



Chief Blackhawk

Things I Think and Why I Think Them –Poke the Sleeping Dog Charles Finney President

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Some time ago I became aware that the Chief Blackhawk Chapter did not pay the National the amount prescribed in the AMCA bylaws, as I understood them, for each vendor space. I didn't say much, it was in the Chapters favor and was slowing the relentless pressure on the bottom line. I half expected a letter from the AMCA to the effect that we made a mistake and we needed to correct the situation. The anticipated letter never arrived. I did some minor investigation to determine how this state of affairs arose and surmised that it was an undocumented, but persistent, state of affairs.

Until recently I had been inclined to "let the sleeping dog lie". I am no longer of such a mind. To let the dog lie is to participate in a system wherein there is no accounting of how each meets financial relationship with the national is handled. This was brought home to me via a rumor. The rumor being that another meet was paying 25% of the "profits" from the meet to the national. Several things sprang to mind. If Chief Blackhawk has a "sweetheart" deal, does everyone? 25% of profits would make any accountant worthy of the title jump for joy, I mean really – we are all non-profits! I wondered how the 501 status would fare if 25% of profits has been written down somewhere?

Where am I going with this? First let me be clear on one thing, I believe that all of these "special" arrangements were created in good faith and in recognition of the state of affairs at the time the arrangements came into existence. However, if we, Chief Blackhawk, have such an agreement why would we expect any less of the other 55 chapters? After all, we all have special circumstances! If the whole thing is run on such arrangements what purpose do the bylaws serve? My experience in life tells me that once exceptions to the rules are created the legitimacy of the institution is in question. Who benefits? To what purpose and why? If a chapter disagrees, or has not been the beneficiary of such arrangements why would/should they continue to support the institution? Put another way, for the institution to continue to have relevance we had better all be in this together.

Given special arrangements are going on, what do we know about accounting? Not much from my perspective! It is my opinion that transparency is critical in a member driven institution. We should do everything we can to get transparency. In my mind this means, in this context, every meets arrangements should be documented for all to see. If the bylaws are legit, every chapter needs to work towards getting into compliance with said bylaws. All exceptions should be reviewed before a meet is "sanctioned" as an AMCA National and plans should be in place to meet not only the spirit, but the letter of the bylaws.

Failure to get transparency is an ill wind the AMCA simply does not need.

Spring is sprung – ride! Charles E. Finney

Opening of The Motorcyclepedia Museum
Brenda Teel-Lash

I had the privilege of attending the grand opening of the Motorcyclepedia in Newburgh, New York on April 16 and all I can say is WOW. Jerry and Ted Doering have the most impressive collection of motorcycles that I have ever seen . I highly recommend if you are in the area to stop in. The museum is 85,000 square feet in size with over 430 bikes inside. There were 900 visitors there on opening day. For more information visit the museum at 250 Lake St, Newburgh, NY. Phone 845-569-9065 or email at Info@motorcyclepediamuseum.com.



The Indian room has over 100 Indians arranged in a timeline around the room.





(Above)The main floor had a vast collection of different bikes such as the one on the top left. There is a nice collection of Ed Roth bikes and memorabilia from movies they were in. Chopper City with a variety of choppers is also on the main level.
 (Below) The museum also houses the Antique Motorcycle Foundation's Fast From the Past Exhibit and the Founders Circle.



Our Sympathies go out to the following members this month for the loss of a loved one.
 Pam Gross on the loss her mother
 Lorna Teel on the loss her father
 Ken Welty on the loss of his father

You start the game with a full pot of luck and an empty pot of experience... The object is to fill the pot of experience before you empty the pot of luck.



The lower level has all kinds of Antique bikes

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May Birthday and Anniversaries

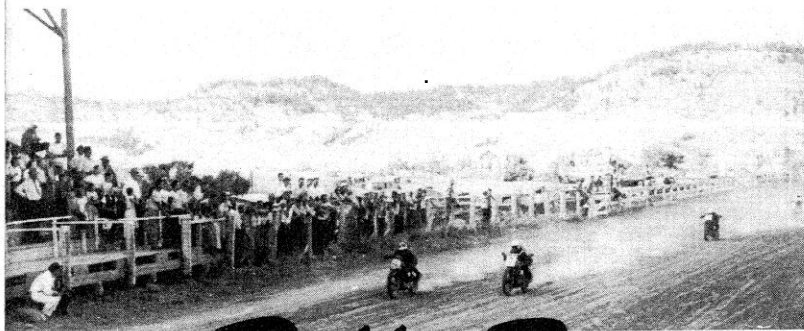
Happy Birthday Wishes to the following members with birthdays in April:

Bill Baird	Dave Clemons	Gerald Edleman
Charles Finney	Dave Hellmann	Dale Kuntz
Joyce Kaufmann	Nancy McCannan	Wanda Schumacher
Pam Smith	Doug Stein	Terry Swanson
Ron Tinkham		

Happy Anniversary Wishes to the following couple:

Tommy and Christina Caldwell
Charles and Sherri Finney
Matt and Marsha Payne
Del and Wanda Schumacher
Ryan and Lisa Sumner
Terry and Joni Swanson
Steve and Luann Vanmeter

Bill Tuman (at the left) thunders past Floyd Emde to win the Expert Final as part of the Black Hills Gypsy Tour.



Bill Tuman

"... A Great Rider!"

Bill Tuman's name began appearing more and more frequently as the competition reports came in during the last half of 1945 and the entire season of 1946. (By the way — you sponsoring clubs and promoters, thanks very much for your cooperation in mailing us the competition information.) In fact, during '46, he was such a consistent winner, that we made several mental notes to "watch the guy".

When J. C. Hoel, the Indian dealer in Sturgis, South Dakota, sent us the story of the Black Hills Gypsy Tour, a part of his letter went like this: "... In the Expert Final, Tuman, after making a poor start, gained foot by foot each lap, and finally caught Emde. It took two more laps and several attempts before Bill passed Floyd on the north turn. He gave the crowd one of the grandest races ever. Tuman really earned his win! A great rider!"

When Tuman arouses that sort of enthusiasm it is time to quit making mental notes, and to find out more about the lad.

Bill's home town is Rockford, Illinois, and that is where he hails from now. However, his first racing successes came out in California as he had moved there during the war. Winning consistently in one area doesn't necessarily make one a champion, but it was impressive to see how often Tuman was a winner out on the Coast, despite the fact that he was a newcomer to track competition. He just seemed to have all the necessary qualifications for a truly great racer — the fighting heart that never gives up; the fearlessness that enables a champ to "keep it turned on" just a little longer as he heads into the turn; the confidence in himself that is based upon sound knowledge of his abilities, and is not to be confused with conceit. He has them all, and his record of wins in 1946 and so far in 1947 has been nothing short of phenomenal.

Unless he takes a "header", you can generally expect to find him up in the winners, but every now and then he has a "red-hot" day — such as in Kansas City in 1946 when he took five firsts, including the main event and the trophy dash, or in Shreveport, also in '46, when after winning his "A" heat, he went on to capture the "A" final, beating out such stars as Chet Dykgraaf,

Leo Anthony and Junior Legg.

But it was 1947 when Bill began his electrifying streak of first places, and for regular winning, day in and day out, he is the standout performer of the year. Looking through a sheaf of competition reports in which Bill has participated, it is hard to pick out any one that is the highlight. They go from April 20, when he placed first in his heat and then won the feature in San Antonio, Texas, up to the Black Hills Tour on August 10th, when Floyd Emde was his victim.

In between, we find that he dominated the races at Norfolk, Va., on May 3rd, and a week later was in Springfield, Mo., where, beside winning the main event, he broke the track record. Another track record fell before his skillful riding at Jerseyville, Ill., as he paced the field in the big event. In getting around like that he is pitting his efforts against the best in the country, and to his credit let it be said that he didn't miss first place more than a couple of times. Perhaps the most satisfying victory of them all, though, was his clean-up at the Wisconsin State Fair Park's one-mile speedway, near Milwaukee, when his flashy riding brought him in ahead of Leo Anthony, Art Hafer and other crack riders in both the Expert heat and the final.

Bill is a member of the Rockford Roamers Motorcycle Club, and along with his teammate, Joe Bissman, has done a great deal to make that club pretty well known all over the country. When he is home, he lives with his wife and three youngsters in Rockford, but during the racing season, you're not likely to find him there — he's off where the checkered flag rewards his efforts at driving that red Indian, with #51 on its plates, a whole lot faster than the rest of the field can make it.

While in his teens, Bill started his motorcycle riding, and his love for it has never abated, but his racing dates from 1945 when he was about 25 years old. He has been cramming in victories as though he was trying to make up for the war years, when he couldn't prove himself the outstanding speed merchant that he is.

Bill Tuman is our nomination for the motorcycle racer of 1947 — we join J. C. Hoel in saying: "A great rider!"

Contributed
by Bruce
Coutant
taken from
the
Sept/Oct
1947 issue
of Indian
Motorcycle
News.
Article on
Bill Tuman
of the Chief
Blackhawk
Chapter.

Events Near and Far

Chief Blackhawk Business Meetings

June 7- meeting at the
Welcome Inn in Milan
Meeting starts at 7PM come earlier to eat.

July no meeting Picnic time see below

Up coming Events:

May 21, 2011 Bill's Annual Ride Meet at the
Purple Onion in Annawan at 9:00 AM for
Breakfast. See Flyer page 8

June 3, 4 & 5, 2011
The National Motorcycle Museum Vintage
Rally. See flyer page 4

In Our Backyard

That Was Then, This is Now Keels and
Wheels May 13-14- Muscatine, Iowa For
more information contact Dave Mortiz at
MoritzDavid@stanleygroup.com or call 563
260 1970 **Due to Flooding this event was
cancelled.**

Motorcycle tool-guide

Taken from the website

http://www.motoroads.com/motorcycle_jokes.html

Eight-Foot Long Douglas Fir 2X4 - used for levering a
bike upright after using a hydraulic jack on the bike.

• **Hydraulic Bike Jack/Platform** - ingeniously-designed
tool for flipping bikes onto their sides, usually when you're
alone in the shop.

• **Wire Wheel** - cleans rust off old bolts and then throws
them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of
light. Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned guitar
calluses in about the time it takes you to say, "Hand me
'nother beer, Bubba!"

• **Drill Press** - a tall upright machine useful for suddenly
snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it
smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the
room, splattering it against the Pamela Anderson poster
over the bench grinder.

• **Oxy Acetylene torch** - used almost entirely for lighting
those stale garage cigarettes you keep hidden in the back
of the Whitworth socket drawer (What wife would think to
look in there?) because you can never remember to buy
lighter fluid for the Zippo lighter you got from the PX at
Fort Campbell.

• **Vice-Grips** - used to round off bolt heads. If nothing else
is available, they can also be used to transfer intense
welding heat to the palm of your hand.(Cont. on page 7)

Annual Chief Blackhawk Picnic

When: July 10, 2011

Where: Moto Dome, 25126 Ridge Road, Colona, IL 61241

Time: Began gathering: 9:00 AM Lunch: 11:30 AM

RSVP: Check for \$10 per person by 1 July to:
Chief Blackhawk Chapter,
C/O Hollie Swain
611 Wisconsin Ave.,
Davenport, IA 52804
(Your check will be returned to you at the picnic)



- **Electric Hand Drill** - normally used for spinning steel Pop rivets in their holes until you die of old age, but it also works great for drilling roll-bar mounting holes in the floor of a sports car just above the brake line that goes to the rear axle.
- **Mechanic's Knife** - used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; works particularly well on boxes containing leathers or bike covers.
- **Hammer** - originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate expensive chrome scooter parts not far from the object we are trying to hit.
- **Tweezers** - a tool for removing wood splinters.
- **Phone** - tool for calling your neighbor Bubba to see if he has another hydraulic floor jack.
 - **Snap-On Gasket Scraper** - theoretically useful as a sandwich tool for spreading mayonnaise; used mainly for getting dog-doo off your boot.
 - **E-Z Out Bolt and Stud Extractor** - a tool that snaps off in bolt holes and is ten times harder than any known drill bit.
 - **Two-Ton Hydraulic Engine Hoist** - a handy tool for testing the tensile strength of ground straps and hydraulic clutch lines you may have forgotten to disconnect. Almost capable of lifting a Gold Wing off the floor.
 - **Craftsman 1/2 x 16 Inch Screwdriver** - a large motor mount prying tool that inexplicably has an accurately machined screwdriver tip on the end without the handle.
 - **Battery** - electrolyte Tester A handy tool for transferring sulfuric acid from scooter battery to the inside of your toolbox after determining that your battery is dead as a doornail, just as you thought.
 - **Hacksaw** - one of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle. It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.
 - **Trouble Light** - the mechanic's own tanning booth. Sometimes called a drop light, it is a good source of vitamin D, "the sunshine vitamin", which is not otherwise found in garages at night. Health benefits aside, its main purpose is to consume 40-watt light bulbs at about the same rate that 105-mm howitzer shells might be used during, say, the first few hours of the Battle of the Bulge. More often dark than light, its name is somewhat misleading.
 - **Air Compressor** - a machine that takes energy produced in a coal-burning power plant 200 miles away and transforms it into compressed air that travels by hose to a Chicago Pneumatic impact wrench that grips rusty suspension bolts last tightened 40 years ago by someone in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and rounds them off.
 - **Phillips Screwdriver** - normally used to stab the lids of old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and splash oil on your shirt; can also be used, as the name implies, to round off Phillips screw heads.
 - **Timing Light** - a stroboscopic instrument for illuminating grease buildup on crankshaft pulleys.

Bills Ride to Leaves from "Purple Onion" in ANNAPAN @ 9:00 AM, Rt. 6 ILL.

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ARMED FORCES DAY
PROGRAM 1:00pm

Saturday
May 21, 2011
10am-4pm



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BUSES WELCOME



Top right the things some people do with their bikes, Bottom left my favorite very pretty bike, bottom right downstairs at motorcycledpedia is a working wall of death that was running on opening day



The ladies working on vendor packets and the guys helping!