



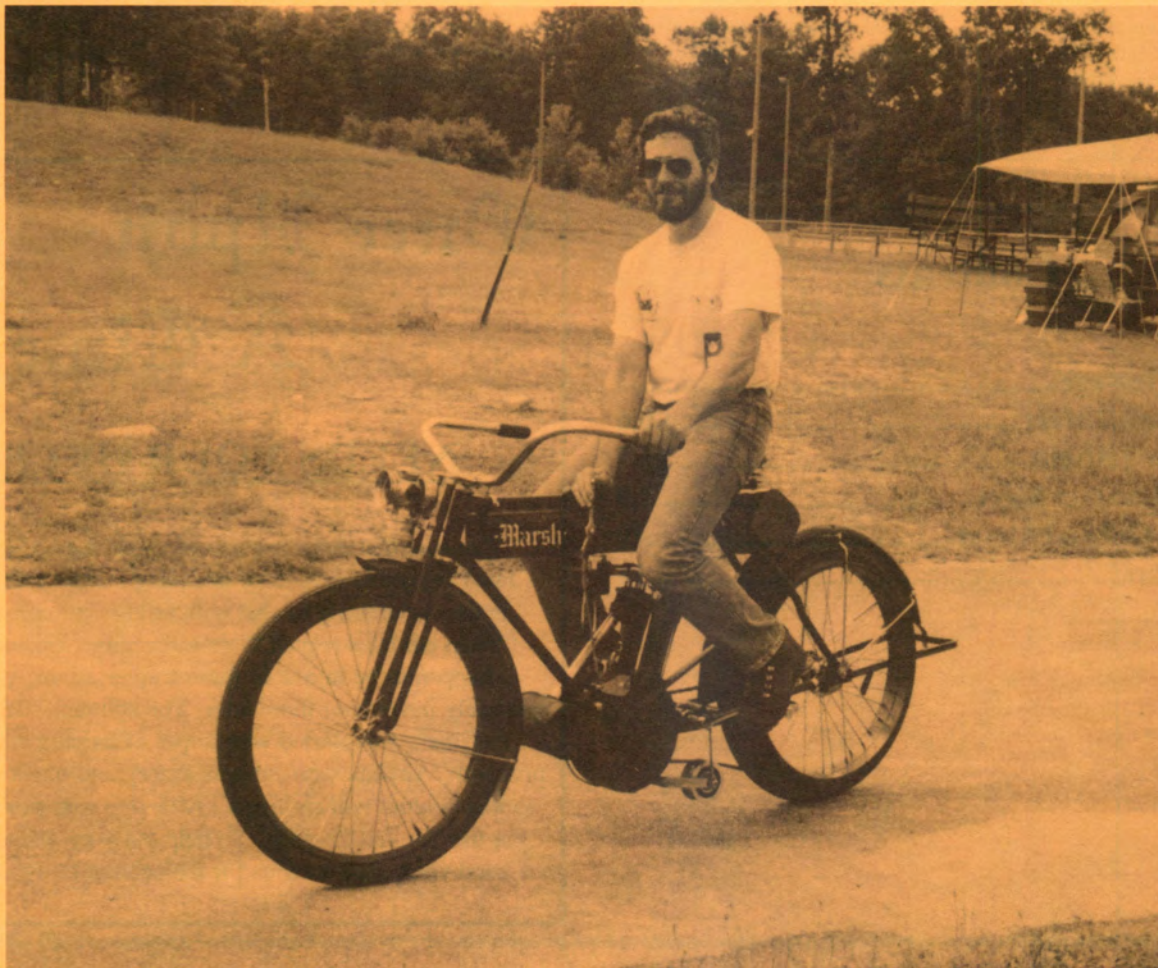
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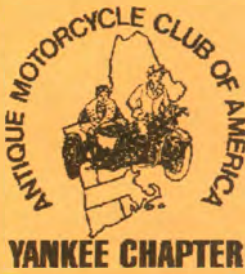
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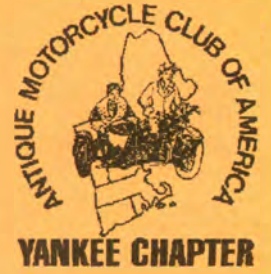
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Randy Walker Captures Giles J. Adams Award

The judges selected Randy Walker's 1904 Marsh as the best running motorcycle in the antique class at the Yankee Chapter's Autumn Meet held at the Hamilton Rod and Gun Club in Sturbridge, MA on September 9-10, 1997.



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Once Upon A Time, NEEDS YOUR HELP !

I'm sure that everyone would agree that one of the most enjoyable aspects of attending motorcycle events is the opportunity to chat with fellow enthusiasts and swap tall tales related to motorcycling. Unless you happen to be in one of these conversations, you'll probably never hear these tales. The column, "Once Upon A Time", was started with hopes of helping with that problem. Anyone who submits a story and has it published in this column will receive a FREE one year membership in the Yankee Chapter. So help out your chapter and send your contributions for the column to the editor.

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Director's Message

Well, unfortunately, 1997 seems to be coming to a rapid end, and winter will soon be upon us. For me, 1997 has been a banner year, full of outstanding motorcycle activities. I was unable to make it to as many AMC meets as I would've liked, but enjoyed many days of riding here in New England with fellow Yankees, touring the back roads on old motorcycles - what fun!

I'm glad I made it to Sturbridge, though. What a great time. We had lots of vendors, great weather, good food and company along with a great assortment of motorcycles and scooters on hand for the weekend. As usual things were laid back and a good time was had by all who attended.

Jessie and Kamora get ready for a cruise around the grounds at Sturbridge with Jessie's 1951 Cushman sidecar rig.

Looking ahead, the X-mas party is scheduled for Sunday, December 7 at noon to be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Oxford, MA. It is the usual pot-luck affair. Bring yourself, your friends and a specialty dish to share. If you don't feel like cooking, I'm sure there will be plenty of food for everyone, so just come and enjoy yourself.

This is an election year for the Yankee Chapter. Elections will be held at the X-mas party along with a brief business meeting. If you are interested in becoming more involved this is your big chance - don't be bashful. New ideas, blood and energy are a good thing. Some of us are growing weary and would welcome any and all who would be interested in becoming a Yankee officer. If you're interested and would like to know more about what being a Yankee officer entails, feel free to call me.

Once again, I would like to thank everyone who helped out at the Yankee meets this year. You've all played an important part in the wheels that make Yankee chapter run smoothly, thus holding it all together.

See you at the X-mas party!

Jessie



Fred Heinzer Photo



**Yankee Chapter
National AMCA Meet
August 1-3, 1997**

Tom Woodward Photos



Peter Esposito rides past the registration booth on his 1957 Harley-Davidson FL.



Dennis D'Angelo has every reason to be proud of his 1948 Harley-Davidson FL which he finished just in time to bring to the meet. He received a Junior First award for his efforts.



The award winners gather behind David McGraw's 1928 Harley-Davidson peashooter and Edwin Pratt's 1938 Crocker for this group photo.

A group of riders leaves the Bidwell Tavern, the midpoint of Saturday's fifty mile road run through scenic Eastern Connecticut. The break gave participants a chance to sample the 24 varieties of Buffalo wings and various brews.



A group of Yanks take a break at Coventry Lake during a warm weekend at Hebron.

Robin Markey points out a number of unique features on a Harley-Davidson, photographed at the Hebron meet, to bemused Yankee Chapter judges Marty Hansen, Charlie Gallo and "Rat" Scherk.



Antique Motorcycle Club of America Hebron, Connecticut Awards August 1-3, 1997



National Awards

Winners Circle

Dean & Jeanine Black	1949 Indian Silver Arrow
Kenneth Kowal	1946 Whizzer
John Kowal	1946 Whizzer
Dean Black	1951 Indian Warrior TT
Tom Payne	1934 Harley-Davidson VD
John Dufilie	1946 Indian Chief
John Dufile	1942 Indian Chief
John Dufile	1940 Indian Chief
Penny Nickerson	1918 Cleveland Single
Michael Goldstein	1947 Harley-Davidson WL
Dennis Craig	1951 Indian Chief
Raymond Dhue	1959 Ariel Square Four

Junior First

Kenneth Kowal	1955 Simplex Automatic
Edwin Pratt, Jr.	1938 Crocker
Rick Forgue	1947 Harley-Davidson EL
Alex Lindemann	1937 Harley-Davidson
Paul Zavodjancik	1954 Harley-Davidson FL
F. Shane Rose	1941 Harley-Davidson FL
Scott Blessington	1936 Harley-Davidson Servi-Car
Dennis D'Angelo	1948 Harley-Davidson FL
John Kowal	1949 Simplex L
Michael Rufino	1948 Harley-Davidson FL
Daniel Targomen	1947 Indian Chief
David McGraw	1928 Harley Davidson Peashooter
Chris Atwood	1948 Harley-Davidson FL

Senior

Ed Zimmerman	1951 Indian Chief
Gary Wellin	1958 Harley-Davidson FLH
Mike Hebert	1954 Harley-Davidson FLE
Thomas Campbell	1950 Matchless G80S Clubman
Joseph Depinto	1948 Indian Chief

Junior Second

Rick Forgue	1946 Harley-Davidson UL
Edwin Pratt, Jr.	1946 Harley-Davidson EL
Raymond Palumbo	1938 Indian Chief
Dean Black	1941 Indian Chief with sidecar



Chapter Awards

Oldest Motorcycle
Longest Distance Ridden I
Longest Distance Ridden II
Longest Distance Ridden III
Most Unique I
Most Unique II

Penny Nickerson
Brent Dugan
Raymond Dhue
Daniel Torgomen
Edwin Pratt, Jr.
David McGraw

1918 Cleveland Single
1946 Indian Chief - 344 miles
1959 Ariel Square Four - 204 miles
1947 Indian Chief
1938 Crocker
1928 Harley-Davidson Peashooter



Road Run Awards

Oldest Motorcycle
Most Unique
Most Original
Best Equipped
Most Comfortable
Best For Road Run

Brian Guilmartin
Edwin Pratt, Jr.
Bruce Lindsay
Ed Schilling
Tim Gottier
Mike Lingley

1928 Harley-Davidson JD
1938 Crocker
1934 Harley-Davidson Servi-car
1964 Harley-Davidson Servi-car
1946 Harley-Davidson EL with sidecar
1959 Harley-Davidson FLH

YANKS Out And About

Photos by Sandy Gallo

Willie Campbell demonstrates a typical use for Harley Tool #1, while his dad, Bill Campbell, looks on.



Anyone entering the back gate at Jim Darby's Stafford Springs Swap Meet found Duane Brown and Jim Darby conversing with Rhonda.

Tim Gottier concentrates on dropping a clothespin into a milk jug at the Empire Chapter's meet in Brookfield, NY. Tim rode his 1946 Harley-Davidson sidecar rig to the meet. He removed the sidecar to participate in the field games, then reinstalled it for the ride back home. Tim won the plank ride event. Not bad for a three-wheel guy!





YANKEE CHAPTER AUTUMN MEET STURBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS SEPTEMBER 6-7, 1996

Awards List

Giles Adams Memorial Award
Best Import
Most Original Lightweight
Most Original Harley-Davidson
Most Original Indian
Most Original Antique
Most Ridden
Best Harley-Davidson
Best Indian
Best Custom Lightweight
Judge's Choice
Oldest
Most Fun Bike

Randy Walker
Paul Bergeron
Ken Kowal
Tim Gottier
Jay Greski
Joe Moulton
Tom Payne
Peter Bergeron
Jerry Nuppula
Bob Phillips
Bob Phillips
Randy Walker
Jessie Aikman

1904 Marsh
1952 TRW
1955 Simplex
1946 Harley-Davidson EL with sidecar
1937 Indian Dispatch Tow
1913 Excelsior
1934 Harley-Davidson VD
1942 Harley-Davidson WLA
1931 Indian 101 Scout
1963 Cushman
1957 Cushman
1904 Marsh
1951 Cushman with sidecar

Bob Frink Photo





Jay Greski brought his 1937 Indian Dispatch Tow to Sturbridge and captured an award for most original Indian.

Fred Heinzer Photo

Joe Moulton, a former Giles J. Adams Award winner, shows off his "new" bike, a 1948 Indian Chief.



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Bob Phillips brought a collection of Cushman scooters to Sturbridge. He captured several awards and dazzled everyone with the creativity and attention to detail of his creations.

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YANKS Out And About

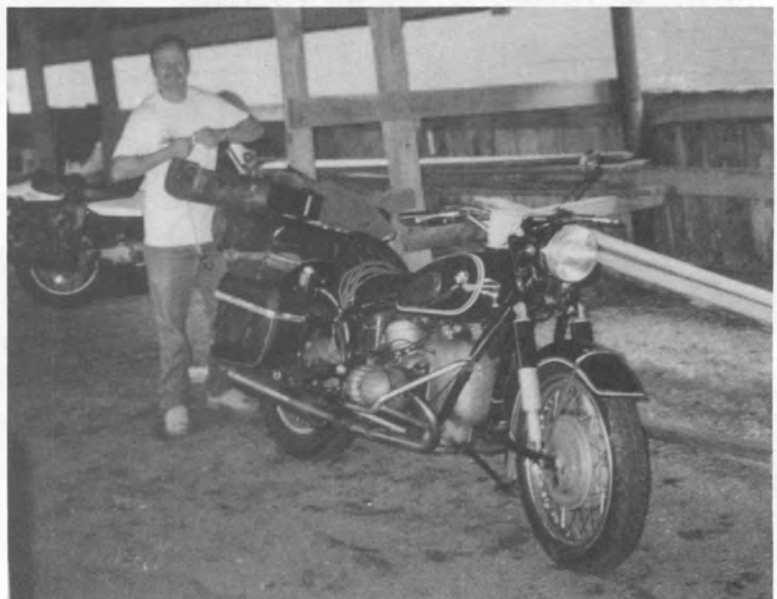
Photos by Sandy Gallo

Vic Northey is a familiar sight at many motorcycle events. This photograph was taken at Hebron, while Vic was recounting one of his recent adventures.



Frank Westfall had his 1917 Henderson at the Empire Chapter's National Meet in Brookfield, NY. He was about to fire up this sweet running machine for a cruise around the grounds.

Russell "Weasel" Luther straps his many bargain basement purchases onto his R60 BMW prior to heading home from the Empire Chapter's National Meet. When he left the meet, his odometer was just seven miles shy of the one hundred thousand mile mark.



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