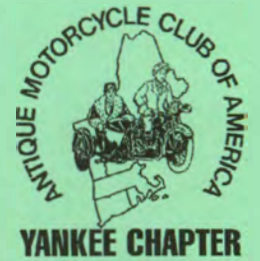




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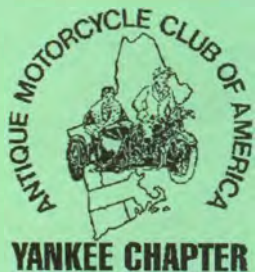


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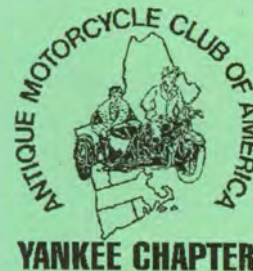
Jim Nowik Captures Joe Barber Trophy

Stephen Barber (center) holds the Joe Barber Trophy while flanked by 2004 winner Brian Givens (left) and 2005 winner Jim Nowik (right).

Jim's black and white 1958 Harley-Davidson triumphed in the balloting by Panhead owners.



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August 4 - 6	Yankee Chapter National Meet Hebron, CT
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Director's Message

2005 was a good year for the Yankee Chapter. We held a successful National Road Run in the Berkshire Mountains. Our Northeast Regional Meet in Hebron went well and our Autumn Meet in Sterling was great fun.

We are now Yankee Chapter, Inc. I got the paperwork from the lawyer on Monday and the first letter from the IRS on Friday. We really had no choice in the matter. This was something that the National required us to do. It will protect our members from lawsuits if we ever have a real disaster.

On other fronts, I'm highly gratified by the amount of participation by the members of the club. As I said at the Christmas Party, if you've

never been a board member, you will be. Our place on the National Meet roster seems to be secure and I expect our meets at Hebron will gradually get bigger. I would also like to promote more events (read "road runs") for our club. This summer I hope to see more of us at the Pioneer Valley Indian meet. It's held on the weekend of Indian Day. It's a real old fashioned kind of meet with a small swap meet, camping, games and a bike show. You can even go to the Indian Museum in Springfield if your energy holds until Sunday.

I have a new life-partner, Elaine, and we plan to start building a new home this spring in the town of Cornwall, CT, where all the women are above average and all the men are unemployed. So, with any luck, I'll get to fulfill a couple of my life's ambitions.

Meanwhile, we're counting the days until warm weather.

See you on the road,

Yankee Pedlar

For Sale: 1964 BMW, Model R69S, with Jupiter sidecar. Older white repaint with correct pinstripe, 36,000 miles. Very good condition, engine rebuilt by BMW dealer about 15,000 miles ago. Starts and runs well. Looks good. Great user as is. Asking \$10,500. Please call: (860) 364-0442

For Sale: 1935 Indian Chief, blue. Rebuilt 7 years ago by John "Duffy" Bachelder. Later top end on 1935 cases, with correct sheet metal and Corbin speedometer. Very fast. About 3,000 miles on rebuilt engine. Good condition. Shows some wear from use. Asking \$18,000. Please call: (860) 364-0442

Notes About Yanks

Good News: Yankee Scott Anthony has received a good report from his doctors. He is doing very well in his battle against non-Hodgkins lymphoma. Look for Scott's knucklehead on the road this spring.

Honored Member Fred Hirsch has moved again. Fred is sharing a home in South Carolina with daughter Charlene.



**Northeast Regional
Swap Meet and Bike Show
July 29 & 30, 2005**

By Charlie Gallo

Yankee Chapter's National event for 2005 was our highly successful Berkshire Mountains Road Run. Because of this, our Hebron meet was not listed on the National schedule. Rumors had started concerning the demise of our Hebron meet. Our members had decided to hold our

event and bill it as a regional swap meet and bike show. Preparations were made. An ad was placed in the National magazine. Would people respond? In a word, yes!

Things started slowly on Friday morning, but by mid-afternoon the fairgrounds were buzzing with activity. Happy shoppers could be seen carrying newly acquired treasures. The Hebron Sportsmen's Club was busy cooking up hamburgers and sausage and pepper sandwiches. The registration area was set up under the shed roof just down from the food booth. T-shirts, caps and banquet tickets were hot sellers. Some merchandise from our road run was also available. Across the aisle from the registration area, Yankee Chapter members displayed their bikes in an informal bike show. This display was a great draw for the general public who visited our meet. It was a popular spot for people to gather and talk of motorcycles and their adventures.

Saturday morning was the start of another bright and sunny day. Phil Mathews had designed the route for our fun run. Sandy Gallo led the bikes out from the fairgrounds. We motored through gentle hills and Colonial villages eventually arriving on Route 66. Right on the corner was the Happy Days Drive-In. We made this

place our refreshment stop. As music from the 50's and 60's played on the speakers, our road run participants sampled the drive-in menu. Ice cream cones were a popular choice. Following our snack, we took a scenic route back to the fairgrounds along many of the picturesque back roads of the area.

Later in the afternoon, lighthearted chapter awards were presented to the bike show winners. The premier event was the selection of the winner of



C. Gallo Photo

The motorcycle display area drew lots of attention.



Tim Gottier Photo

The "Happy Days Drive-In" was our refreshment stop during Saturday's fun run.

the Joe Barber Trophy. Panhead owners selected Jim Nowik's black and white 1958 Panhead as the winner of this prestigious memorial award. Charlie Gallo took home the Giles Adams Award for his 1929 Harley-Davidson JD.

The Hebron Sportsmen took advantage of the beautiful weather to set up picnic tables behind their food booth for our banquet. We dined on salads, steaks, baked potatoes and corn on the cob, with watermelon for dessert. The food was plentiful and everyone ate their fill. Following dinner, an array of door prizes were presented.

People wandered off to their campsites as the sun began to set. Down near the flamingo campsite, a small group gathered to sample the Yankee bucket. As conversations ebbed and flowed, Ken Sweeney got up and walked to his blue 1940 knucklehead. He had received an award for most creative packing job at our bike show because of the vast array of items attached to his bike. He untied a bundle from the front forks of his bike and opened it up. Inside was a five-string banjo. After a round of banjo jokes, Ken tuned his banjo (?), sat down

on Travis Potter's knucklehead bobber and proceeded to entertain us with some sea chanteys. More people gathered around and as the bucket was passed people became more relaxed. Ken led us in several audience participation numbers including "Being A Pirate". When things slowed down, Ken put down his banjo, walked over to his bike and untied another bundle. From this bundle he pulled a



C. Gallo Photo

Jim and Linda Casey rode their "Flatboy" to Hebron. Jim combined a Fatboy frame, flathead engine, electric start and custom exhaust to create a one of a kind machine.

concertina and presented a whole different repertoire of songs. By this time, the bucket was about empty so a "kitchen sink" bucket was created with people providing various potions to mix with the remaining fruit and ice. While this was going on, Ken unwrapped another bundle containing a collection of harmonicas. He selected one and played on as the new bucket made the rounds. As the hour grew late, the crowd dwindled and soon only some occasional snoring disturbed the quiet summer night. This had been one of the most enjoyable evenings at a Yankee Chapter event, thanks to Ken Sweeney.

As people packed up and headed for home on Sunday, we were sure of one thing. Hebron was alive and well. We were already looking forward to our National Meet in August of 2006.



Tim Gottier Photo
Travis Potter passes the famous Yankee Bucket on Saturday night



The group of happy winners gather after the awards presentation.

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Tim Gottier Photo

Ken Sweeney entertained us with music on Saturday night. "Being a pirate is all fun and games, till somebody loses an eye. . . But it's all part of being a pirate".





**Autumn Meet
Sterling, CT
September 9 & 10, 2005**

By Charlie Gallo

Yankee Chapter's Autumn Meet was our third gathering in 2005 and once again we were blessed with great weather.

Barbara, Cristina and Critter Salisbury had prepared our area at the campgrounds. As members showed up on Friday afternoon they were greeted with an organized campsite and an offer of food and drink. Soon tents were popping up and Yankees were hanging out on the



Diane Stoyanovich Photo

Tim Gottier and Josey Manzo check out new arrivals at the campgrounds as they return to Sterling on Tim's 1946 Harley-Davidson knucklehead.

corner, swapping stories. As Friday evening arrived the camping area was pretty full. Yankees rode to area restaurants for dinner or stayed at the campgrounds and had a cookout. That evening we gathered around the campfires and relaxed while recounting our summer activities.

On Saturday morning, the "John Smedes Breakfast Nook" was in full operation. John had bacon and sausages cooking and was frying up eggs and making toast for any Yankee with an appetite.

Critter had planned two rides for Saturday in keeping with our "Ride 'Em, Don't Hide 'Em" motto. On Saturday morning, he led a group of 29 motorcyclists on a pleasant ride to the Haul of Fame Truck Museum Annex. This building is normally not open to the public, but Critter managed to get us an invitation. Volunteer museum staff members, Herb Savage, Dave Savage and Ruth Roy were on hand to answer any questions about the vehicles and to point out interesting features. Herb is an avid Ford Model T enthusiast and has logged over a million miles on various Model Ts that he has owned over the years. The museum has row upon row of unique cars and trucks with just enough space to walk

past. The annex is used as a storage and work area for the many vehicles owned by the museum.

After everyone had a chance to tour the museum we continued on our way. The next scheduled stop was a visit to the Sterling Days celebration which again coincided with our autumn meet. As we turned off of Route 12, Karl Nagy had problems shifting his Indian Chief. As it turned out, his clutch pedal had sheared off the shaft leaving him with no clutch action. Charlie Gallo stayed and sat in the shade with Karl awaiting



Herb Savage points out an interesting feature on the 1920 U.S. Motors Truck Bus to Yankee John Smedes and museum volunteer Ruth Roy.

C. Gallo Photo

Indian Chief, he didn't want to miss out on the fun, so he fired up his hot rod and joined us back at the campgrounds. This man is not a quitter. Our ride meandered through Connecticut and into Rhode Island until we came to the Pizza King Restaurant. Situated on a small pond, the dining area is on the second floor. Yankee Chapter members took advantage of the mild weather and sat on the deck overlooking the

rescue. Meanwhile, Sandy Gallo rode back to the campgrounds for help. When she got there, our area was nearly deserted. Remarkably, every Yankee was off on the road run! After searching the area, she found Gary Lamothe and Jim Nowik, but still didn't have a truck. She rode over to the Salisbury's home where she found Barbara (and her pick-up). After shuttling people and food back and forth, the rescue party headed out. They loaded Karl's Indian onto the truck and Jim and Gary took Carl home.

When Yankees got back to the campgrounds, they found a luncheon waiting. Tim Gottier had cooked up a big batch of his famous clam chowder and Barbara Salisbury had made a big chicken pot pie. It was a perfect combination for a light lunch.

At around three o'clock, Critter led us on our second ride. This time there were 18 motorcycles and Karl Nagy's REO Ford speedster. When Karl got home with his injured

pond. Pizza was king, although grinders and other items were also popular. When we finished eating, it was time for our ride back to Sterling.

Back at the campgrounds, Yankees had a chance to admire Karl's REO, a remarkable piece of craftsmanship. Sandy Gallo was thrilled at the opportunity for a ride in this unique vehicle. After relaxing for a while, it was time to head into Sterling to view the Sterling Days Fireworks display. The Dunbars, friends of the Salisburys, again welcomed us to their bonfire and we had a



David Savage explains the intricacies of the 1924 Ford Model T snowmobile conversion.

C. Gallo Photo

great view of the fireworks. Following the display, we headed back to the campgrounds where we gathered around the campfire, told tall tales and sampled the Yankee bucket. Bruce, the campground owner, had arranged for a special entertainer to amuse us that evening. We all walked up to the recreation hall where we were treated to a performance by a woman in a Halloween stripper costume with physical attributes that defied description.

On Sunday morning we awoke to the smell of coffee brewing. Members helped themselves to the continental breakfast, courtesy of the Yankee Chapter. As we packed up and headed for our homes, most everyone remarked that they had had a terrific time and looked forward to next year's gathering at Sterling.



C. Gallo Photo

John Smedes had an interesting encounter with the entertainer at the Sterling Park Campgrounds recreation center and ended up with an unusual souvenir.



S. Gallo Photo

Jim Nowik, Karl Nagy, Gary Lamothe and Charlie Gallo load Karl's injured Indian Chief into the Salisburys' truck.

C. Gallo Photo

Karl Nagy drove his REO Ford Special Speedster on the Mystery Ride to Pizza King.





Secretary's Reports

General Chapter Meeting and Annual Holiday Gathering, December 3, 2005

The annual AMCA Yankee Chapter holiday party was held at the Oxford VFW on a snowy Sunday afternoon. Sandy Gallo, Diane and Stu Stoyanovich and Critter, Barbara and Cristina Salisbury arrived early to get the hall set up and put the coffee on. Approximately 30 members enjoyed the pot luck buffet lunch. The meeting was called to order by Director Will Paley at 1:00 PM. The agenda was reviewed and amended to add a discussion of dues. Last year's minutes were read by Diane Stoyanovich.

Old Business: First was a critique of last year's Chapter Meet in Hebron. It was noted that attendance was less than at our National Meets. Forty-two vendors participated, compared to an average of sixty at National Meets. Everyone had an enjoyable time and a profit was made from this meet. The Berkshire Mountain Road Run was lots of fun, receiving lots of positive feedback from participants. Stories were shared of the memories made.

The Treasurer's report was read by Sandy Gallo. The chapter has been in a pattern of losing small amounts of money each year as opposed to breaking even. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made and seconded (A copy of the report can be found on page 15.) Next was a discussion regarding a proposed increase in dues. Dues have not increased in many years. The dues generally cover the cost of printing the *Yankee Chatter* but do not cover postage costs. The question of how much we would need to increase dues to break even was asked. Membership is close to 200. Unpaid members receive a reminder regarding their

dues, but they do not receive the *Chatter* if they are delinquent. Sandy suggested dues be a flat \$15 for a family membership, following the lead of the National dues structure. A motion to increase dues to \$15 for an individual and one family member was passed.

Will Paley read the Directors report, stating that everyone is willing to help out but he would like to see a new director in two years.

A big thank you was again extended to the Salisburys for organizing our Autumn Meet in Sterling. It was once again an enjoyable weekend.

Election of Officers: Nominations and election of officers was next. Nominations for Board members for the next two years are: Director - Will Paley. Vice Directors - Barbara Salisbury, Steve Cicalone, Gene Levesque and Andy Bagas. Treasurer / Membership Chair - Sandy Gallo. Secretary - Diane Stoyanovich. Editor - Charles Gallo. Chapter Judge - Randy Walker. Associates - Don Salisbury and Dan Margolien. Associate / Web master - Jim Casey. A motion to accept the slate was made, seconded, voted on and all were in favor.

Jesse Aikman was elected an Honored Member with lifetime membership.

The Hebron Meet will be held August 4 - 6, 2006. The "Ride 'Em, Don't Hide 'Em" motto has served us well. It will be used again. A motion to invite Ken Sweeney to entertain us was approved. The club will offer to pay him \$100 and invite him to the banquet.

Much discussion ensued with regard to a combined Regional meet. What are the alternatives; more road runs and fewer national meets? Logistics for coordinating chapters (Yankee, Empire, Harmony, Sandbar?) to plan a regional meet were of concern. Take heed, change may be coming. If this were to happen, chapter members would like to continue to sponsor a chapter meet in Hebron for area enthusiasts. Hebron has become a first class venue since its reconstruction. Increasing attendance was a concern.

The need for publicity is foremost including press releases in local papers and the web. Other

ideas suggested to keep interest of attendees were: bike show, raffles, entertainment, open vending, more clinics.

The Autumn chapter meet will once again be held in Sterling, CT on September 8 -10, 2006. We will be back at the Sterling Park Campground. The owners have been very accommodating. Everyone had a great time last year and would like to return for another year. There is still a lot of territory to explore on Critter's rides. John Smedes has offered the use of his property in Uxbridge in the Blackstone Valley when the chapter is ready for a change. He states it's nice riding country.

New Business: Will brought up the subject of incorporating and the board members will go over it at the business meeting in January. We will need to become incorporated as required by the national organization. A motion to incorporate in Connecticut was made and passed.

A motion was made that the board have the option of granting up to \$500 to assist any current member involved in an accident or having an unexpected difficulty. It was decided that further review was needed with regard to the treasury and this issue will be readdressed at the board meeting.

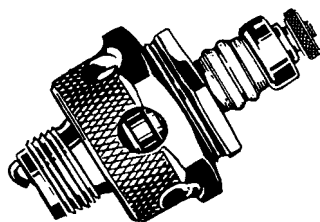
We need ideas on how to promote ourselves as there are many riding enthusiasts who do not know about the AMCA or the Yankee Chapter. Bring your ideas to the January meeting. Members wanted to know how Dave Neault is doing. We hope to have news at the January meeting.

The Board of Directors meeting will be on January 29, 2006 at the Oxford VFW at 12 noon.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Stoyanovich



Annual Business Meeting AMCA Yankee Chapter, Inc. January 29, 2006

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors for the AMCA Yankee Chapter was held on Sunday January 29, 2006 at the Oxford VFW, Oxford, MA. The meeting was called to order by Director Will Paley at 12:07 PM. In attendance were: Will Paley, Andy Bagas, Gene Levesque, Dan Margolien, Charlie and Sandy Gallo, Jim and Linda Casey, Randy Walker, Steve Ciccalone, Barbara and Critter Salisbury, Diane and Stu Stoyanovich. The meeting started with a review of the agenda.

The minutes from the December meeting were read by Secretary Diane Stoyanovich and accepted. Will asked that minutes be e-mailed to board members.

Old Business: There was a short discussion regarding the new dues rate. At what age should we request a family member to apply for their own membership? Dan Margolien moved that as long as only one Chatter was being mailed to an address it would be considered a family membership. The motion was seconded, voted on and passed.

The paperwork for incorporation has been completed and Will will be picking it up 1/30/06. One advantage of incorporation is that individual members will not be liable in a lawsuit. Correspondence will now need to be changed to Yankee Chapter, Inc. Sandy will request that checks sent for dues be made out to Yankee Chapter, Inc.

The treasurer's report was given by Sandy Gallo. Memberships have been coming in and the lawyer has been paid \$1200 for his fees for the incorporation paperwork. Will moved to accept the report. The motion passed.

Andy reported that Dave Neault is doing well, his spirits are good and he is making progress. There was a very successful fundraiser / poker run held in September. Yankee members would like to send \$500 to assist with expenses. Steve moved to send a check today. The motion passed with all in favor.

Sandy reported that she heard from Fred

Hirsch. He is now in South Carolina with his daughter Charlene, and is doing well.

Discussion of the Hebron Meet was next. We will host a National meet on August 4 - 6, 2006. The theme will again be: "Ride 'Em, Don't Hide 'Em". A deposit has already been made for the fair grounds. Will shared a press release for members to use. He asked that it be sent to local papers, calendar of events guides, or any other publication to elicit public interest in coming to the event. Another idea for publicity was to get the event posted on "What's happening this weekend" on local TV stations. Charlie will make up a flyer that members can distribute at local businesses. Last year the Willimantic Chronicle did a story on Ken Fitts and his 1935 trip across the US. The reporter expressed interest in giving us some publicity for our National Meet. Charlie will contact her. Several individuals brought artwork as candidates for this year's event. Although everyone had a favorite, Charlie mentioned that the T-Shirt printers would have the final choice as to what they can best work with. We will send several options to Jessie Aikman to present to them. It was noted that we had printed the t-shirts two different ways last year. We will order 2/3 of the shirts with the logo on the back and 1/3 with the logo on the front. We will also order more shirts in the larger sizes (xl-xxl). Steve suggested we order long sleeve Henleys as another choice. Jessie has agreed to take care of ordering the t-shirts, pins and trophies. Last year we did not have a tent and Will felt that we needed one for this year. It certainly was well placed at the entrance across from the banquet hall. Charlie will contact Jay Fornal and ask if we can use his tent this year. A motion to reserve the area in front of the dining hall and to encourage members to park their bikes there for display was made. The motion was passed. Dan suggested roping off the area and providing cards for owners to provide information on the bikes. We will have 100 cards made up. An idea to have a dash plaque was not of interest. It was felt that this area can also be used for judging and the Joe Barber Award.

There was also much discussion on meet format. Steve Ciccalone said that Saturday judging historically accomplishes more. Saturday judging in the mid to late afternoon has more participation and is an interest to spectators. Discussion moved on to pros and cons of a two day meet as opposed to a three day meet; Saturday judging as opposed to Sunday judging; Saturday ride as opposed to a Sunday morning ride. Charlie made a motion to keep the current three day schedule for this year and to have board members explore options for a two day meet with judging on Saturday. Board members will meet at 3:00 PM on Saturday, August 5, 2006 at the Hebron meet. Members agreed that they enjoy the Saturday ride. Possibly we may need to leave earlier, limit rest stops, keep the ride to around two hours. Maybe have an ice cream vendor come to the fairgrounds instead of stopping on the run. The bikes could then be on display for most of the afternoon on Saturday. Having the bikes on display is a way to promote public interest in our passion for older bikes and possibly increase membership. We will have a riders meeting at 9:30 AM and plan to be on the road by 10:00 AM and be back by 12:30 PM. There were many ideas shared on how we could do this so that we can enjoy our rides and continue promoting "Ride 'Em, Don't Hide 'Em". It was noted that the numbers on our rides keep going up and this is the drawing card for our meet. At the Sterling Meet every bike that showed up went out on Critter's run! It was awesome. We do need better control at the gate. Prices for admission were set at \$5 per car, \$2 per bike and \$5 per person camping for the weekend. (Critter offered to be our "Greeter", good will ambassador...)

This year Will has a 100 year old motorcycle. Randy Walker has a 102 year old bike. Steve mentioned that there is a medallion that the National organization has given out for century old machines. He will look into this.

The Salisburys have already started planning the Autumn meet in Sterling on September 8 - 10, 2006. Barbara said that the town would like the bikes to show up again for family day.

This will be incorporated into the Saturday ride. She and Critter have some great ideas for rides again this year. Barbara also mentioned that if we wanted to continue to have the autumn meets in Sterling but wanted a different site, there is another campground (Riverbend) in town that would certainly be a good venue. It was mentioned that John Smedes had volunteered his property in Uxbridge, MA for some Chapter event. A discussion on insurance and liability in regards to having a meet on personal property ensued.

Steve had much to share on the subject of a combined meet in the northeast. He filled board members in on what is happening on the national level, within other chapters and also what may be coming down the line. He feels that we must be open minded to a super National meet in the Northeast. Dan felt that a larger meet may actually be a good thing. Larger meets may generate more interest, as people lose interest in the smaller, poorly run meets. A joint meet would allow for several chapters to have a National Meet and individual chapters to have road runs. Andy Bagas said that we need to be proactive to keep our meet viable. Randy suggested that we invite Sandbar, Empire, Colonial and Hudson Valley to come to Hebron to check out the location, have a joint board meeting and find out which chapters would be interested in a joint meet. Steve also suggested we invite the



Editors Note

As you may have noticed, this issue of the Yankee Chatter is quite late. I apologize for this shortcoming. I have taken the liberty of combining the 2005/3 issue and the 2006/1 issue. I hope that this is acceptable to our readers. Thank you for your understanding in this matter. I hope to see you on the road this spring.

Charlie

other chapters to a Sterling type event to promote an old fashioned AMCA motorcycle rally to enjoy our bikes and riding. Barbara said that there are many different opportunities to promote interest with combined meets with others. Discussion continued on how best to promote interest in the club and vintage motorcycles.

New Business: Andy told us about a Vintage motorcycle run on June 4 in Bridgewater, MA at the Biker Cafe, sponsored by Tumbleweeds MC.

Barbara Salisbury questioned whether or not we would want another postal cancellation for the Hebron meet. Charlie would be willing to help design a cancellation stamp. An envelope design could be our logo and a featured bike. If we are interested Barbara will look into it. There will be a board meeting at Oley on Friday at 3:00 PM at Randy Walker's vending location.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane

Diane Stoyanovich



From Your Treasurer

Charitable Fund

As you may know, Yankee Dave Neault was hit by a car last May. He has had a slow recovery, but is getting back on his feet. Meanwhile, his sick time ran out and the insurance company is doing it's best to avoid paying for anything (that's just what they do!) Yankee Chapter has sent a small check to help Dave and Seri through their hard times. We're looking forward to seeing Dave back in the saddle soon. You can send him words of encouragement at:

163 Center St.

Bridgewater, MA 02324

Once Upon

A Time. . . .

is brought to us by Yankee Chapter member Paul Gagnon.

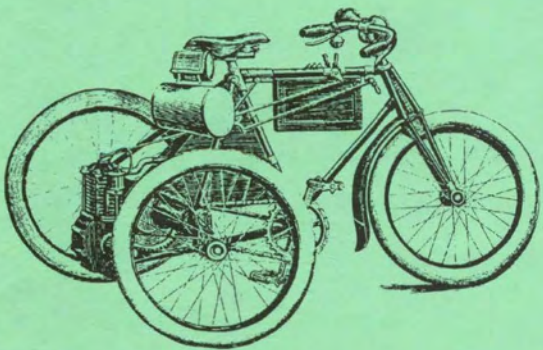


This is a photo of my mother, Rita Cyr Gagnon, taken in 1948 at Island Pond, VT when she was 18. She said she just sat on the bike for the photo.

Her two piece bathing suit was quite risqué for the time. I found this photo in a bag of pictures that she was throwing away.

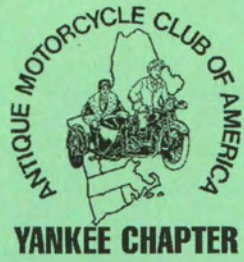
Fifty years later, in 1998, we coerced her to pose for an updated photo on Brian Guilmartin's 1936 Harley-Davidson VL.





Yankee Chapter, Inc.

Yes, that's our new status. We were notified in September that the National now requires all Chapters to be incorporated. We are no longer able to hide under the National umbrella. This move has been completed and will protect our members from the specter of awful lawsuits. Our cost for this process was \$1200, of which \$500 will be reimbursed by the National.



Charles Gallo

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