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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. Any correspondence will be kept private and no information will be given out without your permission.

September 2022 Edition:

Buddy Walton: Building Momentum
in 2022;

Mark Bayer: In the words of
Colorado VJMC member Lyle
Penner;

Building Momentum in 2022

I can feel the momentum and hopefully you have felt it as well! In the past two years it seems like we have had to start over with our bike shows since the pandemic essentially shut us down. We have finally crawled back to having somewhat normal shows and seem to be gaining more momentum moving forward.

The KC VJMC has held three summer shows in July through August and every event has been well attended with members bikes and enthusiast spectators. The Commemorative Air Force show held in Gardner Kansas had more than its share of beautiful vintage Japanese bikes under a large airplane hangar which gave us excellent shade. This was in early August with the standard summer temperatures but the hangar made it comfortable. We had single to multi cylinder bikes, two and four stroke machines were all on display providing great conversation material. Many of the bikes on display were ridden in. Many thanks to the CAF for the food, drinks and hospitality!

The next weekend the KC VJMC was well represented with Bill Wilson's annual 2 stroke show at Johnny Rays drive in, in Lees Summit. This show always brings out a wide range of brands, cylinders, and unusual old school 2 strokes which we grew up with. There were wow factor bikes, music, food and lots of visiting on a warm afternoon which meant having a good time!

Next up is the Tiddler Classic at Blip Coffee on September 11th. Keep up the momentum. And hope to see ya there!



This Honda CX500 Turbo was a beauty.



The 2-Stroke Rally was really fun with the usual great variety of motorcycles.

In Lyle's words:





I grew up in the south eastern part of South Dakota on a dairy farm back in the 50's and 60's. Becoming a teenager just as the "you meet the nicest people on a Honda" advertisement slogan was getting underway. After a short ride as a passenger, at the age of 12, on the pillion of an Allstate Cushman Scooter, I decided pedaling was not for me anymore. Working jobs for neighboring farmers, I finally saved up enough money to afford my first of many motorcycles, a 1965 Honda S65. Finishing High School in 1969, I left the farm for the Denver area to study Automotive and Diesel mechanics, a career that only lasted a couple of years as it was not as much fun as expected but provided a knowledgeable background on combustion engines that is helpful in my current retirement hobby of collecting, restoring and showing vintage Japanese motorcycles.

Always keeping a bike in the garage and taking many cross country road trips with my wife, I finally sold what he thought would be my last bike in 1976 when I needed to focus on raising 4 daughters. Then when having an empty nest in 2005 I bought a Honda CL175 on eBay with a surprisingly low bid, and after 28 years without ownership the addiction really took hold again. Retiring at the end of 2011 I now only work on motorcycles from my own collection, which has grown to over 100 different Japanese models from the '60's to the mid 70's, I still enjoy riding the back roads around my home about 35 miles outside of the Denver.



I try to spend a couple hours each day in my shop working on bikes, rebuilding engines or working on electrical problems as well as just general bike maintenance. Fall and spring time is usually spent doing some type of restoration. During the coldest part of Winter I will often spend time researching different models and looking for parts to purchase for rebuilding a bike.

I enjoy giving my Grandchildren rides when they come out to visit, also teaching the older ones how to ride. That can sometimes get exciting!