



Yankee Chatter



Spring 2016
Yankee Chapter

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Antique Motorcycle Club of America

Established 1973
Ride 'Em- Don't Hide 'Em!



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Yankee Chapter National Meet August 5 - 6, 2016

Join us on a Friday afternoon
road run through scenic
eastern Connecticut.
Bring your bikes and
RIDE 'EM.

Show off your riding skills.
Field Games
Saturday Afternoon
Special competition for
Mini-bikes

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

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

Maps and Motels
Use Google Maps
347 Gilead St.
Hebron, CT

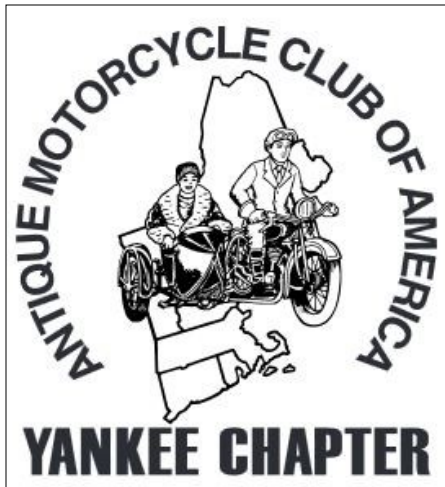
Yankee Chapter Style Judging
Saturday Afternoon
A.M.C.A. Judging Saturday Afternoon

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

**Hebron Lions
Fairgrounds
Hebron, CT**

Judging Information:
Peter MacMurray
(508) 429-4592
pjmacmurray@gmail.com
On-site registration closes
at 10:00 AM Saturday

General Info:
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Still Have Questions:
Dan Margolien
(603) 458-5013
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Director's Message

Greetings earthlings. Hope this newsletter finds you and your family well.

SORRY TO REPORT THE TUMBLEWEEDS SHOW IN TAUNTON IS CANCELLED THIS YEAR. The growth of the gathering has pressured the parking and arrangements, so the club has decided to cancel this year while they work on a new venue.

Peter MacMurray and Ted Smith will be heading down to the AMCA meet at Barber Motorsports Park May 27-29. They will be setting up a Yankee hospitality tent with some merchandise and flyers. They are trying to hook up with any other members heading down. For a good time call Ted at 203-272-6605 and Pete at 508-429-4592.

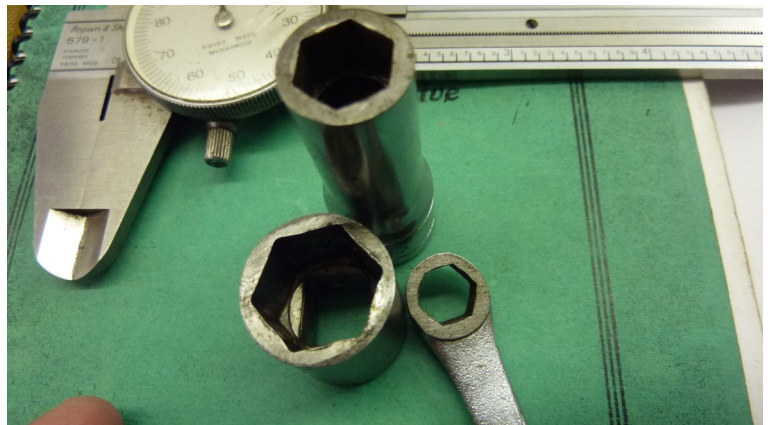
We have had a good number of new members sign up at Hebron or other events. Sometimes I get calls from them or potential members about what the club does. The key event of the chapter is our National meet, held this year August 5/6 at the Hebron Lion's Club fairground. In addition, we have 3 rides scheduled this year in May, June, and September. I encourage members that have not had a chance to make a camp and ride, try to do so- they are great fun, nice roads, meet people. If you aren't a camping type person there is usually a hotel nearby, etc. We also have meets and events we like to support such as Indian Day.

Also, if anyone wants to coordinate a ride on a given weekend, I, or other board members can contact the chapter through the email list. For example, "meet at the coffee shop at 8 am on...." Whoever shows up, rides. We really haven't done much of this, but if you would like to try, take it on.

If you are looking to contribute to the Chapter, consider being our Treasurer. The role of the Treasurer is to manage and account for our money. We have several sources of income- membership, merchandise, vending, etc. And we spend the money- newsletter, merchandise, food, etc. The Treasurer keeps detailed accounting of where the money comes from and where it goes. And they prepare some tax info to submit to our accountants. We have a chapter owned laptop computer set up to do the records. If you can do your check book, and are honest and not looking to swindle the chapter out of its hard earned funds, please step forward- you can discuss the details of the function with our current Treasurer, Rich Correia, at home at 508-999-7052, or his cell at 508-991-0403.

You might have noticed I wrote a Nuts and Bolts article in the AMCA magazine. I am going to try to keep going issue after issue. To that end, I invite you to contact me with your own tips and tricks, and restoration and maintenance ideas or questions. Perhaps I can come over and work an article around your brake job, or carb rebuild, or new wiring? Or, if you have an idea for a topic, I could follow up on that in future mags. Drop me a line or give me a call.

Here's a little tip from me: Take a look at the open end of the socket or box wrench. What do you see? Note how there is a chamfer or lead to the wall of the wrench? Now, especially on small wrenches like 1/4, 5/16, 3/8, you will find that these leads are often half of the thickness of the nuts. This sacrifices the fit and can lead to marring of the hardware. What I like to do is simply grind the end of the socket or side of the wrench to remove the lead. See the photo for clarification.



I hope I expressed my thanks to Jimmy Murdough and his fiancée Shannon LeClair for all they did to help make the Yankee Road Run possible last year!! Don't forget Jimmy runs a nice bike shop in Swanzey NH, and can help your antique and vintage and late model parts, repairs, tires, etc. Call him at 603-313-7143.

Thanks go out to Jen Goselin for her efforts produce the newsletter. Members: Why aren't you contributing an article, a photo? How about it?

Will I see you at Oley?

Will I see you at the Keene NH swap meet May 1 at the Cheshire Fairgrounds right on Rt 12?

Will I see you at the May Camp and ride in Rhode Island?

Will I see you in Maine in June ?

Regards,
Dan Margolien
Yankee Director



How do we get new people interested in the AMCA? Just do what we do best— talk about motorcycles! Jamie was out in the driveway strapping his 1945 Chief frame onto the trailer on a recent rainy afternoon. He was bringing it up to his dad's shop to put in the rebuilt engine (with new overdrive transmission) that gave out on the way home from Mohawk Park last September. I suddenly heard voices outside the kitchen window, and looked out to find Jamie chatting with our postal carrier. They talked for some time. Jamie told him about the Yankee Chapter, and gave him a copy of the last Chatter, an event postcard, and one of his many back issues of the national magazine. Hopefully we didn't keep him from his route for too long, and maybe we'll see a new member soon.

-Jen Goselin, editor-

Here's Johnny



I acquired Johnny in December of 1999 with the motor having blown crankcases. I refurbished this machine front to back, top to bottom, and side to side. This machine still looks the same as it did in the late 1940s. It has the chrome accessories package, which is peeling and cracking, and it looks great.

The last year it ran was 1983. The machine was considered a family heirloom. I consider myself lucky that the family sold it to me. Johnny was the person who rode it the longest.



Editor's Note: The pictures and story above were sent in by a Yankee Chapter member who requested not to be named.



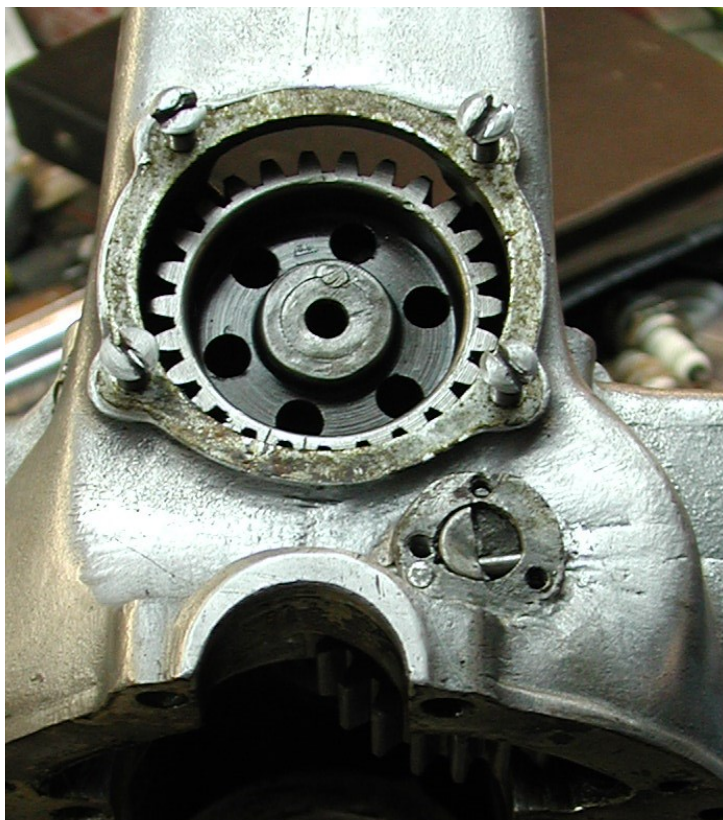
On the cover: Kevin Crowley and Rich Correia with Kevin's 1915 Henderson Model E. The bike achieved winners circle, and won the Red Wolverton award at Oley for the highest scoring bike in judging at 98.75 points. Restoration efforts by Rich, John Pierce, Dan Margolien, Dave Ciccalone, and Mike Szmyt all Yankees.

Photo by Dan Margolien

An R62 Restoration Pictorial

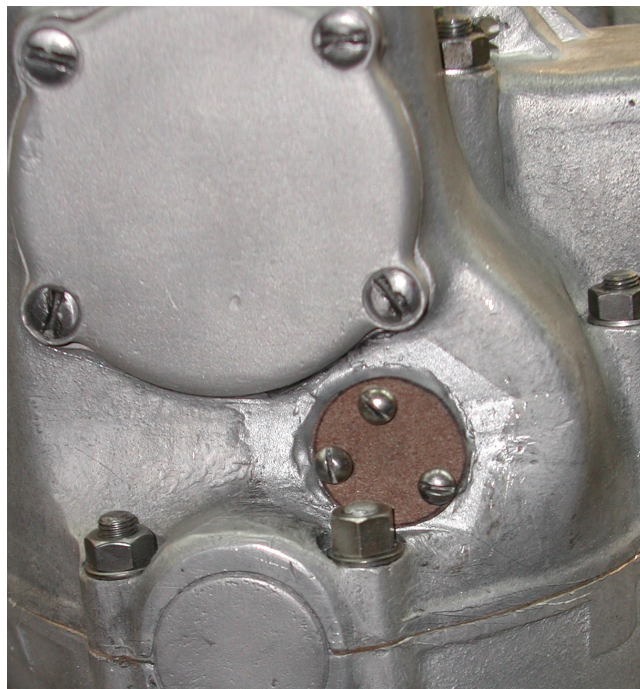
By Maine (Ted) Smith

The R62 camshaft and mag-dyne are gear driven via an idler gear mated to the crankshaft. To assure the timing gears mesh properly BMW used an eccentric shaft to position the idler gear. On the front of my engine, you can see a small round cover plate that covers the end of this eccentric shaft. This small cover is not original. It is a 'field modification' by a previous owner to both hold the eccentric in position and to prevent oil leakage.



Editor's note: This story was originally published in 2010 in the Vintage BMW Bulletin. This is the second installment of a series, to be continued over the next few issues of the Yankee Chatter. Enjoy.

When the eccentric cover is in place, there is insufficient clearance for the standard 13 mm nut. The tall nut in front of the cover was made from 316 stainless steel hex stock and nickel plated to match the remaining hardware.



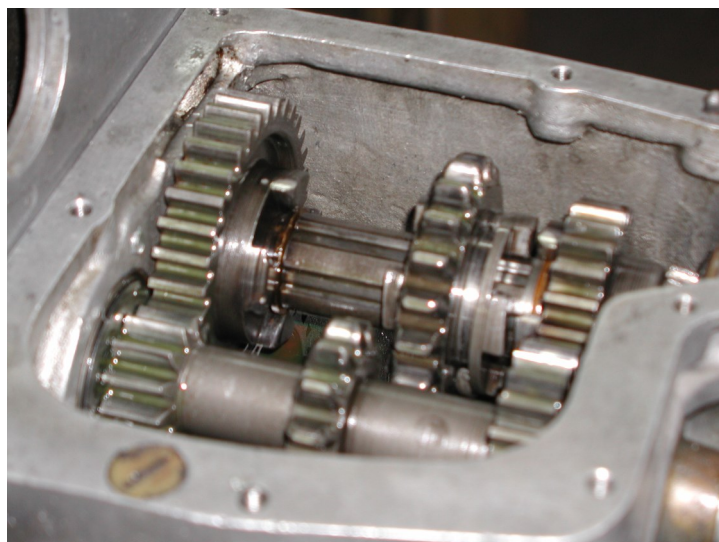
Ted's R62 has been displayed at several shows and won many awards, the most significant of which are:

- ◆ *2014 Hilton Head Island Motoring Festival and Concours d'Elegance Best in Class*
- ◆ *2014 BMW Riders at Barbers Best in Class*
- ◆ *Antique Motorcycle Club of America 99.75 points and 100 points*

Here are two pictures that were taken while the engine was coming together



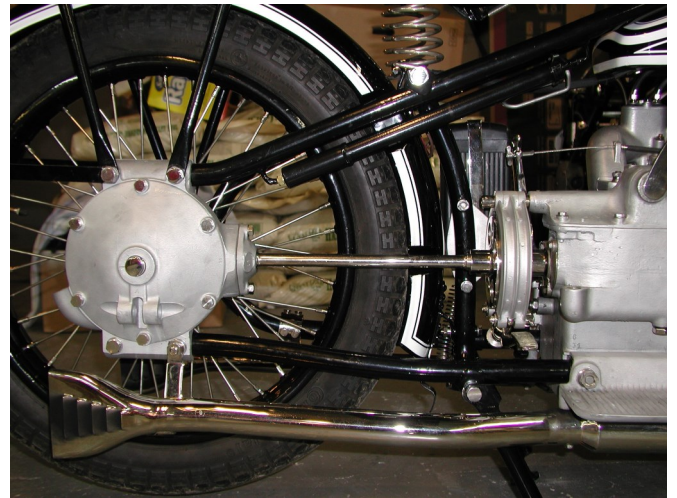
This is what the gearbox looked like after a thorough cleaning, replacement of several gear teeth and installation of new bearings.



The following picture was taken while I was fitting the drive train and making final corrections to the frame.



Late in 2009, I was able to trade the R11 brake parts and drive hub for a correct R62 brake assembly. Here is what the correct driveshaft, rear brake and final drive cover look like.



While I looked for a correct rear brake and driveshaft, I continued to use the incorrect R11 parts.



About this time, I should mention that most of the nuts bolts and hardware on this series of motorcycle are unique to these machines. These are just a few of the nuts and bolts that I made for the R62 and the World's Best R12. All of the mounting hardware on the R62 is finished with nickel plate.



Here are the front wheel axle and trailing link fork nuts...

...and the tail pipe mounting bolt.

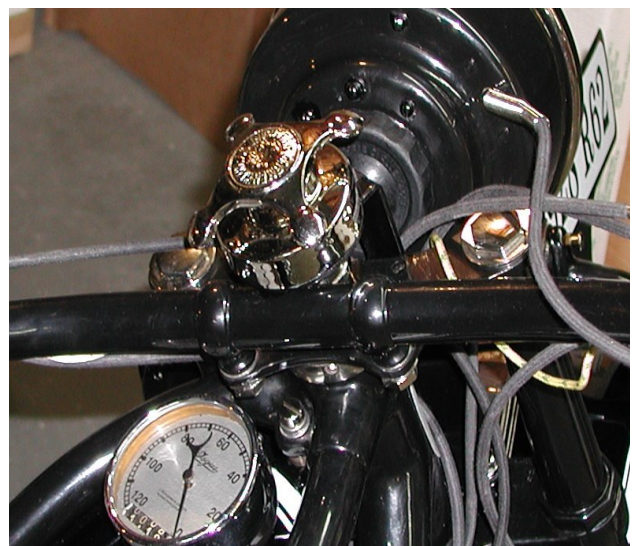
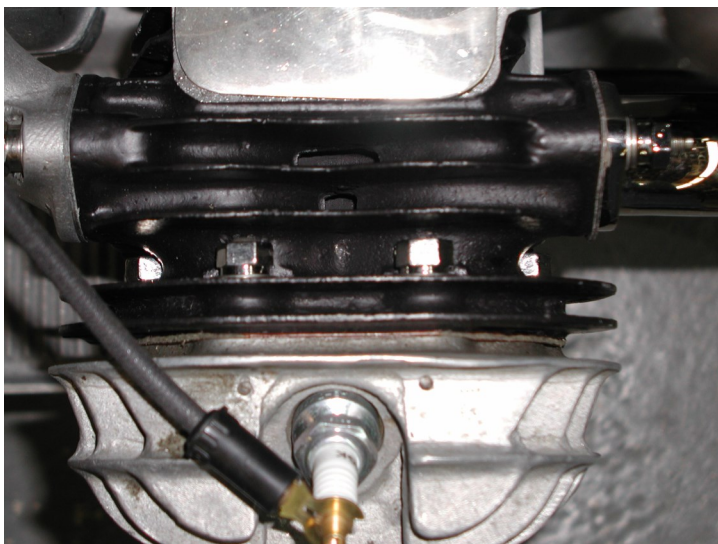


Small details become surprisingly important. This license plate was not available anywhere and had to be cut out by hand.



The steering damper is an after market product

The cylinder head nuts have a very uncommon 9mm X 1.25 thread pitch. Once again, these nuts had to be made from 14 mm 316 stainless steel hex stock and then nickel plated.



To be continued...

AMCA PERKIOMEN CHAPTER MEET OLEY, PA 2016

BY KEN HERSCHFIELD

There is a TV series on Netflix called Orange is the New Black. Apparently, when it comes to antique motorcycle meets, Wednesday is the new Thursday! I left Massachusetts at 4:45 am on Thursday morning for the long drive to the Oley, PA swap meet, arriving about 11:30. Boy was it a surprise that I and the people I was meeting with couldn't even get into the main camping area as it was already packed. I was spotted by our president, Dan Margolien, who said a few AMCA-ers had actually started setting up and camping as early as



Tuesday, and were really rolling in by Wednesday. I guess after a long winter, people were ready to do some serious shopping and vending. We had to shuffle off down the street to the "overflow" camping area, which was really just an oversized patch of grass across from the combination Oley Post Office/

Volunteer Ambulance Service. A fair number of Yankees must have been as surprised as I was, because on

one side of our setup were people from Vermont, on the other side were people from Cape Cod and the Men From Maine were just on the other side of them! Hey - at least it was pretty quiet at night.



Oley weather can run the gamut from the low 40's up to the 70's this time of year, so you need to be prepared for anything. We actually got lucky as it was closer to the top of that range when we were there, and the rain held off until very late Friday and into Saturday morning. The weather was warm and sunny for Thursday and the place was packed. I was shopping for parts for my current project and there was plenty to look at. A number of sellers had gone to the liquidation

sale of Dixie Distributing late last fall, so there was a lot available from one of the biggest parts stashes ever compiled. They told stories that made the Dixie warehouse sound like that ending scene in Raiders of the Lost Ark - pallet after pallet, 20 feet high and as far as the eye could see. If you were looking for a new scooter, there were a healthy number of machines for sale in the bike corral by the front gate, plus at about every tenth vending spot. The theme for the event was sidecars and there were a good number of hacks there.

Friday was overcast but still warm, and the shopping fun continued, but the highlight for me was Friday evening. The Reading Motorcycle Club opened their clubhouse to non-members for a buffet dinner and they had motorcycle drag races on their own racetrack. The RMC was founded in 1911 and holds



AMA Charter #4. The clubhouse is good-sized with a nice bar, pool tables and shuffleboard, plus several large display cases filled with club history - pictures, medals, trophies and other motorcycle memorabilia. After a quick look, we walked over to the track where the smell of burning rubber filled the air, along with the sounds of revving motorcycles. The track is about 1/8 mile long with a large pit area and some small bleachers on either side of the track. This was definitely not a high-pressure racing venue and everyone was there to have fun. The racers ranged from 5-year-old kids on one speed mini bikes to hopped-up Sportsters, ATV's and

even a few large displacement Japanese bikes. Since the AMCA meet was just down the road, there were also several people racing tank-shift knuckleheads. It was a good night and a good time.

I had to leave early on Saturday morning and missed the judging, but the Yankees came out on top. You may have seen an article in one of the latest AMCA magazines about Yankee Chapter member Kevin Crowley's 1915 Henderson Model E. Kevin bought the bike *decades* ago and finally got it together with the help of a number of Yankee members, including Rich Correia, John Pierce, Dan Margolien, Dave Ciccalone and Mike Szmyt (apologies if I left anyone out). The group effort on Kevin's Henderson paid off with two awards - a Winner's Circle award for the restoration, as well as the Red Wolverton award at Oley for the highest scoring bike in judging at 98.75 points. Great job everyone!

If you haven't yet been to an AMCA swap meet, your closest next chance is our own Yankee Chapter Hebron meet on August 5th and 6th. Come on down, help out at the gate or the souvenir stand, sell some parts you don't want, buy some parts you don't need, head out on Critter's Mystery Ride or just wander around and see some old friends. And next year, try to get to Oley.





RI CAMP & RIDE MAY 20 - 22, 2016

***Location: Tavern on the Hill (formerly Nutz on Nooseneck)
809 Nooseneck Hill Road, West Greenwich RI 02817***

Join us as we continue a tour of Rhode Island, stopping by the Kenyon Grist Mill and the infamous Ocean Mist.

Large field behind the Inn for camping. A shower will be available. Limited electric and water.

Directions: From 95N and 95S, take Exit 5A to Rte 102 South. Travel $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to intersection with Rte 3. Take a left onto Rte 3 North and follow 1-1/2 miles. Inn will be on the left.

Alternate directions: 395S Connecticut to Exit 88, Rte 14A, travel east 14 miles to intersection of Rte 102. Take a right onto Rte 102 S for approximately 10 miles to intersection of Rte 3. Take a left onto Rte 3 North and follow 1-1/2 miles. Inn will be on the left.

For info: Call Tom Covill (401) 397-2584; cell (401) 241-5606

Yankee Chapter Events 2016

May 20-22 Rhode Island Camp & Ride, West Greenwich RI
Contact Tom Covill 401-397-2584

June 10-12 Winslow Park Camp & Ride, Freeport ME
Contact Jim Gorman 207-831-4183

Aug 5-6 Yankee Chapter National Meet, Hebron CT
Contact Dan Margolien 603-401-8851

Sept 16-18 Berkshires Camp & Ride, Charlemont MA
Contact Jim Seidell 413-527-0421

Other Antique Motorcycle Events

May 1 Keene Swap Meet, Cheshire Fairgrounds, Swanzey NH

June 4-5 Oilers Car Club Race of Gentlemen, Wildwood NJ
Info at <http://www.theraceofgentlemen.com>

July 1-2 Rhinebeck National Meet, Rhinebeck NY
Info at <http://www.rhinebecknationalmeet.com>

July 15-17 Wauseon National Meet, Wauseon OH

July 22-23 Pioneer Valley Indian Rally, Chester MA
Contact Jim Seidell 413-527-0421

July 24 Indian Day, Springfield MA
Check for info at www.springfieldmuseums.org

Sept 30-Oct 1 Chesapeake Chapter National Meet, Jefferson PA

25th Annual International
Motorcycle & Scooter
RIDE TO WORK DAY
Monday, June 20th, 2016

ridetowork.org

Manchester Community College (CT) Credit-Free Programs seeks Instructors and Range Aides for our 2016 Motorcycle Safety Program!

Do you enjoy motorcycles? Would you like to spend some weekends outdoors involving motorcycles? Do you feel comfortable talking to people about motorcycles? Is promoting the hobby of motorcycling something you would like to do? If you answered “yes” to the above questions then perhaps you would like to become a certified motorcycle instructor or range aide. The certification course is sponsored by the CT Department of Transportation. Manchester Community College administers a CONREP Motorcycle Safety Program and classrooms on campus and two riding sites. Class size is 12 students and you can select weekends that you would like to teach.

Motorcycle Safety Instructor

Each course has a primary and an assistant instructor. Duties include but are not limited to:

- Demonstrating and conducting range exercises as outlined in the curriculum;
- Conducting classroom and range sessions;
- Riding range exercises;
- Conducting remedial training as needed;
- Evaluating students
- Ensuring that appropriate protective clothing is worn by students; and
- Checking student forms for completeness and accuracy.



Requirements are that you own and operate a street legal motorcycle and pass a training class. Training is provided by DOT. Earn \$300 - \$450 per course. For more information and to fill out an application go to www.Ride4ever.org . For more information please contact Brian Burbank, Manchester Community College Motorcycle Program Site Manager, at Rowdrunner@sbcglobal.net or 860-604-2637.

Motorcycle Safety Range Aide

Spend weekends around people that enjoy motorcycles. MCC has openings in the 2016 Motorcycle Rider Education Program for Range Aides. Duties include being able to wheel 250cc motorcycles into and out of storage container. Pick up and place small rubber traffic cones around a parking lot. Lift 5 gallon gas cans to fill gas caddy. Keep track of class progression on paper charts. May be required to do some sweeping of parking lot depending upon season. Requires commitment of entire weekend but you can choose the weekends you would like to work. Earn \$160 per course. Hours are 7:30 a.m. till 1:00 on Saturdays and 7:30 till 5:00 on Sundays. For more information please contact Brian Burbank, Manchester Community College Motorcycle Program Site Manager, at Rowdrunner@sbcglobal.net or 860-604-2637. For questions about Credit-Free Programs, contact Ann Bonney, Director, at 860-512-2822 or abonney@manchestercc.edu .



**Want to promote your event, sell your bike, or just share a good story?
Contributions to the Yankee Chatter accepted at any time.**

**Photos, articles, flyers, ads, questions,
and any other content can be sent to:**

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Northfield MA 01360
413-325-8355
refined_edge@yahoo.com**

Submission Deadline for next issue is JULY 24, 2016

42nd Annual Spring Swap Meet

MOTORCYCLE
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Keene, New Hampshire
New England's Oldest Swap Meet

May 1, 2016

Sunday 9:00 - 5:00 Rain or Shine

**Cheshire
Fairgrounds**
Route 12 South - Keene, NH



General Admission \$8 or 2 for \$15

Vendor Space 15 x 22' \$45

Inside Spots 10 x 10' \$45

Truck & Trailer is considered 2 spots

Vendors do not need to reserve spots

- ★ No Pets
- ★ No Alcohol Allowed
- ★ No Overnight Camping Allowed
- ★ No Tattoo Artist (Town Ordinance)
- ★ Food Vendors on Premises

Gates open at 6:00 AM for Dealers

For more information call 603-352-7140

motorcycleswapmeet@yahoo.com

Plan for the next one: September 25, 2016



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For full Road Run information and registration visit:

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- *General Info*
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Email or call: larry.offill@gmail.com - (828) 234-3936

Blast from the Past

Yankee Chapter History



10 years ago...
From the Spring 2006 issue of the Yankee Chatter, Hebron Award Winners



30 years ago...
From the Spring 1986 issue of the Yankee Chatter, Jim and Linda Casey at the Hebron Meet

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.



Antique Motorcycle Show and Swap Meet

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All brands, all models welcomed! 35 years or older

Rusty, Crusty, Bobber, Chopper, Original or Restored, running or not! Bring 'em out for display Ride 'em in or Haul 'em in for FREE admission

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