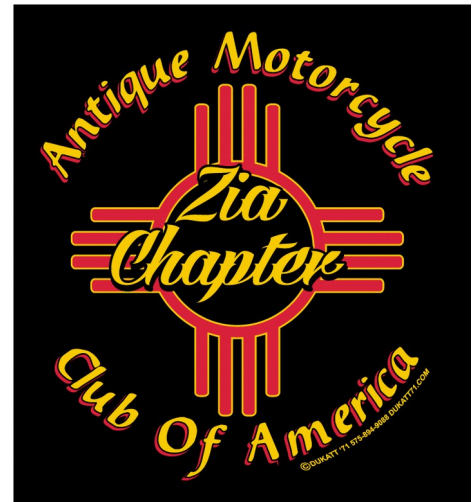


# AMCA Zia Chapter Newsletter

Winter 2020



## The antique motorcycle world

If you ride a motorcycle, you are in a small minority of the population (at least here in the U.S.). If you ride an antique motorcycle you are in a small minority of that small minority. The internet has expanded our world a little in that you can find parts and information a little easier...if the part is available, and the information is any good. You used to have to know your bike and your parts supplier, and have done your research. Now a lot of that is just a click away, so it seems. A lot of the knowledge and rare parts are still with AMCA club members, you can actually talk to someone who actually knows what they have, and have dealt with the particular problem before. Hell they probably have or have had the bike in question. It's nice to have a place that is a lot like things used to be. A lot of hands on experience and willingness to share it! A guy called a few weeks ago with a question about an antique bike he had recently gotten, and as we talked, the bike sounded familiar, I asked where he had gotten it, and it came from club member Bill that regularly comes to shop night. The bike had been here to shop night before he bought it, and the engine is back here being worked on by the new owner during Thursday night Zia chapter shop night. He just needed a little help, and use of some tools he didn't have. Welcome aboard Steve.....Damn small world!

## Next meeting

It's been a while since we have gotten together. We've been talking about it, and think we should try to meet up somewhere monthly. It doesn't have to be a formal meeting (like we've ever had a formal meeting), just get together, go for a ride, maybe have some pie. We get together at shop night every week, but it's in Socorro, and not usually over till after 9:00. It makes it hard to drive any distance, have a cold one.....or two and then make the drive home in the dark. If you have a place, or a ride you like or an event to go to, let us know, and we'll set up a get together.

For February we'll be meeting at the Oso Cafe in Capitan. Saturday Feb. 22 @1:00pm. There are some great roads around there, if it's not too cold, might be able to get a ride in. I'll be putting the leg shields back on the Guzzi! We will be talking about this year's Zia Chapter officer elections, and our spring ride location. See ya there.



## Zia chapter website

Karl is doing a really nice job with our club website [amca-zia.org](http://amca-zia.org). He's always looking for New Mexico motorcycle history, old New Mexico dealer info, race info, or New Mexico related antique photos. You can contact Karl at [kf@myism.com](mailto:kf@myism.com). He also makes our club license plates and wall signs. If you haven't been to our website, check it out.

## President's Corner

### The Pitfalls of Ho Hum Humdrum

The Zia Chapter is solidly into the winter months with its less than inviting riding weather for individual or group outings. There is a pervasive feeling among a few of us expressing a weariness, boredom, or general disdain and a lack of excitement or variety. Hence, the interjection of it is as being a ho hum humdrum kind of season. However, there should not be any anguish here as there are opportunities to get busy with that project you have been procrastinating for all these years for whatever lame excuse, or to get together to reconnect with each other and chew the fat, or masticate a more palatable morsel, such as pecan pie ala mode! I found myself languishing in the ho hum humdrum of this winter having had little opportunity to mount my stable of iron horses and go for an enjoyable putt. One redeeming grace was and is the camaraderie of like-minded enthusiasts of the vintage iron every Thursday at Sam's shop for bike night. Here I immersed myself in helping Sam the best I could, or more accurately watching Sam do his amazing work for himself and others. Oh yes, I took full advantage of his services a few times to mill down a carburetor adapter or sweat solder my copper fuel line fittings for my recently acquired 1945 Triumph 3HW military. Up until that old warhorse arrived in early December, I was truly in a funk six days a week. Suddenly I was invigorated, searching the internet for critical military parts and contacting WD forum members I have known for years for that extra bit of restoration advice. Wow, the pitfalls of ho hum humdrum seem to fade a bit, although it was hard waiting for all the parts to arrive. With some needed items in hand, I spent an enjoyable holiday

season in the garage working on my Triumph a few minutes here an hour there, rewiring, painting, installing correct WD parts, etc. What a stress relief! So my advice to all my fellow Zia Chapter members is to get busy with those projects, however large or small, and avoid the pitfalls of winter having so little riding time on these time machines we love so well.

Now back to my pie comment. Reconnecting over some delicious pie sounds like a good idea. I rarely get those, so I kind of proud of that one, although it seems that Sam, Pete, and myself are somehow telemetrically connected by some mysterious wavelength! When I broached the subject to Sam, he said that both Pete and himself were just talking about that as a way to rejuvenate the chapter of a bit of ho hum humdrum that is typical with many groups after some passage of time. To paraphrase Edmund Burke in a letter (1770) to Thomas Mercer, the only thing necessary for the triumph of ho hum humdrum is for good members to do nothing!

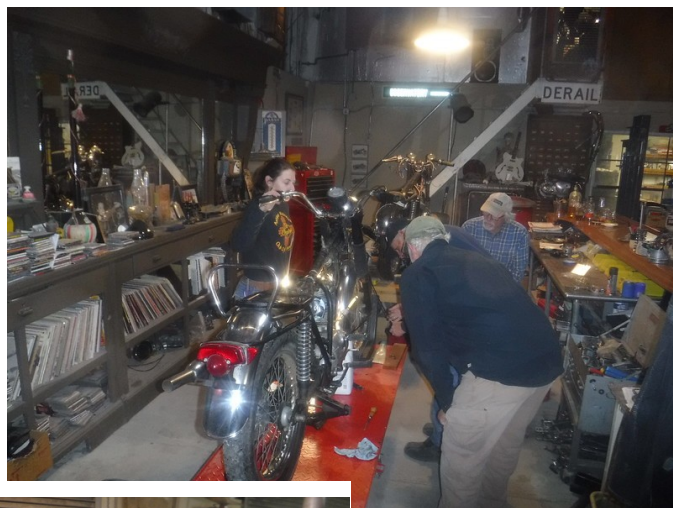
So my advice to all my fellow Zia Chapter members is to keep in touch and let us know what is happening in your neck of the woods, but especially make an effort to reconnect over some pie. Invitations will be forthcoming as we wait out the cold weather for that blessed arrival of spring, so stay tuned for more via the Zia Chapter newsletters or emails.

## Shop Night

It's been busy at shopnight, Twingle, BSA, Royal Enfield, Rickman, Norton, Yamaha, Moto Guzzi

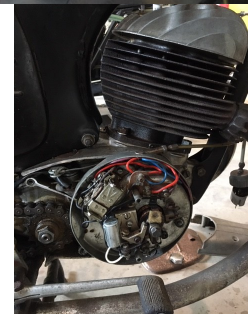
### The BSA

Zoe's been making some progress with the little B25. She cleaned all the sludge out of the oil tank, and you can now see thru the botton!! Not what you want to see, but it's patchable. We have gotten fresh cables made up, and she has done a lot of cleaning and tidying up the wiring. Should once again be a runner soon.



### The Twingle

Bill brought in a 175cc Sears badged Puch twingle. A two stroke single cylinder with two pistons on a forked con rod. Nothing odd about that. Just what you'd expect from Bill! It



*Twingle conference*

had been parked with fuel in it before Bill got it, so it got a good flush and the carb gone through. Still has starting problems, hopefully next Thursday We'll be Twingling!

## The Rickman

Finally got the motor back together, and started up. It sounds great, can't wait to take it out. It goes good, but no brakes (among other things). There is a lot of odds and ends to sort out, but it's close. Running is a big step! Put a new chain on it, and it drags on the frame...not good. We put together a Triumph triple in a Rickman race frame a few years ago with 14" shocks and it worked fine. This is a Street Metisse frame, and it doesn't like the longer shocks. I'll cannibalize the 'ol Triumph 500's Konis for now. Of course We had to make up a set of stepped spacers for the first shocks and the Konis will take different size mounts, minor details!

## The Norton swap



I have an old '65 Norton Atlas I drug out to New Mexico when we moved here 24 years ago. A complete basket case. Numbers matching, but completely apart. It sat here in the shop for 20 or so years till Pete thought he wanted a go at it, so we swapped one of Pete's 'ol Guzzis for the Norton. Pete is tired of looking at the Norton, so Last week I swapped him a Norton Commando in about the same shape for the Atlas! We've both been happy with our Atlas ownership, me so much so that I had to have it back! The

Atlas changed hands twice, and never moved off her spot, and we're both pleased with ourselves for such brilliant trading skills!

## Triumph 3HW

Clint found another WWII bike. This time it's a Triumph 1945 3HW 350 single. It looks good, but many parts were needed, so he's been finding parts, machining some to fit, new wiring harness and tidying things up. It's amazing how much stuff gets changed just to keep it running over it's 75 year life. It's looking damn nice, with many parts still on order!



## Classifieds

\*Wanted---MWM in search of 1949 New Mexico cycle license plate in any condition. Karl 575-420-3777.

\*For Sale---1963 Velo 500 \$6,000 Alton alternator, big valve head; 1983 Guzzi LeMans \$5,000;XS 650 Yamaha; and an Electric start 850 Commando \$6,000. Contact Brian at [velocette@att.net](mailto:velocette@att.net)



\* Wanted---(from our man Graham)--British bloke looking to buy British motorcycles , anything considered parts etc ,Any donations to the American trip welcomed ,As this guy has special needs ,please support urgently thanks Graham love you long time x

## Club Stuff

We still have a few club t-shirts left, drop me a line if you need one, and I'll see if we have your size left. We also have Zia chapter car license plates and wall signs. Karl makes 'em to order, just pick a color, 4 colors available! Just email me with you order, and we'll get ya fixed up.



## Upcoming Events

\*Zia Chapter meeting February 22<sup>nd</sup>. In Capitan at the Oso cafe 1:00 pm

\*Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sante Fe Trail chapter swap meet and show:



\*February 23<sup>rd</sup> So-Cal Swapmeet See info on our website [amca-zia.com](http://amca-zia.com) for details

\*Motorado show in Santa Fe—Eric says the Motorado show is on for September this year. More info when they have a firm date.

\*Zia Chapter Shop night 5:00-9:00 every Thursday evening in Socorro. Open to all Zia Chapter members and friends. Drop me a line for more details. Sam 575-418-0240

\* Check our website for events, Karl keeps them updated

## Zia chapter officers

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