



Yankee Chatter



Fall 2017
Yankee Chapter

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Antique Motorcycle Club of America

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Ride 'Em- Don't Hide 'Em!



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AMCA Yankee Chapter Annual Christmas Party and Business Meeting



Sunday Dec. 3rd

11 am: Social Hour

12 pm: Lunch

1 pm: Business Meeting

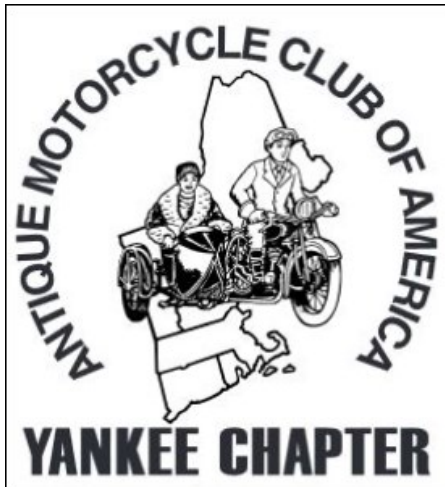
Oxford VFW

20 Federal Hill Rd

Oxford MA 01540

Potluck— Please bring something to share
Beverages available for purchase





President's Message

This summer's director's message started with '2017 continues to get better and better'. Little did I know, there was so much more fun to come. The National Meet and the Indian Summer Camp & Ride exceeded all our expectations. Thank you to everyone that made these events happen. Your efforts have made 2017 one heck of a year. AND the year isn't over yet.

The Christmas Party/Annual Meeting is only a few weeks away. Please come prepared to vote on our new By-laws and to ratify or elect new Board Members. Under our new by-laws, no longer must our Chapter Judge or Treasurer or Membership Chair etc. be directors. The board will now appoint people to these important positions. This change was made because we have members that want to help but don't want the responsibility of serving as voting members of our board. Our complete proposed By-Laws can be found on our web site: <http://www.yankeechapter.org/downloads/Yankeebylaws2017.pdf> If you have questions on the By-Laws please feel free to contact me or any Board member. Contact information can be found at the beginning of this newsletter.

In keeping with the ideals behind the proposed By-laws, three board members have chosen to lead by example and have volunteered to be the first to ask for members to run for their position. You can vote for these Board Members to stay or vote for the new candidates. Additionally, our 1st Vice President was nominated by the board so you, our members, can choose to nominate someone for the position or ratify the Boards nominee.

The open positions are:

President.....Maine (Ted) Smith
Director #1.....Peter MacMurray
Director #2.....Jen Goselin
1st Vice President...Jamie Seidell

If you think someone should be on our board, please nominate them. If you think you should be on the board, please volunteer. If you want to help without the responsibility of being a voting director, let us know. If you are unable to get to our party, you can nominate someone or yourself by emailing or snail mailing your recommendations to our Secretary Dianne Stoyanovich at dmstoy26@sbcglobal.net The board is united in the belief that members choose our leaders. No-one on the board wants that responsibility. This is your club!

Moving our National meet to Terryville next year gives us a bunch of exciting possibilities. Many of Hebron's rules and restrictions have been eliminated. For example, if you get to Terryville on Tuesday, for \$20 a night you can camp in the Lions Club's grass parking lot. The parking lot is set up for camping. There are about a dozen power and water hook-ups available on a first come first serve basis. If you arrive on Wednesday, you can camp in the parking lot for the same \$20 a night or volunteer two

hours of your time and come into the fairgrounds. Tuesday's arrivers can also volunteer and come in on Wednesday. Personal campfires are allowed inside the fairgrounds provided your fire is in a raised fire pit. We can have evening bonfires. Bring your musical instruments and singing voices. Jam sessions are now encouraged. More details on Terryville will be available on our website soon. As always, Vending and Camping privileges will be strictly limited to paid up AMCA members.

I hope to see everyone at the Christmas Party meeting. This will be an important meeting!
-Ted

**SPRINGFIELD MOTORCYCLE SHOW
JAN. 20-21 2018
EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION
SPRINGFIELD MA**

Anyone interested in helping represent the Yankee Chapter by displaying a bike and/or volunteering some time at our booth, please contact Chris Lenox at 413-531-3983.

General show info at <http://www.osegmotorcycle.com/>

Great time guaranteed– just ask these guys!



Indian Summer Camp & Ride

By Chris Lenox



Once again the Yankees met up in Charlemont Mass for the Indian Summer Ride, organized by Jim and Dawn Seidell on September 15-17th. And Indian Summer it sure was with temps even in Vermont into the 80s! By most accounts this may have been the best weather we've ever had.

I made my way early Saturday morning on my Chief, riding the 50 miles to the campground through some early fog that soon gave way to clear sunny skies. As

always when one arrives at the meet, there are familiar faces all around, hot coffee, and breakfast treats set up by the Seidells. The campground was full of Yankees as well as some guests, who are always welcome on the rides. Old bikes of all kinds and ages were present at each campsite.

Although I only went for the one day, a lot of people had been there since Friday, and even Thursday. I understand there was a ride on Friday to Outlook Farm in Westhampton for lunch, which has always been a good stop. After some hot coffee, muffins, and saying hi to all, we gathered across Rte 2 at the monument for a quick picture and rules of the ride before heading out shortly after 10 am.

Today's ride was to be around 120 miles up through Vermont on Rte 100 to VT 30 and back into Mass via Rte 7A and We had roughly 40 bikes start out this day, all makes and ages, including a few "new" bikes! As usual there were some mechanical issues along the way, but there's always help all around to keep them rolling! One Harley had a bad oil leak that had come up and had to be fixed on the side of the Hwy. Another was an Indian 741 which wouldn't charge and finally died, having to be picked up by the chase car being



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driven by Dawn Seidell.

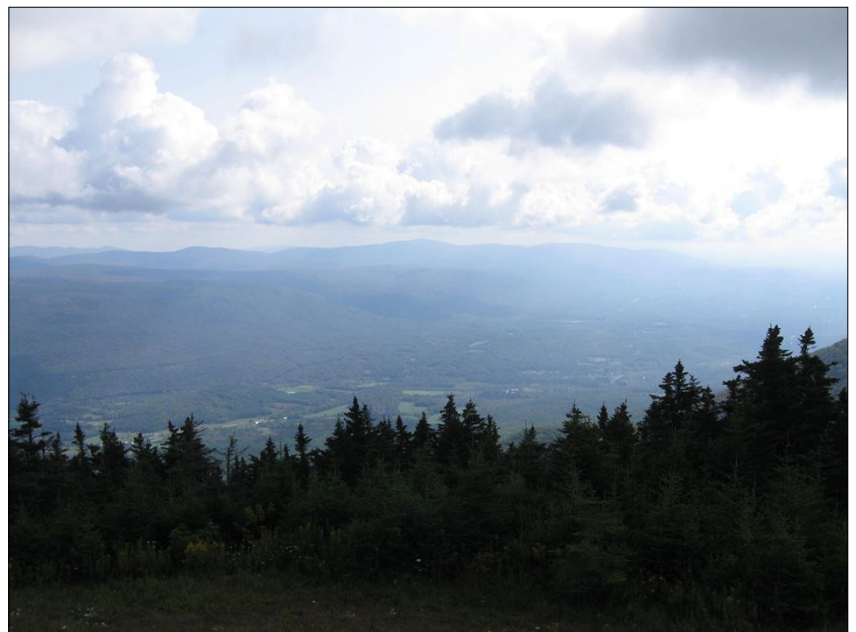
Our first real stop was a place called Bob's diner in Manchester, VT. Having been called the day before, they were ready for our invasion! I don't think I sat down for one minute before I had water and my order taken. Then it was only 3-4 minutes and I had the best burger I've had in a while in front of me. They deserve a high five for how fast they got all of us fed at the busiest time of the day.

We all got gas and headed to Equinox mountain, which is a pri-

privately owned toll road to the summit of a 3,848-foot lookout over Vermont and Massachusetts. The ride up proved a workout for my bike and some others I heard as well. It's always a surprise to have your bike pop out of first gear on a steep hairpin turn! You're almost going backwards by the time you realize what's happened! I saw some bikes blow out oil, overheated brakes, and smoking. The view was worth it though for sure. There's a nice visitors center at the top with balconies to see from. It was somewhat cloudy or hazy but you can still see for miles every way.

After the ride down we all got a break and some water, then hit the road again back towards Massachusetts. There were plenty of scenic views and some color in the trees as we rode along. Through Bennington and North Adams we hit some lights and traffic, then were on our way to Rte 2, the hairpin turn, and the campground.

It was in the 80s most of the day, and I saw a few go for a swim in the river, almost an unheard of thing to do in past years since its usually cooler at this time of year. Having to head home myself, I soon hit the road again on the 50



mile trip back. I totaled 253 miles including my back and forth . I'll be sure to come back next year as I have in years past, most come back year after year and we always see some new riders. I must add a special thanks to the Seidells for doing this ride for many years now and hopefully they will continue for many to come.



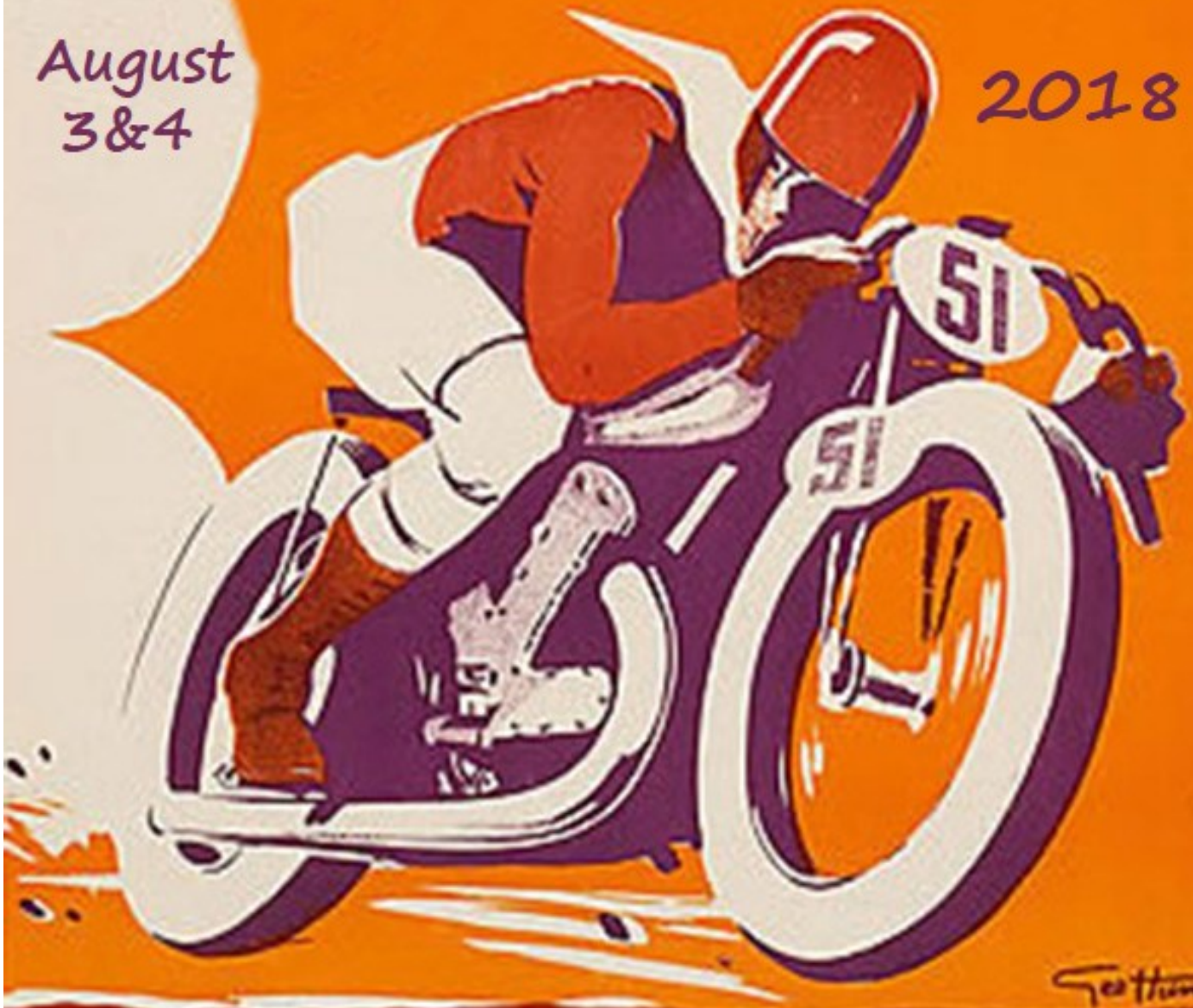
On the cover: Obligatory photo of Indians in front of the Indian. Hail to the Sunrise monument at Mohawk Park.

Photo by Chris Lenox

New Location! Yankee Chapter AMCA Terryville National Meet

*August
3&4*

2018



*Antique motorcycle show and swap meet
Terryville Lions Fairgrounds, 205 Town Hill rd.
Terryville Conn. 06786*

*Join us at our new location for 2018! Same show as Hebron
Just a new and better location! For more info go to:
www.yankeechapter.org Phone: Ted Smith 203-272-6605*

Zündapp 100th Anniversary Rally in Germany!

-Warren Mann

Judy and I have been riding, collecting and restoring Zündapps for 40 years, along with other German and British motorcycles, yet somehow had never visited Germany. At Kevin Johnson's second North American Zündapp Rally in Ohio back in 2014, I had first heard mention of plans for a 100th Anniversary Zündapp Rally to be staged in 2017 in Sigmaringen, Germany. Judy and I decided to go for it and we joined in the fun with Zündapp owners and enthusiasts from around the world. We know of at least 9 American's that were amongst the 5,000 or so people who attended.

Zünder-und Apparatus GmbH was founded in 1917 and so it is that the roots of the company that became **Zündapp** was honored upon its 100th Anniversary in the village of Sigmaringen, Germany in May of 2017. The company was founded during World War I as a maker of "Ignition (Zünder) Apparatus" (devices for munitions). Most bikers in America have never heard of Zündapp, perhaps until that animated movie series "Cars," as one of the characters is "Professor Zündapp," a little Micro-car the company named the "Janus." In the USA Zündapp is most well known for it's 2-strokes and Bella Scooters. My interest has been in the robust, boxer flat twins that were built pre-war and into the late 1950's rivaling BMW.

Over the years, Zündapp manufactured everything from Sewing Machines to Generators, Lawn Mowers, Outboard Motors, Mopeds, Motor Scooters, Motorcycles and Automobiles. And one time, Zündapp was the largest motorcycle manufacturer in the world having out produced BMW, Indian, Harley and the rest.

The village of Sigmaringen, Germany was an ideal location for the rally: a small village with restaurants and shops along the Danube River. A castle forms the backdrop for the show field, but the primary reason the location was chosen is the village is the site of a Zündapp Museum. The Zündapp Museum is a major attraction in the village. It is located in a brewery! What could be better than that? On one end of the block is a Hoffbrau, featuring a beer garden serving excellent Swabian food and, of course, an endless supply of beer. Next door, is the **Brauerei Zoller-Hof** brewery and at the front of the brewery is the **Mattes-Zündapp Museum**.



Shortly after the meet, this bike was shipped to the USA to participate in speed week at Bonneville Salt Flats 2017!

The museum displays include a number of female mannequins dressed in period clothing and it was obvious Zündapp was a brand that understood the power of women in the marketplace. But it wasn't just a case of "Sex sells", as goes the old Wall Street adage. The factory saw great potential in making Zündapp a household name.



For many years Zündapp was actually run by a woman. **Elizabeth (Neumeyer) Mann** was the daughter of the company's President. She married the number-two man-in-charge, Dr. Eitel-Fredrich Mann. When her father, and then her husband, passed away, Elizabeth took the reins of the company. It is said the factory workers particularly liked Elizabeth as she knew the workers by name and would attend every race or motorcycle-sporting event when the Zündapp teams were competing.

There were many different Zündapp clubs represented- with over a dozen military sidecar outfits and other World War II era bikes and gear on display. There were 1920s era Zündapp motorcycles on display and examples of production right up till the final

days in the 1980s. A great variety of Zündapps from every decade, most I had never seen before, as they were never imported.



There was a great variety of small displacement, sport bikes not seen in the USA.



Let's face it; most of us old car and bike guys are, in one form or another, grasping onto our youth. But there is nothing like seeing the joy of a large, older guy, on a way too small motorcycle- no doubt, like the one he rode in his youth. Notice the child riding in the little blue tow-behind trailer!

Small motorcycles, scooters, mopeds and bicycles have always been far more popular in Europe than in the USA as a practical, cost-effective means of transportation.





There were Zündapp fans from all over the world. Young and old, families and a cast of characters one might expect at any motorcycle gathering. But all were peaceful and having a great time and sharing their love for all things Zündapp.



Photos: special thanks to Christiane Richter

You can learn more about Zündapps and read back issues of the Zündapper e-newsletters at: zundappfool.com





Back in 1977, Judy and I rode our newly acquired 1955 Vincent Black Shadow to an international Vincent Owners Club meet in Canada. (B&W photo, Judy & I upper left). A large contingent of Brits had arranged to fly their Vincents over to rally, and I had heard some Germans would be attending. Before leaving home, I made Judy and I iron-on-letter, homemade Zündapp t-shirts. I hoped we would attract the attention of the Germans that might be in attendance. And that is just what happened. The second day of that rally in Canada, a few Germans spotted my shirt and rushed over to me with great enthusiasm. "You have Zündapp?" Like a proud father with a wallet full of pictures of his children, I showed them photos of my 3 Zündapps. They were delighted. It was about half way through the weekend that I finally realized we were smiling and laughing and communicating but I did not speak a word of German, and they did not speak English. But so it is - motorcycles are a universal language all men understand.



I happened to tell that story to our friend Pim van den Bergh during the Rally in Germany. A few nights later, the KS-601 Club held a meeting at the Zündapp Museum. (Judy and I were not in attendance.) The conversation started amongst the Germans that it would be fun if they could some day bring their Zündapps to America. One of the members, in fact the founder of the KS-601 club, stood up and told a story about how many years ago he had attended a Vincent Rally in Canada and that many of the Brits had brought their bikes to the USA and that there was no reason Zündapp owners could not do the same some day. And by the way, he continued, there was a USA Zündapp owner at that rally in Canada back in 1977. With a big smile on his face, our friend Pim stood up and told the group, "Not only do I know that guy you met in Canada back in 1977, but he is here at the Zündapp rally this weekend!" The group erupted in cheers. And the next day I was delighted to again meet up with Lothar Reinehr (green shirt). With the help of Pim's translation (tan shirt), Warren (blue shirt), we remembered every detail of our meeting in Canada those 40 years ago. We smiled and joked and it was like reuniting with a long lost relative. Motorcycles are the universal language!





Yankee Spirit Award

When all is said and done, when all the parts are put away, and the bikes are cooled off, our club is about its members and the relationships we build with each other. We thought it would be nice to find a way to recognize those members that make a difference to the club, that help others, that go the extra mile.

To that end, we've developed the Yankee Spirit Award with this stated purpose:

Annually recognize a club member that exemplifies "the Spirit of the Yankees."

Our nominees for 2017 are listed below. This year's award will be presented at the Annual Business Meeting/Christmas Party on December 3rd. Please submit your votes to the newsletter editor Jen Goselin either by email at editor@yankeechapter.org or by mail to 765 Pine Meadow Rd. Northfield MA 01360. **All votes must be received by SUNDAY NOV. 26 to be counted!**

Darryl Cutter

Darryl is a Yankee of long standing. He has served as a Chapter Director for years. He was also a key contributor to the success of the Rhinebeck National Meet during the Yankee Chapter's years of participation in that coalition.

He has always been a helpful and reliable contributor to the Yankee Chapter.

Diane Stoyanovich

Diane has been our secretary for more than 10 years. She is always an active participant in our BOD meetings, events, business meeting. Diane contributes at the National meet merchandise booth year in and year out. Diane was one of the founding members of the Sterling camp and ride which has spawned our awesome camp and ride schedules every year.

**Yankee Chapter Hebron Awards
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National Recognition Awards

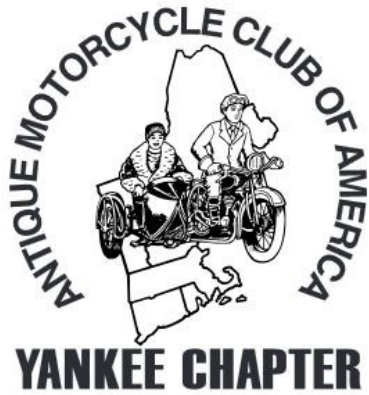
Oldest	Mark Turkington	1902 Clement Gladiator
Most Unique	Richard Friedman	1903 Dickinson Morette
Long Distance 1	Maurice Domini	1966 BMW R60/2 (62 miles)
Long Distance 2	Doug Hughes	1958 Harley-Davidson (49 miles)
Period Modified 1	Charles Gallo	1925 Harley-Davidson JD “Bobber”
Period Modified 2	Ron Zuk	1950 Triumph T-Bird (Reversed Head)
Special	Ted Smith	1936 BMW R12
Special	Al Corelli	Japanese Collection (Seven Motorcycles)
Century Medallion	Mark Turkington	1902 Clement Gladiator
Century Medallion	Richard Friedman	1903 Dickinson Morette

Yankee Judging Award Winners

Fearless Leader	Gene Levesque	19XX BMW
Most Tangerine	Marty Hansen	1953 Indian Chief
Crustiest	Jimmie Murdough	1946 Harley-Davidson WL
Oldest	Jerry Powers	1919 Harley –Davidson JS Sidecar
Best Paint	Brendon Romcke-Harber	1939 Indian Chief
Most Creative Engineering	Ron Zuk	1950 Triumph Thunderbird - Reversed Head
Unique	Al Corelli	1975 Suziki Rotary
Lucas Commerative Award	Bill Cawley	19XX Matchless G80 - Lost Headlight

Special Chapter Award

Giles J Adams Memorial Award	Charles Gallo	1925 Harley-Davidson JD “Bobber”
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**Want to promote your event, sell your bike, or just share a good story?
Contributions to the Yankee Chatter accepted at any time.
*For the next issue, submit by Feb. 11 2018***

Photos, articles, flyers, ads, questions,
and any other content can be sent to:

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