

Shifting Gears

Newsletter for the Central Jersey Chapter of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America.



President's Message;

Spring 2020 Volume 1

So, we're at the midway point in the second half of our first year and we're doing just fine, actually more than just fine we're doing great and improving all the time.

We started off the planning stage with all Board members involved. Some had specific tasks, some teamed up to complete other assignments and we all chipped in with the planning. Our VP, Mike Kowal took on not just the role of VP but of Treasurer too which started off easy because we had no money but got much more complicated once we incorporated, having to set up accounts in the Chapter's name and pay back our debts that we had accumulated in the name of the new Chapter. He is also part of the team that manages the donation/sale program.

Rick Booker our Secretary doesn't just take notes, he took on the task of getting us incorporated and with the help of his friendly neighbor, who we are really much indebted to, he got the job done and got our tax filing obligation promptly out of the way.

Gary Rena, Board Member and Road Captain not only fronted the money for the many fees we had to pay, he contributed greatly to the organization of the chapter and allowed us the use of his conference room without which we would be meeting in the kitchen of my house and these guys would be drinking my beer so I am very grateful to Gary for that.

Joe Iacometta jumped on board and got so much done for us I can't even think of it all but he designed our second (and only approved by the AMCA) logo, had the second run of T-shirts made, made up a sharable spread sheet for the board to use, is a large part of our donation/sale program team that helps to support the Chapter and he let us use his house and property for our first annual picnic. There is a lot I am leaving out but Joe has been a valuable addition to the board.

Myself, Tom Logan, was chosen as President and I consider that a great honor. I wrote the Bylaws, got out first run of T-shirts made up, set up and maintain the Facebook page but my greatest accomplishment to date was staying out of the way and letting others get things done and I think I have done a good job of that.

We have a lot more coming up as the weather warms, rides, meet ups, participation in the Gathering of the Norton's and other events and shows, picnics, Cruise Nights and more. We are coming together not just as a group but as friends which is the way it should be. We are trying to make our meeting more informational too so if anyone has a subject they want to speak on at a meeting or information you would like us to get out to the members in some way, let us know.

In the meantime, check out our web site and Facebook page and stay safe out there,

Tom Logan, President

Central Jersey Chapter



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Reminder

The Club is taking donations of used and new parts and equipment that you may have laying around that you no longer have a use for. These donations are evaluated, and offered for sale by the club on Craigslist, Facebook Market page and other sites. All proceeds from these sales go directly back to the club. The club has annual expenses that are not covered by dues and these donations help to supplement these expenses.

Please contact Mike Kowal or Joe Iacometta for more information on how to make a donation

Pictures from the Martin Motorsports Show







Upcoming Events

SEABOARD CHAPTER AMCA ANTIQUe MOTORCYCLE SWAP MEET

Sunday April 5th

Where: Yardville VFW Post 491

9 Fisher Pl. Hamilton Township, NJ 08620

Time: 9am-2pm (vendor set up time 7am)

Upcoming Club Meetings

Cancelled—March 18 club meeting in private room at 6PM to eat, 7:00 meeting, loc. Our House Restaurant, 420 Adelpia Road

TBD -April 15 - club meeting in private room at 6PM to eat, 7:00 meeting, loc. Our House Restaurant, 420 Adelpia Road, Farmingdale

TBD- May 20 club meeting in private room at 6PM to eat, 7:00 meeting, loc. Our House Restaurant, 420 Adelpia Road, Farmingdale

June 17 club meeting in private room at 6PM to eat, 7:00 meeting, loc. Our House Restaurant, 420 Adelpia Road, Farmingdale

President –Tom Logan

Board Member– Gary Renna

Newsletter Editor– Joe Iacometta

VP and Treasurer– Mike Kowal

Board Member– Joe Iacometta

Secretary—Rick Booker

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Busted Knuckles Tips

The Hazards of using Brake Kleen

During an recent oil change on my Shovelhead, as part of the service I was cleaning the residue out of the oil tank. As per the H-D service manual on these older models there is a heavy residue of containments left in the oil tank due to lack of an efficient oil filter and requires cleaning of the tank. In the old days you grabbed some kerosene and threw it in the tank after it was drained and splashed it around. In todays time, I use Brake Kleen and spray it in the tank and break up the crap. Shake the bike and drain it out. It also evaporates and leaves the tank clean and shinny. Small issue though– the straw extension blew off while I was spraying the inside of the tank and now need to fish it out. For the future if using a rattle can with an spray extension, take it off unless you have easy access to fish it out.

Joe Iacometta– Board Member

The Ice Cream Man

I had to help a neighbor of mine get a old Shovel head up an running. He also had a 1951 Harley Servi car sitting there. He had bought it from a friend of mine about 25 years ago. an tried to restore it. He had told me he was going to sell it for he could not kick it over anymore. He lost one leg in Vietnam. in 1968.

Well smoke started coming out of my ears an I lost my mind an said ill buy it. I'm just about finished with the Shovel head and was able to pay him off for the Trike. Thank God the club had some money that I could embezzle!

I get it home an my daughter comes over to the garage and asks who owns the bike and I said I do. She asked me if I was going to sell Ice Cream out of it. Seeing that I don't want to step on The Ice Cream Man from Hell 's toes I said no. I said this is going to be my new Rascal or motorized wheel chair when I get older!

I find out it started life as a 1951 Union City Police bike. The funny part is I own a 1983 BMW R100RTP Police bike that was bought by the Union City Police department. It was bought in 1983 .

Well the Servi car is getting put back together with the correct hardware and new wire harness . It had more colored wires and splices. I could wire a piano with all the old wires.

After I bought the parts I found out the guy had a lot of parts that I had ordered. The wiring harness is being a problem because the only ones they made are for a 2 wheeler 45 or a bike with a sidecar. I'm working with a guy that makes the harnesses and we can get that corrected. The battery on the bike was about 10 years old an was a juice battery and needed water added to it . He had a battery tender hooked up for all this time an it was empty. I wanted to get a sealed battery for it an they stopped making them so I cut the old battery open gutted the battery cleaned it out with baking soda and water and placed a smaller sealed lead acid battery in it. That worked fine.

Hope to have it done for the Norton Gathering The good thing about a Harley the only tools you need to work on these bikes are a Big hammer, screwdriver an a pair of vice grips.

PS The only Corona you want to get is in a bottle. Bud is OK to . Stay Healthy and see you guy's soon

Mike K. V.P. an Treasurer - see my pictures on next page!

Mike's 51' Servi-Car



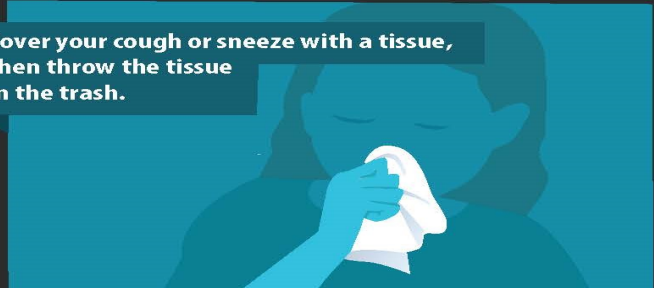
STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

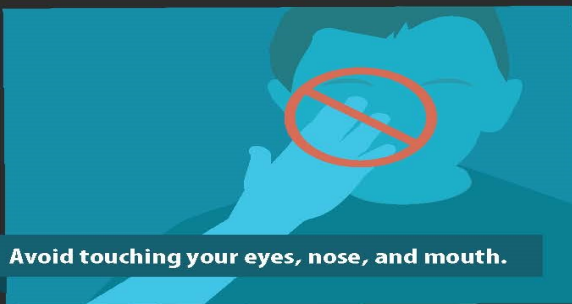
Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19