

White Plate Flat Trackers

Since 1980

*Lee Parker
for President*

My name is Lee Parker and my motorcycle experience (adventure) commenced when I was sixteen years old. I bought my first motorcycle. At seventeen I competed in my first race and by the time I was eighteen, I was hooked on motorcycle racing. I raced any and every race possible held within a 100 mile radius from my home in Fort Collins. At twenty-four I had saved up enough money to go AMA Pro/Class "C" racing. The first Class "C" races I entered were

the two Sturgis half miles followed by the half mile at Stockton, Norton and Dodge City, Ks. Dodge City also held an AMA Pro/Class "C" short track. Racing was now officially "in my blood".

Class "C" racing is what I did during vacation time and on the weekends from 1964 until 2004 when I retired from racing.

In the 1980's I assisted Johnny Isaacs with the start up of the VDTRA. In addition to racing vintage, I was the state representative and spokesman for the VDTRA. During this period, I also assisted Don Lowman, the AMA Referee,

run some of the Pro AMA races. After Mr. Lowman passed away, I took over as the AMA Referee in District 25. During my service I was asked to referee the AMA Pro and Amateur dirt track races at Sturgis.

It is my personal opinion that motorcycle racing is the best sport in the world and so are the people associated with it.

I'm happy for the opportunity to serve as president for the WPFT group, and look forward to seeing you all in August 2008.

Lee Parker

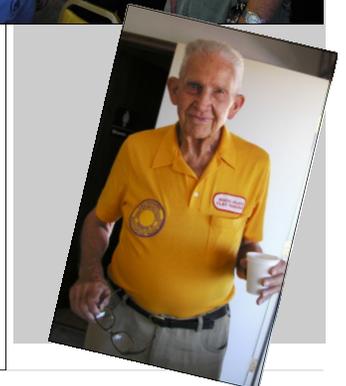
Wishing You a Happy New Year



We had a good meeting in August. Two new members joined. Nels Nelson, son of Al Nelson, Sheridan, Wy also Richard Wyatt of Mpls. Richard has videoed the breakfast meetings for a few years now, and presented us with a memorable DVD. We received contributions from members Johnny Isaacs, and Digger Helm.

Jack had new TShirts made to replace the ones that burned in his house fire last January. They are really cool shirts. He donated the shirts and we sold quite a few at the meeting, proceeds going to the WPFT general fund. (help keep the lights on the monument, and updates to panels) If you would like a shirt, drop an email to Jack at manhaven@iw.net

George Holter contributed the "Let's Make Another Lap" . Thank You George. Also enclosed is an entry blank. If you know some one who would like to be a member of WPFT, you can pass them on. Remember, send me you email address if you would like to get info by email kannenball20j@aol.com



I ran across a Sturgis Program from 1987. An article about the history of the White Plate Flat Trackers Association drew my attention. It goes on to explain that the WPFT Assn. was formed with the primary intention of establishing a permanent listing and short history of expert riders in years prior to 1970. It is planned to update this listing and eventually have a record of all the top expert racers in the world. Although the magazine doesn't say who wrote the article, it mentions many quotes from J. C. "Pappy" Hoel. He said "The idea started with Al Burke." The two had been talking about some of the men who had qualified for the white plate, and Hoel decided to form the association in order to record their accomplishments. An organizational meeting was held August 7 with all those attending receiving the honor of being charter members of the association. At that time, the president of the organization was Bob Moore, Treasurer Helen Miller. The Board of Directors includes executive director Don Vodden, and members Don Rice, J.C. Hoel, Al Burke, Kenneth Allaman, Dan Deubler, Pat McHenry, Jim Spirk, Norm Tietz, and Al Nelson. There were 112 members. Also the article talks about the "Blue Note Book" that contains the original "application for membership" forms. As I page thru those forms, many who have passed on, and many of those who we have lost

touch with, because of changed addresses. If any one can help with current information on the following members, we would appreciate hearing from you. Ken Allaman-Virginia City, Mt. Vern Anderson, Minnesota, Darwin Balderson, AZ, Steve Bales, Calif., Fred Beal, Tx., Bill Bloom, Va., Neal Bochsinger, Ga., Don Bridgett, Florida, Buck Brigance, N.C., Ken Clark, Calif., Joe Doyle, SD, Freddie Ephrem, Florida, Bill Eves, Tx., Ralph Glorioso, Calif., Bill Gombold, Mn., Roy Haines, Wy., John Hall, Calif., Mark Heinemann, Florida, Jim Henry, Tx., T.L. Hoglan, Oregon, Lynn Holloway, Iowa, Jerry Keisaw, Ill., Ted Kieper, Wisc., Karmen King, Mo., Mark Larive, SD., Jack McNairy, Tx., Larry Palmgren, N.J., Phil Peterson, Florida, Bill Petri, Az., Carrol Resweber, Tx., Ricard Sears, Maryland, Bob Sease, Colo., Kevin Todd, Washington, Arney Wick, Idaho, A.R. Wilkinson, N.D.

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