



Vintage Japanese
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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. Please pass this newsletter to any of your friends and let's build a community.

WE WANT TO BE THE VOICE OF VJMC IN THE MIDWEST!

June 2022 Edition

Topics: [Buddy Walton](#): Comments about the 2022 Bill Brown Picnic.

[Mark Bayer](#) : An interview with Wichita, Kansas VJMC member Jim Wellemeyer.

[Buddy Walton](#): Spring in the Midwest brings great weather for our show and riding season.

One annual event in Kansas City brings out the eclectic and multi-brand vintage collection of Bill Brown at his annual Spring picnic. Occasionally we run across a brand or model of motorcycle that stops you in your tracks and makes you say "What in the heck is that"? Well usually there are several bikes which cover that thought at this picnic, from minibikes, to European machines, not to mention sidecars of all sizes and configurations.

Yes there were many beautiful examples of vintage Japanese motorcycles for all to see, including many that had been ridden in. Between the bikes, visiting, fantastic weather and kids playing all around, smiles, stories, and food the

only thing left to say is thank you Bill Brown for being a gracious host and sharing your cool machines with all of us !



An interview with Wichita, Kansas VJMC member Jim Wellemeyer:

Jim Wellemeyer is an active motorcycle enthusiast from Wichita, Kansas and has been involved in the sport for at least 50 years. He got his start in the early 1970s on a 125cc Yamaha dirt bike. He actually did some off road racing back in those early years. Like so many of us, he began riding the Japanese motorcycles because they were available, reliable, and were just lots of fun. His first street bike was a 1971 Honda CB500 four which he still has today. Jim also has a 1975 Goldwing, a 1981 CBX, and a 2001 Honda Valkyrie. It is hard to imagine but the Valkyrie is now a vintage bike. He also had a 305 Super Hawk which he recently sold. Jim also has a vintage Indian Chief dated from 1948 and a few interesting other bikes.

I might add that Jim still does most of his wrenching and enjoys the tech articles in the VJMC magazine.

Jim is also the President of the Sunflower AMCA club which is a large and active group. I am aware that there used to be quite a number of VJMC members in Wichita but currently there are around seven or eight. We certainly appreciate Jim continuing to maintain his membership.


Jim joined the VJMC when a friend had mentioned to him a number of years back that there was an active national vintage Japanese motorcycle club. Jim enjoys the VJMC magazine and newsletters which allow him to keep in touch with what is going on within our community. Thanks for your support.



Please let us know about your VJMC events in the Midwest so we can promote them. We need your events by July 23rd in order to make the next newsletter. I am sorry that I have not been listing them up until this time but the year has been flying by so quickly. Send them to vjmckc@gmail.com noted as "Midwest Event." If I receive several event listings by June 11th I will send them out in a special edition newsletter. Lets get things going in our region. *Please encourage the VJMC members in your area to attend at least one event outside of their location in 2022.*

Rember, *Meetin-In-The-Middle* is still on; there is almost no cost except your motel room. Note the flier below:

2022
Meetin in the Middle
SATURDAY & SUNDAY JULY 23RD & 24TH




Place: Nishna Valley Motorcycles 2500 E. 7th
 Atlantic, Iowa 50022

Events: *Saturday Bike Show* :11am to 2 pm (show your bike for free, if you want to be judged for an award , \$5 per bike. Any vintage brand or model of motorcycle welcome.

Saturday afternoon: **free food**, with live music!

Sunday: pancake breakfast for a donation then
 a **ride to the Kamikaze museum!**

Motel: America's Best Value Inn 712-243-4723
 For more information: Dennis @ 712-254-2590
This is a "save-the-date" notice! Make plans now to join us at this 3rd.
 year event. The motel is inexpensive, most events will be free.



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