

AMCA Zia Chapter winter newsletter 2018

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Zia Chapter club meeting December 9th

We need to get together and talk about plans for the upcoming Musketball run. It's not till May, but it's sneaking up fast. We also need to discuss officer elections for the upcoming year. And hell, we just need to get together! Sunday December 9th at 1:00pm at the shop in Socorro. The usual place, 503 Center st. email me if you need directions.

The Zia Chapter first biannual tiddler run

We've been talking about putting on a tiddler run for a while now. Finally got it together this fall. It was raining and cold for three or four days before the scheduled run and didn't look good. The morning of, the skies cleared off, and by our 11:00 departure it was really nice. We had a pair 50cc hondas, one 90cc honda. A 250cc DKW from the second world war, a 1966 125cc Moto Guzzi, a 200cc Honda twin, and a couple of 250 two stroke twins. Damn sure a diverse bunch of machinery!

Our route took us from Tijeras east to Stanley. At Stanley we turned north on hwy 41 into a slight headwind that made the little Guzzi feel like I was dragging a box of rocks. We stopped at Galisteo to let everyone gather back up, then headed west on hwy 42. We stopped in Madrid for lunch at the Mineshaft,



and gave the passerbys something different to look at in amongst all the Harleys. After lunch

we headed south on hwy 14. One of the two strokes was out ahead of me climbing up out of the valley, and soon I couldn't see them, but there was a blue haze settled along the curves, and low spots thru the mountains. It was beautiful, and damn I love that smell, brings back a lot of memories. The run on down to Tijeras was great, and the weather was perfect.

The whole day we only had one breakdown, not even a flat! Pretty impressive for a bunch of old, small bikes (and old large riders), some of which were just put together for the ride, and then flogged for a hundred miles! The Honda 50s were amazing, never missed a beat. It was the most fun I've had on a motorcycle in a while, we're already planning another.

President's corner

A Collection

Merriam-Webster offers one definition of "Collection" as a group or aggregate, such as a collection of symptoms. This term brings to mind the latest adventures of the Zia Chapter of the AMCA during a leisurely 100 mile jaunt through the backroads of New Mexico, on route to Madrid, New Mexico, aboard the mighty Tiddlers. Yes, a collection of symptoms was pervasive among the participants as they all suffered from the same malady of craving old iron to calm the inner beast. In this case, it was the 250 cc 35 year or older assortment. A "Gaggle" as defined by this authoritative source is also a group or aggregation. No, it was

not a flock of geese participating as unwilling passengers, as the person on the street would associate this word with the feathered honker variety; however, there was a gaggle of greybeards scurrying about aboard various makes and models of diminutive motorcycles. Each one grinning from ear to ear like the proverbial possum eating persimmons, some dressed in leathers, and all eagerly awaiting the inauguration of the 1st Annual Tiddler run, later unanimously agreed upon to be a Biannual event. With the roar of the engines and a cloud of blue smoke from the two-stroke participants, riders mounted their trusty steed and headed out on an adventure of a comradery and a bit of the unknown. To hedge this uncertainty, a chase vehicle equipped with trailer, tools, and fuel followed for good measure. Travelling at about 40 miles per hour and maybe a bit more downhill (let us not discuss the uphill portions of the ride) certainly does not qualify as the British “Ton Up” moniker; however, the Zia Chapter collection that day consisted of a “Gaggle of Greybeards” and a “Ton Up of Tiddlers”, artistic license duly noted for the latter.

Ken’s account of the tiddler ride

All day I wanted to reach behind me and grab newspapers to deliver! Old Memories! Kept waiting for that dog that chased me every morning too!

Such a great day. All the memories and smells of fall, 52 years ago when I bought my Honda Sport 50 and was finally able to enter the ranks of motorcyclists, came flooding back at every mile that passed on my odometer. All 95 of them. Still having that very same bike is one of my proudest accomplishments.



I almost did not make the ride. I had a very frustrating Friday cumulating with me punching out my Mr. Coffee machine and going to bed with the thought I would not go. About 4 AM I woke up and couldn't fall back asleep. I was feeling guilty. Grabbed a cold one from the fridge and sat there drinking, wallowing in shame. Finished that beer, took a shower, packed my shit, and headed out to meet Jimmy and DOK. Damn sure glad I did. It was one of the most fun rides I have ever had. Our participation/ completion rate was awesome! I had fears my Honda would lock up and spit me off coming down some of those 50+MPH downhills and what was left of us would be trailer/meatwagon bound. Sad that Doc's bike decided it would stay on lunch break

but I believe his was the oldest bike there and certainly one of the coolest, so that break was completely authorized.

Here are the pics I took. Not too many or too great but I was riding, not documenting yesterday! I included a shot of Jimmy and me on the 50, a few years back. He has a better one if he can find it. Also one of Jimmy with his original Rising Sun DT-1 and helmet, as discussed yesterday at the Galestio stop. Can't wait to do it again. Maybe next time with a bike that can do the posted speed limit, with more legroom and maybe a softer seat?

Ken

Shop night

The Rickman

I know, I know, will he ever finish the damn Rickman?? We're making some progress! We got the coils mounted and all wired up, Boyer ignition installed and static timed, valves checked and adjusted. Throttle cables made up (finding correct cable free length is a pain..Damn we're close to trying to start the poor 'ol thing.



The Stornello

We spooned some fresh tires on the little Stornello for the tiddler run, and when I started to remount the front wheel, noticed a lot of wobble in the lower legs of the forks. Well, the lower bushings were toast (egged, see pic), and scored the inner lower leg up pretty good. No time to repair the lower legs, tiddler run is only days away, but there was enough scrap brass in the scrap box to turn up a couple of lower bushings. With the bushings made we were ready to put it back together and notice the fender mount on the lower leg is coming apart, and the threaded block is missing from inside it. So milled up, and threaded a new block, and welded up the cracked



mount. Fork all cleaned up, new seals, and lower bushings in and back together. I love the extremely technical specifications of these old bikes, the book calls for 20 weight motor oil in the forks. I figure the insides of the lowers are scored up, so dumped in some 30 weight!! Fork action is smooth as butter. Not sure how long the brass will hold up, but we're back on the road.



New Shop Stereo

Brad set us up a new shop stereo. Less bulky than what we are using, but was a little short on punch!! Yep, two funnels and a cell phone. A few beers, and free time, the mind can wander!



Classified ads

*Wanted: New Mexico and Texas Motorcycle License Plates. New Mexico 1970 and earlier, Texas 1966 and earlier. Buy, trade and rarely sell.

Michael Breeding

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* TIDDLER BIKE! 1976 Yamaha RS100C two stroke single cylinder street bike for sale. 4500+ miles, complete, intact, & in very good original condition. A few minor cosmetic issues, and original tires / tubes should be replaced before embarking on next club Tiddler Ride. \$1500 OBO, trades considered. Bike is located in Roswell. Contact John (575) 910-2666 or Jimmy (575) 420-1820 for details.

*TWO 1970 TRIUMPH T100 DAYTONAS for sale or trade. Both are titled, and motors kick thru. One is pretty close to all original, with stainless fenders, stock exhaust, headlight & instrumentation (speedo only), and aftermarket engine oil cooler. Kicks thru, feels like good compression. Has title, \$2500 OBO, trades considered.

The other bike has aftermarket TT pipes, no mufflers, no instruments, headlight is not original. Kicks thru with weak compression. Has title, \$1500 OBO, trades considered. Either one would be excellent candidate for restoration project. Bikes are located in Roswell. Contact John (575) 910-2666 or Jimmy (575) 420-1820 for details.



*From Bill Eberhardt Calls 440-635-6720

Some Vintage bikes for sale or possible trade for Moto Guzzi single or other non-project vintage bike.

1974 HONDA TL125E Trials Bike Runs good New Tires and tubes Starts easy
VIN 1708628 Never a title-Bill of sale-Missing 1 side cover-not restored-
Call me for phone pics-can deliver to Socorro or pick up in MIMBRES \$1500.OBO

1974 SUZUKI RL250 TRIALS Bike 2 stroke New Tires and tubes. SCREAMS! Not restored
Aftermarket mullfler-stock-VIN RL25017166 Call me for pics-can deliver to Socorro
never titled-bill of sale-Reluctant sale-looking for \$2000 or fair offer/Suzuki trade

1970 BSA B-25 Starfire I have 2 for sale 1 original as seen at bike nite in Socorro and another basket
case. Call me for info, but great opportunity for 2 vintage 250's. The basket needs engine work-the head
and barrel removed. Bike is 95% complete. Tank, fenders and oil tank painted. Rolling frame. Both hve
current Ohio titles in my name.
Work will resume on the original bike soon and should be ride able soon. Affordable.
Cal me for status, phone pics and other info. Last OIL tank BSA 250 models.

I have a drive on car lift for sale.Older est 20 years old BEND PAK 9000#
Located in Mimbres at my home as I purchased it. My plans changed. Was working when I bought it
and still will. 220Volts Good condition-needs assembly. I can load it on your trailer. \$1000.00

ALSO have thousands of used parts for MG cars from 1955 to 1980. Call me

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*Karl Franklin here. I recently bought an original basket case '49 WL that is missing a few parts:

Karl Franklin - 575-420-3777 - Roswell

1949 WL Solo – Looking for original

Rear stand and catch

Head lamp

Horn

Speedo

Monroe shock assy

Chain guard

Red glass lens for tombstone

Tombstone chrome bezel

Gas tank emblem screws

1949 New Mexico M/C license plate

Stuff to trade:

Original solo seat t-post

Linkert M18 carb – complete

Magneto

*I got 1968 CL125A Parts, Single Carb Motor, Frame lots of parts, 1970 CB125 Twin Carb Motor and parts to make it a 160, \$300 CB160 Frame \$100. adye1@windstream Or RVTRACER@gmail.com For pictures and info.

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- Foreign Membership (outside USA, Including Canada & Mexico) (1-year) \$ 55.00
- Foreign Membership (outside USA, Including Canada & Mexico) (3-year) \$ 165.00

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Donation to the Antique Motorcycle Foundation (specify amount) \$ _____

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