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Monthly Newsletter to the Midwest **VJMC** Community

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This is a newsletter covering what is going on in the Midwest with our VJMC friends. Please send us your events, activities, or interesting stories. We will keep you informed about the above topics and want to see our region grow. We will have at least one central event yearly. The Meetin-In-The Middle Rally will be one of these events in which we want to develop an annual reunion. We want to add to this as we grow. Please pass this newsletter to any of your friends and let's build a community. Any correspondence will be kept private and no information will be given out without your permission.

November 2021 Edition:

Topics: A letter from **Buddy Walton** about his trip to the National Museum in Anamosa, Iowa and to the Harley Davidson Museum in Milwaukee, Wisconsin mid October.

Mark Bayer will discuss his trip to the Barber Vintage Days Festival.

Consider attending the 45th **VJMC** National Rally in 2022.

Motorcycle Museums in the Midwest. By Buddy Walton

Most of us lusted over “that one bike” we couldn’t afford or rationalize having in our earlier years. Some of us eventually were able to own and ride that “Dream Bike” years on down the road. If your “Dream Bike” dream, came true chances are you can still revisit that beauty at one of the many dedicated motorcycle museums across the country or the world. Living in the Midwest we are fortunate to have many of these museums within a days ride or less. Museums tastefully arranged with memorabilia and bikes, places where we can relive our younger years and become reacquainted with vivid memories of that “one” motorcycle that either escaped us or was “the one I regret selling” in many cases. Museums that document the history of motorcycles, their manufacturing heritage and the endless memorabilia from racing to riding all over the world inside their walls. Several of us recently spent a few days on the road riding and visiting the National Motorcycle Museum and the Harley Davidson Museum. Both museums can be a bit overwhelming yet you leave with smiles on your face and endless memories rekindled, wanting to visit this special place again much sooner than later.

So plan a trip to some of these very special places where enthusiasts and curators have painstakingly prepared and restored the history and heritage of motorcycles, no matter which one you visit, a smile on your face is guaranteed. Note the list of Motorcycle Museums in the Midwest:

- 1 The Moto Museum – St. Louis, MO
- 2 Mungenast Classic Automobile & Motorcycle Museum – St. Louis, MO
- 1 Twisted Oz Museum – Augusta, KS
- 2 Kansas Motorcycle Museum - Marquette, KS
- 1 St. Francis Motorcycle Museum – St Francis, KS
- 2 National Motorcycle Museum – Anamosa, IA
- 3 Harley Davidson Museum – Milwaukee, WI
- 4 Evel Knivel Museum – Topeka, KS
- 5 Kerstings’s World of Motorcycles – Winimac, IN
- 6 Seaba Station Motorcycle Museum – Seba, OK
- 7 Indian Motorcycle Factory tour – Spirit Lake, IA
- 8 Kamakaze Motorcycle Museum – Bellevue, NE

Buddy Walton - Editor



Entrance to the National Motorcycle Museum in Anamosa, Iowa.

The Barber Museum Vintage Days Rally always scheduled in early October. Reported by Mark Bayer.

This year was my seventh trip to the Barber Museum in Birmingham, Alabama and the fifth visit to the Vintage Days Rally. This year I went with club member Jerry Junemman.

For me, this event is like being in motorcycle paradise. The visitor is able to see motorcycles normally not seen in public and to visit many displays which show what is going on in the industry. Although this year was smaller than past years it did not disappoint. I have also used the trip to go through the museum which is currently the largest in the world.

I have rented a golf cart for the last three years which allows me to get around the property more quickly and to also go into areas which walking would probably not allow. Let me list a few of the highlights of the trip this year;

- The museum had a number of new machines on display such as two newly restored Nerachar motorcycles.
- The swap meet was as large as ever and is always a great destination.
- I was able to see and hear the only existing Curtiss V-Three. This machine is the only existing example. A picture is attached.
- The VJMC motorcycle show was one of the best I have seen and as it was on a paved road, it was more enjoyable.
- I saw a 1998 to 2000 Honda CL400 Scrambler model which was never imported into the US. I had only seen pictures of the model in a magazine suggesting that Honda import it.
- I was able to see many friends which I had not seen since last year.

It was a fun ride with Jerry watching the map. We actually made it in 11.5 hours. We had hours of talking about every aspect of the motorcycle.

I guess that my favorite thing to do is to just ride around the drive circling the property and to watch what was going on. I gave many people rides, carried some swap meet purchases to friends cars, and bought a few magazines and books. I enjoy going into the camping areas and viewing the many large RVs and camp set ups. I just don't know of a better place to spend several days. Note the pictures below.

Mark Bayer



The 1998 to 2000 Honda CL400 Scrambler was not imported into the US and a picture of the Curtiss V-Three. Barber is the only place to see such rare machines!

Make plans to attend the **45th. VJMC National Rally** to be held in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. This is a must attend event so sign up today. The link to register is attached.