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October Meeting

The good Lord smiled down upon us and gave us sunshine and dry roads for our October Meeting (October 8). Hal and Lee Kendall; Becky, Terry and Kyle Strassenburg; and Jim Colburn showed up on outfits. Al and Greg Johnson,, Larry Lydon came solo and Paula came in her little VW.

Social Director

Paula is now our official Social Director and her first responsibility is the Christmas Party. This will be held on Sunday afternoon, December. 4, 1977. Details not yet available.

A complete meal, and trimmings may cost about \$7-\$10.00. Please bring a grab bag gift of about \$4.00 or \$5.00 and see what you can trade. Also, a gift for the kiddies about \$3.00 or \$4.00.

Runs and Tours Director

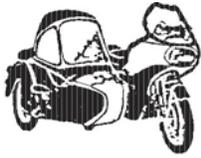
Joe Veleta has volunteered (been pressed, actually) to head up our Runs and Tours for next year. See what you can come up with for an exciting time in 1978.

Your Committee Members without exception, are trying to hold down two or three jobs, or work evening shifts. We need help. **Desperately.** This is your Club and it will be successful only if you want it to be.

Many of you have enjoyed motorcycle runs hither and **yon** but **have** not dropped your Secretary a line. We all want to share your experience and perhaps we will come with you next time. Just a word or two will suffice.

Legal Representative

Hal Kendall is unofficial legal representative for AMA in Illinois. By unanimous vote, all at the meeting (with one abstention) support **opposition** to the legal mandatory lights-on requirement. They also **supported** action to bring Tollway charges for motorcycle outfits in line with other States, i.e., a charge of no more than an automobile or two axle truck or bus - not the present 50% surcharge due to the technical third axle.



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INSTALLING A SIDECAR ON A SLASH SIX - PART II

By Terry Strassenburg

SELECTING A SIDECAR

This area does not seem to give anyone much trouble, but I saw something in July that gave me a cold chill. My family and I went down to the Smokey Mountains for a four day week end and on the way we saw a full dress Harley 1200 Electraglide with a Spirit Eagle Sidecar. Off hand, I cannot think of any worse combination..

You must pick a sidecar with enough weight when empty to hold itself down on windy days. Good matches for the /6S are any model Steib, except the LS200; Hollandia, Watsonian and Ural. There are others but these are the more common ones,

Wheel Problems

A few problems others have run into are wheel breakage and fork wobble. The alloy wheels that come on the /5, /6 and /7 should be removed as soon as possible. They have a tendency to crack when overloaded and the spokes can pull through the rim. **Spokes** break because of side-forces delivered to the wheels.

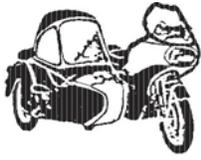
The cheap way out would be to lace steel rims on your hubs, but you would still have the broken spoke problem. The best thing to do is use a one piece wheel, such as Lester or Morris. Put them on and forget about them.

Fork Wobble

As for the fork wobble, the bike needs more rake and trail on the front end, or **possibly** a friction type dampener. My front end wobbles only when I let go of the bars - then only when travelling at low speeds on **choppy** roads. It clears up about 45 mph, at 70 mph my R90/6 - Hollandia is rock steady. This Winter I am going to try to put a friction dampener from a /5 on my /6. Anything I learn I will pass along.

As you will find when you start working, everything is easy if you just take your time and think things through. Getting your sidecar/BMW together is "common **sense**" and "compromise."

After you get the "bugs" worked out and you are sure of yourself at the helm, do not forget to take the neighbor's kids for a ride - they will love you for it.



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Legislative News

State Representative, Richard F. Kelly, Jr., will be pushing for a repeal of the mandatory lights-on law and a more uniform Tollway fee. Please write to him and express your support on one or both problems. His office is 1733 W. 170th Street, Hazel Crest, Illinois 60429. Also, drop a line to your own Representative. Homewood, Illinois 60430.

New Members

We welcome new members James and Connie Schwarz from Cicero, Illinois. We hope to see you at our future meetings.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on November 12, 1977 at the Cuckoo's Nest (Plantation).

Gift Memberships

Joe Veleta has come up with an idea that you may be interested in - Gift Memberships. Joe took out a gift membership for our new members James and Connie.

These memberships would consist of your donation for some friend or friends who have voiced an interest in joining a club and may not have a bike or for some other reason have declined to join themselves. They are enthusiasts in their own right and your gift membership may spark an interest. Here is a good way to get new members or interested people in. Why don't you try it?

Hal Kendall, Secretary
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