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Regular meeting

The August 12th regular meeting was attended by Al Johnson with son Gregg, Jim Rubens, Becky and Terry Strassenburg and son Kyle, Doris and Larry Lydon, and Lee and Hal Kendall.. Once every month the Cuckoo's Nest comes alive - Ha! Ha! We all had an enjoyable meeting.

This month's Newsletter was compiled entirely by Terry Strassenburg, Member No. 3 and Larry Lydon, Member No: 4. Thank you Terry and Larry - we are appreciative HAK.

This past July 22nd through 24th saw the First Annual T.O.A.S.T. and Hoo-Rah Rally take place at Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. A great time was had by all at this unique Rally. U.S.A. Members attending were Terry Strassenburg and Larry Lydon accompanied by Becky, Kyle and Doris -all left one day early in order to be there for the main event, taking a road tour of the beautiful Smoky Mountain National Park and surrounding area before the events.

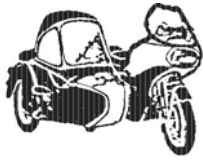
This will be a definite must on the calendar for next year. Hope to see everybody who made this Rally such a big success, again next year. (Special Rally Patches will be awarded to all participants.)

Mid-America Sidecar Rally

First - we take this opportunity to thank the 3rd Wheel for putting on such a fine Rally in Menomonie, Wisconsin - Thanks! (Terry S.)

Pictures for the Rally 3 Album for the three days, were taken by Joe Cimini, a professional photographer from W. Sacramento, California.

On Friday - from 11:00 to 4:00 - a Road Tour with Lunch at 1:30 at the Knapp House. Unfortunately Terry missed the Road Tour because he did not get to the Rally until 5:30 on Friday - but next year he will be on time (with paint on his Hollandia).



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Mid-America Sidecar Rally (Continued)

At 9:00 p.m. Sidecar Rigs were able to be driven around the "Red Cedar Stock Car Track" between races. Participants enjoyed it and Race Fans got a chance to see 60 (approx.) S/C Rigs together, which doesn't happen often enough. After the Parade Lap, some went to the Movies and Slides and others went to the last half of the Stock Car Races.

Larry and Doris left home at 1:00 a.m. Saturday morning to arrive 8 hours later. Only the loudest motorcycle could be heard over their snores from under a nearby tree."

Saturday - from 9:00 to 11:30 was children's games time. The kids had a great time doing what they do best - playing. At 1:30 - adult games.

Field Event Winners are:

BITE THE WEINER: 1st Place - Dennis Karnes, No. 89 from Murphysboro, Illinois with driver David Clark, No. 196 from Webster Groves, Mo. 2nd Place - Dede and Frank Bifulk from Little Canada, Mn.

RIDE THE ROPE: 1st Place - Chuck and Pat Stacy, No. 68 from Prior Lake, Milt
2nd Place - Don and Jim McGillivray, No. 7 from Blaine, Mn.

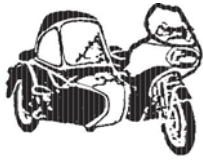
MUSICAL (SIDE ?) CHAIRS: 1st Place - Jim and Don McGillivray, from Blaine, Mn
2nd Place - Vanessa and Bob Beauregard from Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

BLIND MANS BLUFF: 1st Place - Dean Hanenberg and Margie Freese from Foley, Mn.
2nd Place - Tom and Twila Meder, No. 177 from North Liberty, Iowa.

SOLO SPEED RUN: 1st Place - David Hannigan, No. 182 from Toronto, Canada.
2nd Place - Bob Atherton, No. 175 from Earlville, Illinois

Honorable Mention went to Connie Brown, No. 33 (hope more women compete in the future).

During Blind Man's Bluff, rain chased everyone inside for about 10 minutes - then it was back to the competition. Even Channel 13 T.V. (Eau Claire, Wis.) was there to monitor the events.



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Saturday Evening Awards are as follows:

Long Distance Award - 1st Place - Charles and Margo Clonck,

No. 109, from Citrus Heights, California (1906 miles).

2nd Place - David and Diana Hough, No. 106 from Bainbridge Island, Washington (1713 miles)

Oldest Driver Award - 1st Place - Julius Kegel

from Davis, Illinois (85 years young) and Alfred and

Janice Neumann, No. 267 from Deerbrook, Wisconsin (76 years young).

Both of these gentlemen jockeyed sidecar rigs to the Rally - way to 90 - see ya next year.

Oldest M/C-S/C Combination Award - Ralph (Tiny) and Betty Hughes, No. 29,

from Minneapolis, Mn. - 1947 H-D with 1951 H-D Sidecar.

Peoples Choice Award- Duncan and Janis Gerbrandt, No. 161

from ~Saskatoon, Sask., Canada, driving a BMQ/Homebuilt.

A total of 129 Sidecars showed up bringng 262 adults and 77 children.

U.S.A. members in attendance:

Terry Strassenburg No. 3

Larry Lydon No. 4

Tim Colburn No. 9

Paula Scheidler No. 7

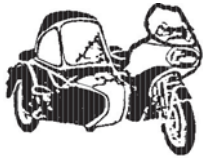
Jim, Rubens No. 12

Sunday dawned clear and cool but quickly clouded up. A Continental Breakfast consisting of coffee and donuts was served. Tents were being folded, addresses exchanged and farewells imparted, as some got ready for the final event - a Mini-Tour at 10:00 am, while others opted for a hot breakfast and an early start home.

Next year if you plan to stay in Motels, it would behoove you to make advance reservations.

A number of Businesses displayed signs and banners welcoming the 3rd Wheel and all the townspeople were very receptive.

Thanks again, 3rd Wheel - you were excellent Hosts. Hope to see you before Rally No. 4.



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You may have noticed the Antique Motorcycle Show at the McHenry Co., Fairgrounds in the schedule of events. I (Terry Strassenburg) will be going and I am inviting all U.S.A. members (and others) to ride along with me to the Show. We will be using Route 294 to Route 90 West then Route 47 North to Woodstock, Illinois. Route 294 and Route 90 are Toll Roads, so be prepared. I use the automatic lanes because it's cheaper. If you have too much lead on your sidecar wheel you have to use the manual lanes and pay extra, but you should already know that-. (Perhaps not now - something seems to be happening since this practice was brought to the attention of the Governor and Tollway Authorities - HAK)

We can regroup on the other side of the Toll Booths and/or when we get off on Route 47. Each person showing up will receive a hand drawn map in case we get separated.

One more thing - we will be travelling approximately 55 to 60 mph. If you cannot keep up that speed, we'll see you there. This is not a Road Run or organized event, just me, inviting you, to ride along. We will meet in the Parking Lot across the street (171 St.) from Peterson's Landscaping between Park Avenue and Ashland Avenue (Wood St.) in Hazel Crest at 8:00 am and leave promptly at 8:15 am. The Show runs from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Want-Sell-Exchange Section

As suggested on several previous occasions - how about a Want-Sell-Exchange Section - Drop us a line or telephone us. It does not have to be Sidecars or even Motorcycles. Do you want to buy some used snow tires for your car - sell an old T.V. - or - are you having a Garage Sale (we all like Garage Sales)? We'll pass it along via a Want Ad Section.

To get the ball rolling, I am placing the following Ad:

WANTED:

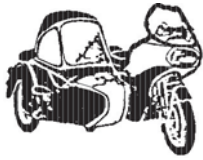
Friction Type Steering Dampener for /5 BMW -
large Califia Tour Trunk - **Harley luggage rack.**
Call or write Terry Strassenburg - No. 3.

FOR SALE: -

4-14" Dodge Rims - \$10.00 Call or write Terry Strassenburg - No. 3.

WANTED:

- Tool Tray for /6 **BMW.** .
Call Larry Lydon - No. 4 - 597-5179



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UPCOMING SIDECAR EVENTS

September 4: Florida Sidecar Association - One Day Ride.

Info - Jerry Peterson , 1399 Belcher Road, Lot 142, Largo, Florida 33640 -
Phone: (813) 536-7233

September 25: Fifth Annual Antique and Classic Motorcycle Show.

McHenry Co. Fairgrounds, Woodstock, Illinois
Info - Dave Dauer - Phone: (815) 338-4141
Dave Olson - Phone: (815) 633-3869

September 27-30, Aspencade Motorcyclist Convention, Ruidoso, N.M.

October 1-2: Info - Tim Thompson, P. O. Box 970, **Ruidoso, N.M.** 88345.
(Look for the 3rd Wheel area)

October 22-23: Sixth Annual Griffith Park Rally, L. A.,

California Info - American Sidecar Association, **P. O. Box 8119**, Van Nuys, California 91409.

December 10-11: Annual Brass Monkey Sidecar Rally, Idlewild, California.

Info - Art Jacobson - 5645 N. Cambell Avenue, Tucson, Arizona 85718.

Thanks again Terry and Larry for **a great job.**

Let us hear from other members and/or see you at our monthly meetings, if it is at all possible.
You can enjoy a few hours of socializing and a short run thereafter, if you are so inclined.

Hal Kendall, Secretary
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