

Indian

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President's Report

Greetings!



ts only a few weeks till Tiffin and I can't wait! The Tiffin Meet will start out Thursday August 10th north of the fairgrounds at Don Miller's Peninsular Farm's. I really think most everyone has been to his place for the Pig Roast. This lways kicks our Indian 4 Club members in r for a Great Meet!

After the afternoon at Don's next south to the Seneca County Fairgrounds in Tiffin. The meet and greet will be the grilled hot dog and hamburgers while members are arriving. We always have many volunteers that pitch in every year to make the meet happen. I thank you personally for your time and commitment.

Another thing to help the Club's Treasury we need to pay dues before the meet so that the cash flow will be there to pay for the meets expenses and the publications. Dues are payable to Sarah Cecil in Lexington, KY.

Looking forward to seeing you all again and reviewing our life experience with these machine and into the future.

Regards,
Conrad

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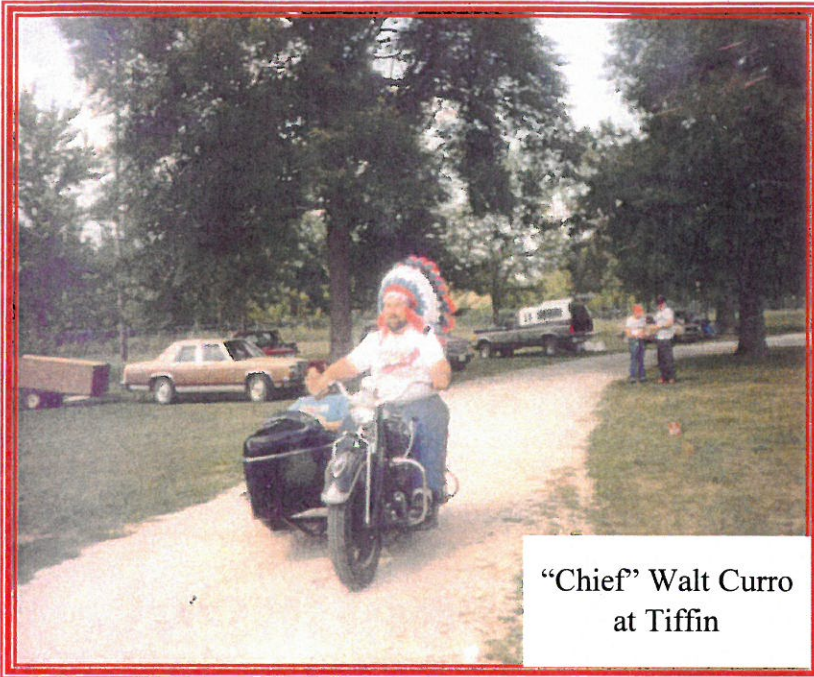
Indian Four Cylinder Club Membership

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“Chief” Walt Curro
at Tiffin

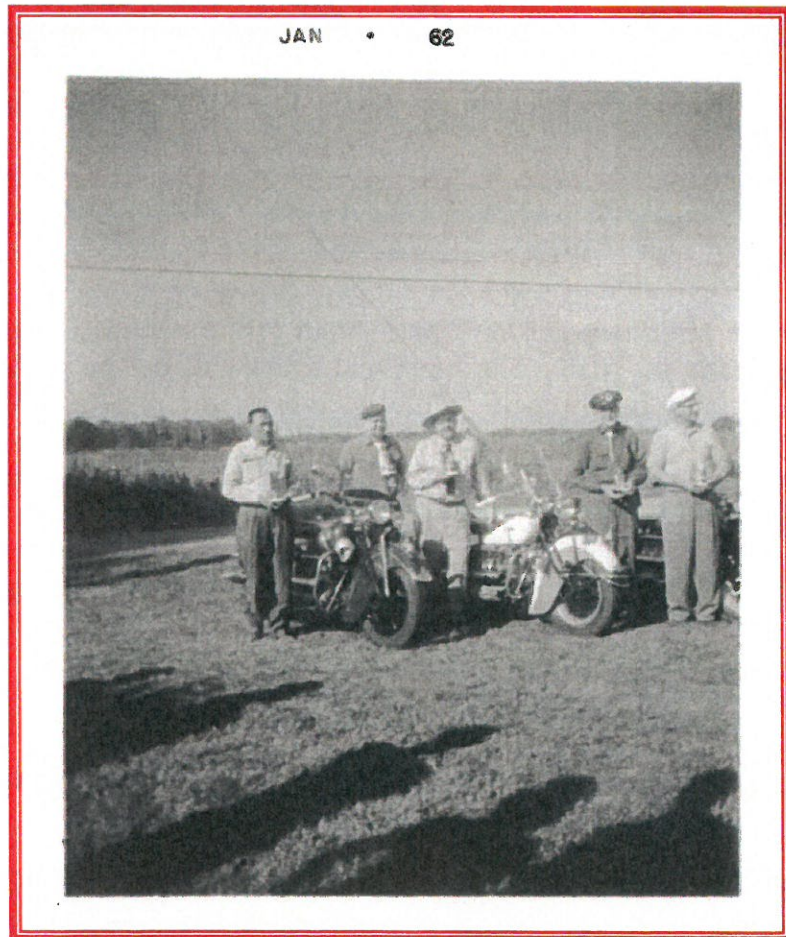
Tiffin Memories

Sometime between 1960 and 1980 kids today think the World magically, suddenly, transformed from stodgy old **Black & White** to **COLOR**.

Seriously, grateful thanks to Clare Johnston for these reminders of a time when a group dedicated to the preservation of American 4 Cylinder motorcycles formed and got together every year to continue the celebration.

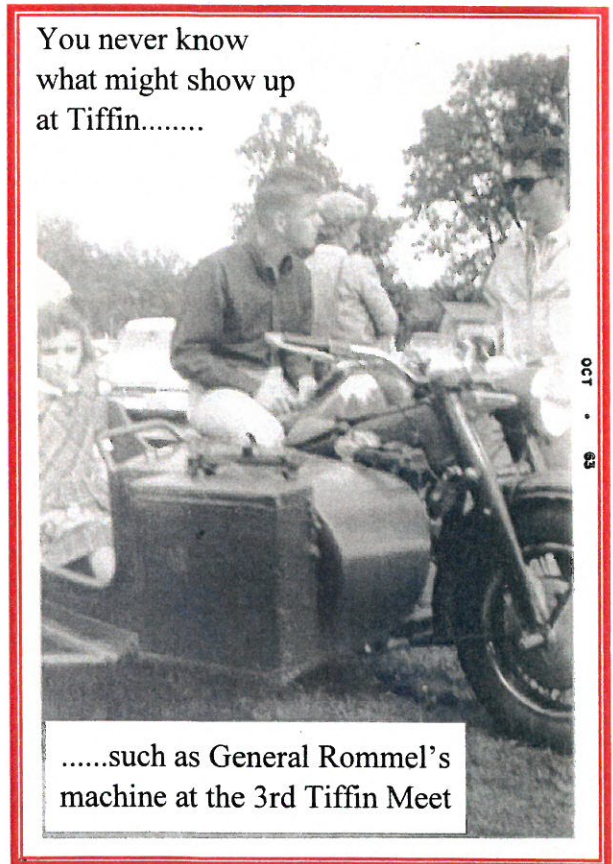
Clare has blessed the Club with a loan of 50 of his, his Father's and his Grandfather's photographs of Tiffin meets and other period pictures.

If you wish to see the complete series, all you need do is to **PAY YOUR DUES** as each future issue of our official record of the Club will feature a few more.



The 1st 4 Cylinder Club Meet's Trophy Winners

Furthest Distance:	Percy Wallace
Oldest 4:	Paul Murray
Most Beautiful 4:	Gail Winters
Oldest Rider:	John Wickham
Most Factory Original:	Fred Provin



.....such as General Rommel's machine at the 3rd Tiffin Meet

1940 Indian 440 (4-cylinder) – A Love Story!

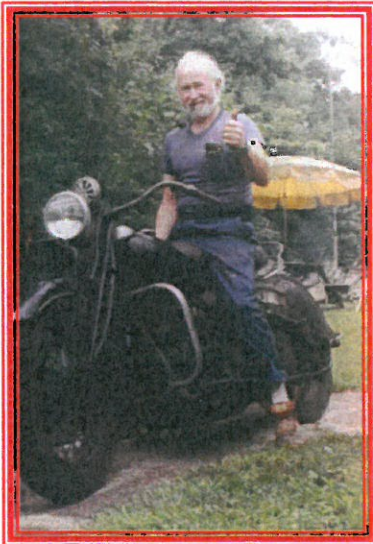
Bill and Barbara Genader (prior owners)

By Ernest L. Owens Jr.

Bill was born in 1935. He wanted a motorcycle when he was old enough to buy a bike. He bought the 1940 Indian when he was between 19 and 21. He became a police officer and retired as a Sargent from the force with 26 years of service. Bill was the third owner and bought it from the second owner who bought it from the police department when it was in their possession. The second owner may have been from Compton Lakes, NJ in the Wanaque area. Bill and Barb could never verify the info one the second owner. Pretty or not, Bill enjoyed it. Someone found the color green under the black paint used by the police department.

Barb and Bill's Relationship - They met in a small New Jersey town when they were 13 and he was 21. He would tease her like a kid sister but had no idea she liked him romantically. She used to hide behind the trees and watch him with her girlfriend. Barb would help Bill's mom bring people to the lake, she even washed Bill's car to get his attention. One day in anger she blurted out 'When are you going to see me'. He said 'Go home and grow up. I see you kid.'

Barb went to Bill's wedding when she was 17. She walked out of the church heartbroken but they stayed friends. One day after his wife died, he asked Barb, who was now single again, if she would keep his 2 kids until he got back. He had never indicated he looked at her romantically. While talking, he said he would like to put her in a suitcase and take her with him. They hugged and kissed. A year and a half later they got engaged and she moved down to West Milford, NJ. They had 28 yrs. together, she has always loved her husband. She kept the bike five years after he died and would go out to look at it so she could remember all the good times.



Restoration - He rode the bike in the condition in which he bought it. It was black and looked like an angry person had had it. After a time, Bill put it away, stored it in the cabin he and his first wife had built before she died. Then his life took a turn, he got ill. One day after he and Barb were together, his cousin with the cousin's motorcycle group came rolling like thunder down the road. There was an endless line in their driveway ¼ mile long. In looking through the woods and the cabin on the premises, one of them noticed the Indian in the cabin. The Indian had been in the cabin for 15 years. Before she knew it, they had the bike out and tried starting it. They all tried, finally getting the bike going. That's when her devious mind decided to buy a reproduction battery. A couple months later Barb gave Bill the battery for Christmas. She is the one who got the bike back on the road. Bill spent most of the winter restoring the bike that he was proud of it. He didn't like clear coat so he hand-rubbed it.

Bill wore the old goggles that would go back to the period of the bike. With Barb holding on, he never took a pipe out his mouth. Good thing she had a skinny ass (Barb's quote) to fit on the single seat, 40's typically had that kind of seat. Later they put a Chummee seat on the bike. She loved her life. When riding alone they noticed everything along the way. That's what gave pleasure, that and being with each other. They took 2am rides in the morning around a large local lake just to enjoy the peace and serenity. Bill was a peace officer in West Milford NJ and wore his father's badge "4" from 1959 until he retired in 1985. For his last ride he took the chummee seat off and put on the solo seat when he was gravely ill. Bill put on his old tattered goggle and told Barb this was his bucket list. He said to her "I'm going to ride it like I stole it"! He put his favorite pipe filled with cherry tobacco in his mouth, lit it and rode her one last time by himself. The bike was then placed into storage.

She interviewed the people who wanted to buy it. One man was going to fix it then sell it. She wanted someone who would be attached to it. When I came along, never did she doubt her decision after the sale was done. When the picture came up of myself, Aaron (Barb's son) mentioned he had talked with me at Sturgis before they sold the bike. At that time neither knew I would be the new owner. Aaron had wanted to discuss the bike with him but had to leave because he was meeting with Mike (his friend from American Pickers) to try to do a deal on the bike. Fate would have it that I would later bid on eBay to see what the reserve was and ended up owning the "40".

**Don't Miss The 58th
Indian 4 Cylinder Club Annual Meet!
August 11th - 14th 2017**

Seneca County Fairgrounds

**Tiffin, Ohio 419/447-7888
100 Hopewell Ave, Tiffin, 44883**

***RV & Tent Camping is available on site:
\$20 per night with 30 amp electric hookup for
Motor homes/campers, \$10 Dump onsite,
Showers onsite too***

***Motels: Tell them you are with the Club and maybe
receive a group rate***

⇒ Days Inn 419/447-6313

1927 S. SR 53, Tiffin 44883 (Closest to the Meet)

⇒ Hampton Inn Tiffin 419/443-5300

2492 South State Route 231, Tiffin 44883

⇒ Holiday Inn Express 419/443-5100

78 Shaffer Park Drive, Tiffin 44883

⇒ Tiffin Motel 419/447-7411

315 West Market Street, Tiffin, 44883

Vendors with antique motorcycle parts are always welcome

Don & Carolyn Miller's BBQ on Thursday

Don & Carolyn Miller have again invited the Indian Four Club to their historic farm on Thursday, August 10th at 4:00 pm for a BBQ. Their home is located at 2716 Whittaker Dr. in Fremont, Ohio, about 25 miles from The Fairgrounds in Tiffin. We have provided a map and list of directions from the Fairground in Tiffin to the Miller's place.



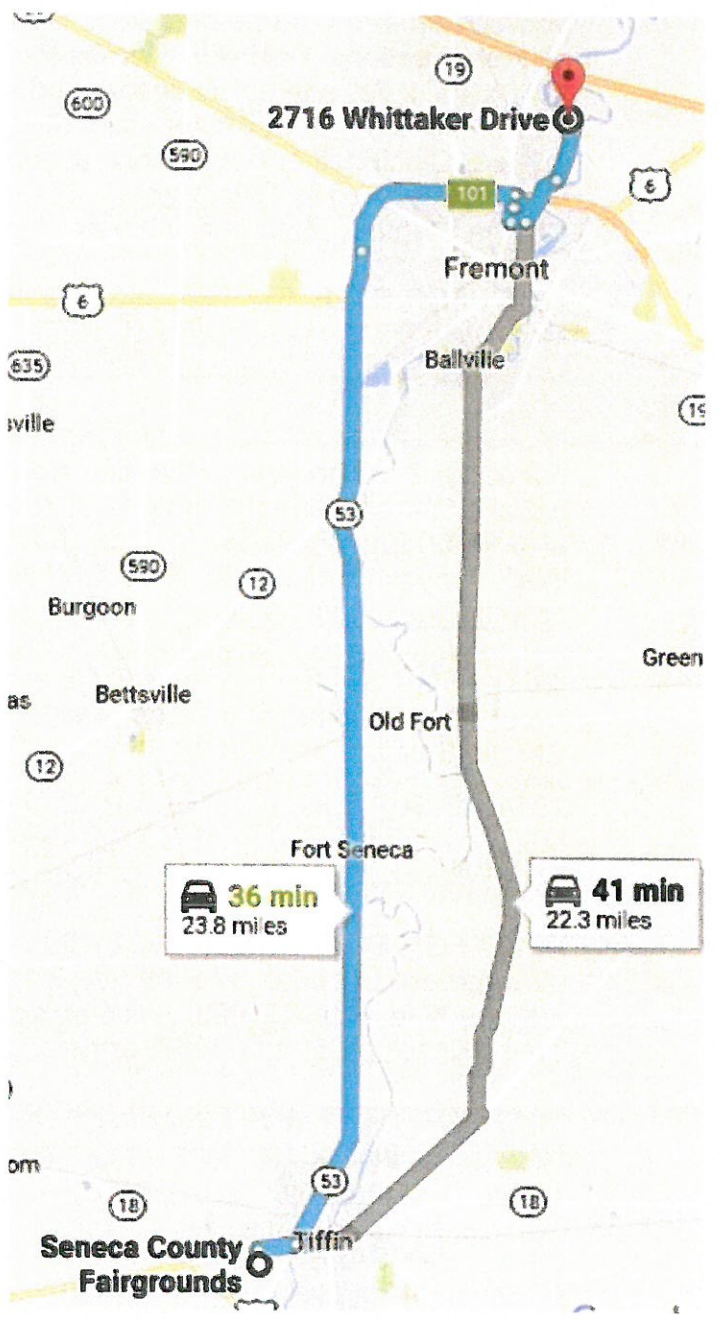
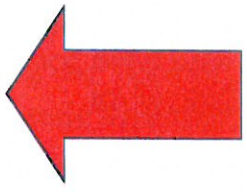
As in past years, the Club is handling the logistics (food, beverages, place settings), meaning we need an approximate head count by August 1. If you planning on coming please email me, Conrad Lytle, lytlepetcocks@embarqmail.com or call (717) 642 -6485

Driving directions to 2716 Whittaker Dr, Fremont, OH 43420

- A** County Fairgrounds
Tiffin, OH 44883
- 1. Head northeast
- 2. Slight left onto Cr594
- 3. Turn left onto S Hopewell Ave
- 4. Turn right onto W Market St
- 5. Turn left onto OH-53 N/S Sandusky St
Continue to follow OH-53 N
- 6. Continue straight onto OH-53 N/US-6 E
- 7. Take exit 95 for OH-53 N toward Port Clinton/Lake Erie Is
- 8. Slight left toward North St
- 9. Turn left onto North St
- 10. Turn left onto Port Clinton Rd
- 11. Continue onto Whittaker Dr
Destination will be on the left
- B** 2716 Whittaker Dr
Fremont, OH 43420



Local area map



Map from Tiffin to Don Miller's Farm

FOR SALE/TRADE/WANTED

2009 - WANTED: for a 1936 Four left hand shift lever with attachment for shift linkage, and a chain guard for the same year. Thanks, Stan E. emuburro@cox.net

2014 - WANTED: for 1929 Indian 4: original horn and headlight

Have parts to trade

Martin Demeyere - Member #393

katy.vanblaere@telenet.be

2017 - FOR SALE 4 (four) used motorcycle shipping crates. Built enclosed with treated 1/4" plywood on 1-1/4" frame and stock Harley-Davidson metal pallets so forklift compatible from all four directions. Sold with 2 tie-down ratchet straps each and fasteners. 3 (three) measure 101" x 44" x 51" and easily accommodate larger, wider machines, 1 (one) slightly smaller 101" x 30" x 51" fit Sportster sized machines. \$170 for larger ones, \$150 for smaller. Pick up near Cincinnati or freight only, at your expense. Can be broken down and shipped flat. Can be delivered to Tiffin Meet.

Charlie Stanton, (859) 384-0085 or 1930Indian4@gmail.com

2015 - FOR SALE: For sale: 1935-39 and 1940-42 Indian 4 generator and distributor gears. Made with 8620 case hardened .030 to 58-60 Rockwell. \$160 for a set.

Tom Wilcock (905) 263-2557, or twilcock@hotmail.ca

2014 - FOR SALE: ~~1932-39~~ Indian side stand leg. Newly designed and improved. It takes out about 2" of the lean to the left. Now you can kick over your "4" without crashing your pedal into the pavement. Improved with a stronger return spring for \$ 8.00. For a total cost of \$ 88.00 Plus Postage.

Wally Krzyzanowski 7703 N 1200 W North Judson, IN 46366-9788,

or wjkindian@hughes.net

2014 - FOR SALE: modified 1930's era handle bars, home-made head lamp mount, slightly tweaked, good internal threads. Asking \$50 plus shipping, or I can bring it to Tiffin

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2011 - FOR SALE: 1938-1942 Indian 4 ductile iron exhaust manifolds. Ductile is much stronger and not brittle like the grey iron originals but costs 1/3 more to cast. Porcelainized and ready to install. \$700.00 plus shipping. Also have some earlier model manifolds.

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2010 - WANTED: 1939 Four Frame. Have trading stock if you prefer.

Rocky & Beverly Corsmeier

Beverly.Corsmeier@cbws.com or (513) 623-7756

2017 - FOR SALE: The corn roaster used at Tiffin. Asking \$100. Contact Clare Johnston CJohnston330@yahoo.com or (330) 428-4378.