

## **Mid-West Motorcycle**

The Mid-West Motorcycle Club was founded in 1923. It is the oldest motorcycle club in Indiana and one of ten oldest clubs in the United States. The club's first meeting was held in the basement of John Morgan's Harley-Davidson Motorcycle Shop at 701 South Meridian Street in Indianapolis, Indiana. The purpose of the club was to promote the sport of motorcycling. The founder, Ralph Moore, was an active member until his death in 1977. Mid-West is American Motorcycle Association Charter number 81 and is a multi-brand motorcycle club.

Early members included Ralph Moore, Rody Rodenburg, Ed Wray, John Wray, Dick Wray, Mike Wray, Rick Moore, Carvel Knapp, Harry Inman, Ed Renier, Earl Russell, and Harold Hazel. These members competed in road racing, flat track racing, scrambles, and motocross racing.

Rody Rodenburg is remembered for his record setting transcontinental motorcycle ride from New York to Los Angeles in 1936.

Throughout the year, Mid-West has sponsored and organized many different races including: Hill climbs at Waverly, short track races at Martinsville, motocross races in Fortville, the Indiana State Championship half mile flat track in Shelbyville and many more.

On New Year's Day, Mid-West holds the Hangover Rally, a charity event benefitting Damar Services. This rally began in 1982 with 6 riders, and had a peak of 973 riders in 2006.