

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.

February 2024 Edition: *Buddy Walton*: It's Showtime! *Mark Bayer*: 2024 is here and we are just a few months away from the first events for this year!

It's SHOWTIME!

2024 is about to take off for another year of fun and VJMC events all held over the country ! We start a little later here in the Midwest due to mostly outdoor shows along with our colder temperatures and unpredictable weather. If you are in the Midwest, our Kansas City club has a variety of shows from May through August. Two are at motorcycle dealerships, one at a motorcycle friendly coffee shop, one at a members home with a large garage, one at an airport in the hangar, and one in the parking lot of a 60's style drive in. If you like vintage bikes you can't go wrong at any of them, showing a bike or being a spectator, the admission is always free for everyone! Pick a date, or better yet just come see us for the smiles, food, and good times! Please visit KCVJMC.COM for all event details! **QR code below.**

May 18th Donnells Honda Suzuki Independence MO 10-1pm

June 13th Blip Coffee West Bottoms KCMO 9-1pm (annual club Invitational)

July 13th Meetin In The Middle St Joe Powersports St Joseph MO 9-2pm (3 day evcent)

July 21st Bill Browns Sidecar Meet and Picnic Lenexa KS noon-5pm

August 3rd Commemorative Air Force Hangar New Century Airport Gardner KS 9-2pm

August 10th All 2 Stroke Show Johnny Rays Drive In Lees Summit MO 9-1pm



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- Consider what groups are active in your area and ask the VJMC Field Representative in that area what events are being planned. Make sure and attend an event as close to home as is possible.
- Seriously consider attending the VJMC National Rally.
- Look at the events listing on the VJMC website and see what is going on and where. See which ones you could possibly attend!
- If you are within several hundred miles from the Kansas City area, consider attending one of our events.
- As the year continues keep checking the calendars to see what new events are popping up.
- Consider getting together with other VJMC members in your area and holding an event yourself. If this will not work, consider riding as a group to an existing event.
- If there is a popular automobile event in your area contact the promoter and ask if they will make room for a vintage Japanese group to show their motorcycles? You might be surprised that most would like the addition. Then begin calling your friends who have older Japanese motorcycle to join you. If some are not currently VJMC members either give then a membership application or the information to contact Cornerstone.

This is the time to begin making plans. I personally attend at least a dozen or more events yearly and at least half are VJMC sponsored events. For several years I have been challenging members to attend at least two (but hopefully more) VJMC events yearly. There is actually more going on than most think. This is the year to start.

