



Yankee Chatter



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Yankee Chapter

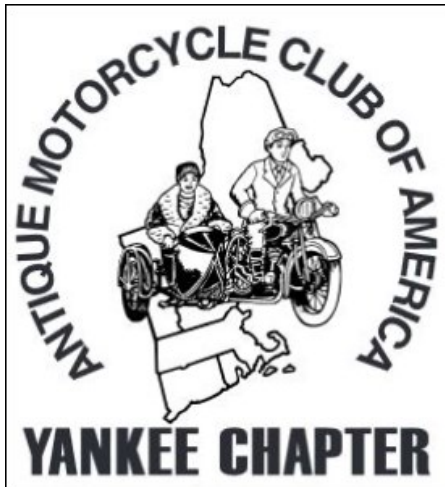
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Ride 'Em- Don't Hide 'Em!



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Director's Message

Hello all Yankees and friends!

We had a wonderful year as a chapter. To recap: we kicked off the year with a chapter promotion at the Springfield MA Motorcycle show, followed that up with a showing and coordination at the Vintage Motorcycle Show at Thompson CT Speedway, we rode out of Rhode Island in the spring, Maine in the summer, and Massachusetts in the fall. In the heat of the summer we hosted the National Meet in Connecticut.

Looking back over the years, we grew the rides from a single ride in the spring with a dozen bikes, added the fall ride, then the summer ride. These rides are drawing 25 to 50 bikes which makes for some nice rides and interaction among members.

The National meet is definitely growing. We are over 100 vendors now- when I began as director we had about 45, and in one rainy year, 20. The field games have become very popular, the banquet is breaking all attendance records, and the ride out of the meet on Friday night this year was a solid 50 bikes. It was a concern to move the ride to Friday afternoon from Saturday morning, but I think it has worked out exactly as we'd hoped. Plenty of time for the ride at a non critical time, and keeps everyone on the field during the core of the Saturday morning meet.

As we come to the annual business meeting in Oxford MA at the VFW on December 4th, I extend a personal invitation to all members new and old to come out and mingle. For the new member, this is a family style affair with a pot luck lunch- bring anything you'd like. We set up food tables and people choose what they want. There is a portion of the meeting where we will discuss the club events for 2017, make nominations for charitable contributions, and this year we have several open positions on the board for leadership roles. Hopefully we will have some nominees to vote for. I say family style so you know you can bring wife, kids, girlfriends, mother, father, etc..

The Chapter has been in existence since 1973. It has taken many, many volunteers to get us to today. As I have written repeatedly the chapter, and the AMCA, runs on volunteers (except for Keith Kizer, the executive director). There is no chapter without the volunteers- it literally doesn't exist unless people want it to exist. There needs to be a rotation of people into leadership roles to keep the club vibrant, to bring new ideas, to bring new people and associations. The Yankee Chapter is at a serious cross roads right now. Several key positions need to be filled:

The Membership Chair- the face of the club to the membership and especially new members. The role maintains a roster, takes in and processes applications and sends out membership cards. They keep records of who joined and when. Did they send their money? The chair sends the money to the treasurer. The main output of the membership chair is the club roster. Due to our 1, 2, 3 year memberships, there is a lot to monitor. BUT, maybe this isn't the best way. Maybe there is a different way. It can be a different way; your way. We need a membership chairperson. You need to be able to take in the mail and the membership, process a roster probably on the computer, and you need to be able to make up and send out membership cards. You will keep records of payment. You will send money to the treasurer. You will maintain the roster updates and you will provide the roster mailing list to the newsletter editor. It can take from no hours a week to a few hours a week when people are renewing at years end. Maybe you are the next membership chair?

The Treasurer- This role maintains the clubs assets. You will be responsible to take in all the club funds and make accounting where it came from. You will send money out and keep records to whom it was paid. We have some savings and checking accounts. You will make deposits and withdrawals. You will keep records. You will prepare a National Meet report for the AMCA; you will provide information to an accounting firm for the annual taxes. The club owns a laptop computer with software for the accounting. The current treasurer will support you in all ways to transition. If you maintain your checkbook and banking for yourself, you can learn to do this. You must be honest, analytical, and precise. Are you the next treasurer?

The Director- In this role you are a communicator and coordinator. You may bring your ideas of the chapter to the membership and board of directors. As long as you are thinking for the benefit of the chapter and its membership you are doing the right things. You should be a little bit of a people person, problem solver, politician, mind reader, asshole, thinker, dreamer, visionary, team player, volunteer, organizer. You should like interacting with people. You should like seeing people having fun and derive enjoyment from seeing a job done well and people having fun. You probably should be comfortable writing short notes to the membership, taking and making phone calls, connecting people, and interacting with the AMCA through Keith Kizer and Richard Spagnolli. Are you the next director?

If you like the club and the club activities perhaps you would like to try one of these roles.

If we do not get volunteers for these various roles, it will be difficult for the chapter to continue. Please consider contributing to the Yankee Chapter leadership. You CAN do it!

Dan Margolien



On the cover: Jim Seidell's 1947 Indian Chief and Steve Sylvain's 1946 Harley at the Hail to the Sunrise monument in Charlemont MA, getting ready to head out on the fall road run.

Photo by Jen Goselin



AMCA Yankee Chapter Annual Christmas Party and Business Meeting



Sunday Dec. 4th

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

For more info contact Dan Margolien 603-401-8851

Editor's Note

Over the last few years, the chapter has presented the Yankee Spirit Award at the annual meeting. However, we inadvertently overlooked the nomination process this year. The board decided that rather than rush to choose a winner, we will wait until 2017. If you have a nominee in mind for next year, make a note, and information on how to submit it will follow.

Yankee Chapter Hebron Awards

2016

<u>Field Game Winners</u>	(Twelve competitors battled for the championship)		
Slalom	Eric Nelson	1977 Honda	9.0 Seconds
Tire Toss	Dana Faucher	1936 Indian Chief	1 Ringer
	Darryl Cutter	1935 Nimbus	1 Ringer
Tennis Ball Pick-up & Drop (27.06 Seconds)	Steve Ranieri	1971 Harley-Davidson Rat	3 Balls
Ring Joust	Steve Ranieri	1971 Harley-Davidson Rat	3 Rings
Slow Race Slow	"Free Willie"	1984 Harley-Davidson FL	Incredibly
Youth Field Games	Jesse Murdough	Honda 4-Trac	
	Forest Nelson	Honda XR-70	
	Thomas Brontino	Honda XR-50	
	Reece Morris	Cat Mini-Bike	

Special thanks to the games crew members,"Critter" Salisbury, Tim Kallberg, and Charlie Gallo. Also thanks to Jen Goselin for entrusting the staff with her iPhone to use as a stopwatch during the games.

Award Winners

Field Games Champion (Winner of Two Events)	Steve Ranieri	1971 Harley-Davidson Rat
Bluest	Pat Aiello	1954 Harley-Davidson FLE
Original Paint	Ed Morinho	1964 Harley-Davidson FLH
Rat	Steve Ranieri	1971 Harley-Davidson Rat
Best Hot Rod	"Critter" Salisbury	1941 Indian 741 Scout Stroker

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2016 (continued)

Flattest	Chris Duffy	1945 Harley-Davidson UL
Best Chief	Dana Faucher	1936 Indian Chief
Best “Chubble”	Jimmy Murdough	1969 Harley-Davidson with sidecar
Chromiest	Angelo DiCenso	1953 Harley-Davidson FL

Special Chapter Award

Giles J Adams Memorial Award	Robin Gazza	1929 Indian 4 with sidecar
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Robin & Arlene Gazza on their award-winning 1929 Indian 4 with sidecar

AMCA Yankee Chapter National Meet Hebron CT 2016



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The World's Best R12

By Maine (Ted) Smith



Restoration Pictorial

(A VERY ABBREVIATED VERSION)

History has taught me that purchasing vintage bikes has risks. It is extremely rare for sellers of vintage motorcycles to accurately describe what they are offering. The R12 depicted in the following photo history came to me from a friend in California. Fortunately, my friend was truthful and warned me that I was buying a disaster.

The “World’s Best R12” had been sold to a friend as having been completely mechanically rebuilt and restored using correct original parts. A correct and freshly rebuilt magneto/generator was thrown in with the sale as an additional incentive to buy the

bike. Unfortunately, the mag/dyne was just as bad as the remainder of the bike.

According to the European seller, all that remained to be done was add fuel and ride off into the sunset.

Restoration of “The World’s Best” began with a total tear down. The engine cases were badly damaged and required extensive repair, welding and machining. The frame wasn’t much better.

The following pictures show the engine cases being line-bored and trued after the welding was finished.



Freshly resurfaced top case, camshaft and lifters

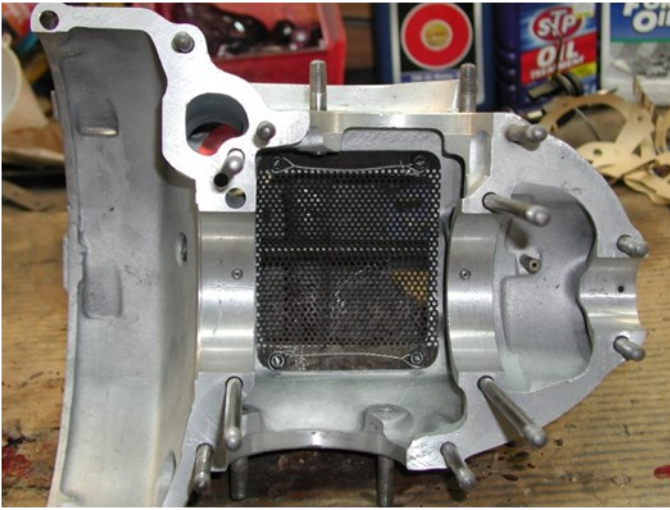


The top case before the cam and lifters were installed. Notice the new brass cam bearing at the rear of the case.

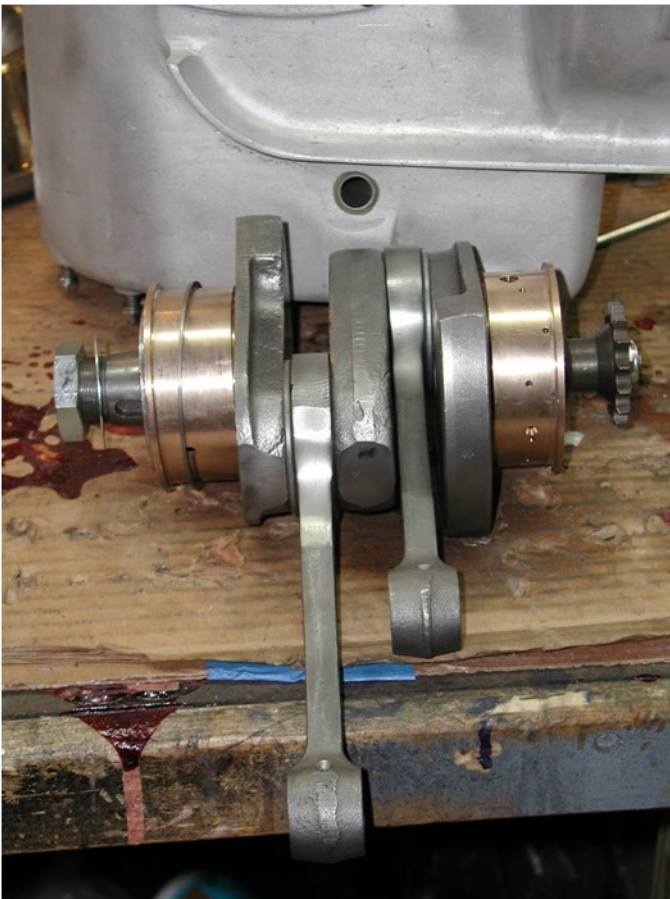


Editor's note: We are pleased to bring you another restoration pictorial, originally published in the Vintage BMW Bulletin. This is the first installment, to be continued over the next several issues.

The bottom case half with the safety screen and two new bearing housing locator pins

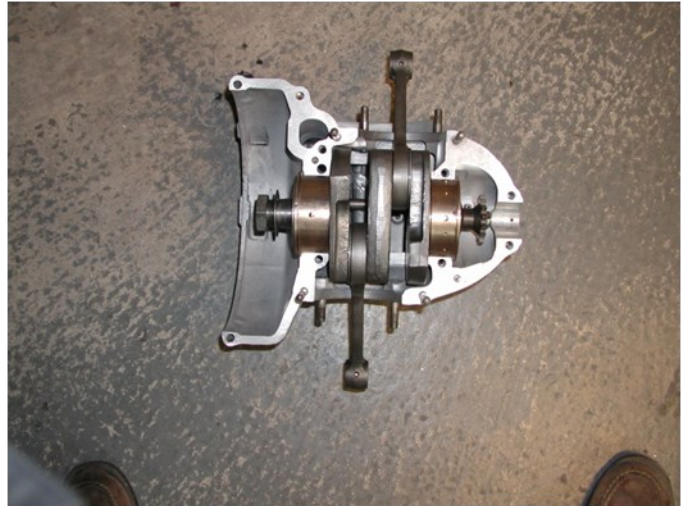


The new crank, connecting rods and bearing assemblies

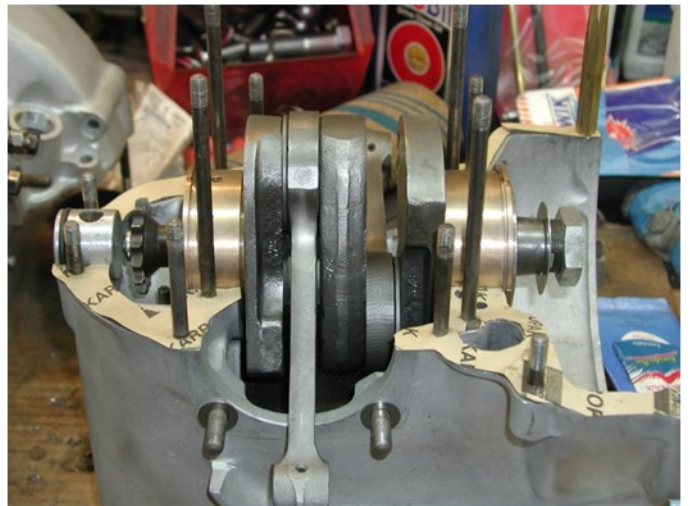


Below are two pictures of the new crank and bearings being checked for 'trueness', in the cases before fitting the top and bottom sections of the engine cases together.

The top case:



The lower case:



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MOHAWK PARK FALL CAMP & RIDE SEPTEMBER 2016



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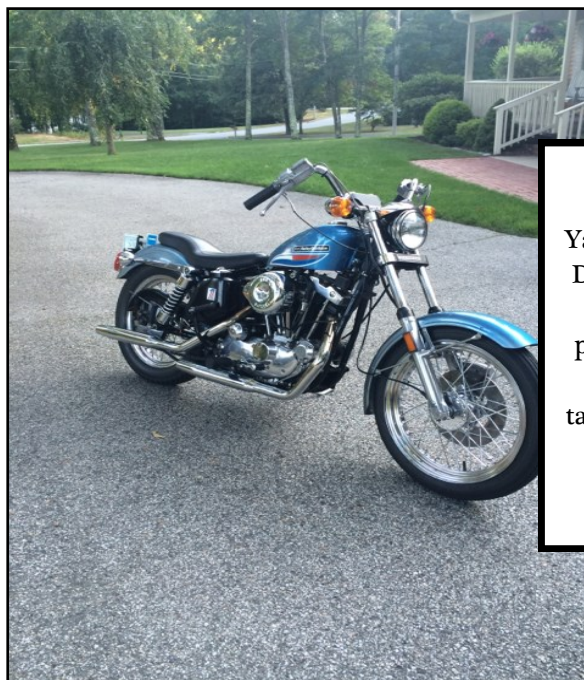
WANTED

Looking for an antique bike to restore. Would prefer a BMW single or a '60s Earle's fork twin. Complete would be nice, running or close, in need of TLC.

Contact Gordon Till rtill6@aol.com.

FOR SALE

For Sale: 1948 Indian Chief. Original paint and condition with mechanical restoration only. 15,381 miles. Running and registered. Documented CT barn find featured in the Tom Cotter book *The Vincent in the Barn*, page 166. \$30,000. (203) 375-8350 or dale.seymour@sbcglobal.net



Thanks to Yankee member David Nigri for sharing this photo of his 72 XLH. Photo taken after an 8-month restoration.



**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 February 5, 2017***

Photos, articles, flyers, ads, questions,
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