



Yankee Chatter



Summer 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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Indian Summer Camp & Ride

Sept. 15-16th 2017

The Greatest Sport in the World . . .



Mohawk Park

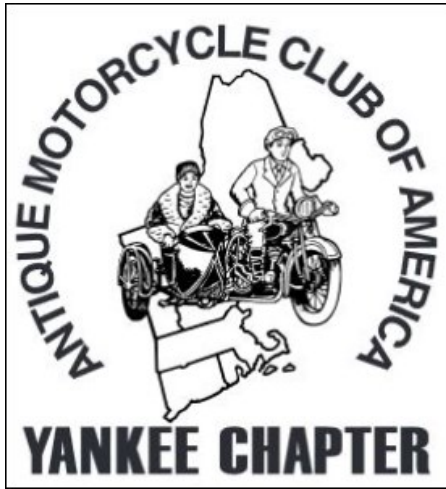
559 Tea St. (Rte 2/Mohawk Trail)
Charlemont, MA 01339

Come Join the Yankee Chapter of the AMCA for a Berkshire Campout. Explore historic Mohawk Trail and surrounding roads on the Indian Summer Run with Jim and Jamie Seidell, or set out on your own. Tent camping \$10.00 per person per night, includes hot showers and flush toilets. RV hook up sites also available. On site restaurant and pub serving lunch and dinner daily. Call for rates and reservations. 413-339-4470.

No Pets Please

For ride info, call Jim Seidell

413-527-0421



President's Message

2017 continues to get better and better. This year started off with the OSEG show at the Big E, and continued with a spectacular Rhode Island Camp & Ride, followed by the Maine Camp & Ride. Both Camp & Rides were well attended, had near perfect weather, and included visits to private motorcycle collections. The best part of both was the vintage riding over many scenic country roads. These events don't just happen. It takes a lot of time and effort by volunteers to put together successful events like these. My thanks go out to Tom-Tom, Critter, Battery Bill, Jim Gorman, Pete Bergeron, Gabe & Jackie Korthy, the Seidells and many others. Oh, and I almost forgot to mention the private cook-out we were treated to in Rhode Island, and the pig roast we feasted on in Maine.

We still have our National meet, the Berkshire Camp & Ride, the Marshfield Fair, the Guilford Fair, our annual meeting, and much more to look forward to.

Less than a year ago, like most Yankees, I simply enjoyed the benefits of being a member. I had no idea how much effort it takes to make our events successful and fun. The people I mentioned above are just a small sample of those that work for us without any recognition. Your BOD is made up of about 13 members. Most of them will be at Hebron. If you see them, or any of our volunteers walking around, please let them know they are appreciated.

Early in June our proposed By-Laws were given their final review by a Connecticut attorney (after all, we are a CT Corporation). The By-Laws can be found on our website and are ready to be voted on. Please take time to read them. Members of our Board of Directors will be available at Hebron to answer your questions. These new By-Laws dictate that YOU choose who gets to run for office, who gets elected and who gets to stay in office. Voting on the By-Laws is important and will happen at our annual meeting.

You should consider serving on our board as a Director, associate Director or in another capacity. If you are interested or know of someone that is interested, please let us know.

By the time you read this, Hebron will be only a few days away. With everyone's help, we can make this our best event ever. Remember Dan's rule # 1: Have fun!!!

To insure this year's success, the BOD asks everyone to chip in a little by:

- * Helping with the almost endless list of little things that make Hebron such a fun event
 - * Spread the word. Invite everyone you meet to Hebron
 - * Set out our street signs
- * Keep the place clean
- * Help Peter with judging
- * Give an educational seminar. Teach us how to:
 - __ Get rid of rust
 - __ Prepare sheet metal for painting
 - __ Straighten a bent connecting rod
 - __ Properly seat valves
 - __ Adjust timing chains
 - __ Pick your own subject
- * Help in the main tent
- * Help at the gate
- * Help with registrations
- * Help with the games. Have fun. Test your skills
- * Help clean up
- * Help with anything you see that needs doing
- * Have fun

Volunteer sign up boards will be located near the large tent.

Ted



On the cover: A view of the 2017
Vintage Motorcycle Classic at
Thompson Speedway

Photo by Peter Campbell

Freeport, Maine Camp & Ride

By Sandy Gallo

Photos by Ted Smith

Thursday, June 8th dawned bright and sunny as Charlie & I packed up to head for Freeport, ME. We had a borrowed trailer (thanks Yankee Phil Mathews!), two bikes and our new puppy, Duncan. Our campsite was right on the water in a beautiful spot. We set up the tent, and neighbor Chris Duffy helped us with the pop-up. In another part of the campground we found Jim & Dawn Seidell, Gene



Levesque, and Joyce Thompson. Joyce hasn't been seen in Yankee-land in well over a year, but is happy to have completed her chemotherapy treatments and returned to New England. We were all delighted to see her looking so fit and healthy. Everyone chipped in and the bikes were all soon unloaded. The pup, Duncan, was intimidated by most everything, this being his first camping trip. Gabe and Jackie Korthy had brought their two pups, bigger than Duncan, and he was not planning to get close to them. (That was not to last.)

Yankees were pouring in. I got to meet our host, Jim Gorman. A great guy. Jim made all of the arrangements for our wonderful weekend at the clean and scenic Winslow Park Campground. Thursday evening was chilly in Maine. Not very summery at all. The pup was cold, and got handed from lap to lap to keep warm (and because people wanted to snuggle him). We enjoyed a fire at the Seidell's campsite, but everyone retired early, looking forward to Friday's ride.

Friday morning was gray but dry. Several of

us went for a ride, but we really didn't know our way around. We spent about 40 miles losing ourselves in South Freeport and Yarmouth. Route 88 was especially nice. We returned to Winslow Park Campground just as the first drops of rain began to fall. Many Yankees took shelter under Gene & Joyce's pop-up and we enjoyed homemade hummus and strawberries. A little rain can't keep us down! The weather forecast remained dire, but the weather itself got brighter and brighter. Sometimes you just have to ignore your phone and get on your bike. That is exactly what a bunch of Yankees did. We rode to a barn containing the amazing collections of Jim Harris. If you look up the word "collector" in the dictionary, you will likely see a picture of Jim. He collects darn near everything. An eclectic grouping of bikes, cars, outboard motors, oil cans, antique telephone insulators, girlie calendars, toys, posters ... I can't begin to describe the contents of this big two-story barn. It was a clear case of sensory overload - my mind could only take in a fraction of Jim's belongings. He was a gracious host, telling stories non-stop.



Friday night involved more fun around the fire. Charlie and Duncan had gone shopping while I was riding my bike. The little pup now sported a LL Bean jacket, at least one size too big. He looked very silly but he was warm and happy. He still got lots of snuggles from his new friends. Many more Yankees had arrived throughout the day and evening. No one stayed up very late. I guess we truly are the Antique Motorcyclist's Club!

Saturday was a beautiful day - bright sun, warm breezes, a perfect riding day. For the Gallos, it was Charlie's riding day. (I got to spend the day with my puppy.) I believe his 1929 Harley JD was the oldest bike ridden in this group. Terry Gorman followed the group with a truck and trailer. Duncan and I followed along for part of the day in our truck, as I really wanted to go to Pete's Garage. The Bergerons made us welcome at Pete & Linda's home and garage. Pete is retired now, but his nephew Joel and brother Paul keep the business going. Yankees were impressed by the collection of Harley and Indian motorcycles and the variety of interesting vehicles in the yard. The Bergeron family are quintessential Yankees. If you haven't gotten to know them, all you have to do is break down. They will rescue you and



you will have new friends. (Yep, that's how Charlie and I got to know Pete and Paul.) Only one motorcycle took a ride on the truck and that was only for a few short miles. The overheated Indian had a chance to cool down. A twist of the wrenches and it ran nicely the rest of the day. Ken Karl had advised me to stay with the group until the next stop at the beautiful Hacker's Hill Preserve, where we enjoyed the view of Mount Washington (wrapped in it's usual haze). Ken was right - the view was well worth the few extra miles. The group then rode on to a lunch stop in Naples on the shores of Sebago Lake.

Duncan and I returned to Freeport and, after a seafood lunch, took a nice hike down to Stockbridge Point. On our return to the campsite, we found Gabe and Jackie Korthy tending the roasting pig. Duncan no longer feared their pups and a spirited play session ensued. Before we knew it, a grumbling sound told us that the bikes were returning. Everyone was smiling and reported a wonderful day's

ride. The pig was soon ready. Gabe and Jackie had prepared a feast for all. We enjoyed fresh pork, baked beans, collard greens, cornbread, watermelon and more tasty side dishes. Absolutely delicious. There was plenty for all to overindulge. Duncan even got a pig's ear!



Many thanks to Jim and Terry Gorman, our hosts for this wonderful weekend. Thanks, also, to the Korthys for a delicious feast. If you've never spent a weekend at Winslow Park with the Yankees, put it on your schedule for next year. We had a blast and I'll bet that you will, too.

Did you know?

You can now renew your membership and pay for a vending space with Paypal!

Visit our website if you would like to pre-pay for your vending space at Hebron. (Pre-registration not required)

<http://www.yankeechapter.org/hebron.shtml>

You must be an AMCA member to have a vendor space. All parts for sale must be 35 years old or older. \$50.00 for all the space you need, first come first serve. If you need electricity for your camper it will be \$30.00 extra.

See you at Hebron!

Americade at Lake George

By Lizabeth McLaughlin



I am not a motorcycle geek. I couldn't tell the difference between a carburetor and carbonara sauce. I came to Americade to support our chapter and the national AMCA exhibit. Having lived many years through and in the Laconia Bike Week experience, I wasn't sure what Lake George would bring. I didn't want to have preconceived attitudes and I was pleasantly surprised.



First...Americade is nothing, I mean nothing like Bike Week in Laconia. It is a totally different mindset and demographic. Yes, there are the few “wanna be’s” that try to look the part, but when the rubber meets the road, it was a great experience. In addition it is nothing like the events in Rhinebeck or Hebron, which I fondly refer to as “Rusty Olde Metal and Crusty Olde Men”.



So as a non-geek, what could I contribute? Well, it was easy. Promote the organizations. Most people don't feel uncomfortable when an elderly lady walks up to them, hands them a flyer for the upcoming events, smiles and says welcome. Come in a look around. Where are you from? What was your first motorcycle? If you like what you see here, wait to you see what will be at Rhinebeck or Hebron. Taking photos to send to National and to our newsletter. Pretty simple right? Certainly not rocket science.





We are lucky to have so many members that truly promote this organization. They walk the walk and talk the talk. They “ride them don’t hide them”. The true measure of any “trade show” set up is, how many new members signed up and how many new folks will attend the next two events because someone spoke to them, handed them a flyer and said hope to see you there. Coming from a position of what benefits the members the most and what will make this organization flourish not flounder is people. People attending upcoming events so that they are profitable. Members bringing in new members. Members taking an active interest in chapter events and helping in whatever way they can to foster the mission of the organization. Member networking for multiple reasons and being positive contributor to the organization.





I am not a geek....and I will say that the time spent in Lake George at Americade was well worth it. Making new friends, meeting fellow members and having fun. It was a great time and as they say, "worth the price of admission".









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."

Any Yankee member may nominate any other Yankee member and include a statement up to 150 words supporting the nomination that recognizes a member's contribution to the club. It's up to you to decide why a member should be recognized - there are no formal criteria. You may make as many nominations as you'd like. We will continue to accept nominees for the 2017 award until Oct. 31st. A ballot will be included in the next Chatter so you can review the nominees and vote for your choice. This year's award will be presented at the Annual Business Meeting/Christmas Party in December.

Please forward all nominations to Secretary Diane Stoyanovich by Oct. 31st (contact info on page 2).

Previous Winners

2012- Charlie Gallo

2013- Don "Critter" Salisbury

2014- Jim Seidell

2015- Dan Margolien

Interested in displaying a bike (or several) at the Marshfield Fair on August 21? The letter on the following page includes information, and admits you and your passengers free of charge. If you do attend, we'd love to hear about it. Thanks for helping spread the word about the Yankee Chapter and antique motorcycles.



Marshfield Agricultural & Horticultural Society

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Dear Transportation Day Participant,

Thank you for coming and helping to make the event a success. Just a few reminders.

Transportation Day will be Monday August 21 weather permitting.

Arrival is between 8 A.M. and 10 A.M. This will give everyone plenty of time for set up

Arrival will be at gate A located on Route 3A/Main St. Marshfield.

Please be ready at 4:00 P.M. to removal your vehicle from the display area. We can relocate you in a secure area so that you can enjoy the rest of the Marshfield Fair.

Please bring this letter with you. It will admit you, your passengers and your vehicle for free admission and free parking.

Thank You

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dave Suffredini".

Dave Suffredini

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 (Rain Date Wednesday, August 23, 2017)
5pm - 9pm
 Main Street, Killingly, CT
 (use 172 Main Street 06239 to gps)

Event Details:

- Bikes can begin arriving at 4:15 PM-\$5/bike
- Show Bike Contest \$10/bike - Awards in best custom, sport, touring, antique, unique and peers choice. Show Bikes must be in by 6:30 PM
- 3 Live Bands during the night, food and craft vendors, motorcycle dealers. Open downtown businesses and our very special kids area.

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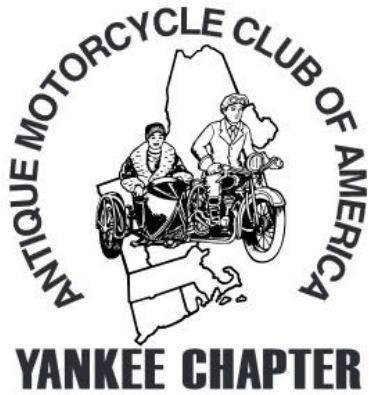
Antique motorcycle show and swap meet
Hebron Lions Fairgrounds, 347 Gilhead st.
Hebron, Conn. 02648

Join us for a 2 hour fun ride Friday, show, swap meet & Banquet
Come Saturday for A.M.C.A. judging, Yankee fun awards, Field games,
show and swap meet. camping available, for more info go to:
www.yankeechapter.org Phone: Ted Smith 203-272-6605

**Please Note: Due to increased costs at the grounds we have to up our fees this year.
Thank you for understanding.**

Entrance fees: Antique bikes (35 years old and older) Free!

Cars: \$10.00 Newer Bikes: \$5.00



**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 Oct. 31 ***

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

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