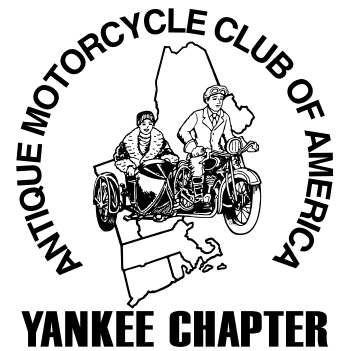




# Yankee Chatter



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## Christmas 2012 and Beyond

### In This Issue:

**Yankee Chapter Board Meeting Minutes:** On Sunday, November 4, 2012, the Yankee Chapter Board of Directors convened for a Board Meeting at Critter and Barbara Salisbury's farm in Oneco, Connecticut. Yankee Secretary Diane Stoyonovich prepared minutes from the meeting on [pages 10-11](#).

**Yankee Chapter Director, Dan Margolien,** discusses the issues and future activities of the Yankee Chapter in his message on [page 3](#).

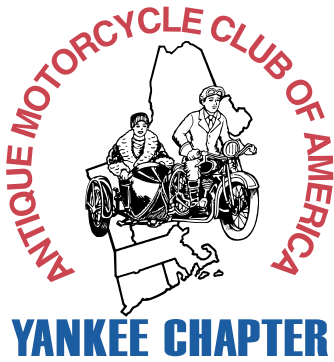
**Will Paley's Griffon:** Will describes the history of this unique bike, his acquisition, and the road to its restoration in an article on [pages 4-5](#).

**2012 Yankee Membership Roster.** Dana Faucher has been busy building the Yankee membership. We finished out the year with 223 active members! See [pages 8-9](#) for the full list. If you have not yet renewed for 2013, now is the time. Included in this issue is a membership renewal form that you can complete and join or renew for up to three years.

**2013 Events Calendar.** This issue contains next year's current schedule for Yankee, AMCA National, and other events of possible interest to Yankee members. See [pages 6-7](#).

**The Annual Christmas Party and Business Meeting** will get underway on Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Arrive before 12 noon for the Pot Luck Dinner at noon (bring a dish, dessert, or a drink), then at 1PM we start the Business Meeting with financial and membership reports and 2013 meet planning followed by questions and answers to adjourn around 4PM. [Address and map on back cover.](#)





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# Director's Message

by Dan Margolien

November 9, 2012

Hi again Yanks!

Mark is working hard to get your Fall newsletter out.

The Yankee Board of Directors is inviting each of you to the Annual Business Meeting at the Oxford VFW on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Especially if you have never been, come on down and meet your fellow club members. If you have been before, we're looking forward to seeing you again! For first-timers, it starts with a pot-luck luncheon Christmas Party, so bring a favorite dish, a cookie, anything! Our motto for this day is "Eat to Ride and Ride to Eat!" This meeting is the best opportunity we usually have to discuss our chapter and communicate with each other. I encourage your participation.

We are going to discuss our calendar of events of 2013. One big change in the works is a substitution of a camp and ride in Vermont instead of Sterling. The Sterling campground may not be available to us in May next year. Meanwhile, we have been invited to gather in Stowe, Vermont to Pierce Reid's spread. That means new roads to ride, a pig roast, and plenty to see. On the ride route is a stop at Rat Scherk's Harbor Vintage Motor Company for coffee, donuts, and a tour of his facility. We also have the Shelburne museum tour being set up. Pierce runs a restoration shop up there. Check it out at: <http://www.vintagegaragevt.com>. We'll have more details about at the Meeting.

We have been granted AMCA National Meet status for our August 2013 meet at Hebron. We can discuss plans and your ideas for the event at the Annual Business Meeting in December

I hope we will have the financial results from Rhinebeck 2012 to provide and discuss, but there has been a gap in the accounting since Coalition Treasurer Karen Thompson (Empire Chapter) fell ill. Kevin Valentine (Colonial Chapter) has stepped in to try to recover and report for 2012 and take us to 2013. If anyone in the Yankee Chapter would like to help Kevin, or even be the Coalition Treasurer, please let me know!! There is always something about Rhinebeck to discuss. One question now on the table is, "*If we continue to host Yankee Nationals, can we continue to provide the support to be a good coalition member?*" Bring your thoughts to the Annual Business Meeting in December.

I hope that you enjoyed 2012. 2013 is shaping up to be another great year for the Yankees with plenty to do, people to meet, and roads to ride!

Well, daughter #1 is getting married in a few hours, so gotta run!!

Warm Regards,

Dan

## THE ROAD TO BIRMINGHAM

by Will Paley

### SOME OF WHAT FOLLOWS MAY BE TRUE

For all of us who aspire to collect vintage motorbikes, the Holy Grail is that treasure from a barn or attic that hasn't seen the light of day for a couple of lifetimes. Mine came to me as follows:

Around the turn of the twentieth century, a certain Mr. Haviland was living in Paris, working as a sales representative of the Sterling Motor Company, a manufacturer of boat engines. Clearly enamored of all things modern, Mr. Haviland's fancy was taken by another recent invention, the motorcycle. To satisfy this interest he bought a 1906 two cylinder Griffon, model 3½. When Mr. Haviland returned to his home in Salisbury CT, about 1909, this motorbike was included in his luggage. As fate would have it, Mr. Haviland died the next year in 1910 and the Griffon was pushed to the back of the barn.

As time passed, some of the parts were taken from the motor bike to serve as controls for machines built by a creative caretaker. Then, in 1920, the owners were cleaning out the barn and decided to give the bike to a twelve year old boy, who had grown up on the farm. Bob Scribner pushed the bike five miles to his home in the village of Salisbury, and kept it faithfully until I met him in 1995. He never drove it.

Our meeting was not entirely by chance. Starting around 1980, my father told me several times about a very early motorcycle in a basement in Sharon, Connecticut. He just couldn't quite remember who owned it. Then, 15 years later, it came to him, *"It was Bob Scribner."* As it happened we had been working on a Pierce Arrow car that day, and on the test ride we stopped at the Scribner's home.

Sitting on the porch, we talked about Model T fords, old cars in general, and finally Mr. Scribner mentioned that he had an old motorcycle. "French," he said. Had it since he was a child. Could never find the proper tires, etc. I asked him, *"What are you doing with it?"* He said he had always intended to fix it up to run, but somehow 75 years had slipped away, the bike was all but forgotten, and now they were planning to move to a nursing home.



We talked a while more and agreed that he would sell it and I would buy it. *"Could I see it?"* *"No, it's partly*

*dissembled and I will put it together. I'll call you."* After a few months had passed, I called him. *"I SAID I WILL CALL YOU WHEN I'M READY!"* I didn't call again. Another year passed, and we met by chance at the hardware store. He said he had lost the axle nuts, and couldn't find any that would fit. I said I thought I could get some if I had an axle. We agreed to meet at his house. Finally I would see it! But when I arrived, the door opened, out came a wheel, and the door closed. My uncle, among his many talents, is a machinist, and he made six axle nuts, which turned out to be metric cycle standard, very obscure by 1995. I called Bob and told him, *"I have the parts."* *"OK,"* he said, *"bring them over."* Surely now I would see this bike. The door opened, the wheel changed hands, the door closed.



As the months turned slowly to years, I was not idle! A lot of my friends in the AMCA were old men, and they had old bikes. So I asked them if they had ever heard of the Griffon Motorcycle, or seen one, also how much should I offer? The replies were unanimous. *"Where was it made?" "France."* *"That's foreign ain't it?" "Yes, last I knew."* *"Well, I wouldn't want it then."* Only one of my books had even a passing reference to the Griffon Motorcycle Company of Paris, a bicycle manufacturer, later added proprietary engines, and later used their own engine, purchased by Peugeot around 1927. No pictures.

Finally, in the early Fall of 1996, the phone rang. It was Bob Scribner. *"I'm Ready!"* We were just leaving the house for the weekend and asked *"would Monday work?" "I don't know,"* he replied, *"I'm busy on Monday."* Uncomfortable with the uncertainty, I told him, *"I'll be there in five minutes."* I grabbed some cash and took the pickup. The bike was sitting out in his garden shed, about 90% complete and no tires. I thought it was the most beautiful thing I'd ever seen. I had somehow gathered that he was hoping to get two or three hundred dollars for the bike. I asked him if he had a price and he said, *"whatever it was worth to me."* I asked him, *"Would you consider \$2,000?" "Yes,"* he replied, *"that would be satisfactory."* I handed him the money, at which point this man, who could hardly walk, RAN to the house to show his wife. I'm not sure which of us was happier that day.

Almost from the get go, it seemed that I was meant to have this bike. Since I hadn't got a clue what it was, I sent a letter and picture to the AMCA magazine asking for help. The only reply I got was from a guy who offered to buy it when I gave up. I also took the bike to a Yankee Chapter meet, where no one knew about it, but two of my old guy friends expressed an interest in buying. I did meet Randy and Paul Walker that day, and they became good friends. Finally one day a small package arrived from Holland, and inside was a long letter, some photos and a copy of the Griffon sales brochure from 1906!

Fritz Dyksslagg is a noted collector in Europe, also a great machinist and a very generous man. He owns a number of Griffon-Zedels, including one of their production racers, a monster capable of speeds well over 100 km/h. With his help, as well as help from a lot of other people, I was able to rebuild the Griffon to be at least close to what it was in 1906.













The first hurdle was replacing the pedal assembly, needed to turn the engine to starting speed. I contacted some bicycle collectors and explained what I needed, a cup and cone bearing and appropriate pedals, and was told that these were hard to find. It happened that there was a bicycle shop in my town, in fact just at the end of my driveway. It closed in 1965, but the little building was still there. I asked my neighbor if there was anything left. The reply was, *"Yes, do you want that old crap?"* Incredibly, just inside the door was the bearing assembly I needed, in the original package. Further inside were the pedals.



Once the pedals were in place I cleaned the carburetor, sorted out the oiling system, pedaled a bit and it started. After that, it was just a matter of spending a few hundred hours in the shop.

*Editor's note: The title of this article reflects the fact that Will submitted this article in advance of his intended participation the Century Race at the Barber Vintage Festival in Birmingham, Alabama. Unfortunately, Will was sidelined by a mechanical failure at the last minute. A disappointed Will was reportedly overheard joking, "no wonder the French led the industry and then lost interest."*

# 2013 Events Calendar

Jan 18-20	<b>The New York International Motorcycle Show</b> Jacob Javits Center, NY, NY - <a href="http://www.motorcycleshows.com/NewYork">http://www.motorcycleshows.com/NewYork</a>
Jan 18-20	<b>The Springfield Motorcycle Show</b> West Springfield, MA - 413-467-2171 - <a href="http://www.osegmotorcycle.com">http://www.osegmotorcycle.com</a>
 Feb 22-23	<b>Omaha Chapter National Meet</b> Fremont, Nebraska - 402-660-5151 - <a href="http://www.omahachapteramca.org">http://www.omahachapteramca.org</a>
 March 8-10	<b>Sunshine Chapter National Meet</b> New Smyrna Beach, FL - 386-322-7984 - <a href="http://www.sunshineamca.org">http://www.sunshineamca.org</a>
 April 19-21	<b>European Chapter International Meet</b> 'Het Uilenest' Gijzenrooi, Netherlands - <a href="http://www.amca-europe.eu">http://www.amca-europe.eu</a>
 April 26-27	<b>Perkiomen Chapter National Meet</b> Oley, Pennsylvania - 610-948-4553 - <a href="mailto:oleyfleamarket@comcast.net">oleyfleamarket@comcast.net</a>
May 3-5	<b>MotoGiro-East</b> Jiminy Peak, Massachusetts - <a href="http://motogiro-usa.com">http://motogiro-usa.com</a>
 May TBD	<b>Yankee Chapter Spring Camp &amp; Ride</b> <i>Date and location to be announced.</i>
May TBD	<b>5th Annual Hendee Day &amp; Indian Motorcycle Rally</b> Hilltop Farm, Suffield, Connecticut - <a href="http://www.hilltopfarmsuffield.org">http://www.hilltopfarmsuffield.org</a>
 May 16-18	<b>Southern National Meet</b> Denton, NC - 417-838-4777 - <a href="http://www.amcasouthernnationalmeet.com">http://www.amcasouthernnationalmeet.com</a>
Jun 2	<b>Tumbleweeds Motorcycle Club Vintage Day</b> Taunton, Massachusetts - <a href="mailto:tumbleweedmc@comcast.net">tumbleweedmc@comcast.net</a>
Jun 9-17	<b>Laconia Motorcycle Week</b> Laconia, New Hampshire - <a href="http://www.laoniamcweek.com">http://www.laoniamcweek.com</a>
 Jun 14-15	<b>Rhinebeck National Meet</b> Rhinebeck, NY - 518-622-8519 - <a href="http://www.rhinebecknationalmeet.com">http://www.rhinebecknationalmeet.com</a>
 Jun 14-15	<b>Fort Sutter National Meet</b> Dixon, California - 209-748-5126 - <a href="http://www.amcafortsutter.org">http://www.amcafortsutter.org</a>
 Jun 14-16	<b>Viking National Meet</b> St. Paul, Minnesota - 952-941-4997 - <a href="http://www.vikingmc.org">http://www.vikingmc.org</a>
 Jun 19-21	<b>Rocky Mountain Chapter National Road Run</b> Ouray, Colorado - 303-514-3600 - <a href="mailto:jeff.alleman@nrel.gov">jeff.alleman@nrel.gov</a>
 Jun 28-30	<b>Yankee Chapter Maine Road Run</b> Maine - <a href="mailto:cyclemikel@comcast.net">cyclemikel@comcast.net</a>
Jul TBD	<b>Pioneer Valley Indian Motorcycle Rally</b> Chester, Massachusetts
 Jul 19-21	<b>Wauseon National Meet</b> Wauseon, OH - 419-929-0291 - <a href="http://www.wauseonnationalmeet.org">http://www.wauseonnationalmeet.org</a>

	Aug 2-3	<b>Yankee Chapter National Meet</b> Hebron, CT - 603-458-5013 - <a href="http://www.yankeechapter.org">http://www.yankeechapter.org</a>
	Aug 5-7	<b>Evergreen Chapter National Road Run</b> White Pass, Washington - 360-516-6101 - <a href="http://www.evergreenamca.org">http://www.evergreenamca.org</a>
	Aug 12-15	<b>Empire Chapter National Road Run</b> Vernon, New York - 315-365-2639 - <a href="http://www.empirechapter.com">http://www.empirechapter.com</a>
	Aug 29-31	<b>42nd Davenport Fall International Meet</b> Davenport, IA - 563-381-4015 - <a href="mailto:admin@chiefblackhawk.org">admin@chiefblackhawk.org</a>
	Sep 20-22	<b>Yankee Mohawk Valley/Indian Summer Berkshires Camp &amp; Ride</b> Charlemont, MA - Contact: Jim Seidell 413-527-0421
	Sep 22-25	<b>Fort Sutter Chapter National Road Run</b> Sacramento, CA - 916-452-9847 - <a href="http://www.amcafortsutter.org">http://www.amcafortsutter.org</a>
	Sep 29	<b>Pewter Run</b> Hillsborough Center, New Hampshire - <a href="http://motogiro-usa.com/pewter-run">http://motogiro-usa.com/pewter-run</a>
	Oct 3-5	<b>Chesapeake Chapter National Meet</b> Jefferson, PA - 410-692-9291 - <a href="mailto:debengli@aol.com">debengli@aol.com</a>
	Oct 7-9	<b>Neshaminy Valley &amp; Seaboard Chapters National Road Run</b> New Hope, PA - 609-835-4629 - <a href="http://www.seaboardchapter.org">http://www.seaboardchapter.org</a>
	Dec 8	<b>Yankee Christmas Party and Business Meeting</b> Oxford, MA 01540 Contact: Dan Margolien 603-458-5013

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# Secretary's Report

The Yankee Chapter AMCA Board of Directors met on 11/4/2012. Thanks to Critter and Barbara Salisbury for opening their home to host this meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Dan Margolien, Chapter Director, at 11am. Board members present were Dan, Rich Correia, Darryl Cutter, Don Salisbury, Tom (TC) Carlson, Chris Lenox, Mark Hunnibell, Sandy Gallo, Charlie Gallo, Phil Mathews and Diane Stoyanovich. Though Dana Faucher was unable to attend, he did report that Yankee membership has been strong and steady with an increase in membership.

Rich gave a detailed financial report. Though the chapter has lost its not-for-profit status, Rich has worked with a representative from AMCA National and has taken care of all delinquent taxes. Discussion ensued in regards to this and, as a successful organization the board agreed not to change the structure of handling our income and just pay the taxes due in the future. The Chapter pays Connecticut state taxes because that is where we are incorporated. The AMCA did pay the Connecticut state tax penalty. Discussion followed as to whether we need to make money to be successful. All and all, we have been able to continue to cover our expenses for Chapter events and other expenses that we incur. Rich will be in contact with the representative from AMCA National in regards to any future tax issues. There have been national membership applications collected at Yankee events. The membership applications and payment need to be sent together to Cornerstone. Rich and Dana will work together on this. After a quick discussion, there will be no increase in dues. Sandy motioned to accept the financial report as read, Dan seconded the motion, and all were in favor of accepting.

Chris has been working on the website and this new site will be ready to go in April. He reports that there certainly has been interest in our site with 9,000 hits. He is interested in receiving items - i.e.: pictures, classifieds, articles, etc. to post.

With discussion regarding annual events, we currently sponsor three camp and rides, the Hebron meet and Rhinebeck. Critter and Barbara though they are still willing to host, are hesitant at this time to commit to the Sterling event this year due to issues within the ownership of the campground. So Sterling is on hold until further notice. Dan said he had been contacted by an individual that was interested in having an event in Vermont. He will contact him and get more information as a possible site. Dan will also contact Jesse and Mike in regards to the Maine event and the Seidells for the Berkshire weekend. All have been wonderful hosts and we extend our gratitude for these successful weekends. Mark proposed that the club authorize a budget up to \$500 for these weekends to help defray any expenses the host has incurred. Charlie seconded the proposal and all were in favor. Club host will submit an expense report to the Treasurer to be reimbursed. Sandy proposed sending a \$200 check to the Seidells to reimburse them for expenses for this year's Berkshire meet and a thank you for their continued support. Charlie seconded the proposal and all were in favor.

Rhinebeck was next up for discussion; Yankees have pitched in and supported this event. In the past few years there has been a vote amongst the Chapter membership as to whether we stay in the Coalition or not. The vote has been in favor of the Chapter being part of the Coalition, yet it remains that the volunteers remain a few dedicated individuals. Dan and Darryl along with Shawn Brown have been attending Coalition meetings. At this time, the biggest concern for our chapter is the risk of staying in the Coalition. Financial reports have not been shared and, with current tax issues, the board members have some concerns. The board proposed that our concerns be shared with the Coalition with a reasonable amount of time for the issues to be addressed and accountability be rectified. Issues include: Clarification of tax liability, lack of financial records, accountability, structure and reporting to chapters. Whether the Yankee Chapter remains in the Coalition would have no affect on Yankee members' participation in this event. Darryl will contact Dan Henke with concerns and proposal for rectification of issues in a timely (two-month) period. Board members feel the chapter members would support a decision made with accurate information provided by Coalition members.

Next on the agenda was Hebron. The Hebron 2012 National was a success with 60 vendors from across the country. All banquet tickets were sold for Friday evening, we had a large participation in the Road Run Saturday morning, plenty of bikes on display, great fun with the field games followed by Yankee judging Saturday afternoon, and there were 23 bikes judged on Sunday morning. Planning is in the early stages for the 2013 meet.

Congratulations to Rich Correia for participation in and finishing the Cannonball Run. Charlie motioned that we sponsor Rich with a \$500 donation, seconded by TC and all approved.

Sandy motioned to end the meeting, seconded by TC. Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by

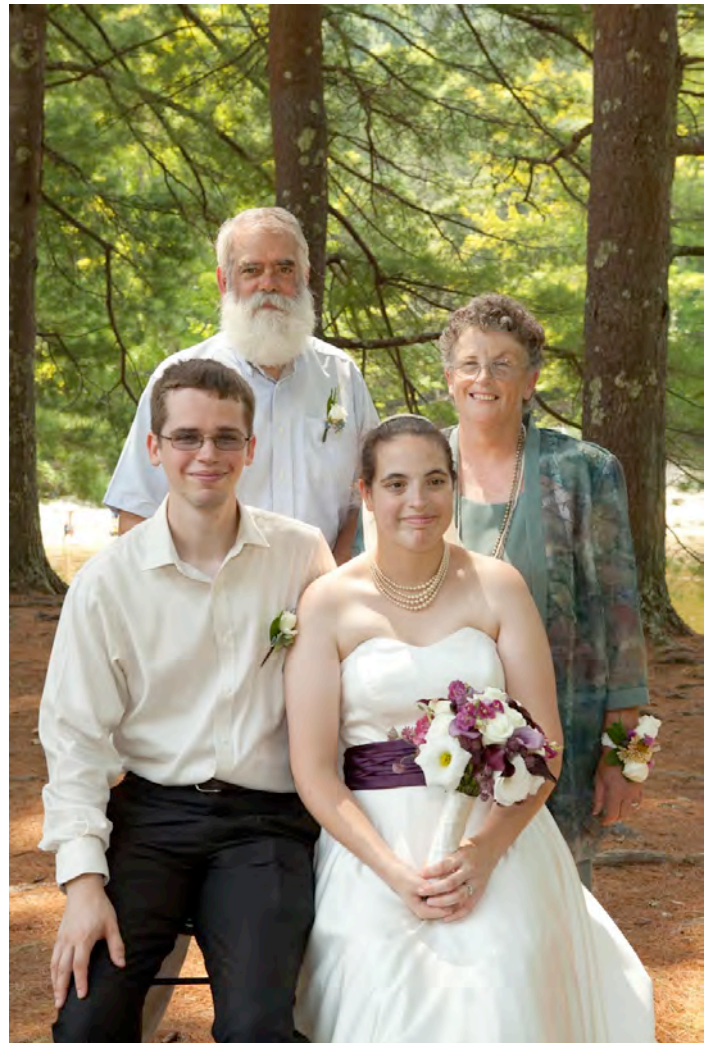
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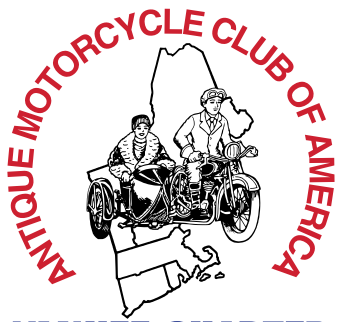
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## Sara's Wedding

On August 4, 2012, Sara Mathews and Eric Kurz were married at Mashmoquet State Park in Pomfret, Connecticut. In addition to the happy couple, the photo at right includes Sara's proud parents, Yankee Phil Mathews and his wife Sharyn. In the second photo, below, Joyce Thompson is facing Sara.

Congratulations to Eric and Sara Kurz and best wishes for a wonderful life together.

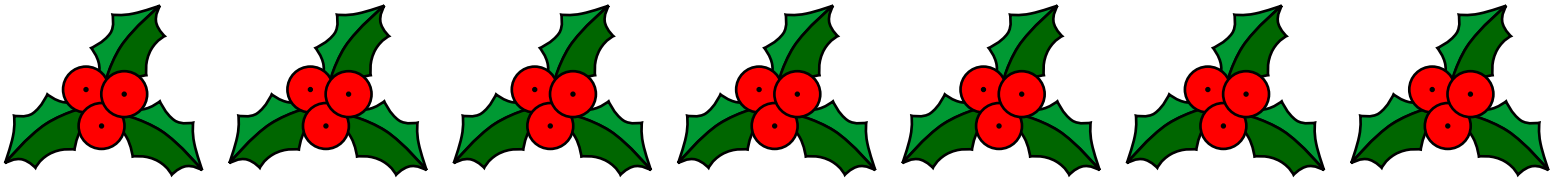




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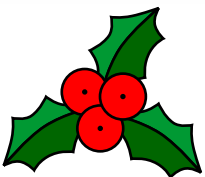
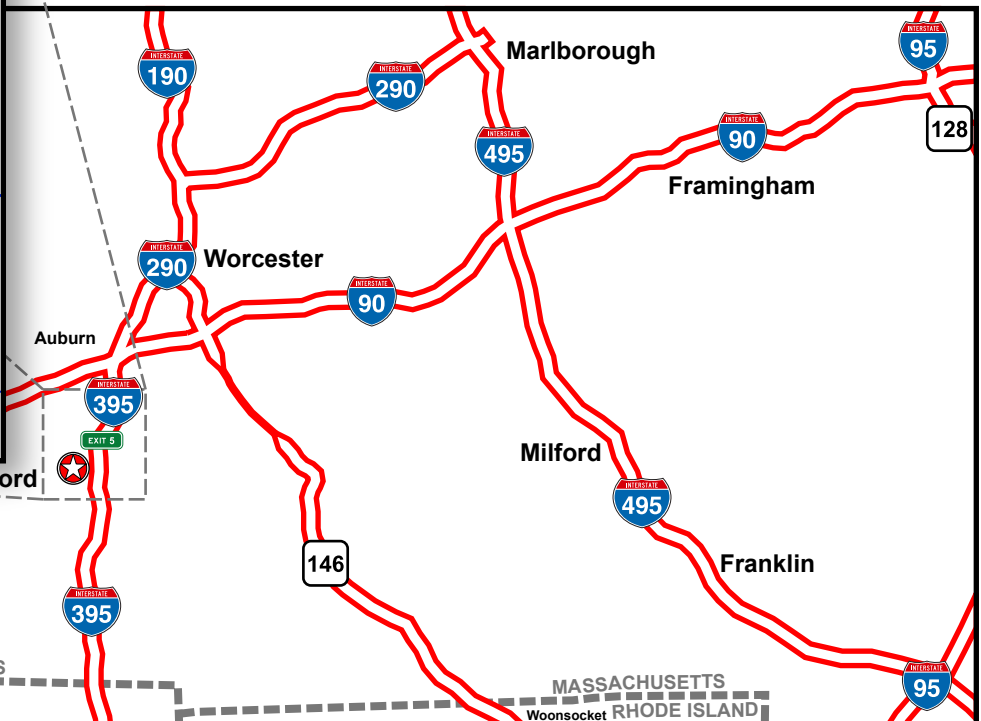
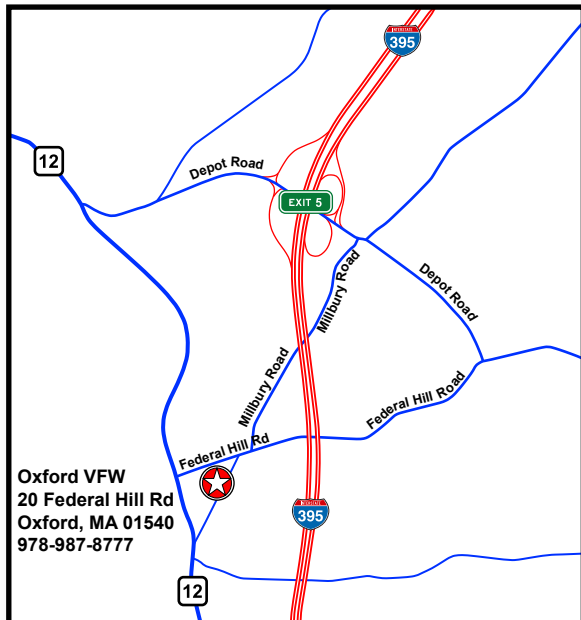
## Yankee Chapter Christmas Party and Business Meeting

Sunday, December 2, 2012

Pot Luck Luncheon at 12:00 Noon Sharp

Business Meeting at 1:00 PM

Oxford VFW, 20 Federal Hill Road, Oxford, MA 01540





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## Application for Membership Yankee Chapter, Inc. Antique Motorcycle Club of America

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SELECT ONLY **ONE** OF THE SIX MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS BELOW:

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- ONE YEAR **\$15.00**
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Please make your check or money order payable to:  
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