



Yankee Chatter



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Yankee Chapter

Antique Motorcycle Club of America

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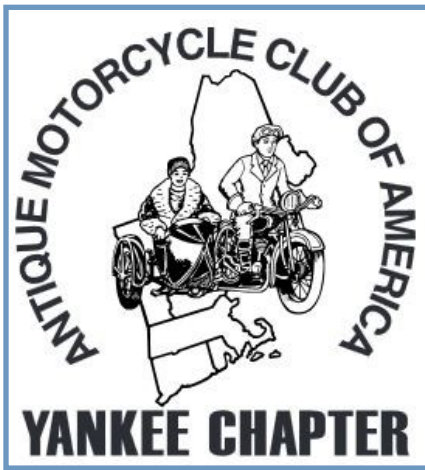
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Director's Message

Hi all! I hope this message find you and your family well.

PLEASE NOTE: There is NO Vermont ride in June as shown on the membership card. It is an error left from last year's card. NO VT RIDE in 2014.

PLEASE NOTE: We have moved the 2014 National mystery ride to FRIDAY at 3 pm. This will give us 3 hours before the banquet. We moved to help keep vendors and participants on the field during the key hours of the meet, and to shift some of the Saturday load to a less busy time. I'm sure there will be some confusion, but we are giving it a try to level out the loading of the meet. Spread the word.

You will find the AMCA president Richard Spagnolli's letter elsewhere in this issue, however I'd like to point out they are taking applications for Board members. If you'd like to participate in the AMCA affairs directly, please let Richard know. It seems the AMCA is looking strongly at its present and future situations and looking to sustain the club into the future. Of course, this means drawing in new and younger members as the main membership core is getting older.

We met JJ (John) Cerilli the new Executive Director at Oley. I was in his judging team as well. He seems genuine and approachable and open minded. If you have any suggestions or concerns about the AMCA please contact John and discuss them.

Yankee Chapter applied for **both** a National meet and a National Road Run for 2015 and has been approved by the AMCA. We're targeting the week following Rhinebeck for the Road Run and are planning Keene, NH location for the host hotel. From Keene we can ride to VT, NY, MA, and NH. It's a great location. Our National Meet will be in Hebron, CT as usual.

It is important for all chapter members to maintain their AMCA membership. Dana cannot check or verify your AMCA status, but on an annual basis Fred Davis, the Director of Chapters from AMCA, receives our roster and checks for AMCA membership. There are always some that have failed to renew, sometimes for several years. Please check your current status and renew your AMCA membership as necessary.

Thanks to Tom Covill and a hearty group the RI light house ride took place. I wussed out with the weather predictions and didn't go, but Saturday's clearing gave the group great riding.

The RI ride marks one year for Luke Walker's accident. With the help of his wife Bess, Ed Morinho and Chris Duffy, Luke has been out to Oley, and I'm sure other places. At Oley Bess suggested to (Richard) Spagnolli the AMCA should provide some education about how insurance works. As a result of Luke's accident, it became apparent the insurance companies do not always provide the coverage you think they do. To understand your potential situation contact your motorcycle insurer and your health insurer and make sure you understand what the coverage is, and how they would work in case of an accident.

For 2014 National at Hebron, I'm looking for a couple of technical sessions. If you have something to volunteer, or would like to make a suggestion for a tech session, give me a call at 603-401-8851.

As I've written before, one of our responsibilities of hosting a National meet is the Judging. Please consider being a judge at our meet. If you don't think you have the knowledge of experience, You can do it! There is no way to gain the experience without doing it, and most of you DO know a lot about certain models. Please consider being a judge. Contact Chapter Judge Peter MacMurray to discuss your questions or concerns or let him know you will be doing it. He can be reached at 508-429-4592.

We are celebrating F HEADS at the National this year, so please bring out your J, JD, Indian, Excelsior, etc. These engines' architecture are interesting and were the mainstay of the industry through at least 10 to 15 years, so there should be plenty of machines to display. Any condition, any make or model!! We're working on a special award for all F HEADS on display.

Have you considered vending? Vending is a great way to help others in the club, and turn some of your parts into cash. Vending is the core of the swap meets and we are always looking for parts, memorabilia, bikes, etc.

We have extended an invitation to the **Vintage Japanese Motorcycle Club** to display at our meet. They have given an affirmative to try to set up a display. Remember the AMCA welcomes all makes and models and we encourage you to bring out your machines no matter what kind or condition. There is always something to learn, and there is always someone who needs to see your bike because they are working on one too!! If you are a member of another old bike club, perhaps you can use our ad on their website and invite members to the meet? Or, contact me if you need help- let me know who the club officers are and I can reach out.

Lastly, a reminder this is OUR club. If you want to put together a Sunday morning ride in your area, let me know and I can email the chapter membership for you.

Dan Margolien

Nominations for Yankee Spirit Award are open! Nominations can be done in 100 words or so. We're looking for the members that embody the Spirit of the Yankee Chapter as you see it. This can be a person who is a teacher, a worker, a helper, a guide, a mentor.

E-mail Nominations to Dan M: pocketvalve@gmail.com

Yankee Chapter Summer Camp & Ride

Dates: July 11, 12, 13

Location: American Motorcycle Police Museum- 194 Daniel Webster Highway, Meredith, NH 03253

Phone: museum 603-279-6387, Doug Cell 860-874-7027, Dan Cell 603-401-8851

Hosts: Doug and Leslyee Frederick

Website: <http://americanpolicemotorcyclemuseum.com>

Camping on the property, however there is no electric or water hook ups for campers.

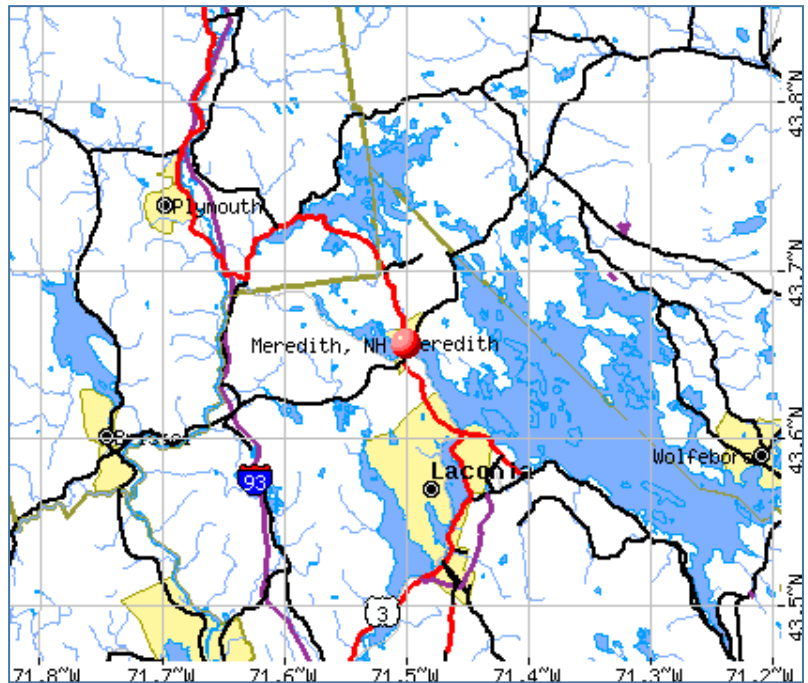
Plenty of room for bike trailers, campers, tents, etc. A variety of hotels are located right nearby.

Sorry, NO CAMPFIREs allowed.

There will be a Porta-Potty on site. Also Doug will rent a room at a local hotel where the shower will be available for all to share / arrange/ schedule / work it out

On Saturday We will have a banquet prepared by Doug and his wife.

Ride maps will be available.



You can see we will be right on Lake Winnepesaukee for the ride. Plenty of great riding, restaurants, shops, the Wiers Beach area, etc.

We will have 3 day pass to the Museum.

There will be a cost of \$25.00 per person to defray the cost of the banquet, rental toilet, hotel room, 3 day museum pass.

If you have questions please contact Dan at 603-401-8851 or danmargolien@yahoo.com

Schedule

- Friday- Arrival, set up and ride. Group ride out approximately 1pm. Lunch, dinner on your own.
- Saturday- Group ride out at 10am. Lunch on your own. Group banquet by Doug and Leslyee at 6 pm on the grounds.
- Sunday- Plenty of good riding left.



AMCA President's Newsletter

Dear Chapter Officers and Newsletter Editors,

I hope all of you are enjoying the Spring weather around the country and riding your old bikes. For us in the Northeast, Spring is a welcome time. The truly lucky ones are those who can ride year round. But we all have one thing in common, we love our old machines.

I attended AMCA Omaha, Sunshine and Perkiomen Chapter National Meets this year. This is the 60th Anniversary of the AMCA and we should all be proud of our heritage and encouraged by the future that lies ahead. I can report that the National Meet scene is strong and vibrant as always. Vendors are still attending in strong numbers. Our Members and friends look forward to these meets. And the judging participation and number of bikes judged is very positive for the future of this program. By the time you receive this newsletter, two National Road Runs sponsored by the Cherokee and Bluegrass Chapters will have taken place. Two more Road Runs are scheduled, one by the Oregon Trail Chapter and the other by my own Allegheny Mountain Chapter. If you or your Chapter Members have not attended a National Road Run, I encourage you to do so this year. Please consider sponsoring a National Road Run in 2016. Road Runs are the ultimate fun experience on an old motorcycle in my opinion. And celebrate our Anniversary by encouraging a friend or neighbor to join the AMCA this year. If each Member brought just one new member into the Club, our numbers and influence in the antique motorcycle community would grow significantly. And it shouldn't matter what brand of motorcycle your friend or neighbor owns. We welcome all brands and owners in the AMCA. Please think about it.

Our Executive Director, John Cerilli (JJ), has been attending the National Meets and participating in the judging program. He continues to introduce himself to the Membership at the meets and attends and participates in

our Board Town Hall Meetings. John is rapidly learning about the Club, its history, culture, operations and its Members. Please feel free to e mail or call him with any questions or concerns about the Club.

Town Hall Meetings at National Meets, begun two years ago, have proven to be valuable for the Board and the Members who attend. We have had some very good questions and comments from Members which indicates involvement and concern about the operation of the AMCA. These meetings offer an excellent opportunity for Members and the Board to have a positive discourse. Please try to attend and encourage your Members to do the same when attending National Meets.

At the Board meeting in Daytona on March 7, the Board took a major step by unanimously agreeing to formulate a Strategic Plan for the AMCA. Significant discussion on this subject, including a review of the Membership Survey conducted a few years back, occurred over the Internet before the meeting. The Board continued the discussion at its meeting. The Board modified its Mission Statement and adopted new AMCA Value and Vision Statements. The Board also did its own analysis of the Club's strengths, areas of concern, opportunities and risks. The strategic planning process is explained beginning on page 49 of the May/June issue of the magazine. If you haven't read the article under the heading, THE ROAD AHEAD: Strategic Planning for the Future the AMCA, please take a moment to review it. To my knowledge, this is the first time the Board has decided to adopt a strategic plan for the Club and seek input from the Membership in the process. We are asking every member who wants to make a positive contribution to the plan to contact John Cerilli.

The Board approved the AMCA Heritage Membership Drive which encourages all AMCA Members to recruit their friends who have an interest in antique motorcycles.

This drive will have a contest format with prizes for individuals and Chapters that recruit the most new Members. John Cerilli's column Riding Vintage on page 10 of the May/June issue of the magazine mentions this program. The next issue of the magazine will announce the Membership Drive details.

Regrading the tax situation for USA based Chapters, AMCA retained CPA, Chuck Deluzio, reports many, but not all, Chapters consulted with his firm about their tax matters. As we have reported over the past year, the Club is no longer responsible for filing a Federal group tax return for the Chapters. Each Chapter is responsible for filing their appropriate Federal and State tax returns or file for their own tax exemption and approval through the IRS. The Board continues to offer to pay for the tax returns prepared by Chuck Deluzio's firm (not any taxes due) for all Chapters sponsoring National Meets and Road Runs and offer a free one hour consultation to all other Chapters. The decision to utilize these services is a Chapter decision. I encourage all Chapters to do so.

The Chapter Presidents' Meeting will once again be held at the Wauseon National Meet on Saturday July 19 at 10 AM. This meeting is for Chapter Presidents and/or their designated representatives. All Chapter officers are welcome to attend. This is your chance to hear the latest developments from the Board and gives you an opportunity to ask questions that concern your Chapter. Please mark your calendars.

If anyone is interested in applying for a National Board position as a Director, the deadline for filing an application is August 15, 2014. Please review the requirements for becoming a Director in the P&P Manual which is on the Club website under the heading "About." Please include this notice in your Chapter's next newsletter. All applications must be sent to AMCA Secretary Kelli Webb-Stauffer by the deadline.

The AMCA Internal Audit Committee met at the Perkiomen Chapter National Meet in Oley on April 26 to review the books for 2013. I appointed Committee members, Dan Margolien, Peter MacMurray and David Panela from the general Membership. The Committee was

assisted by AMCA Treasurer Davette Bent who did not participate in the actual audit or the preparation of the Committee's report to the Board. The Committee reported that it was satisfied with its review of the selected payments and verification information. The Committee made several recommendations which the Board will consider. A very big thanks to volunteers Dan, Peter and David. AMCA Financial Statements will be published in the next issue of the magazine.

I appointed and the Board approved Buck Carson from Texas as the new AMCA Youth Coordinator. You have been reading his column in the magazine. Buck presented a plan to the Board and he hopes to encourage all Chapters to help him establish regions in the country to promote youth involvement in the AMCA. Buck did send a letter to all Chapters recently asking for their help. Please discuss Buck's request with your Chapter Members and offer what assistance you can.

The Board investigated replacing the one year paper Membership cards. We are pleased to announce that the paper cards will now be replaced upon Membership renewal with laminated ones. These cards are more durable and easily slip into a wallet or purse. Members who opt for three year Memberships will continue to receive plastic credit card style cards. I can hear the cheers already!

To address some of the concerns that Members are failing to renew their memberships on time, the Board will send e mail notices to all members whose memberships will be expiring. This notice will be in addition to the two fluorescent color notices each member now receives with their magazines before expiration. A further notice by way of a post card is sent to each member who has not renewed six weeks after expiration. With the e mail notification, it is important that the Club have an updated e mail address for every member who has one. Please encourage your members to provide a current e mail address if they haven't done so. We are also encouraging Members to renew online. It is easier, provides an immediate payment trail and is more efficient for the Club and Cornerstone.

A few Members approached the Board with the idea of sponsoring an AMCA National Meet in the Midwest, possibly in the Colorado area. The Board will work with these Members to explore the possibility of authorizing a National Meet in 2015. Such a National Meet and location would offer opportunities for more Member involvement in the Midwest and Rocky Mountain areas.

The AMCA authorized Facebook page now has approximately 13,000 participants and growing. Not all are AMCA members since this is not a requirement to participate. However, John Cerilli and our two volunteer moderators, Jim Wear and Buck Carson, are always encouraging participants to join the Club. We consider Facebook to be an excellent way if getting the word out about the AMCA and what it has to offer Members. Thanks to Jim and Buck for their volunteer service. Not an easy job to say the least. We see social media like Facebook as an excellent way to reach a younger demographic group that relies heavily on social media to communicate and obtain information.

The Virtual Library Project continues to struggle for lack of volunteers. Preservation of old motorcycle literature is an important part of the AMCA's mission. Another copy session is scheduled during the Wauseon National Meet. Please advertise this project in your newsletters and ask any of your members who are planning to attend the meet to bring literature for copying and/or volunteer for a few hours to help with the copying.

The Board through John Cerilli is making an attempt to encourage current AMCA members who do not live close to existing Chapters to consider forming new Chapters in their area. Please see my Wheels in Motion column in the May/June issue of the magazine on page 6. The Music City Chapter in Nashville TN is our newest Chapter and the new Road Runner Chapter in Phoenix AZ is about to be approved. Another in Nevada is in the inquiry stage. And another in upstate New York is in the final planning stages. We are using the Membership List Communication Policy to communicate with AMCA members about forming new Chapters in their areas. This is the same policy that has been used by some Chapters to solicit

new Members for their Chapters. If your Chapter is interested in gaining new Members from the existing roster of AMCA Members, please contact John Cerilli and he will explain the process. It is free and your Chapter is only required to write an introductory e mail from a suggested form letter in the P&P Manual and provide zip codes for the areas you want to solicit members.

The Antique Motorcycle Foundation (AMF) has provided the AMCA with grant money of \$5,000 to be used for young people interested in learning about working on old bikes. If you know someone who has such an interest, please have them send in an application to AMCA Secretary Kelli Webb-Stauffer Please remember the grant is for individual educational purposes and not someone who just wants to work on old bikes.

With the publication of six issues of the magazine, the Board is exploring the idea of creating a new Tech Section in the magazine devoted to basic tech issues that relate to old bikes. If we are encouraging people to join the AMCA and own an old bike, we thought it would helpful to those new owners to offer some basic tech advice like: How best to start an old bike in all conditions; how to trouble shoot a bike that won't start; how to check points; adjust a carburetor; set timing; adjust a chain; adjust a clutch, etc. Although these are simple chores to many of us who have owned old bikes for a while and learned the hard way, these articles would be simple and straight forward with photos and certainly lessen the intimidation that goes along with owning one's first antique motorcycle. We also discussed making tech videos that could be placed on the Club website for reference. If you or someone you know would be willing to make a contribution to this new project, please contact John Cerilli. Please advertise this project in your Chapter newsletters.

As I reported in previous newsletters, there is a requirement that all participant drivers on AMCA National Road Runs have written proof of liability insurance on all bikes to be ridden. Reports indicate that this policy is being implemented by the Chapters sponsoring National Road Runs without any reported incidents of refusal. We thank all Member drivers for their cooperation.

Although John Cerilli will be handling all routine inquiries about the Club, please feel free to email or call me or any other Board Member if you have a question or want to make a positive comment. On our 60th Anniversary, I want to personally thank all Chapter Officers, Directors, Newsletter Editors, website moderators, Chapter Pioneers and Chapter Members for their meaningful contribution to making the AMCA what it is today. It's sometimes too easy to take the Club's 60 year existence for granted. And I also thank the National Board members for their time and effort which too often goes unappreciated by many. And all the other unnamed volunteers.

Thanks again for listening. And don't forget to play with your children and grandchildren. One of them may be able to start one of your old bikes! That may put a big smile on your face. I know it does on mine.

If you are no longer a Chapter Officer or Newsletter Editor, please forward this e mail to the proper person in your Chapter and advise John Cerilli to remove you from the mailing list.

All the Best to You and Ride Safe,

Richard

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The New England Air Museum in Windsor Locks, CT held a motorcycle show on April 19th, and a number of Yankee Chapter members entered their bikes. Motorcycles were on display throughout the museum's three large hangars, alongside the impressive collection of military and civilian aircraft and historical memorabilia. This was the first year for this show, sponsored by the Murdercycles Club of Manchester, CT. Trophies were awarded in 13 classes, including Best Military Motorcycle, won by our own Chris Lenox.

Yankee Chapter National Meet

August 1 - 2, 2014

Special awards for all
F-Head bikes displayed.

NEW TIME:

Join us on a Friday afternoon
road run through scenic
eastern Connecticut.
Bring your bikes and
RIDE "EM.

Show off your
riding skills.
Field Games
Saturday
Afternoon

Camping on grounds for
A.M.C.A. members and guests
Must show valid A.M.C.A.
card to camp or vend.
Camping available Friday
and Saturday nights.

On site Friday night banquet
Food on grounds
Friday noon - Saturday afternoon

Maps and Motels
Use Google Maps
347 Gilead St.
Hebron, CT

Yankee Chapter Style Judging
Saturday Afternoon
A.M.C.A. Judging Saturday Afternoon

"Ride 'Em, Don't Hide 'Em"

Hebron Lions Fairgrounds Hebron, CT

Judging Information
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(508) 429-4592
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Dan Margolien
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Vendor Application



2014 Yankee Chapter National Meet August 1-2 2014 Lion's Club Fairgrounds 347 Gilead St. Hebron, CT 06248

(Please write legibly)

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____

State: _____

ZIP Code: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Contact E-Mail: _____

AMCA # (must be a current member; may join or renew here or at meet \$30 per year): _____

Vehicle type/size: _____

Trailer length: _____ RV length: _____ Electric/Water desired: Yes No (no dumping on site)

Parts and bikes must be 1978 or earlier

Vending Fee: \$50.00 for all the space you need

RV Electric: \$30.00 (required by Fairgrounds for Yankee Chapter to collect)

AMCA Membership: \$30.00

Amount Enclosed: _____

Please make checks payable to "Yankee Chapter, Inc."

Send Check and Application To:

Rich Corriea
Treasurer, Yankee Chapter
6 Countryside Dr. 978-764-5587 evenings
N. Dartmouth, MA 02747

More information: DanMargolien@yahoo.com or call 603-401-8851

Yankee Chapter Wants You...

For the 2014 Hebron National Meet, Yankee Chapter wants *you* to enter your bike for judging and further, cordially invites you to participate in the judging process as well.

Having your bike judged under objective scrutiny is one of the easiest and most helpful ways of validating your restoration or preservation efforts. Through the judging process your motorcycle will be assessed by a team of peers in accordance with a well-defined process and also affords you the opportunity to be recognized for your efforts. Think of this acknowledgement as the *Oscar Awards* for motorcycles.

Judging actually makes few demands on those who perform the service as the AMCA judging process is methodical, fully thought-out and well documented. The step-by-step process is easy to follow and the AMCA Judging Guidelines Manual provides virtually all the assessment and scoring information needed. As a judge, you will participate in a team of other enthusiasts and be rewarded by the knowledge and experience you bring to the process and share with others, as well as the opportunity to likewise learn and gain insight from others on the team. You will also learn something from each machine that you judge, make no mistake. Teach and learn with your peers! See motorcycles from a unique perspective! No prior experience required! Hells bells: you'll even get fed before you begin!

Our goal at Hebron in August is to have a well planned, well organized, and smoothly executed judging session, and all are welcomed and encouraged to participate. Have your bike judged, be a judge, or do both. The upside potential is significant, the downside potential is nil. All of this for a miserly ten bucks!

I welcome all volunteers, inquiries and suggestions.

Peter MacMurray

pjmacmurray@gmail.com 508-429-4592

Editor's note: Thank you everyone for your patience and understanding as I get settled into this job. I know how important this publication is to get information to our members. In the interest of getting this issue out the door, I focused on including the more time-sensitive items. I will be working in the next few months to develop a schedule for submissions and publication of future newsletters.

Any content that members would like to contribute is welcome. Please send photos, articles, event flyers, classified ads, or other items you feel would be of interest to the club. You can email me at refined_edge@yahoo.com or call 413-325-8355. Thanks again!

-Jen Goselin

A Tribute to Luke

By Tom Covill

On October 5, 2013, a benefit ride was held in Middletown, RI for Luke Walker, a noted local Indian rider and restorer. In May of 2013, Luke was severely injured when an oncoming car crossed the center lane to enter a restaurant parking lot. Luke was in a coma for several weeks, and the doctors could not save the lower half of his right leg.

The ride was organized by the Viking Riders Club of Newport, and began at the All Vets Club of Middletown. It ended at the Middletown FOP Lodge #21 with a pig roast, band, raffles, and an auction. Many Yankee Chapter AMCA members rendezvoused at Ed Marino's home in Jamestown, as he and Chris Duffy are familiar with Newport, and most of us are not.



The weather started out cold and damp from rain the night before. By the time we arrived at the All Vets, the sky was clearing. Critter and Barbara Salisbury were up and had the tribute *In Rust We Trust* Indian shirts for sale, and the bikes began to gather. Shortly before 11, Viking President, Tom Ney, said a few words about how the ride would proceed, and Fr. Frank O'Loughlin said a short prayer. I counted almost 70 bikes, including six Indians.

The Vikings took us on a very organized ride along some beautiful Rhode Island seashore and beaches, ending at the FOP Lodge around noon. "The Pig and I" caterers of West Warwick had a 150 lb. pig cooking, and raffle and shirt sales were going strong. Music was provided by the Club Kings all afternoon. There were burgers and dogs and plenty of other food items, along with the pig. I cannot remember a better tasting roast pig. During this time, I had a chance to briefly speak to Luke's wife, Bess, and daughter, Jackie, and I believe they were truly touched by the outpouring of generosity.

The raffles followed the meal, with Tom Ney announcing the ticket numbers. The grand finale was the honey auction, which turned out to be a very comical affair. One jar of Walker honey (yes, Luke and Bess also make honey) was put at the end of each table to be raffled off. There was some confusion about this, so Tom decided instead to auction each jar off to the highest bidder at the table. Bidding wars erupted. Two particular bidding wars provided the most entertainment. At one table, as bidding approached \$40, Indian Medicine Man Garry Lamothe helped raise Battery Bill's arm up, and he won the bid.



Not to be outdone, on the last jar Battery Bill goaded Garry to raise his arm several times. As the bidding passed \$100, Garry began to sweat. He was in a bidding war with a young girl named Courtney. She ultimately won the jar with her final bid of \$137.

It was time for my wife and I to head home. We loaded up the side car with our winnings, and were on our way. As we were travelling over the Newport and Jamestown bridges, we were treated to a spectacular sunset. What a perfect ending to a great day! I thought about the old movie, *It's a Wonderful Life*, when the angel asked George Bailey, "Don't you see how one man's life touches that of so many others?"



Upcoming Chapter Events

July 11-13: Summer Camp & Ride, Meredith, NH. Contact Dan Margolien 603-401-8851

August 1-2: Hebron CT National Meet (see flyer in this issue)

Sept. 19-21: Berkshires Camp & Ride, Charlemont, MA. Contact Jim Seidell 413-527-0421

Dec. 7: Christmas Party, Oxford, MA VFW

A previously listed event, the Camp & Ride in Stowe, VT June 28-30, **WILL NOT** be occurring. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Other Upcoming Events

July 20: Indian Day at Springfield, MA Museums Info at:

http://www.springfieldmuseums.org/calendar/view/2318-indian_motocycle_day/07-20-2014

Chapter info updated and available online at:

Yankee Chapter website: <http://www.yankeechapter.org/index.shtml>

Webmaster Chris Lenox is working on having T-shirts available for sale via the website- keep an eye out for this new feature over the summer.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Yankee-Chapter-AMCA/167786603428772>

Share your photos on our Facebook page!

Yankee Chapter AMCA Christmas Party and Business Meeting

December 8, 2013

The Yankee Chapter Christmas party was held at the Oxford VFW. Yankee members arrived at 11am to set up the hall, get the coffee on and catch up with old friends. Dan ordered new Yankee merchandise including long sleeve t's and sweat shirts. The new selection was a big hit and many Christmas gifts were purchased. Dana Faucher set up his computer and was available for membership renewals. Cocktail hour was in full swing and at 12noon Barbara announced lunch. As always the tables were laden with everyone's specialties.

After lunch, Dan Margolien called the business meeting to order and welcomed the 60 plus members with a review of the year in general. He shared that he had heard that Luke Walker had been moved to a new rehab center, that he is improving and it looks hopeful that he will be able to return home soon. Over this past year his Yankee friends, airport and community friends had fundraisers, cash donations and t-shirt sales that raised \$10,000 towards the Luke Walker Fund. Dan announced that Mark Hunibell is stepping down from being the newsletter editor. Thanks Mark for a great job over the past few years. If anyone is interested in taking over this position please contact Dan. Dan introduced Carl Nagy as being our newest Honorary Member of the Yankee Chapter. He was presented with an AMCA jacket by BOD and members.

Rich Correia distributed copies of the financial report and reviewed it with the

members. The Chapter is financially stable at this time with all fees and financial responsibilities up to date. Dana motioned to accept the treasures report as read, Bill Cawley 2nd the motion and the report was accepted as read.

Next up for discussion was continued Yankee involvement in the coalition for the Rhinebeck meet. It is the time of year to prepare for the 2014 meet and we have to make some decisions on whether or not to continue with further commitment to the meet and the coalition. Over the past several years each chapter had 3 members attend planning



meetings; Dan Margolien, Shawn Brown and Darryl Cutter have been attending these meetings. To make the Coalition a legal entity (LLC) a document has been distributed to the participating Chapters to be signed to make this a more binding obligation. Not all involved in the 'making of the meet' were anxious to sign the document, wanting clarification and amending the document. Please note that a decision either way (to continue as part of the Rhinebeck coalition

or withdraw at this time) would not affect those that would still like to participate in working, vending or attending this event. Members of the Yankee Chapter had the opportunity to voice their concerns, opinions and ask questions. Sandy Gallo reiterated that from the start there has been poor recording and accounting of the funds and feels signing an LLC would up our liability. Dan Emerson wanted to know if this is just about money? Again there continues to be lots of confusion as to how the coalition is run. Darryl Cutter also agreed that the lack of transparency is certainly an issue but the income is a financial asset to the

club. Of course with more income then the tax issue comes into play. As there is a chance for profit, there is also a chance for loss. Chris Duffy asked if the LLC would guarantee better financial accounting. Should we give them time to comply with our requests? The Board has requested financial accounting and records numerous times and they have not been clearly reported. Charlie Gallo stated that the Yankees keep good bookkeeping records, as we should. He expects the same for the coalition we are involved with and he is uncomfortable that they are not. Tim Gottier wants to know what happens if the IRS comes in and audits the books-

what would our liability be? Yes we would be liable for any years we were involved. Chris Lenox asked if this is the first year for the LLC and if having the LLC should it force better financial reporting? Dan stated there was an issue this past year; the LLC was rushed together to get the tax id # to create a bank account prior to the meet, it was circulated to the chapters, there were concerns and questions by those reading the document, the lawyer needed to make revisions, the

document is still unsigned. Andy Bagas asked if the BOD has discussed this issue and what were their recommendations? Yes the BOD did discuss this and decided to bring it up for discussion with the members at this meeting. Darryl mentioned that even if we vote to get out that at any time in the future we can always vote to get back in. Dan let the members know that it was appropriate that we have these discussions so that all members were aware of the issues and concerns and that the vote was not pushed by one side or the other. Another member asked if the Coalition could continue to function without us? Yes, they are aware of what our Chapter has to offer and what we have done; we do have some dedicated members involved with the meet. Dan reports that at this time interest has gone down and the volunteer numbers have been dwindling. Charlie commented that nothing would keep members from continuing to be involved; a vote to leave would just keep the chapter from any legal liability if it were to arise. A question was asked if this is our major source of income? No, Hebron has been financially successful. We could adjust expenditures by spending less or finding ways to earn more if need be. We have a substantial bank account and the lifestyle of the Yankee Chapter would not change in the near future. Tom Covill was also concerned with sloppy bookkeeping. This is a piece and a part of the whole. Phil Mathews feels something is missing in the cohesion of the interested chapters and the running of the event. Bill related that as a fairly new member he wanted to add a positive spin to this discussion saying that he has enjoyed going to and working at the meet; that so far there has been profit made since the beginning so a possible loss wouldn't be such burden and feels LLC should fix the transparency. Josie feels we should give them a chance

to make things right with the financial end of things and suspend the vote at this time. Richie states he has been battling the IRS over the past several years since we lost nonprofit status and was audited. He states that this has not been easy even with his detailed bookkeeping. He feels a financial audit of the Coalition books would be a nightmare. John asked about gate fees? The Dutchess County fairgrounds get 70/30 split and all expenses come out of that and what is left is distributed to chapters, minus seed funds, as profit. Fairgrounds and camping areas are businesses and the bottom line is making money. Sandy moved to vote to not sign the LLC document and to withdraw from the coalition due to members concerns of the financial and liability issues. 2nd by Paul. The vote by membership in attendance: those in favor of withdrawal 43, those against withdrawal 2 and several abstaining. The vote was in the affirmative to withdraw from the Rhinebeck Coalition 12-8-13.

Calendar of events for 2014:

Dan stated we were invited back to the Springfield Motorcycle meet in January

2014. He has agreed to coordinate the Yankee Chapter display for this event. Please contact Dan if you are interested. The dates are 1-17 to 1-19-14

Tom Covill has agreed to coordinate the RI Camp Weekend in May; Lighthouse Tour part 2 May 16-18, 2014. A flyer will be sent out with further information.

Andy Bagas reminded the members of the Tumbleweeds Vintage Day, held the first Sunday in June, to be held at the Star Drive-in in East Tauton, Mass. This will be new a new improved version with ample parking.

Rhinebeck meet is June 13-14, 2014

Dan has been contacted by Yankee member Doug Fredricks who would like to host a ride any time in July. He is a former motorcycle cop from Ct and has the American Motorcycle Police Museum in Meredith NH. He has several acres there to host a camp and ride weekend. Dan will be in contact with him to plan a weekend in July. Ideas- June 27-29 or July 11-13.

Hebron National Meet August 1-2, 2014: Thanks to Peter MacMurray, who



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agreed to take the position of Yankee Chapter Judge. This past year was a very busy weekend with judging, vending, road run, tech seminars and field games. Charlie brought up the fact that with all events planned on the weekend and with most of it scheduled for Saturday there may have to be changes in our current schedule. He suggested the possibility of having the road ride on Friday afternoon. There is usually a lull in activity in the late afternoon prior to the banquet. Sarah did voice her concerns that there are people that would like to participate but may not be able arrive early on Friday due to work. Due to overall approval of the addition of the tech seminars members would like to keep them in for Saturday. Tim added that Saturday is when a lot of the public come looking forward to seeing the bikes on display and are disappointed that the bikes are not there as they are on a ride. Several other suggestions for a ride were Sunday morning, later on Friday after the banquet, a short ice cream run and a Saturday breakfast ride. Typically by Sunday morning most people have left. Dana stated that we offer many options and this gives participants an opportunity to choose what

they want to do.

Jim Seidell will once again coordinate the Berkshire weekend September 19-21.

Looking forward: 2015

Dan spoke with the AMCA to propose a National Road Run for 2015. He reports that they feel we have a lot of momentum going and should continue with our Hebron National meet. They would be willing to approve both a National Road Run and a National Meet if we submitted proposals for both events for 2015. Dan feels we would be able to accomplish both but to do we should have steering committees to organize the two events. Jesse Aikman has offered to participate in the planning committee for Road run and suggested the Brattleboro Vermont area. We could replace one of current rides with the road run. We need to decide when, where and get a place booked. The BOD will discuss whether or not it is feasible to host both National events in one year. Another idea is to give up Hebron and just run it as a chapter meet. Charlie feels that the AMCA asking us to have both National events is a positive thing for the Yankee Chapter. Others agreed with this comment. Dana

agreed that with a steering committee coordinating the National Road Run it wouldn't have to interfere with our other Yankee events. Or we could incorporate the Road Run into one of our current camp and rides. Dan will follow up and submit proposals for formal approval for these events.

Calendar of events: 2014

Springfield Motorcycle Expo- January 17 to 19

Rhode Island Lighthouse Tour, part 2 - May 16 to 18

Tumbleweeds Vintage Day- June 1

Lake Winnepesaukee Ride- July 11 to 13

Hebron National Meet- August 1-2

Indian Summer Run in the Berkshires - September 19 to 21

Christmas Party and Business

Meeting- December 7

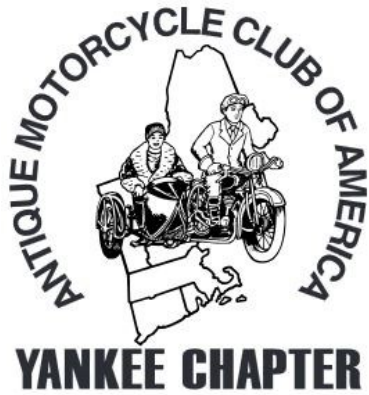
Respectfully Submitted by,

Diane Stoyanovich

Editor's note: The chapter was saddened to learn of Karl Nagy's passing in March of 2014, just a few months after being honored at the Christmas party. I am planning to include a tribute to Karl in the next issue of the Chatter. If you have photos or memories you would like to share, please contact me at refined_edge@yahoo.com

-Jen Goselin





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