

# White Plate Flat Trackers

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Since the Rally a few members have written asking for membership lists. Any one wanting a list, can receive the file via email. Just let me know.

Vern Goodwin expressed that he thinks it is nicer to have the meeting and breakfast at the Short Track Club House even though the Convention Center served us well. Jack will be interested in your idea's for next rally.

# Merry Christmas

Al Burke is still recovering from his knee replacement and subsequent broken hip. Helen Miller who has served as our Secretary/Treasurer since the beginning of the WPFT is caretaker for a close relative and unable to continue some duties. Her record keeping has been essential

to the WPFT. Our member Scott Deubler has become an accomplished announcer, proved by his performance at the Topeka National Dirt Track Race. We have a new member Bill Bailey of Quilcene, Wa. Welcome Bill.

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## I remember when, Do You ?

The genealogy of an Indian. And this information didn't come from ancestry.com. This big base Indian presently owned by Gary Landeen of Sioux Falls, SD was born in 1939 to Ed "Ironman" Kretz considered to be one of the top racers back then. Indian made 6 of these special motors called big base scouts. Kretz got two engines which he installed in his bikes. Both entered in the 100 and 200 mile races at Day-

tona. It took 1st in 1947 and 3rd in 1948. In 1952 the Scout found it's way to Shell Thuett. He mounted several different "west coast hot shoes" on the bike on top tracks. It won a lot of races during this 5 year period. This cycle was the last Indian to qualify at a AMA National in 1967.

1949 at Daytona Beach



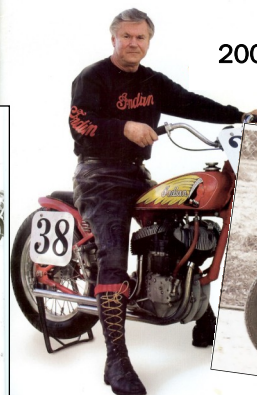
Denny Kannenberg 20j (I know him pretty well) rode the bike in 1988 & 1990 at Sturgis and Davenport Iowa. Denny gave up custody to Gary Landeen in 1999. Gary is responsible for investigating the documented history. It's a story "if only the

bike could talk".

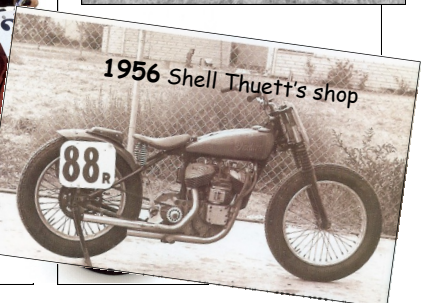
Gary spent 10 years interviewing owners and riders.



2008



1956 Shell Thuett's shop



George Holter 60K hosted the Back Yard Nationals" in Prairie Village, KS again this year. Dale Phillips 46K, Ken Bright 60N and a host of other "old trackers" came to show and tell. He also produces the 'Let's Make Another Lap' insert. Thank you George.

As you can see in the pictures -Sturgis got 47 inches of snow in a 3 day storm in Nov. Winds up to 70 miles per hr. The Natl. Guard came to help dig people out. Denny said he would have given a fair amt of cash for a picture of a chopper & a gal in rally apparel on main street with the snow as a backdrop.

Christmas festivities are at hand and I've received well wishes from many of you. Bobby James 80N—thank you for all the information to forward to me thru the year. If you are looking for some motorcycle racer related inspiration Cory Kleven ( Minnesota racer) puts out some great accounts of races and reasons.....for the season. He'd joyfully include you on his email list. Let me know.....kannenball20j@aol.com *Kari*

Thank you Jack for volunteering to replace the chain around the monument, also we failed to thank you at the meeting for handling the TShirts, patches, and all you do for the Trackers.

*Merry Christmas and  
Happy 2009 New Year*

*From Denny & Kari*



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