



# Bluegrass Chapter

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## It's Official!



We have our Club Charter! At the Davenport, IA, Chief Black Hawk Chapter national meet banquet dinner, Rocky Halter, President of the AMCA®, presented us with our club charter, approved by the national board of directors. This has been an incredible year, and it's hats off to all of our members that helped make this happen. A brief re-cap of this year's events:

1. First meeting Feb. 20th.
2. National Board acceptance in March.

3. Officers and directors established in April.
4. Tax ID number, Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation filed in August.
5. Club Logo contest winner decided.
6. Board approval and Charter granted in September!

Our club President, Brian Groff, and Vice President, Bob Williams, attended the Chapter Officers' meeting at Davenport as well. The meeting was very successful and informative, explaining much about how the club functions as a non-profit organization.

We also had an opportunity to proudly display our club logo. As the only new chapter to have such an

identifying mark, we really stood out as being "top notch!" Thanks goes to Laura Groff for designing the logo.

Club Secretary, Tony Miller, has set up a site on Yahoo! Groups where you can download such information as this newsletter and past versions, copies of our club charter and other official documents. The group site is also a place to post announcements, discuss bikes, coordinate rides, and have a good time! You will need to sign up for a username on Yahoo.com to access the group. Please contact any chapter officer for help in doing this.

Get the word out! Invite your friends to be a part of the fun!

## Special points of interest:

- Next meeting at Ft. Boonesborough, October 10th. Don't miss it!

## Next Meeting: 10/10 at Ft. Boonesborough

The next meeting will be at Ft. Boonesborough State park, located just west of Winchester, KY, along the river. This meeting is the Boonesborough Boogie Nationals, hosted by the Southern Knights of Central Kentucky Car Club.

The event coordinators are allowing our chapter

to set up a small tent in an area of our own. The tent will be set up all day (8-4:30), with the meeting taking place at noon. Food and drinks will be available for club members (sodas, burgers, hot-dogs, chips). If you're planning to ride to this, contact President Brian Groff for special information

(859.432.0018).

All proceeds from this event go towards helping the Ronald McDonald House. Day of event registration for entries into the motorcycle class is \$20. Spectator fees are \$2 each or \$5 per car-load.

## Update: Essay Contest

The winner of the essay competition was announced at the awards banquet. This excerpt is from the officers' meeting minutes.

There were 89 entries from 18-25 year olds for the Harley basket case, and Sandee Dawdy of [the] Two Rivers Chapter read the winning entry at the banquet. It was from an 18 year old, Ryan Mackey, living in the Cleveland area who has learned

to ride and restore bikes already. **The Board decided to give [a] one year membership to [all of] the 88 runners-up,** which should be a good way of getting younger people into the Club.

## Craig Vetter

By Brian Groff

I suspect that if you were an avid motorcycle rider in the late sixties and seventies, then you are certainly familiar with the designs of Craig Vetter. Most notable, of course, is the Hurricane, designed for BSA. But wait, wasn't the

chance to listen to Craig Vetter speak at the 2002 AMA meet at Sears Point raceway in California. I was fortunate enough to hear him speak again at the 2009 Davenport, IA meeting awards banquet.

First and foremost, Vetter is a designer

Japanese imports during the seventies.

The first time I listened to him speak in 2002, Vetter talked a lot about the Hurricane and the 'politics' of creating a unique and popular design, and then actually getting paid for it! The latter part being a big challenge in most cases.

This most recent presentation by Vetter had much to do with his current passion—designing fuel efficient vehicles through the use of streamlining. Vetter has sponsored fuel economy contests in the past, of which some contestants were able to achieve fuel efficiencies of up to 470 miles per gallon (reproducible on a closed track).

Learn more about Vetter and his designs at [www.craigvetter.com](http://www.craigvetter.com).



Hurricane a Triumph motorcycle? Actually, the Hurricane was designed for British Small Arms, which was bought by Triumph around the same time.

I first had a

and visionary. His products can still be seen everywhere today, from fairings to hard bags and luggage boxes. The classic Windjammer fairing is his flagship product, installed standard on many of the



**Another Vetter design. This bike is one of only 10 ever built.**

**"...fuel efficiencies of up to 470 miles per gallon."**



**A really really old bike!**

## Our Chapter Logo!

For the past few months, we have promoted a contest for designing a logo or emblem for use as an identifying mark for our chapter. At the August meeting, the designs were presented and the winning design was by Laura Groff!

The logo was refined and rushed off to the printer so we could have a

banner to display in Davenport, and cards to hand out to people at the meeting.

The logo captures all elements of what our club's purpose is. The state represents where we're at, the Magneto font represents our focus on vintage classics, the forward position of the motorcycle rider captures the

spirit of racing in the Bluegrass, though not on thoroughbreds in this case.

The grass—you guessed it, Bluegrass. And most notable is the AMCA® trademark, showing our affiliation with the national club.

Congratulations Laura! Well done.



Thanks Ray! This door prize was raffled off at the last meeting. (The prize was the motorcycle, not Ray himself).



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## Think Road Run!

One of the great events to participate in as an AMCA® member is a National Road Run. Typically, three to four per year are offered, and these are a great chance to blow the dust out of the pipes and open her up along side of fellow enthusiasts.

As a new club in the heart of America with some really great roads,

we have a lot to offer people who want to participate in a National Road run. First and foremost, we offer the convenience of being close! No more than a half day's drive for 80% of the likely participants.

As we plan road runs for our club, and potentially for a national run, I would encourage you to share your ideas with the

group. If you know of a great place to ride in your area, speak up! Grab a couple of fellow members and make a day of it! Most importantly, be safe and have fun!



August meeting at the Kickstand, with special guests the Bluegrass Beemers Club.

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## *Upcoming Events*

- October 2-4th, Jefferson, PA, national meet.
- October 5-7th, Death Valley national road run.
- October 9-11th, Ft. Boonesborough Car Show.
- October 10th, Bluegrass Chapter Meeting, Ft. Boonesborough.



**The judging field at Davenport.**