



# Chief Blackhawk

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## A Word from Our President:



Does it get any better than this? Sometimes things just come together and you end up with the best of all worlds. Such is the life of being a motorcyclist who makes decisions optimizing the wrong things.

In mid-May our daughter took an internship in Los Angeles. This meant she and an automobile needed to be in LA by Memorial Day weekend, a car being a fundamental requirement out there, kinda like breathing is fundamental most places. This led to a flurry of investigations into ways to get back to Iowa without flying, as the whole TSA thing just pisses me off. Amazingly the bus was more expensive than flying, though I feel certain it would also have been more entertaining. Sherri ruled out hitchhiking, besides, I probably look bad in

a dress. The train looked promising, but I could never figure out if I could actually get a ticket in a time frame that mattered. Yes, I could have called and asked, but that would have been inconsistent with my style. Besides, there was an 81 Honda GL1100 about 5 hrs up the coast that looked like a cross-country candidate. Phone calls were made, assurances were made and the deal was done. I had a ride. All the pieces were in place.

So away we went. It was a great ride out, talked with our daughter more in 3 days than I had in the previous 21 years. She is wonderful and on her way. Did you know they have BLUE trees in LA in late May? Not germane to anything, just interesting to me. Got T situated and then headed up the coast to check out the conveyance home.

An 81 GL with all the Hondaline stuff is not an antique by 3 years, but is ain't no spring chicken either. Handed the lady the cash, got a title, bill-of-sale and keys. She asks "don't you want to ride it around the block?" I respond "if it starts and moves under it's own power I'm going to Iowa." It does and we do.

Across CA from the coast to Barstow on two lanes, beautiful country, foothill mountains, almond orchards?, vineyards, oil fields, aircraft junk yards, wind farms, hot. Toast at Barstow. Second day out Barstow to Parowan, UT, hot again, desert, desert, rugged and desolate. Begins to cool down as I get far enough north to get snow in the distant mountains. A good nights sleep and on the road in time for sunrise over the mountains. I'm here to tell ya there is a bunch of canyons in Utah, great vistas, but I wouldn't want to live there. Made Ft. Morgan, CO by nightfall. Rain for 3 hours at launch in the morning, then clear sailing across Nebraska and Iowa. Great trip out, great ride back, great to see Sherri in the driveway. I'd do it again in a heartbeat.

Two weeks pass and I get an e-mail from a friend in FL, he is climbing on his bike and heading to Hiawassee, GA for the GABMA Rally on Thursday. Sherri says "you should go." I do.

## My Best Memory on a Motorcycle Brenda Teel-Lash

**I want to start a new column with the help of you all. Please send me your stories of your best memory on a motorcycle. I will print them in the newsletters. Here is mine please send me yours!**

So my story begins when I first met my husband David. He was a friend of a Nurse that worked with me. She asked me to come out to Buffalo to the bar that they all hung out at. She introduced me to David. We were all outside



looking at the motorcycles and David asked me if I wanted a ride. Well sure I did. I hopped on the back of his 68 Shovelhead and off we went. We had not gotten far from Buffalo when a furry black and white thing jumped into our front tire. Boy was that a mess. We returned to our friends very smelly. I had skunk guts all up my leg. Ugg. So that was the start of our relationship. We dated for 5 years and decided that we would get married. I of course wanted the traditional wedding with the fancy dress and long train. David wanted to go to Sturgis or

some other motorcycle event. So we decided to compromise. We had the tuxedos and the long traditional gown with the long train and veil, but we also had the motorcycles. We had our ceremony outside at Wild Cat Den down by the mill. We asked all of our family and friends to ride motorcycles. After the ceremony we lined up and had about 50 motorcycles behind us and took a short



run to Muscatine and back down to Buffalo. It was amazing to see the long line of bikes behind us. Our wedding day is my best memory of riding an antique motorcycle.



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 Took the long way down, got wet, really wet. Laid back bunch, the GABMA crowd, in a really great location. Rode every day, got wet every day, I'd do it again any day. 4000 miles in less than 4 weeks, saw a lot of friends, saw a lot of great country. Came home to a great wife.  
 Did I mention that Sherri and I did a cemetery ride on mid-60s Honda Cubs (the little 50cc, iron pushrod step thru). You know, "You meet the nicest people on a Honda", Honda. Going to try and map out a scooter cemetery ride for the Davenport meet. Drag out that scooter.  
 I had several phone calls and e-mails about the Davenport Meet when I got home, folks are ready. Yet another ride planned in memory of Del. Sure do miss him. Then there is the Chief Blackhawk picnic at Wildcat Den State

Park on July 14 and someplace in here there must be room for Wauseon, Mid-Ohio, Bonneville and Barber.

Is this a great way to live or what? Friends and riding. See you on the 14<sup>th</sup>, or Labor Day weekend, or over coffee or see you on the road.  
 Ride Smart – Charlie Finney



### 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.

Also selling complete flywheels– shaft and rods for 80” Shovel-head engine with cylinders.

Contact Bill Provance at 815-643-2178

# Annual Chief Blackhawk Picnic

When: July 14, 2013



Where: Wild Cat Den State Park, Muscatine, IA

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

RSVP: Check for \$10 per person by July 5 to:  
Chief Blackhawk ,  
C/O Karen Anselmi  
3022 3rd St  
Moline, IL 61265

(Your check will be returned to you at the picnic)

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I/we plan to attend \_\_\_\_\_ (names) the picnic. Enclosed is our check to Chief Blackhawk for \$10 per person.

Return to: Karen Anselmi, Treasurer  
3022 3rd St  
Moline, IL 61265

For Questions: Call Karen at 309-269-7230

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## Events Near and Far

### Chief Blackhawk Meetings

7/14 Annual Chief Blackhawk Picnic

See page 4 for details.

8/6 Monthly Meeting at Welcome Inn in Milan Il

### Other Events

### In Our BackYard and Further

Baxter Cycle 32nd Annual Motorcycle Rally

Saturday and Sunday,

August 17 & 18

All makes of Motorcycle Welcome.

Friday includes a supper ride for early arrivals. Meet at the

shop at 6 PM

Sat. Starts with a Scout Pancake

breakfast from 8-10

Triumph demo rides 9-4

Open house at the shop and

warehouse all day

Fireman food Stand 11-1

Fireworks display by the Roadhouse at dusk

Sun. Starts with Scout Pancake

Breakfast 8-10

Triumph demo rides 9-3

Free hot dog lunch at the park

Bike show and Trophy presentation

Field Events

311 4th Street

Box 85

Marne, Iowa 51552

712-781-2351

bikes@baxtercycle.com

This is a 4 hour drive up interstate 80.

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### 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/.

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Hollie has received an email from the Independent Activity Director at Ridgecrest Village in Davenport. Being a fellow rider she is interested in providing a motorcycle show on A Saturday Morning in July roughly from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM. She is thinking possibly on July 27th. Please email Hollie Swain at hswain@gracewelcomesyou.org and let her know if you can help out with this show by riding in your motorcycle for the residents to view. Lets all get together and spend an hour or so with these residents. Some used to ride themselves and would love to see these bikes.

If you have not sent in your dues for this year please fill out the following and send in.  
New members may also use this form.

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**CHIEF BLACKHAWK ANTIQUE MOTORCYCLE CLUB**

**Dues** are due January 1 every year

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name(s) for membership **PLEASE print** Date of Birth (Month/Day)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse's Name Date of Birth (Month/Day) Anniversary Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip + 4 Dues/Member \$6 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(area code) phone number Dues/Spouse \$6 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

Checks must be payable to: **Chief Blackhawk Antique Motorcycle Club.**

Please return to: CHIEF BLACKHAWK  
PO Box 514  
Buffalo, IA 52728

**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-  
tures on there.**

**25th Annual Peotone (Illinois) Motorcycle Show, Swap Meet and Rodeo will be held at Will County Fair-  
grounds in Peotone Illinois on Sunday July 14th, just 40 South of downtown Chicago, at exit 327 off I-57.  
There will be vendors from all over, selling new and used motorcycle parts. You can Buy, Sell or Swap.  
Bike show of all classes with trophy awards, Bike Rodeo Games, Music, Food and Beer.**

**There will be Motorcycle Stunt Show sponsored by Phantom Harley-Davidson, Manteno IL and Chi-  
Town Harley-Davidson Tinley Park IL.**

**You can save 2 dollars on admission by going to this website <http://www.peotonemotorcycleswap.com>**

**Keep These Members in Your Thought and  
Prayers**

**Therece Richhart– She is home recover-  
ing from her recent surgery and doing  
well!**

**Richard Kingsley– Has been having some  
health issues and Marion states he has  
been sent to a nursing facility for extra  
care.**

**Bill Provance– Is home doing well even  
made to the last meeting! Great to have  
you back Bill!**



**Vintage Days at the Antique Motorcycle  
Museum in Anamosa Iowa were held this  
month. Saturday was a beautiful day with  
a great crowd and lots of bikes to look at.  
Sunday was a different story the rain came  
and put a damper on the festivities. David  
and I had planned on going on the road  
run but decided if we were going to ride  
in the rain we may as well ride home. No  
one else wanted to participate in the rain  
anyway. If you haven't made it there in a  
while you need to get there and see the  
new exhibits.**



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Monthly meeting August 6th at the Welcome Inn in Milan, IL.

#### FUN MOTORCYCLE FACTS

When cornering 75% of a bike's grip comes from the front tire.

The first Harley Davidson built in 1903 used a tomato can for a carburetor.

Kawasaki also make spaceships

Cucciolo (the name of the first Ducati) means puppy

Devil, Lucifer and Satan have all been names of motorcycle manufactures.

The con-rod of a sports bike engine at full chat is enduring alternate compression and tensile forces of 10 tons, 500 times a second

When torque in ft/lbs and power in Bhp are plotted on the same scale, the curves always cross at 5252 RPM