



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

### January 2024 Edition:

**Buddy Walton:** We love any vintage Japanese motorcycles at our events and shows

**Mark Bayer:** Featuring the South Dakota VJMC group:

As a club we want to be as friendly with everyone as is possible, but we really wonder why the club membership both local and nationally is not growing much faster? We would like to see this occur! And there are few younger riders joining? Take yourself back to the 60's (most of us can place that period at least as kids) What did you think when you saw a chopped top 32' coupe with custom paint, a blower injector sticking out of the hood, headers and tubbed baloneys in the rear? Yeah pretty cool! But what did the "purists" think about modify a perfectly good vehicle to that point?

Personally I don't ever remember the negativity towards it. And through my younger years, I really do not remember riders making negative comments (except jealousy) when they saw a CB750 or KZ900 with headers, custom paint, chromed components etc either. Of course the Harley VS "chopped" debate was probably also a huge conundrum but I was never in that culture so don't really know.

So fast forward 50 some years and the same people that thought modifying vehicles (motorcycles not cars) were cool, many now look at them and turn their heads, because they are not bone stock OEM immaculate machines. 2 stroke, 4 stroke doesn't matter, actually I believe the "modded" bikes get ridden more than than the vintage stock OEM's because the owners want to keep them immaculate (and I can't blame them).

So can there be some common ground in this matter? Acceptance of ALL types of vintage bikes is a part of our culture! Remember when you see a modded bike, your OEM value probably increases as there is one less "perfect" one out there. But kidding aside I would like to see more modded bikes at our shows, and have an award category for them at shows with awards. Bikes ridden to our shows, younger riders that can attend our shows and be accepted for their interpretation of what their dream bike is. Just more positivity towards change and creating is a good value which we encourage.



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## What's going on in South Dakota:

South Dakota VJMC Field Representative Todd Tagatz / 605-366-5878 / [trtagatz@comcast.com](mailto:trtagatz@comcast.com)

Our "Last Thursday" monthly public vintage bike night continues to gain popularity in downtown Sioux Falls. VJMC members and area enthusiasts roll in and out from about 5pm to 8pm and many enjoy grabbing dinner while there. We can't thank the staff at FIVE GUYS enough for letting us take over their parking lot! In addition to the summer months, we continue to meet there during the winter inside to catch up and enjoy helping one another on various motorcycle projects. Below are some examples of "off season" get togethers we'll have soon. If any out of state VJMC members happen to be in Sioux Falls and want to join us, please do:

### 1. VJMC Member Event - Potluck Lunch - January 20, 2024

Host = Dan Anderson: Cell 605-359-6188 / [vickya@sio.midco.net](mailto:vickya@sio.midco.net)

When = Saturday January 20, 2024 at 12 pm

Where = 7800 E 41st Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57005

Family members / significant other welcome

Questions / Coordinate Food / RSVP = Contact Dan

View Dan & Garage in this episode <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vs-kxU4mMOs>

### 2. VJMC Member Event - Man Cave Tour & Food - March 10, 2024

Host = Tom Tofte: Cell 605-351-5207 / [ttofte@sio.midco.net](mailto:ttofte@sio.midco.net)

When = Sunday March 10, 2024 at 11 am

Where = 46272 216th Street, Volga, SD 57071

Family members / significant other welcome

Questions / RSVP = Contact Tom

### 3. Last Thursdays at FIVE GUYS downtown Sioux Falls, SD


When = Last Thursday of each month, year round

Where = Corner of Minnesota Avenue & 10 th Street, Sioux Falls, SD

Facebook Page = <https://www.facebook.com/lastthursdaysiouxfalls/>

[YouTube](#)





# Last Thursday



## Vintage Motorcycles

# Downtown Sioux Falls

## March - October

### 10th & Minnesota Ave.

**FIVE GUYS** Parking Lot



**SAVE THE DATE:** The 2024 *“Meetin In The Middle”* Rally is scheduled for July 12<sup>th</sup>. through 14<sup>th</sup>. (Friday through Sunday). It will be held in St. Joe, Missouri with details being released early in 2024.

