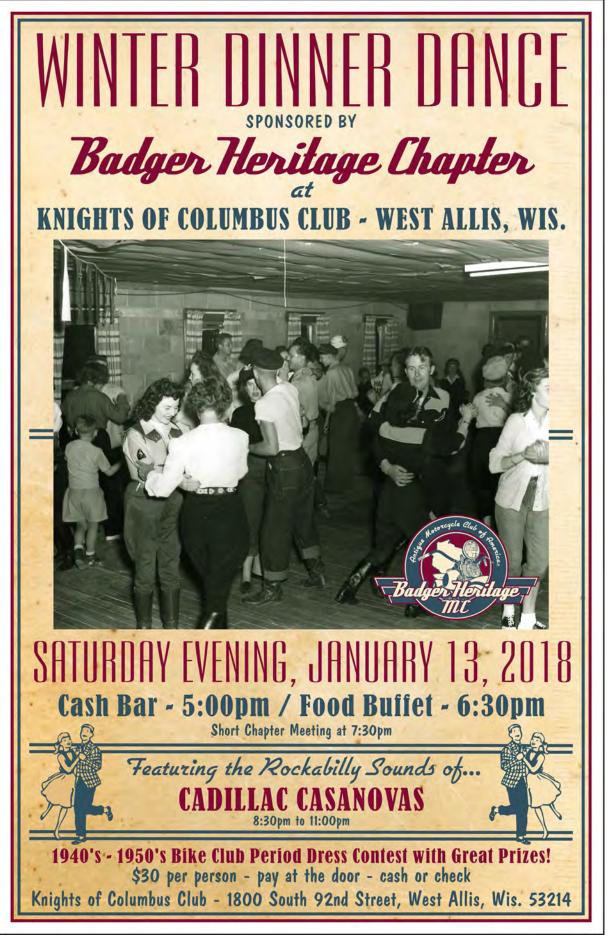
lowship" in this old bike hobby of ours. Think about it: Winter Dinner, Country Canter, Brewtown Rumble, Wild One's Weekend, Summer Picnic & Badger Derby plus sprinkle in our Spring and Fall meetings along with Crusin' the Grove and Bike nights at the H-D Museum and Quaker Steak & Lube, whew! That list doesn't include the AMCA National Road Run's or Swap Meets either! Speaking of those national events, schedules have been set and sign-up has already begun for all the 2018 events. If you are thinking of attending a road run or swap meet please be aware that the host & surrounding hotels fill-up very quickly! Our cross-state friends of the Driftless Chapter are hosting a national road run in September (right after Davenport) in the LaCrosse area. Shannon & I have already signed up and I'm sure we'll see a bunch of Badgers there as well! Check the AMCA website for more information: http://www.antiquemotorcycle.org

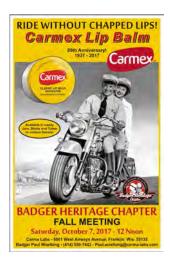
There will be no let-down for things to do in 2018 either! Along with the already well-established annual events, we are going to add yet another special event to the slate for next year: "The Pandemonium Ride", in honor of the 70th anniversary of the Harley-Davidson FL "Panhead" models built from 1949 to 1965. This whole idea is being led by our own Tom Hinderholtz along with help from a few fellow Badgers and Wolverine Chapter members in southern Michigan. This co-chapter sponsored ride will start the Monday following the Wild-One's Weekend and culminate at the Wauseon National meet on Thursday. Much of the logistics for the ride has been finalized so be looking for announcements after the first of the year for this "limited edition" event! Get that ol' Panhead tuned up and ready to ride! P.S. – We are looking for a few "road captains" so, if you are planning on participating in this ride and have a good sense of direction drop Tom a note at autogemtom@gmail.com.

Right around the corner in January is our annual Winter Dinner with the bonus of a live Rock-a-Billy band the Cadillac Casanova's! To date we have 110 RSVP's so if you haven't reserved your spot and are free the evening of Saturday January 13th, RSVP today! We encourage everyone to put your dancing shoes on and "dress-up" in 40's/50's period attire for some nifty prizes. You can RSVP at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SV7JG9M. Feel free to give me a call if you do not have on-line capability.

One final thought; on behalf of Jon, Chris & Josh, please know that this chapter wouldn't be what it is without all of the hard working and fun-loving members we have. Many thanks for your support and we'll see you at the Winter Dinner!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year,

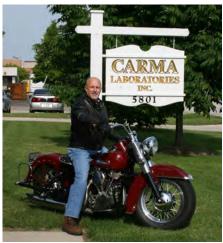




2017 Fall Meeting

Paul Woelbing Carma Labs (Carmex) Franklin, WI October 7, 2017





Photos and Story by Steve Peters

The Badger Heritage Fall Meeting this year was held at Carma Labs (Carmex) in Franklin, WI and Badger Paul Woelbing hosted the event in grand style for the 80+ members in attendance on 22 motorcycles!

The meeting was held in the Carma Labs warehouse space with cloth table cloths and a wonderful catered lunch. I'm sure everyone had their fill of the many good things to eat. After the delicious buffet lunch we had a short chapter meeting and then we were entertained by Paul's pipe organ with organist Zach Frame from Organ Piper Pizza Restaurant & Music Palace in Greenfield, WI.

All in attendance were also treated to Paul's collection of antique motorcycles that he keeps in his personal office in the building as well as a "Behind-the-scenes" look at some of the pipes for the organ which when completed will be the largest pipe organ in the United States!

Steve Peters

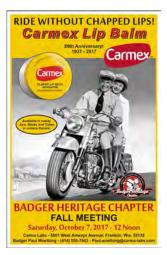








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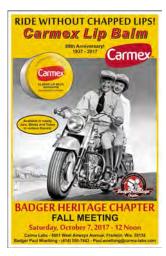








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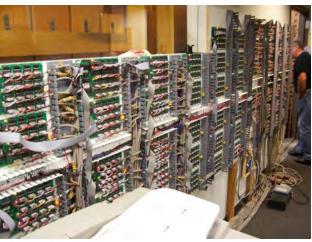




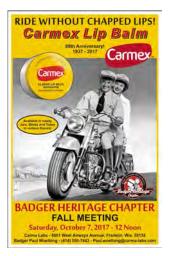








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Badger Heritage Logo Gear! **Steve Peters**

A new order of Badger Heritage Shirts will be started at the Winter Dinner Dance on January 13, 2018. I will have order forms with me and you will be able to pay right there with your filled in order form.

I am continually looking for new items to add to our "catalog" of shirts and other logoed items, so look forward to new stuff every so often. Also, as always, I have logo patches and stickers with me at every event.



From the Desk of the Newsletter Editor Bell Curve

Hey Badgers!

For quite some time I have had this idea that most anything created by man will become a collectible, if given enough time.

From my many years of being a collector as well as frequenting flea markets as both a buyer and seller, I have found that people will collect just about anything and no matter what it is that is collected, most if not all will go through a sort of reversed or upside- down Bell Curve concerning price

and/or popularity.

A normal Bell Curve will start at zero, rise to a peak, and then go back down to zero. The type of curve I am thinking of actually is opposite - starting high, sinking to zero or near zero, and then rising again. This can be very true for vehicle prices including motorcycles.

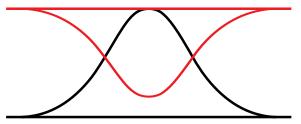
I have heard many stories about fellow club members purchasing old bikes at low prices only to have them become much higher in value years later. The upside-down Bell Curve comes in to help explain this.



Imagine when a particular motorcycle was brand new it would have cost quite a bit being new and also

taking into consideration that time period and the price. Over time the bike will be ridden and begin to break-down needing repairs and thus the value of the machine will slowly depreciate as it starts to "nickel and dime" the buyer to the point where they would just rather purchase a newer bike.

Then over time, as the used motorcycle becomes much older it also starts to go up in value. This is the reversed Bell Curve - High price, low price and then high price. An example I like to use when I



talk about this is the 1964-1/2 Ford Mustang. When it was new it was high in price (not very high as it was not a luxury vehicle, but high enough), and then when it was about 10 or 15 years old it just became an old car, but if you waited another several years it would become a "collectible" and then a "classic" with an appropriate higher price as well.

Unless you have plenty of funds, the time to buy a future collectible is when it is at the low point of the curve, but that might require some unique knowledge of the future or just good luck. Not all things will go up in price as they get older as it also depends on the popularity of the item and what others would be willing to pay for it.

So, just do what you can and hope for the best if your intent is to have your item go up in value, or you can just enjoy what you have no matter what the value is.

Take care and stay safe!

Steve Peters







noun, plural follies for 2-6

- the state or quality of being foolish; lack of understanding or sense.
- a foolish action, practice, idea, etc.; absurdity: the folly of performing without rehearsal.
- 3. a costly and foolish undertaking; unwise investment or expenditure.

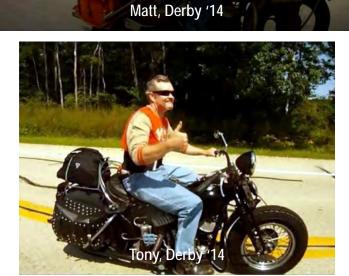
Fisheye Follies

I have now been a proud member of our great chapter for almost ten years. Wow, does time fly! Over this decade, I have been on countless great rides with fellow members and attended many fun chapter events as well. Along the way, I have tried to carry my GoPro video camera with me as often as possible. As a result, I have captured hours and hours of entertaining video clips through its small fish eye lens. I would like to start sharing some still images

from all this footage in this new, regular column. I know some of our members also carry GoPro or similar small action cameras and I welcome submissions for future issues.

I want to make one thing clear, as we all know, we are very lucky to have some skilled, 'real' photographers in our chapter. Cathy Drexler, Jeff Hill and Steve Peters do a great job with their cameras. I simply love the quality images they can and do capture for us on a regular basis. The images in this column are just the result of holding up a fish eye and hoping for the best! None the less, there is something about these types of pictures that just make me smile and I am happy to share them.













From the Eye of the Fish GoPro Memories

Photos by **Jon Davidson Oeflein**





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Smoky Mountain Chapter National Road Run

Chattanooga, Tennessee September, 20-23, 2017

Photos and Story by Rich Hinderholtz



The Hinderholtz expedition headed off to the Smoky Mountain Chapter National Road Run in Chattanooga, TN the Saturday before the event in September. Road Captain Tommy was riding his 49' Pan, while Rich and Jane trailered the "Bowling Ball" a 1976 H-D FXE. Hey it's black, it rolls, and it oils the lanes.

Tom laid out a route to the event that suited his antique ride. The first day, we roamed along the Rock River and wandered into central Illinois, the grand home of corn and beans. The day ended at fellow Badger, Kurt Klokkenga's estate near beautiful Emden, Illinois (Pop. 485).





The Chattanooga run was scheduled to begin on Wednesday, so we had a little time. Sunday we lounged at Kurt's while we waited for Matt, an Emden area motorcycle mechanic, to mount tires on a couple of spare rims that we had passed to Kurt in Davenport, IA a few weeks earlier. Matt, being the highly-skilled wrench that he is, always trues wheels with the latest high tech equipment, "Tooth Pick Man".

Monday we continued on Captain Tom's lost road tour to Cave-In-Rock, Illinois, on the Ohio River. The last 30 miles or so, still in Illinois, looked like "Deliverance" if you know what

I mean. Curvey hilly roads with a remote scattering of rustic house trailers adorned with bullet holes and a splash of boonies yard frill. You know, "You just might be a Red Neck" motif.

Anyway, Road Captain Tom had reserved a cottage at Cave-In-Rock State Park on the river. The neighborhood free ferry to haul you across the Ohio River was the big local feature. The weather was incredibly smooth all day with one small exception. Late that afternoon, the clouds increased as the forecast had included scattered thunderstorms. It looked like we were going to make Cave-In-Rock



without getting wet as we passed a road sign that said, only 2 miles to go when it began to sprinkle. Tom gave some thought to his rain gear, but it was only 2 miles, we can make it. Well, less than a half mile down the road, it was buckets. Oooops.

Smoky Mountain Chapter National Road Run Rich Hinderholtz

Step grades are a given near any big rivers and as we rode into Cave-In-Rock, (Pop. 318), the rain was coming down so hard there were whitewater rapids rolling on both sides of the road. With visibility

low and unfamiliar territory, we needed an assist to find the park. Tommy "The Soaked One" walked into the local diner for directions where everyone was openly amused. They gave him the guidance we needed to find the park. It was just around the corner.



We checked in and the rooms were excellent with the Ohio River right down the hill out back. The park also has a small diner where we had supper. It was still raining off and on. The cabins made the "A" List.

Tuesday we crossed the Ohio on the free ferry into Kentucky. We



unloaded Richie's "Bowling Ball". Jane drove the mini-van and trailer rig while Tommy and Richie rode the bikes.

Road Captain Tom's route for Tuesday had us riding more lost roads through "Land Between the Lakes" into Tennessee. Along the route we went through Fredonia, Kentucky on Hwy 641. There was a gentleman in front the small town BBQ diner enthusiastically waving us down. We went around the block to see what was up. A possible a Kodak moment. Introductions were made and it turns out that Chad owns a Harley Panhead too. As we drove near, he said he could hear that distinct sound only

a Panhead generator can make. Chad owns and operates the Copper Top BBQ. Coincidentally, both Chad and the restaurant have copper tops. During our chat, Tom invited him to bring his Panhead to the Wild Ones Weekend and Pandemonium next July. He was so torqued about the whole encounter that he gave us a complimentary quart of his BBQ sauce. Wow, that was cool.

The scenery was not as spectacular as we imagined through Land Between the Lakes, but hey, we were riding the bikes. We made our way down to Manchester, Tennessee by mid-afternoon where we pulled up because there was severe weather ahead. Lesson learned from the day before!

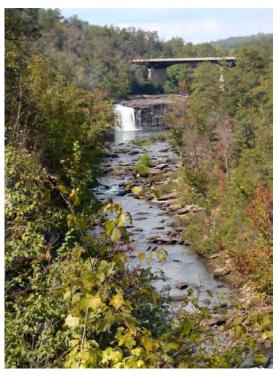


Smoky Mountain Chapter National Road Run Rich Hinderholtz

Wednesday was registration check in at the Smoky Mountain Chapter Road Run and we only had 130 miles to go. Once again we set out on the lost road route until we got to Monteagle, Tennessee where we jumped on to I24, our only interstate riding, for the last 40 miles into Chattanooga.

We checked into our hotel rooms, and headed over to Camp Jordan Park across the street where the SMC Road Run was head quartered to get registered.

You know there are Badgers everywhere go? The Badgers on site at the park were the Richardson's, Daney's, Kiefert's, Feyereisen's, Kazmierski's, Zigmont's, Ed Bieri, Peter Burke, Don Dzurick, and Kurt Klokkenga. (My apologies if I missed anyone, or mis-



spelled any n a m e s). M o r e "Cheese-heads", a contingent from the Driftless Chapter as well.



That evening they had the Opening Ceremonies and dinner at the Coker Tire Museum in Chattanooga. Wow, what a collection of antique vehicles. Nearly a whole wall of pre-1930's Henderson Excelsior motorcycles with a few Harleys mixed in. Corky Coker has a wild collection of rare autos, trucks, motorcycles and a couple of airplanes. Anna-Marie and Mary both won a raffle prizes at the dinner.

Thursday morning, the riding began. There were two choices for rides each day. The long rides left earlier in the morning

and included around 150 miles of riding, while the shorter rides started later and covered about 100 miles. The routes were available in both printed copies and electronic files.

We opted for the shorter rides because we had just traveled about 800 miles to get down there.

The mornings were a little cool but the afternoons heated up into the 90's every day. The riding was excellent and the routes were laid out quite well although each day there times when part of our group became separated and we were of course on few occasions.



Smoky Mountain Chapter National Road Run Rich Hinderholtz

The Smoky Mountain Chapter had contacted the DOT and got permission to spray paint arrows on the roads to show the routes. The arrows were a great idea, something all AMCA runs should consider doing when hosting out-of-towners. The fuel and the lunch stops were well planned with only a few minor exceptions.

The first day, Ellen and Al Feyereisen volunteered to lead our group. Ellen is excellent with maps and directions. We all know that the navigator role can be challenging, but Ellen did a great job!

Riding as part of an antique motorcycle museum through the Smoky Mountain area was a great time. Many switch backs and plenty of hills along with terrific scenery made for great riding.



We stopped for a little area civil war history at the Chickamauga National Battlefield Park.

Johnny Daney's 1935 Harley VLD was the oldest

Badger bike at the run. He rode it all three days without experiencing any mechanical issues other than filling up with the usual oil and gas.

The Recognition Banquet was held at the Historic Chattanooga Choo-Choo Train Station in downtown Chattanooga. Badger Tom won the award for riding from the furthest distance on his 49' Pan. All in all, the whole trip was terrific. Made lots of new AMCA friends and got reacquainted with some others that had been to our run back in 2015. We should all be doing more of these road runs next year! Anytime you get antique motorcycle people together, it's going to be a great time. We all know the goals are riding safely, enjoying the scenery and having fun. "Let good fellowship prevail in the greatest sport on earth."



Rich Hinderhotlz

Thanks for your Story and Photos Rich!

All Badgers are welcome and encouraged to send in stories and photos about your antique motorcycle adventures!

E-mail the stories and photos to the Spokesman Editor
Steve Peters

Meeting Minutes from 10/7/17 Fall Meeting Carma Labs, Franklin, WI

Attendance
□ 85 RSVPs for meetings
Treasurer's Report
□ Update provided by Chris Bilda □ \$8k+ in cash □ Need to sue \$2k by the end of the year to avoid taxes □ Use your merchandise vouchers by end of the year □ Now giving \$300 to meeting host to cover cost of the hosting the club's meetings □ Spending money on TT-style pics the Summer picnic □ Overall, club is financially sound!
Membership Report
□ Update provided by Dan Krause □ 236 Badgers as of Oct. meeting □ Membership info. Cards from AMCA on tables; use to help recruit new members
Rumble/BUILD Report
 □ Update provided by Kevin Frank □ Planning starting on the Rumble; still targeting first Sunday in June; will have to move the event/evaluating new locations □ BUILD program switching to Flat Track racing vs. AHRMA; provides more opportunity for bikes to be raced; cheaper cost per bikes which helps BUILD support more teams/improves program budget needs (yearly budget is \$12k/\$2k per team) □ Rumble is the top supporter/sponsor of BUILD now along with the Fuel Café (Iron Horse is no longer financially supporting) □ New fundraiser – Indoor Moto Rummage Sale on Oct. 21 (see chapter email for details)
Wild Ones Weekend
□ Update provided by Chris Tribbey □ July 14, 2018 at The H-D Museum form 9 AM – 4 PM □ Badgers will host field games again □ Looking for new game ideas and volunteers
New event – Pandemonium
 □ Update provided by Tom Hinderholtz □ This year the Wild Ones event is also the 70th Anniv. of Panhead engine / 16th Annual Knucklehead Company Reunion □ Bookend weekend with Wauseon swap meet □ Tom is coordinating special road run between the two events called Pandemonium in partnership with Wolvernine chapter. □ Planning route which will include the Gilmore Transportation Museum and crossing the lake using the SS Bager ferry. □ Needs volunteers including road captains; trouble truck also needed □ Tom will host a hospitality location at his property

Meeting Minutes from 10/7/17 Fall Meeting - Continued Carma Labs, Franklin, WI

New Business
□ Update provided by Dan Krause
☐ Sent out a request for people interested in serving as a chapter officer; received zero interest
□ Current officers are willing to serve again in 2018
□ Motion to accept current officers – AI F.; 2nd by Robin Barry – APPROVED! 2018 Events
□ Winter Dinner (updated provided by Bill R.)
o Will be held at the Knights of Columbus in West Allis and feature Rockabilly music. Attendees are en couraged to dress up and dance.
o Larry Bilda and Ed Bieri on committee
□ Spring Meeting
o Location needed; need space for 75-80 people
o Host gets \$300; can also be held at a local bar/venue
o Share ideas with Dan
□ Summer Picnic
o Big thank you to Denny and his family for hosting and all the volunteers who made it a great event o Looking for ideas and location for next year; share with Dan
AMCA Board Meeting
□ Update provided by Dan Krause
□ Jack Staufer (sp ?) is stepping down as secretary for personal reasons; Tracy Powell is replacing him. □ Internal audit completed of financials; passed with no issues
□ Updating bylaws; Dan is on committee and is working on chapter section
□ New procedure being implemented to into "puts & takes" (revisions) to be documented in the bylaws
□ New associate chapter program; based on geography associate chapter can be hosted by a chapter
Motion
□ Motion made by Jim ? to invite and pay for Denny's parents to attend the chapter's winter dinner □ 2nd by Condy Bilda & APPROVED!
Minutes prepared by: Robin Barry (chapter member)

Welcome Our New Badgers in 2017!

Charles & Bonnie Revie - Don O'Brien - Mark Greenfield & Lisa Studener Ron Firari - Scott & Judy Krueger - Casey Sambs - Randy Frank John Pfeifer - Fred Wacker - Terry & Jackie Dzikiewicz Raul Nieves - Mark & Karen Hurst - Greg & Judithann Fischer Don Gans - John Smallwood - Elgin Southgate

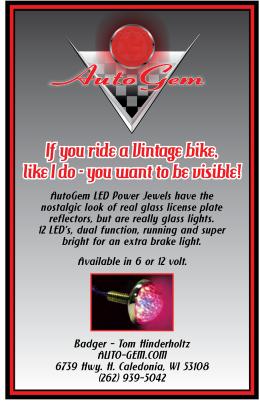
Club Membership Dues

Membership dues should be paid in January. You can pay at the Winter Dinner Dance or after January 1, 2018 you will be able to pay them online on our club website: badgerheritage.com

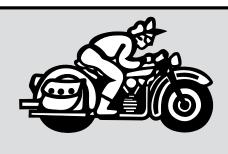
\$15 per single person or \$20 per couple.

Christopher Bilda / Treasurer





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