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A Word from Our President:

Outgoing President:

It has been an honor and a pleasure to have been allowed to work with you. I am fortunate to have had such a wonderful lot of people to work with, you have made it easy. The reins were passed over to Tom at the Christmas Party and the officers and board are ready to get on with 2014. I will help when I can and look forward to seeing all of you.

Thank you,

Charles E. Finney

Incoming President:

Hello to all my fellow motorcycle enthusiasts! My name is Tom Christianson and I have been given the honor of serving as the president of the Chief Blackhawk Antique Motorcycle Club for the new year. First and foremost, I want to thank all of you for putting your trust in me and my abilities. Second, I want all of you to know that I have no hidden agenda other than to keep this club as the foremost antique motorcycle club in the country!

A little about me. I purchased my first motorcycle at the age of 14 during the Japanese invasion. My choice was a one year old, 1965 Bridgestone Sport 60. That was in 1966. I still have that bike although it spent about 30 years in storage conditions that were less than ideal. The "60" was my choice because it was bigger and went faster than the more common 50cc motorcycle. Also, that was all I could afford. After a couple years, my "need for speed" and a desire to go a little farther caused me to upgrade to a 650 BSA. What a blast! Like many cyclists of the period, it eventually had a (continued on Page 4)



2013 Fall International Chief Blackhawk Antique Motorcycle Swap Meet

Another successful year for the CBH meet. Its hard to believe two months have passed since the meet. We again had record number of vendors and vending spaces. The official count would be 495 vendors in 921 spaces. We had to keep opening up spaces in the new area in the back as vendors just kept coming. The heat did seem to slow people down as everyone was walking in slow mode. The golf cart company sold out again this year. They had so many calls that they left one of their employees on site for awhile. While I did not get far from the registration tent I did get some photos from some other members.

This was a great display for our scooter theme.

There was a great display set up for a memorial for Del.





The Banquet was a fun night for all. Lots of door prizes from our wonderful group of vendors. The speaker this year was Dave Despain shown here sporting his very own Chief Blackhawk t-shirt. He entertained the audience with his tales of bike break downs and fool hardy antics for towing a bike. As you can see the lady's and Don were having their own kind of fun.



chopped frame and a 16 over springer front end. That front end gave way to an aftermarket glide (again with extended down tubes) due to an unexpected entanglement with the rear end of a four wheeler. I guess the brakes needed a little work. From that point, there were several different bikes that I bought and sold until I found an old Harley that had been in storage for many years. It



turned out to be a 1947 EL. I still have that bike also however it is now looking a little better than when first arriving in my garage. There have been many others in between and a few that will probably be handed down to my heirs. During the past several years I have entered a new phase in my interest in old bikes. The rendezvous in Davenport that happens each fall has opened my eyes to so much. I have seen bikes that I never knew existed, I have met people that are very helpful and love to share their stories, I have

seen a camaraderie amongst many enthusiasts that borders on the "giddy"! What a wonderful group to be involved with!

Now you have given me a chance to join a long and distinguished line of Presidents of the premier antique motorcycle club that happens to host what is arguably the biggest and the best antique motorcycle show and swap meet in the country and probably in the world! What an honor...

Until next time...

Tom

More Meet Pictures



Events Near and Far

Chief Blackhawk Meetings

No December Meeting Merry Christmas

January 7, 2014

Monthly Meeting at Welcome Inn in Milan IL . We start accumulating at 5:30 meeting at 7 PM

Other Events

January 11, 2014

Chilli Dump at the Lash Garage in Montpelier. 1 PM bring a bowl of chili to dump in the pot and a dish to share. 3904 Hwy 22 in Montpelier IA

In Our BackYard and Further

Walnecks

St. Charles, IL - Dec 15, 2013
8:00am-3:00pm

Admission: \$7.00

Vendor Price: \$50.00 **RESERVE EARLY**

Location: **Prairie Expo Building**

@Kane County Fairgrounds

Address: **525 S. Randall Rd**

City: **St. Charles**

State: **IL**

Newsletter Editor Brenda Teel-Lash

Please send any articles or information that you would like to have in the newsletter by the 10th of each month so that I can get it in the following months newsletter. Remember this is our way to communicate with members that do not live close enough to come to the monthly meetings. If

you have a bike for sale or looking for one lets us know we can put it in the newsletter so fellow club members can help you out. You can send any information via email to bteel-lash@gmail.com or via the postal service to PO Box 514, Buffalo, IA 52728 or phone 563-381-4015.

Wisconsin Swamp Meets

Sunday Jan 5, 2014

Waukesha Expo Center

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Parts Girl Promotion

Feb 2, 2014

Quad Cities Expo Center

Rock Island, IL

We now have a facebook page!

You can like us on facebook at Chief Blackhawk Antique Motorcycle Club. I believe I have it so that you can post pic-

For Sale by Members

1973 RT 360 Yamaha on road off road. Restoring has been started. Engine, carb and transmission completely rebuilt by Yamaha mechanic. Bike has a good title also have all parts to complete the restore and another bike and engine for parts. No title.

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