



AMCA Zia Chapter Newsletter Summer 2019

Zia Chapter's new website

We have a new chapter website thanks to club member Karl Franklin. Karl is still building the site, but it's coming along, and looks great. You can check it out @ amca-zia.org. We are setting up a New Mexico motorcycle history section. If you have anything we can use (old dealer info, race history even pics) you can send it to Karl kf@myism.com and he will scan it and get it back to you. Or just send him the scanned info if you are able. Club members can also have a zia chapter email address. Just email me (springstcycle@gmail.com) with what name you would like to use (*****@amca-zia.org) and we'll get ya fixed up. This is a big step for our chapter, Thanks Karl!

Fall tiddler ride

Zia chapter fall tiddler ride is set for October 6th. We will meet up at the Oasis cafe in Belen, 480 Rio Communities Blvd. (hwy 47). Kickstands up at 10:00 am, so come early if ya want to snag a cup of coffee or some breakfast before the ride. Bikes need to be 250cc or less, and at least 35 years old. Route will be about 60 miles. Don't have a tiddler to ride?.....you can pick one up out of the newsletter classifieds! Drop me a line if you have any questions. Should be a hoot.

Vintage track day report

We had a great vintage track day last month, thanks to Steve for putting it all together. He even got us some time on the track to ride our street bikes on a few parade laps. Steve led the group around on the parade laps, and always the racer, the laps seemed to get faster and faster! If you are interested in taking your vintage bike to a track day, email Steve, he'll help you figure out what ya need to get started. Stevebrown64@hotmail.com



Presidents Corner

Fire-Breathing Dragons

Dragons are among the most popular and enduring mythical creatures throughout the world. They continue to capture our imagination in various genres. *How to Train Your Dragon*, written by Cressida Cowell, is a children's book that takes place in a mythical Viking world where a young teenager named Hiccup Herrendous Haddock III aspires to follow his tribe's tradition of becoming a dragon slayer. He captures and befriends a Night Fury, rather than kill it. This dragon is one of the rarest and most powerful fire-breathing dragons in existence. It is the unholy offspring of lightning and death itself. Together, Toothless and Hiccup set out to change how his society misjudges the species.



On a peaceful Saturday afternoon at the Sandia Raceway outside of Albuquerque, New Mexico, members of the Zia Chapter encountered a variety of fire-breathing dragons. Well, it was peaceful until these beasts awoke! Vintage race motorcycles were on display, courtesy of organizer and AMCA Zia Chapter member Steve Brown, for the gathered spectators to gaze in awe of the svelte sleeping machines. Upon command, with a few minor adjustments here and there and a bump start, the ballistic sound of a dive bombing Night Fury was heard throughout the pit area. In contrast to an actual Night Fury with super-charged plasma blasts issued from its mouth, these variants of a Night Fury delivered syncopated high-pitched reverberations out the tailpipes with each crack of the throttle, before settling down to a rhythmic croon anticipating its master's call to action.



Speaking of which, to witness these mechanical fire-breathing dragons on the track with professional riders aboard in attack mode was awesome. The sight and sound of strategic downshifting in the corners and upshifting on the straights provided testament of the enormous power-to-weight ratio of these machines.

One such machine was only 166 cc stock from the factory, but modified of course to a little over 180 cc as I recall. Some racers in the pit jokingly lamented that was cheating. It was definitely a little Night Fury. Hands over the ears was in order when bump started and the throttle cracked. As Steve said, "You better have it pointed in the direction you want to go,

before twisting the wick”. As the story goes in *How to Train Your Dragon*, a Night Fury is loyal and empathic with boundless, puppy-like energy until it attacks. With its incredible power-to-weight ratio, it is capable of a vertical take-off. I would venture to guess that the machines we witnessed that day could almost do the same for the less-knowledgeable rider who twisted the wick a little too hard taking off from a dead stop! Hang on for it going to be a bumpy ride under the influence of gravity. Ouch!

Zia chapter T shirts and license plates

We still have some Zia chapter T shirts left for sale, \$20 each. Better get one before they're all gone. Drop me a line with your size, and I'll see what colors are left.



Karl has set us up a web page to purchase club signs and license plates. Just go to <https://www.pecosigns.com/zia/>. Thanks to Karl for all the hard work designing and making the plates and signs they look great!



Shop Night

Shop night is in Socorro every Thursday from 5:00, till something is runningusually 9-10:00. All Zia chapter members and friends are welcome. For more info or directions: Sam- 575-418-0240 or springstcycle@gmail.com

The BMW R60 head repair

In the last newsletter I had taken off the BMW head for stripped exhaust threads. Craig looked at it and says hell I can fix that! Craig brought back the repaired head, with new threads. Pretty amazing, it didn't sound easy, but it is a beautiful job.



Head went back on, exhaust nut fit great, and no leaks....Thanks Craig!!

Zoe's BSA

Shop night regular Zoe picked up a 250 BSA, with complete parts bike from Bill. She put together a carb out of the parts pile, stuck a donor battery in it from another bike, and it lit on the 3rd kick! No bad noises, no smoke, I think she has a runner. She'll start on making a set of control cables, and spoon on some new tires next week.



Matt's chopper

Matt got his long term chopper project finished up and on the road. He took it out for 150 mile shakedown, and everything is good. Pretty impressive for a built from the ground up custom (my maiden voyages on a new build are usually closer to 5 miles!) He already has parts for his next shop night project, a 1969 Triumph 500 custom. Can't wait to see it come together.



Bo's grocery getter

We walked across the street to my neighbor Bo's place for a little show and tell. Bo has a little hot rod with a stroker motor that didn't seem to have quite enough go for Bo, so they put a blower on it!!



The WLA

The primary chain was shot on the WLA, so we put on a new chain, and the clutch hasn't been releasing very well, making it hard to get into 1st when stopped, so we pulled the clutch and cleaned

and deglazed the plates. The speedometer also hasn't been working, so we pulled the rear drive, and the brass gear was chewed up. We put in a new drive, and cleaned the brass swarf out of the hub. Speedometer still doesn't work! We'll have to go a little deeper. But...she's back on the road.



Classifieds

Tiddler ride special! Cute little two stroke single cylinder street bike. 4506 miles currently on odometer. Features 5 speed oil injected reed valve motor, kickstart only. Bike starts, runs, & rides as it should, Mostly all original and in great shape, but has a few scuffs, scrapes, & signs of use here & there. New battery, rear tire, carb & fuel system cleaned, ready to go! Could use a new seat cover soon. It would be a great companion bike for a green RD400! \$1500 w. title, located in Roswell NM Call Jimmy at 575-420-1820



69 Suzuki T120 trail bike. High/low range transmission, new tires. \$1000 contact Mary Lou Dobbs 505-343-0617



'65 Norton Atlas Project with title, Matching numbers. Some spares: cases and bottom end, tranny, oil tank, etc. \$2500 Call for details. Pete @ 575-418-0232 Also have two Commando Projects, one with title. And lots of spares.



---Jimmy and Ken will be going to the Davenport swap meet. If you are looking for anything special, drop Jimmy a line. jimmy@championmotorsportsnm.net

For Sale-- Moto Guzzi T-3 \$3500 Call Chris for details 505-333-5254

Following bikes for sale in Mimbres near Silver City New Mexico

Any can be made available to see for serious buyer at Thursday Bike Nite in Socorro NM

- 1971 Harley 350 Sprint custom -at the shop- titled \$5500.00
- 2004 BMW R1150 RT 22000mi new tires grey very clean \$4500
- 1974 BMW R90/6 10 miles big tank runs and rides titled \$4500.00
- 1975 Yamaha 650 Chopper not running complete titled project \$600.00
- 1980 SUZUKI GN400X much new runs and rides titled thumper \$1500.00
- 1974 SUZUKI RV90 2 stroke fat tire titled runs and rides \$1500.00
- 1974 SUZUKI RL250 2 stroke Trials runs and rides no title \$1500.00
- 1973 SUZUKI TC125 2 stroke Prospector runs,rides,title \$1500.00

I can Text photos of any of the bikes-440-635-6720-

Call me for detailed information on any of the bikes.

Terms are CASH only I own them all. Offers considered if made in person.

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