

Classic Bikes Gather in Fredonia, Wisconsin

By John Gunnell

Who likes old bikes? Those who collect and ride vintage motorcycles are a small, but devoted group and Wisconsin has one of the standout chapters in the Antique Motorcycle Club of America (www.antiquemotorcycle.org). Members of the so-called Badger Heritage group are known for dressing up in old biker clothing when they attend classic motorcycle shows.

Chin strap caps, cowboy-style riding shirts and laced up boots are typical outfits seen when the Badger Heritage Chapter members display their bikes at events ranging from the Milwaukee World of Wheels to the AMCA National Meet in Davenport, Iowa, on Labor Day weekend. However, things were a bit more casual when the chapter had its annual meeting in Fredonia in June.

Hot, muggy weather doesn't really go with road garb from yesteryear. So the costumes and uniforms stayed home in the closet, while Badger Heritage members drank pop, ate hot dogs and toured the countryside on their Harleys and Indians. It was fun to watch as 30 or so members pulled up to stop signs and crooked their left arms in unison. They were making hand signals—remember those from your driver training days?—because vintage motorcycles didn't come with blinker lights. (Their other arm was busy working the tank shifter).

After a ride of about 35 miles, the classic two-wheelers came back to the gathering point to take part in slow races and other riding skill contests. After that, it was time for an excellent catered in lunch and some liquid refreshments.

For more information about the Badger Heritage Chapter, AMCA write to: Badger Heritage Chapter, N88 W17143 Main St., Menomonee Falls, WI 53051 or call (414) 251-4131



Young trainees aboard a WWII military Harley.



There's nothing out of date about a classic like this one.



Vintage Harleys were the most popular in terms of numbers at the meet.



1940 Indian Chief seems to be winning the slow race.

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Two Teachers Killed in ROW Violation

Just as we are poised to fix the shortcomings in Act 466 Right of Way Violations, two beloved teachers were killed in the Town of Wheaton when 20 year old Ralph Johnson pulled from a stop sign into the path of the oncoming motorcycle. David Novaez was riding his bike with his wife, Kristin as his passenger when the Chevy Blazer pulled out in front of him. He died at the scene and Kristin died during surgery at Froedtert Hospital. Tim Tomann, Steve Johnson, 1A member Bonnie and Tony Pan Sanfelipo went to the wake at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Waterford on Friday, October 14th. We had the opportunity to speak to Gary Glatz, a personal friend of David and Kristin. Although Ralph Johnson was charged with two counts of failure to yield causing death, Glatz told us David and Kristin would be the first to ask people to forgive Johnson. Glatz said the young man was devastated with grief and remorse. He said friends of David and Kristin were seeking new design of the roadway where the crash occurred. There have been several crashes there and they believe the highway design is partly to blame.

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