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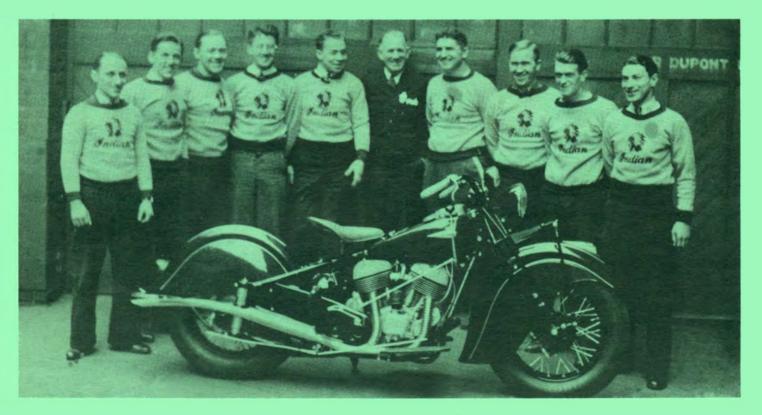
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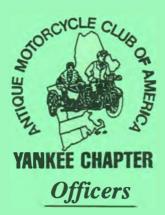
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## Indian service school graduates of 1940

Earl "Pop" Armstrong sends nine more factory trained mechanics out of the Wigwam to keep Indians running smooth and trouble free.



Picture courtesy of former YANKEE member Leon Greski, second from left



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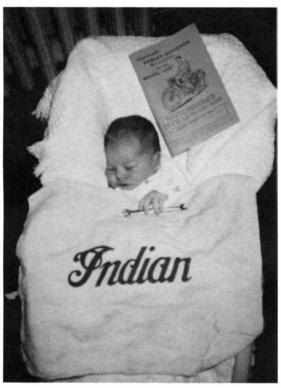
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Applicants wishing to join the YANKEE Chapter must FIRST be members in good standing (paid up) of the National AMC of A; however, applicants may apply for both memberships to the Chapter Treasurer at any time, and memberships received after October 31st of any year will be held over for the next membership year. National AMC of A membership dues for the 1992 membership year are \$ 20.00 single; \$ 25.00 with spouse. A \$ 1.00 service charge is made for handling an applicant's National application.

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### **New Arrivals**

Here's a shot of one of our latest Yankee members and newest ace mechanic Alexander Galland Delor. Art and Linda Delor's new family addition was born March 29th at 7:57 P.M., weighing in at 8 lbs. 4 oz. Art says he's probably dreaming of accessories for a 1960 Super 10 Harley that Art's got squirreled away for him. He looks a little more like an Indian rider to me though......



Alexander Galland Delor 3-29-93

Our good friends Joe and Cynthia Undercofler have some equally good news with the arrival of their new son Michael Joseph Undercofler. Michael was born January 30th, 1993 at St. Joseph Hospital in Nashua, New Hampshire. According to Joe, little Michael likes motorcycles as well as trees. He seems like a great new YANKEE addition. Congratulations to you both.



Michael Joseph Undercofler 1-30-93

## **Book Note**

Ken Messenger, a CORGI enthusiast in Canada who corresponds with our own Fred Hirsch, has coauthored a book about the military messenger service riders (dispatch riders) which has now been published and is available at \$34.50 Postpaid from:

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### THE WINGED WHEEL PATCH:



THE HISTORY OF THE CANADIAN **MILITARY MOTORCYCLE** AND RIDER Ken Messenger and Max Burns

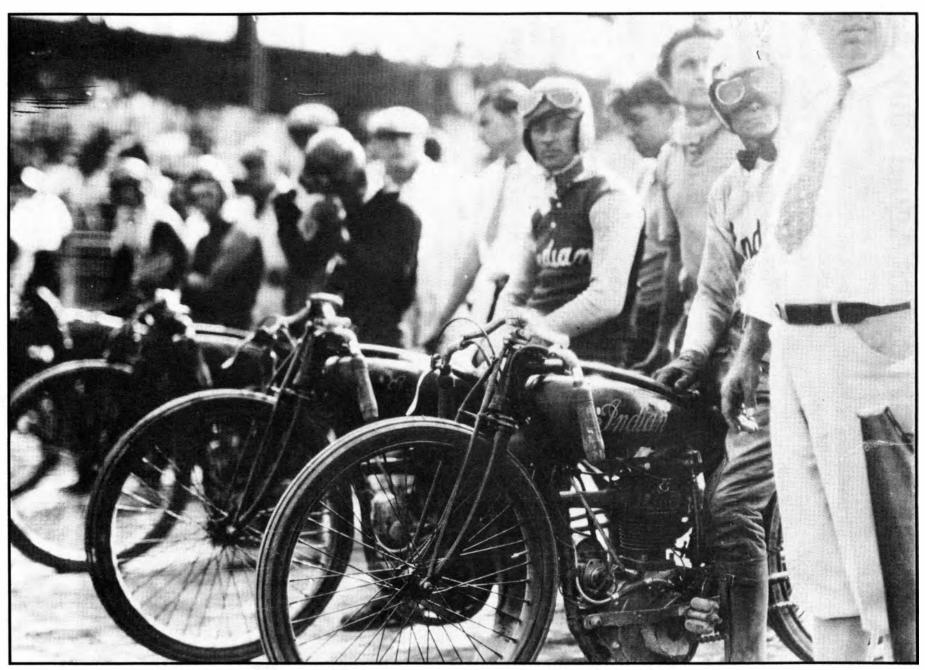
argely overlooked by both motorcycle buffs and historians is Lethe integral role played by the motorcycle and its rider in Canada's military establishment. The authors document this long-neglected contribution of the motorcycle and rider through interviews with despatch riders from both World Wars, and also examine the changing role of the military rider throughout

the last half of the twentieth century. Included are a glossary and an appendi of Canadian military motorcycle specifications for U.K. models, U.S. models, and the Canadian model Bombardier.

168 pp., 0-920277-85-3



Hillclimbing the hard way - Landry Photo Collection



Art Pechar and Jim Davis at Charter Oak Park, Hartford, Connecticut 1928 - Fred Marsh Photo

## It Was Twenty Years Ago Today

April 8th 1973, the first and founding meeting of the YANKEE CHAPTER was held at the Antique Auto Museum in Brookline, Mass. Interest in forming a New England chapter was high and attendance was surprisingly large. Both A.M.C. President Art Sigal and Vice President Doc Patt were there to assist.

A slate of officers for the first year was nominated, and the following fellow cyclists were duly elected:

Chairman:

Leon Landry Taunton, Mass.

Vice Chairman:

Carl G. Nordgren

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Treasurer:

Robert Twine Agawam, Mass.

Secretary:

Edward R. Stoler Boston, Mass.

Thanks to George Twine for providing a copy of our first YANKEE Newsletter - April 1973

The name chosen for the new organization was the YANKEE CHAPTER of the Antique Motorcycle Club, and the territory covered is the six New England states. Dues for the first year had been set at \$3.00 (this in addition to the National dues of \$8.50 per year). Dues covered postage, printing and other administrative expenses.

The first newsletter started with a word of introduction:

"Starting any new organization is like starting a restored motorcycle engine for the first time. You kick and kick, and nothing happens. Then you fiddle with the carburetor and it almost starts. Then you play with the magneto timing or some other adjustment, and it finally kicks over. If you have done your work properly, it runs smoothly. If not, it dies.

The YANKEE CHAPTER of the Antique Motorcycle Club has now been kicked a few times, and we're now fiddling with the adjustments."

In retrospect, with a few tune-ups to keep rolling along smoothly, its been a great runner and a real fun ride.



### OWLS HEAD TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM P.O. BOX 277 · OWLS HEAD, MAINE 04854 · 207-594-4418

Recently our club received an invitation from the Owl's Head Transportation Museum to exhibit in and be part of a Motorcycle Meet and Aerobatic Show, Sunday August 29th. Free admission to any pre-1975 cycles. This museum offers a unique "living experience" of actual machines in action.

During the day there will be an aerobatic show, various demonstrations, the Ingo Bike Challenge, the One Cylinder Showdown, and the Great Steamroller Race. Sounds like a fun time!

#### **YANKEE PEDLAR**

Membership advertising in YANKEE PEDLAR is FREE to all YANKEE Chapter members of record (dues paid up).

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