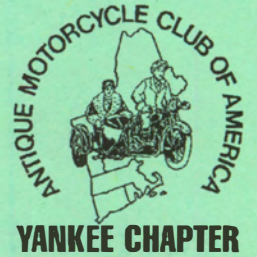




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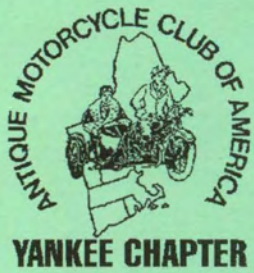


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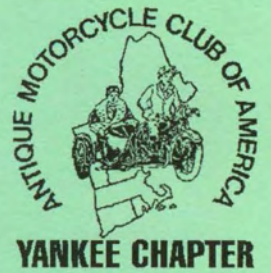
## Our New Director

Will Paley, Yankee Chapter's newly elected Director, is having fun tossing tires from the seat of his 1929 Indian 101 Scout at a past Pioneer Valley Rally.





# Officers



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Will Paley

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**Attention: Yanks age 14 - 25**  
 Are you interested in a youth chapter of the AMCA?  
 Contact Matt Olsen, AMCA youth coordinator at:  
[carlcycle@nrctv.com](mailto:carlcycle@nrctv.com)

**[www.yankeechapter.org](http://www.yankeechapter.org)**  
 is the address of the  
 Yankee Chapter web site.  
 Visit it soon.

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## Director's Message

The Yankee Chapter will be hosting a national road run the week of June 20, 2005, so save the dates. The Quality Inn in Lenox Mass. has offered us a room rate of \$55 per night for double rooms with breakfast, so we can expect a good turnout. There will be a lot of things to do to get ready for and to run this event, and it's a great chance to get involved (especially if you live in western New England). Here, in no particular order, are some of the jobs that need to be filled:

Road Captain(s) - Help lay out routes, make maps/directions, put out signs on the day, solve

last minute problems.

Truck/Trailer drivers - Drive a tow/assistance vehicle for one day. Six people are needed.

Advance registration - Receive and reply to applicants, send information packets, get checks to Sandy.

Registration Desk - Welcome riders, hand out riders' packets, meet interesting new people and solve their problems.

Door prizes - Contact AMCA vendors and local merchants, solicit door prizes, organize and run drawing at closing banquet.

Meals - Meet with caterer, choose menus for opening dinner (or breakfast) and closing banquet.

If any of these things interest you, or if you want to be part of planning this event in any way, please contact me. My phone is (860) 364-0442, or you can email at [Willpaley@aol.com](mailto:Willpaley@aol.com).

Best regards,

Will



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TOMORROW**

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*Indian Springfield, Mass. Leaders in Motorcycling for over 50 Years!*

Paul Murray sent in this 1952 Indian ad. Perhaps this design could have prevented the recent failure of the Indian Motorcycle Company.



## **YANKEE CHAPTER**

### **Secretary's Report**

Minutes of the general business meeting held at "New Murphy's Law", in North Oxford, MA, on January 18, 2004, with 22 members attending.

The meeting convened at approximately 11:30 A.M., and the first order of business was a statement of Chapter finances by Treasurer Sandy Gallo. From the treasurer's report came the topic of the Charitable Fund. Last year the fund was not added to, as resources had not gone out at the time of the meeting, but during the course of the year (2003) there were charitable grants made, so Sandy requested that the Charitable Fund be funded for 2005. Randy Walker brought up the point that a good portion of our current funds are the result of a contribution made to Yankee Chapter by the New England Motorcycle Dealers Association. He stated that he felt that our charitable contributions should be more limited in scope. He sees monies going out to people in need but with no interest in motorcycles or cycling. He feels that the monies should stay within the Yankee Chapter, to include members, their families, ex-members and their families or at least to those with a tie to motorcycles. Discussion ensued and Jessie made a motion to find out if the membership wanted any money added to the Charitable Fund at this time. The motion was seconded and it was voted not to add to the fund at this time. Jessie moved the business meeting with the subject of the National Meet at Hebron, CT this year. Charlie Gallo stated that he and Sandy were working on the road run. It would include a stop at a shop where Model T Ford engines are repaired. Light

refreshments and a workshop on babbitt would make for an interesting interlude. The subject of Saturday judging was brought up, with all of its pros and cons, mostly cons, being put forward. Saturday judging seems to hurt events and vending along with any attendance at all on Sunday. Sandy Gallo put forward a motion to continue with bike judging on Sunday. It was seconded and passed. Andy Bagas brought up the idea of actually doing something as a group on Friday night. Having an Autumn meet was the next topic to be brought up. Discussion ensued, and Charlie Gallo put forward a motion to have the fall meet at Sterling, CT again this year. The motion was seconded and passed. Randy Walker made a motion that a committee be formed to help Barbara and Critter with the fall meet. It, too, was seconded and passed. This closed out the business for 2004. The 2005 Road Run was the next subject to come up. Will Paley has done an awful lot thus far to pull together a very interesting road run in western MA, CT, VT and eastern NY, based around the Pittsfield/Lenox MA area. Jessie turned the meeting over to Will Paley at this time so that he could fill the membership in on the details that he has thus far. His proposed dates are for early to mid June to get the best rates and hotel availability for the Road Run. Steve Ciccalone brought up Father's Day and Laconia Bike Week so that we would make an informed decision as to when to have the run. If we can schedule it at Will's proposed dates, the room rate at the hotel is extremely reasonable. Jessie made a motion that we pursue a road run according to Will's plan in 2005. It was seconded and passed with the run scheduled with check in on Monday and check out on Friday AM.

Jessie's final subject was the selection of Officers to replace those stepping down, and to have the Chapter's biennial election. Randy Walker made a motion that other than those stepping down, the board be voted back in "en masse" as there were no others wishing to unseat incumbents. The motion was seconded and passed. Jessie stated that some people who have been very active should become voting members

rather than associate members of the board. Jessie stepped down as director but accepted the position of Chapter Advisor. Fred Hirsch wanted to step down from that position. Diane Stoyanovich stepped forward to fill the secretary position that Tom Marston is vacating. Will Paley was nominated and elected as the new director. Andrew LaRoche wanted to become a board member as did Barbara Salisbury. This new board was formed when Sandy Gallo formalized things by making a motion that we elect Will Paley as new Director, Diane Stoyanovich as Secretary, Jessie Aikman as Chapter Advisor, Barbara Salisbury & Andrew LaRoche as Vice Directors, Sandy Gallo as Treasurer, Charlie Gallo as Editor, Randy Walker as Chief Judge, and Steve Ciccalone as Vice Director with Critter Salisbury and Dan Margolien as Associate Directors along with Jim Casey as Webmaster (an Associate Director). This motion was seconded and passed. Fred Hirsch will remain as an Honored Member.

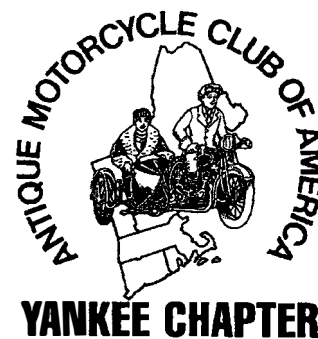
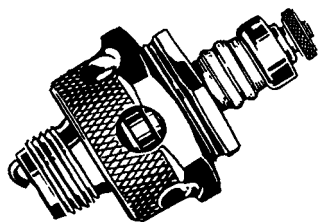
The outgoing Board had one more item before the General Business meeting was adjourned. The item was the presentation of an AMCA Jacket and Plaque to Jessie as a small token of our sincere thanks for the great job and dedication that she has given this Chapter for the last 18 years. Thanks Jessie!

At this time the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Tom Marston  
Secretary



## Secretary's Report

Board Meeting Minutes 1-18-04

The Yankee Chapter Board Meeting was held on January 18, 2004 at the New Murphy's Law Pub in Oxford, MA. The meeting was called to order at 1:12 PM by new director Will Paley. In attendance were Will Paley, Jessie Aikman, Steve Ciccalone, Randy Walker, Charlie and Sandy Gallo, Don and Barbara Salisbury, Andrew LaRoche, Tom Marston, Dan Margolien and Diane Stoyanovich. The agenda was presented and approved. Agenda included: Hebron Meet, 2005 road run, additional meets: when and where? Letter from Matt Olsen, AMCA youth coordinator, delegating committee for national meet, message from Steve re: National level and charitable contributions.

Charlie will put together the Hebron ad for the National Magazine and submit it to National Editor Rick Schunk before April 1st. Ideas for the art work for the T-shirts and pins was solicited. There was a discussion of what type of bike or artwork would be used. It was decided to keep the "Ride 'Em, Don't Hide 'Em" theme. Any pictures or ideas are to be sent to Charlie ASAP (by Valentines Day). After much discussion, the idea for the shirts will be a group of bikes with the logo "Ride 'Em, Don't Hide 'Em." Since a group of bikes would not show up well for the pin, it was decided to have the Yankee Chapter Logo be the pin (with side hack imposed over the New England states). Many ideas were batted around. If anyone has artwork please pass it on to Charlie, as it may be used in the future. Jessie has a contact for T-shirts and she will continue to be the liaison with



this connection. The company has all info needed such as sizes, amount needed. They have always done a wonderful job for us. The company also does trophies. We will need six special award trophies and period modified trophies as well. Pins need approximately 8 weeks notice. T-shirts don't need much more time than that. Jessie will arrange to have items shipped to Sandy.

Jessie has many items that she would like to pass on including signs, a coffee pot, the bull horn and other items. Barbara will take any cooking items and already has some signs. The banner will be mailed to Will. A discussion concerning the need for new signs ensued. It was decided that we have enough for this year, although the big one needs to be updated with 2000. Could Jessie make a list or bring the items to Hebron and they could be divided up then for storage. After many years as our director, needing to arrive with a truckful of supplies, she is looking forward to being able to ride to a meet.

Ads to be placed in The Motorcyclist's Post will be for a quarter page in July for our Hebron Meet and another quarter page in August for the Sterling Meet. Discussions on where else we should advertise ensued. Will is also going to have our meets listed in the calendar in Hemmings. Just remember that any advertising or posting of events should be for Friday/Saturday for Hebron and Saturday for Sterling. Advertising Sunday dates to the general public always leads to confusion.

The 2005 road run is in the works. The hotel needs verification of dates. Ideas for three routes are being laid out. They include a scenic ride and two rides with specific destinations. The longer ride may have an alternative route to shorten the ride. Perhaps a ride designed for the older bikes could be planned. Our hills may be beautiful, but they can be a challenge for the old iron.

Will read a letter from Matt Olsen, AMCA youth coordinator. Matt intends to start an AMCA youth chapter with members ranging from 14 to 25 years of age to kindle their interest

in old motorcycles. He is requesting info on individuals who may be interested in becoming charter members of this group. He is also looking for a donation from each chapter to help the youth chapter get started. A motion was made to send \$50 to Matt for this group and to see how it develops over the next year. The motion was seconded, voted on and passed. Sandy will soon be sending out membership applications and she will include a line in the application to see if any members or associate members in this age group are interested. This sparked a lengthy discussion about liability and unlicensed riders. Bottom line is that unlicensed riders are prohibited from riding on grounds at AMCA events. Barbara has a real interest in developing a youth group in this chapter. There are many ways to get them involved. Let's encourage their participation and embrace the future of the club. A motion was made to support Barbara's idea of a youth auxiliary in the Yankee chapter and she will also be the contact with the national chapter. Seconded, voted on and passed.

Steve shared information on what is happening on the National level. Germany will be having the first non-national meet in June. The bulk of the draw at the National meets is the vending and with Ebay and other outlets the vendor attendance is dropping. Steve feels that the way to grow, generate profit and make a presence is with volume, more vendors and more participants. His proposal is to have a combined meet with Empire, Colonial, Yankee and possibly Big Sandbar chapters in the year 2006 in Rhinebeck, NY. Pros and cons of a combined meet were discussed at length. The benefit of this would be to free up some weekends to attend road runs which are one of the fastest growing events and to be able to enjoy other local events such as the Sterling meet. Motion made to support the idea of a joint meet with 3 or 4 chapters. Seconded, voted on and passed. Steve will notify the board when a planning meeting is scheduled at Oley, PA and all board members are welcome to attend to participate in discussion of logistics of a combined meet.

The final business was to discuss four cases

brought by members for dispersion of charitable funds. Each case was presented and voted on individually. The decision was to assist Fred Hirsch with \$500 toward his deductible on home owners' insurance, as his home was damaged in a recent fire. The other decision was to purchase four \$25 raffle tickets for a 1994 HD to benefit the Ed Ramsey Rehab fund. The other two requests were not granted.

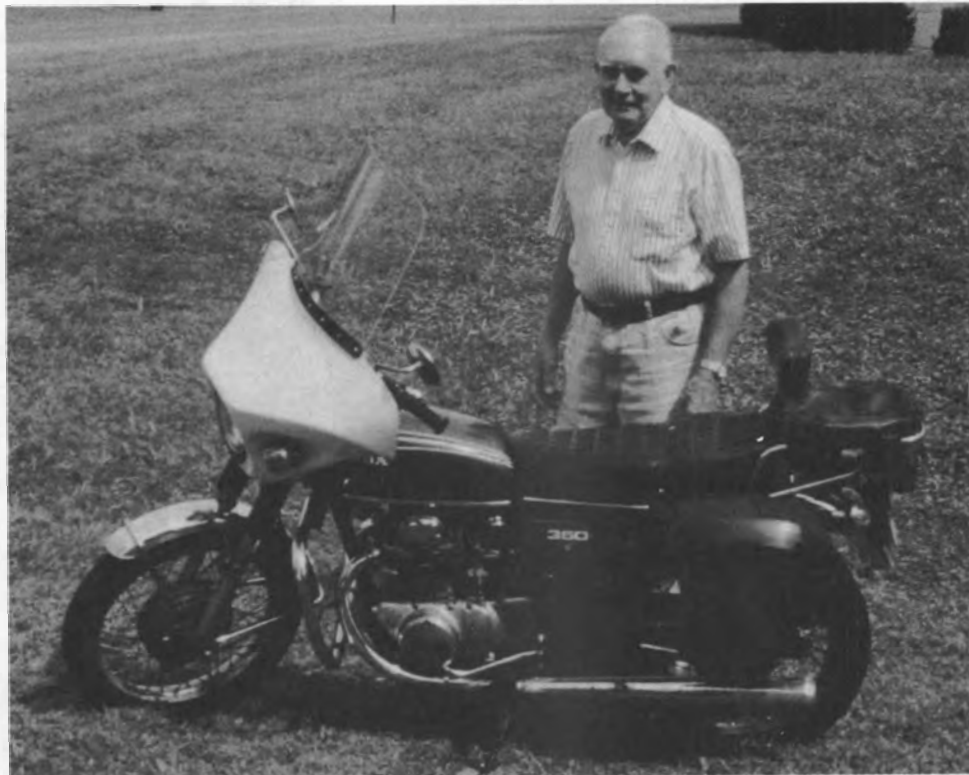
The meeting was adjourned and the trek home on this snowy afternoon began.

I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself and hope that I have captured the direction the club is going, reporting the club activity and business in a fair and accurate report.

Respectfully submitted ,



Diane Stoyanovich  
Secretary



Ray HasBrouck sent us an epilogue to his story about his trip across the United States in 1941. After his adventure, he attended the United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, NY, graduated in 1943 and served during World War II. Ray reports that sixty-three years later, he is still in one piece and still riding. However, the bike is now a 1972 Honda CB-350 and unlike the Harley, it has never been laid down.



*Landry Photo Collection*

Yankees have always enjoyed going camping on their motorcycles. Join the Yankee Chapter for a weekend of camping at Hebron.





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Put your old machine on the road for the

# YANKEE CHAPTER NATIONAL MEET

## July 30 - August 1, 2004

Hebron Fairgrounds  
Hebron, CT

General Meet Information  
Will Paley

Vendor Pre-Registration  
Steve Ciccalone

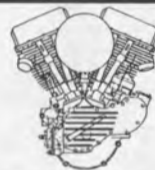
Join us on a Saturday road run  
through scenic Eastern Connecticut.  
Bring your bikes and ride 'em.

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

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

Motorcycles, parts and related  
items for sale MUST be 35  
years old or older.

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



Bring your Panhead to  
compete for the  
Joe Barber Trophy

Judging Pre-Registration contact:  
Wanda Schumacher

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### Area Motels

Clarion Suites Inn  
191 Spencer St.  
Manchester, CT  
(860) 643-5811

Quality Inn  
Rte. 83  
Vernon, CT  
(860) 646-5700

Best Western Regent Inn  
Rte. 195  
Mansfield, CT  
(860) 423-8451



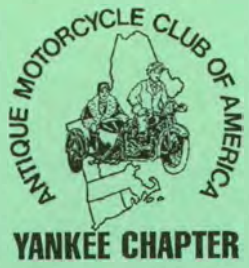
# Calendar

<b>June 4 - 6</b>	<b>Colonial National Meet</b> Harmony, NJ	September 18	Portland Swap & Rock Portland Fairgrounds Portland, CT (607) 863-4295
June 5	Portland Swap & Rock Portland Fairgrounds Portland, CT (607) 863-4295	September 26	"By Land and By Sea" Mystic Seaport Mystic, CT Pre-registration required (888) SEAPORT
June 6	Vintage Motorcycle Days Biker Boutique and Cafe Bridgewater, MA (508) 279-2700 Andy Bagas suggests this event	<b>September 26 - 29</b>	<b>Blue Ridge RR</b> Maggie Valley, NC
<b>June 13 - 16</b>	<b>Confederate Chapter RR</b> Ozark Mountains	September 26	Keene Fall Swap Meet Cheshire Fairgrounds Keene, NH (603) 352-1836
June 25 -27	Airheads at the Aerodrome Rhinebeck, NY (845) 473-1337	<b>October 1 - 2</b>	<b>Chesapeake National Meet</b> Jefferson, PA
June 27	Viking Swap Meet Stafford Springs, CT (860) 875-7768	October 2	Yankee Steam-Up New England Wireless and Steam Museum East Greenwich, RI (401) 885-0545
July 16 - 17	Pioneer Valley Rally Chester, MA	October 3	Singletary Swap Meet Singletary Rod & Gun Club Oxford, MA (413) 243-9738
July 18	Indian Day Springfield, MA (413) 737-2624	October 10	CMRA Toy Run Meadows Music Theater to East Hartford Elks East Hartford, CT (860) 588-6666
<b>July 30 - August 1</b>	<b>Yankee National Meet</b> Hebron, CT	October 17	Cherry Hill Swap Meet Brooklyn, CT (860) 974-3444
<b>August 20 - 22</b>	<b>Empire National Meet</b> Brookfield, NY	October 24	Viking Swap Meet Stafford Springs, CT (860) 875-7768
August 29	Vintage Motorcycle Meet Owls Head Transportation Museum Owls Head, ME (207) 594-4418	<b>December 5</b>	<b>Yankee Chapter Christmas Party</b>
<b>September 10 - 12</b>	<b>Yankee Chapter Meet</b> Sterling, CT (860) 564-8481		
September 18	The 101 Association Road Run Torrington, CT (508) 867-8097		

**AMCA sponsored events are listed in bold print. All other events are listed as a public service.**

This listing is not meant to be all-inclusive. It consists of events that have been brought to the attention of the editor.  
If you have an event that you would like to have listed, please send the information to the editor





Charles Gallo

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