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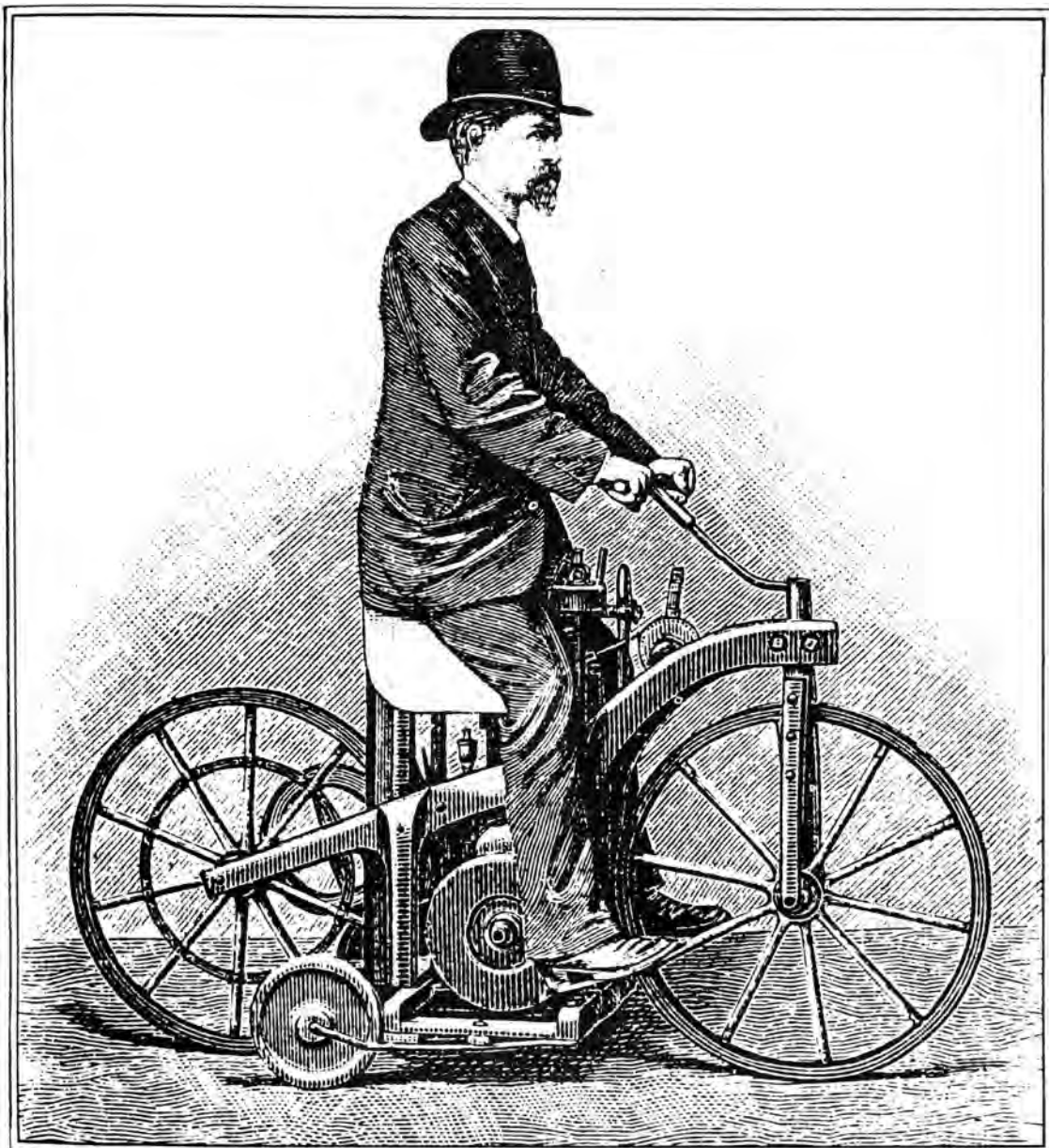


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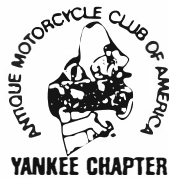
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## 100 Years Ago

The cover of this issue of YANKEE CHATTER was chosen to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the invention of the motorcycle.

In the year 1885, Gottlieb Daimler (1834-1900) and his associate, Wilhelm Maybach (1846-1929), working secretly in Daimler's garden workshop at Canstatt, Germany, designed and built a 264 cc single cylinder, air-cooled, internal combustion engine based on Dr. Nicholas A. Otto's (1832-1890) four-stroke principle. Since this engine was too small to power a heavy carriage, they then constructed the two-wheeled test bed which they called "Einspur", meaning one track; and it is interesting to note that on the patent papers Daimler identified this invention as "Reitwagen" for riding wagon or saddle wagon.

The engine was capable of up to 800 rpm, depending on which writer you choose to accept - some say 600, others say 750 to 800, and some say 750 rpm. Most are agreed, however, that it could produce about one-half horsepower.

The two dolly wheels, which somewhat contradict the two-wheel configuration of the "Einspur" were attached as steadying devices for the heavy wooden and iron machine when moving at low speeds, and are not generally considered as part of the running gear.

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Applicants wishing to join the YANKEE Chapter must FIRST be members in good standing of the National AMC of A; however, applicants may apply for both memberships to the Chapter Secretary/Treasurer at any time. National AMC of A membership dues for the year 1985 are \$ 15.00.

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by George L. Yarocki

NATIONAL AMC of A Membership Applications - Please change the mailing address on any old National AMC of A Membership Applications which you may have in your files. They will no longer be submitted to "Bud" Cox. If you remit your National dues along with your Chapter dues to the Secretary/Treasurer of YANKEE Chapter, it will be taken care of automatically; however, if you send them directly to National, be sure to mail them to:

Dick Winger  
2008 Fitchburg Road  
Stockbridge, Michigan 39285

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## FOUND MOTORCYCLE

Many thanks to all our neighboring Chapters and "The Antique Motorcycle" for picking up and publishing our SOS about Frank Adams' stolen HARLEY-DAVIDSON. We are happy to report that it has been FOUND! No details relating to the theft nor the return are available for publication at this time, but we do know that it has been FOUND.

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*Lynn Barnes fires off a shot in the TIRE THROW GAME as Len Amidon pilots his 1929 HENDERSON past the pole at Acton, Maine on June 29, 1985.*

HENRY WING, Jr. - Although Mr. Wing's passing has been reported in "The Antique Motorcycle" as well as "The MOTORCYCLIST'S POST", we include the following notice which was submitted by YANKEE Chapter member Dick Sharland.

## Henry Wing Jr., 69

### Headed firm in Greenfield

GREENFIELD - Henry C. Wing Jr., 69, of Pearce street died Wednesday. He had been ill with cancer.

Born in Greenfield, he was the owner of Chauncey Wings' Sons Inc., a small manufacturing business begun by his grandfather, Chauncey Wing, who was an inventor, patternmaker, and mechanical artisan. His father, Henry C. Wing Sr., carried on the business, which has produced label addressing machines for publishers for nearly 100 years. Other products the firm has produced include automobiles, grinding machines, and two-way radios.

Mr. Wing, a graduate of Purdue University, had a keen knowledge of mechanics, engineering and historical technology. He was frequently asked for advice and help in restoring and repairing objects ranging from antique automobiles and watches to early machinery.

One of his pursuits was collecting and studying American manufactured items. The history of local industries was a specialty and he worked with the Greenfield Historical Society and other collectors. He was member of the Ornamental Turning Society, the National Assn. of Watch and Clock Collectors and other groups with technical interests.

Besides his wife, Janice (Knapp), he leaves a son, Donald B. of Marion, a sister, Betsy Gill of Pensacola, Fla., and a grandson.

Services will be held tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. at the Walker Funeral Home in Greenfield.

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**The Boston Globe**

Friday, May 31, 1985

# YANKEE CHAPTER NATIONAL MEET

1985

## JUNE 29th - 30th ACTON FAIRGROUNDS ACTON, MAINE

*(Editor's Note: Although this report is similar to the one submitted to "The ANTIQUE MOTORCYCLE" it has been expanded to include greater coverage of some topics as well as pictures which are of interest mostly to YANKEE Chapter members; also, some information was received after the National report had been sent in.)*

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Question: "And what is so rare as a day in June?" - James Russell Lowell, *New England Poet (1819-1891)*.

Answer: "TWO days in June!"

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Two days in June 1985 - the 29th and 30th; and rare days, too, because after several days of cloudy and wet weather both of these rare days became sunny with fleecy white clouds providing the ideal climate for our YANKEE Chapter's National AMC of A Meet at the fairgrounds in Acton, Maine. Two large buildings were available for housing, displaying and sheltering the machines, along with much sheltered (roofed over) space with straw-lined floors for tent campers. Those who made use of this last facility commented that the straw bedding was ideal for sleeping purposes. A large dirt track oval, approximately one mile in length was also available for qualified riders.

Exhibitors, participants, campers and flea market vendors (24 in all) began arriving Friday afternoon and the chatter was mostly concerned with motorcycles of the past, punctuated with tall tales of exciting adventures and experiences. To ward off the chill of the evening and add a bit of comfort for those derring-do riders who braved Friday's wind and rain to get to our Meet, Jessie Aikman, our Banquet Chairman, and her helpers had prepared a large kettle of chicken soup served up in styro-foam cups, which generated some useful cash donations for our Club treasury.

On Saturday morning the weather had cleared and as the day warmed up activities began in earnest. Excellent breakfast dishes were provided by the 4-H Club group who catered for the Meet throughout the weekend serving coffee, soft drinks and nourishing meals at very low prices.

Gate control and other check points were continuously manned during the Meet and many YANKEE Chapter members pitched in for tours of duty in these assignments. The main entrance gate was closed at midnight. The track saw much use during daylight hours and many machines were "checked out". Track use was limited to properly licensed AMC of A members and helmets were required along with track passes.

The Saturday afternoon games included the following:

Wiener Bite Game - Won by the team of Len Amidon and Lynn Barnes

Tire Throw Game - Won by the team of Jessie Aikman and Melanie Everson

Plank Ride - Won by Dennis Craig, Colonial Chapter  
Director

Blind Sidecar Drive - Won by the team of John Pierce and Dave Roberts

Just for Kicks Competition - Won by Karl Nagy

The Banquet on Saturday evening was served to 115 good folks in one of the large buildings, and there was enough barbecued chicken and salad for many to enjoy second helpings. The original Banquet price (\$ 10.00) was reduced to \$ 8.00 per person (\$ 4.00 for children), since the cost was not as great as initially anticipated. After this bounteous feast, YANKEE Chapter Director, John Pierce and National Chief Judge, "Doc" Patt, both spoke briefly about 'old' news and 'new' news and upcoming events. At 9:00 PM movies (furnished by Harbor Vintage Motor Co.) of old hillclimb and scrambles races were shown with others including one called the "baloney swat" movie in which passengers tried to swat other bike riders and passengers with a large baloney - an earlier and seemingly more vicious version of the Wiener Bite game perhaps.

Sunday morning at 10 o'clock the 10-mile Road Run was held with about 20 pre-1953 machines participating, including at least three sidecar rigs and some machines with "two up". Danny Whitcomb lead the group.

Immediately following the return of the "Road Runners", machines were lined up for judging in the fenced off show ring. Upon registration all entrants had received a participation plaque with the new YANKEE Chapter logo in blue on a silvery mirror-finish background. A total of 51 machines were entered, 20 of which were in the Post Antique Class. In all, 27 trophies were awarded, announced by National AMC of A Chief Judge "Doc" Patt, with presentations to the winners by National AMC of A Vice-President George L. Yarocki. The first trophy awarded (starting from the bottom of the list) was to Fred Hirsch for his Most Unique 1947 VELO-SOLEX (French) powercycle. In making the presentation "Doc" Patt stated that, "Fred is unique himself, and we know he comes from a unique town. The word 'unique' is from the Latin word 'unis' which means one; and the Latin word 'equine' means horse - Fred comes from a one-horse town."

Two other clubs, the 101 Association and the New Hampshire Chapter of the British Iron Association exhibited displays which included INDIAN "Scout" models and some very fine English machines.

An extensive collection of antique motorcycle plates, owned by YANKEE Chapter member Mike Hassem, was also on view in the exhibition building.

Frank Adams, veteran motorcycle rider (1923 Reading Standard) and long-time YANKEE Chapter member, arrived by automobile and told us that his 1923 HARLEY-DAVIDSON had been located and would soon be returned.

Many items with the new YANKEE Chapter logo on them were for sale at the Registration Desk including styrofoam drink huggers in blue and white, T-shirts which sold out completely, and new Club pins.

Among the spectator machines that were ridden or just brought for show was a MARMAN twin-cylinder powercycle. This machine was manufactured by Zeppo Marx, of the famous Marx Brothers, and his partner. The MAR of MARMAN are the first three letters of his name.

Another interesting machine observed in the motorcycle parking lot was a 350 cc transverse V-twin VICTORIA "Bergmeister". This unusual machine does not have a gearbox, as such, although it does have a transmission which is correctly identified as a chain speedbox since it contains chains and sprockets, and is completely silent.

## Director's Message

Fellow YANKEE Members,

Despite physical threats from our Editor (who can't edit until he has something to edit) I have held off writing this message, and I smile as I do so because I am writing it at the home of Beth and Bernie MacDonald (two "what's-mine-is-yours" types) in northern Nova Scotia.

To start with I'd like to thank all of the people who helped at Acton as well as those who attended, including Chapter and National members, all of the new people, the townspeople, the Acton Police Department and the 4-H Club folks who catered at the refreshment stand.

YANKEE Chapter is a tough act to follow; but, I've known this for years! We had over 800 in attendance during the weekend which began on Friday afternoon. Several new memberships were accepted and ably handled by the ladies at the Registration Desk. Yes, this Meet was a real success on any scale (*See details elsewhere in this issue.* .Ed.).

Now, back to my Nova Scotia experience. I have long wanted to check out the antique motorcycle scene in Nova Scotia as well as try to illustrate to others that the time and effort spent restoring an old bike has a practical side as well as some hobby satisfaction. With this thought in mind I packed old Floyd, my 1941 74 cubic inch flathead, and started north for a whole week - solo, too, I might add.

All along the route Floyd was the center of attraction and the object of much conversation and many photographs. No one took any pictures of me - just Floyd (? ?). There are some antique motorcycle enthusiasts in Glace Bay, Cape Breton, Antigonish and Halifax, Nova Scotia. I detected some lively interest in our Club's operation and I'm sure that some of these folks may apply for membership. If this does come about, YANKEE could become an International Chapter - perhaps the first!

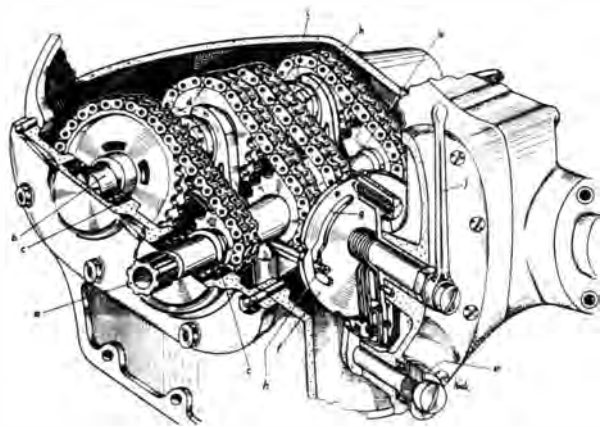
Most of the older men with whom I talked, told me various accounts of their military service on HARLEY-DAVIDSONS, or remembered tales about their father's INDIAN. I have visited this area four times and have always found the residents to be very warm and friendly. The scenery is a breath-taking ocean/mountain combination.

At this point, 1900 miles from home, Floyd was still acting like a perfect gentleman - no surprise really. My own story is not unique, however, since I have picked up the grapevine reports of various other Chapter adventurers, including Mike and Pat Hebert from Vermont, Wray Murdough and several others from New Hampshire, Charlie Haskins from Massachusetts, Karl Nagy from Rhode Island, and George and Milli Yarocki from Connecticut who went out to Colorado and rode their INDIAN "Scout" in the Rocky Mountain Run.

It is always great fun to observe the reactions of casual bystanders when they learn the answer to their question, "What is the year of your mount?" Immediately, you read complete disbelief in their expressions. Then they observe that you are "quite mad", or as sometimes happens, sheer envy creeps over them and they wish they were in your shoes.

Enjoy the summer.

John Pierce  
Chapter Director



Chain speedbox of the 350 cc V-twin VICTORIA "Bergmeister"

It was interesting to note the inter-Chapter participation at this Meet. Several members from our neighboring Chapters (EMPIRE, COLONIAL and PERKIOMEN) showed up along with others not identified. It was also noted that four AMC of A Chapter Directors attended, took part in the activities, and each carried home a trophy or two. They were: John Pierce, YANKEE Chapter; Curt Bunce, EMPIRE Chapter; Dennis Craig, COLONIAL Chapter; and Bill Patt, PERKIOMEN Chapter.

Aside from all the good reports which have reached us from various sources around the country, we also had some on-site compliments from local folks. Acton Police Chief, Frank Gemelli, stated that we were well behaved and self-policed. He enjoyed his visit and tour of duty with us looking at old bikes and talking to antique motorcycle buffs. Another fine comment was received from the head of the 4-H Club who catered the Meet. She stated that of all the groups they have catered to, we were the nicest. Observations such as these speak well for the attitude and conduct displayed by our AMC of A and its Chapter members and it pleases us to know that someone is noticing and appreciating our efforts.

We were pleasantly surprised to see Helga Clemann, from Harmony, New Jersey at our Meet. Helga is a member of the COLONIAL Chapter, an ex-welder and veteran motorcycle rider who owns four different HARLEY-DAVIDSONS for her personal pleasure. Our old friend "Lucky" Thibeault, who used to ride the old motor dromes on INDIAN 101 Scouts, doing his own repair work and swapping parts back and forth to keep the show going, also showed up with a few "items."

With all due consideration and respect for past performances by dedicated people, this Meet was the absolute best that YANKEE Chapter has ever hosted. Very noticeable was the enthusiasm and willingness by all of the Chapter members to serve wherever and whenever needed. This 100th Anniversary of the invention of the motorcycle must have brought some magic with it - other Chapters are reporting that their 1985 National Meet was the "best ever".

To list all of the individual names and thank everyone who assisted in any way in making this Meet so great would be like publishing the complete Club membership roster. We all know who we are and we can all take our own individual bows. Suffice it to say simply, "THANK YOU, YANKEE Chapter."

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A whole gang of Trophy  
Winners - Acton, Maine  
June 30, 1985.

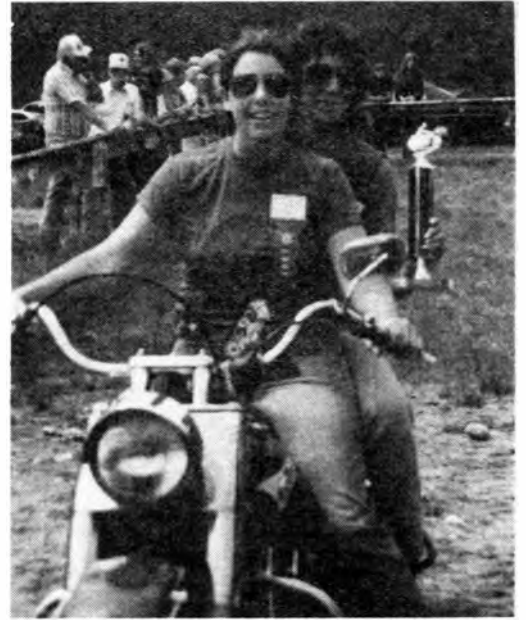




TIRE THROW GAME

Left: The Winnig Shot  
and

Right: The Winning team,  
Jessie Aikman and  
Melanie Everson shown here  
on Jessie's 1955, 1200 cc  
FLH HARLEY-DAVIDSON.



**YANKEE CHAPTER  
NATIONAL MEET**

1985

**JUNE 29th - 30th  
ACTON FAIRGROUNDS  
ACTON, MAINE**



*Jim Costa, left, congratulates Karl Nagy, Winner of the JUST for KICKS COMPETITION.*



All  
photos  
by  
"Torch"  
Neill



*"I think she's got it!"*

*Len Amidon and Lynn Barnes, Winning team in the WIENER BITE GAME.*



## 100 Years Ago

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An interesting story concerns Daimler's son Paul, who at the age of 17, is said to have ridden the "Einspur" for a distance of 7.5 miles on November 10, 1885, during which time the saddle caught fire because of its nearness to the top of the engine's cylinder. It is also alleged that Frau Daimler assisted her son in this escapade without the knowledge of Herr Daimler!

Another story asserts that Wilhelm Maybach first rode the "Einspur" in November 1886, but this is assumed to be a 'typo' error in printing the year as 1886 instead of 1885.

Be all this as it may, much has been written about this primitive but very real mechanical invention and we know, sadly, that the original "Einspur" was destroyed in the great fire which swept the Daimler factory in 1903. Several replicas<sup>1</sup> were constructed by Daimler factory workers in 1906, and these are exhibited in various museums around the world; and there are several other reproductions<sup>2</sup> of more recent construction.

In 1974, AMC of A member Ken Williams exhibited his reproduction of the "Einspur" at YANKEE Chapter's Spring Meet, held at the Larz Anderson Museum of Transportation in Brookline, Massachusetts on May 25; and again at SEABOARD Chapter's National Meet at Fort Mott, New Jersey, on June 1-2.

Another recent reproduction of the "Einspur" has been built by an Ohio engine collector, Ray Behner, and MAUMEE VALLEY Chapter members arranged for him to exhibit this machine at their National Meet in Wauseon, Ohio on July 20-21, 1985, as part of their commemorative program. Also, as part of this same program, their member Bill Bond has designed a special 100th-year Commemorative Pin, which should be of interest to all AMC of A members.

- 1 - A replica is a copy or duplicate made by the original manufacturer or builder.
- 2 - A reproduction is a copy or duplicate made by someone other than the original manufacturer or builder.

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## Editor's Notes

and Other Nonsense

Judging Sheet - Although no mention was made of it in the text of the newsletter for SPRING 1985 (YC No. 85-2), a copy of the Judging Sheet which was to be used at the Acton, Maine NATIONAL Meet was included for the general information and guidance of our YANKEE Chapter members.

NATIONAL AMC of A Constitution and Bylaws - Another special service to our YANKEE Chapter members was the inclusion of a copy of the NATIONAL AMC of A's Constitution and Bylaws in the SPRING issue of YANKEE CHATTER. These copies were prepared and supplied to us by Pat Hebert of Jonesville, Vermont, and her effort is much appreciated.

MOTORCYKELHISTORISKA Klubben - The motorcycle silhouette which appears on page 7 of the SPRING issue of YANKEE CHATTER was 'borrowed' from the Swedish antique motorcycle club's publication MOTORCYKELHISTORISKA Klubben (*Historical Motorcycle Club*). YANKEE Chapter's Editor enjoys correspondence with a member of the Swedish organization, Olle Ridelius, and we have arranged to exchange copies of our newsletter and other publications.

MOTORCYKELHISTORISKA Klubben is printed in the Swedish language (what else?) on slick paper, with type-set copy-8½" x 12" format, averaging 30 pages per issue about five

times a year; and the quality of the photo reproductions is superb, especially with the antique photographs. It is also very interesting to note the number of American machines that appear in MOTORCYKELHISTORISKA Klubben's members' private collections.

Worthy MOTORCYCLE PUBLICATION - Our YANKEE Chapter enjoys some excellent publicity within the motorcycle fraternity through the monthly newspaper "The MOTORCYCLIST'S POST", which is exclusively devoted to all phases of motorcycle activity. John Pierce, YANKEE Chapter's Director, writes a monthly column for the Post entitled "The Antique Corner".

This year has been a bonus year for Chapter publicity and especially so for our Acton, Maine NATIONAL Meet - the June issue of the Post contained a large ad announcing the Meet, and the July and August issues both contained several pages of photographs and reports.

"The MOTORCYCLIST'S POST" is published by Bob Frink in Rochdale, Massachusetts, and for the benefit of those who are not easily able to obtain copies at their neighborhood motorcycle shops, a subscription form is included in this issue.

Frank Adams' HARLEY-DAVIDSON - As noted under National News, Frank's bike has been found. A comment worth repeating here was made to me at the recent Schenectady Meet held by EMPIRE Chapter. Don Switter observed that there is real value to belonging to a National organization with active members and chapters, because in a case such as this one many eyes and minds are alerted and watchful. In short, many packs of hounds seek the fox.

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YANKEE Chapter National  
Acton, Maine

(This report covering the 377-mile ride which won him the Longest Distance Trophy in his class, was written by Dennis Craig, Director of the COLONIAL Chapter, AMC of A, and was published in that Chapter's newsletter No. 18 for August 1985 which is called KICKER. . . . Ed.)



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Sandy and I packed our saddle bags and camping gear on my red 48 Chief (with the help of at least a dozen bungee cords) and set out bright and early Thursday morning for Acton, Maine. After battling gale force winds for two hours, we reached Danbury, Conn. There, perched proudly atop his cherry (choke, gag!) 39 Chief, was waiting Randy Zorn at our planned meeting spot on I-84. After Randy finished signing autographs and the crowd thinned out around his shining mount, we proceeded on the second leg of our northward trek. At least I can say this about the weather, it was consistent. Wind and cold, my favorite combination. But my enthusiasm was not to be diminished. After all, this was but the first day of what was to be a five-day vacation. On we rode!

We stayed over that evening at the home of Danny Vance, a close friend of Randy's, somewhere near the Mass. border in northeastern Conn. Danny and his wife Sandy were fine hosts. They fed us and partied us and gave us a comfy place to sleep.

We awoke Friday morning to the sounds of torrents of blinding rain. Not to let my spirits be dampened like my bike, I again looked on the bright side. Sandy, though, looked on the inside; of Danny's van that is. We threw our gear (including Sandy) into Danny's van and headed off into the storm. Randy and I on our trusty Chiefs were joined by one of Dan's nutso friends, Paul, and his lady, Vanessa, on his Softtail. The rain did not let up. On we rode.

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## TROPHY WINNERS

YANKEE Chapter National Meet  
Acton, Maine - June 29-30, 1985

NOTE: All PHOTOS of these Trophy Winners were sent to National AMC of A, with article for publication in "The ANTIQUE MOTORCYCLE".

### POST WAR Class

Best Restored - 1st	Curt Bunce	1950 INDIAN Chief
Best Restored - 2nd	Mike Morris	1948 INDIAN Chief
Most Unique	Fred Minner	1951 VINCENT
Best Running Restored	Karl Nagy	1948 INDIAN Chief
Best Running Unrestored	Don Demers	1948 H-D SERVICAR
Most Original	Nate Sheldon	1949 H-D EL
Longest Distance - 377 miles	Dennis Craig	1948 INDIAN Chief

### POWER CYCLE Class

Best Restored	Tom Graczewski	1948 WHIZZER Pacemaker
Most Original	Tom Graczewski	1948 SIMPLEX ServiCycle
Most Unique	Fred Hirsch	1947 VELO-SOLEX

### COMPETITION Class

Best Restored	Earl Bentley	1930 INDIAN Hillclimber
Most Original	Giles Adams	1923 Board Track Racer
Most Unique	Earl Bentley	1928 INDIAN Hillclimber

### POST ANTIQUE Class

Best Restored - 1st	Rudy Litke	1941 INDIAN 4
Best Restored - 2nd	Dick Downs	1936 INDIAN 4
Most Unique	Ted Pratt	1938 CROCKER
Best Running Restored	Wray Murdough	1938 HARLEY-DAVIDSON
Best Running Unrestored	Charlene Peirce	1937 INDIAN Chief
Longest Distance - 380 miles	Randy Zorn	1939 INDIAN

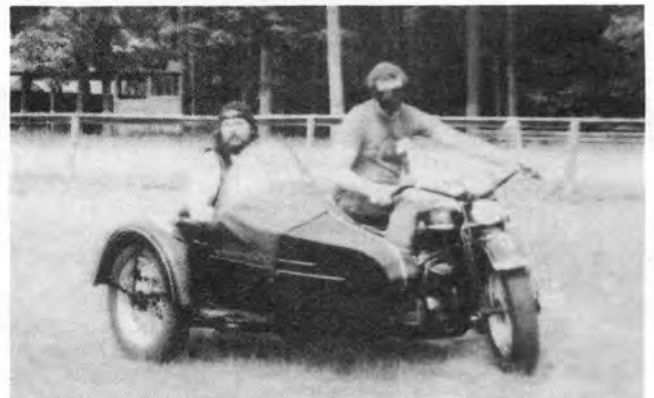
### ANTIQUE Class

Best Restored - 1st	Earl Bentley	1906 INDIAN
Best Restored - 2nd	Laurier Wood	1913 INDIAN
Most Unique	Giles Adams	1924 HARLEY-DAVIDSON
Best Running Restored	Len Amidon	1929 HENDERSON
Best Running Unrestored	Bill Patt	1929 INDIAN
Most Original	Bill Patt	1929 INDIAN
Longest Distance - 796 kilometers*	"Doc" Patt	1907 FN (Belgium)
Oldest	"Andy" Anderson	1902 INDIAN

\* - Private Joke, "Gotcha 'Doc'". - FDH

*"Does anyone in this car know where we are?"*

*Winning team in the BLIND SIDECAR DRIVE  
(John Pierce at controls and Dave Roberts holding on) at Acton, Maine, June 29, 1985.*





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Finally late Friday afternoon, we arrived at the Acton Co. Fairgrounds in Acton, Maine. We were soaking wet and chilled to the bone, but I was proud! After all, who could top this: 377 miles through wind and rain on an antique bike in two days!?! So with visions of Longest Distance trophies dancing in my head, I set up my tent and settled in with the crowd.

Then it happened! The trauma, the pain shot through my head like fire, "Look, it's Anthony Cavazza" someone shouted. "No, it couldn't be happening" I thought. I turned and looked and it was true. Astride his dripping wet but still gleaming '53 Chief, in rode Anthony. Over 400 miles and all in one day. I must add (although reluctantly) he was accompanied by candy-butt Kosta on his late model Hog. Other Colonial members seen present were vendors Cal Wahl and Kevin Flanagan, and Les and Helga in their new conversion van (the 'roids musta been acting up I think).

Saturday morning arrived with bright sunshine and clear blue skies. Now this was more like it! After a good breakfast and a couple cups of coffee, I was able to collect my thoughts. I was there to have fun and that I did in spades. Great fairgrounds, nice flea market with different parts and excellent games. I even won a trophy for riding the plank. Sandy and I pigged out on the great barbeque chicken dinner they had at the fairgrounds. Good thing they had plenty of excellent old films afterwards. I couldn't get up for two hours after eating anyway.

Sunday's show brought out a fine collection of beautiful old bikes in all classes. Tough decisions had to be made in almost every class. I would like to add, that much to my demented pleasure, Anthony rode out on Saturday and I got the L. D. trophy anyway in the Post War Class. (Too bad chump, it looks great on my mantel). Randy got the L. D. in Post Antique.

These Yankee Chapter people put on one helluva good meet. They thought of everything from hot soup for the cold, wet riders, to dash plaques for the show entrants. This is one meet that is a must for me from now on. I hope they can do it again next year 'cause I can't wait.

Sandy, Randy and I left the meet on Sunday afternoon and were accompanied by perfect weather all day and again on Monday. We took the scenic route home. I have ridden through 29 states in this country and I am convinced that New England has some of the best roads for motorcycle touring anywhere. Well worth the trip.

Well, to sum up, the trip got off to a rather dreary start but it turned out being a great run. It will not soon be forgotten. Thanks Yankee!

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BORN BIKERS

Beyond the borders of the State of Vermont it is unlikely that many people know about or get an opportunity to read The Rutland Herald and The Sunday Times Argus newspaper (apparently a joint title for a single publication); and it is equally unlikely that many YANKEE Chapter members (since there are less than 10 in the state of Vermont) would have a similar chance to read the Vermont Sunday Magazine for August 4, 1985, which is a 16-page supplement to the RH and STA.

Too bad, because Rod Clarke wrote an excellent story about two of our YANKEE Chapter members who live in Jonesville, Vermont, complete with photographs by Vyto Starinskas. The front cover of this supplement, in color, no less, is a head-on close-up view of Mike Hebert and Dave "Rat" Scherk riding Mike's 1949 HARLEY-DAVIDSON with "Uncle Rat" in the sidecar!

The inside story, entitled "Born Bikers" takes up all of pages 4, 5, 12, and 13 with a picture of both men 'at work' (Hah!) in their office at Harbor Vintage Motor Company's Jonesville operation.

It was this writer's good fortune to learn about this article at a recent EMPIRE Chapter field meet, and I am now the proud possessor of a copy. Space does not allow a full re-printing of it here, but a small portion appears in the next column. Anyone who can beg, borrow, steal or in any way obtain a complete copy will thoroughly enjoy it.

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# Born Bikers

By Rod Clarke

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ONESVILLE — Mike Hebert hasn't looked back very often since he decided to shuck it eight years ago.

"I used to be in equipment maintenance at IBM," he recalled, looking very un-IBMish with his shaggy beard, blue jeans and black engineer boots.

"One night I got up and walked out. I had no idea what I was going to do the next day, but I knew that just wasn't what I wanted."

A few years earlier, Dave "Rat" Scherk had felt that same malaise gnawing at him. So he packed in his job as a civil engineer for the state of Vermont.

"I just couldn't deal with it," he said. "It didn't crank me up enough. It wasn't stimulating."

The common thread that drew them together was their love of motorcycles — old, American bikes, to be precise.

Now, Scherk and Hebert, both 41, spend much of their time at a rambling old barn on Route 2, scraping years of accumulated rust and grime from the last vestiges of America's once-glorious two-wheeled heritage.

*from The Vermont Sunday Magazine in The Rutland Herald and The Sunday Times Argus for August 4, 1985*



**Yankee Chapter  
Autumn Meet  
Oct. 12-13, 1985  
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"Let's see yuh beat that!"

Dennis Craig, COLONIAL Chapter Director and Winner of the PLANK RIDE at Acton, Maine July 29, 1985.



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*Len Amidon - 1929 HENDERSON*

*Dennis Craig - 1948 INDIAN Chief*

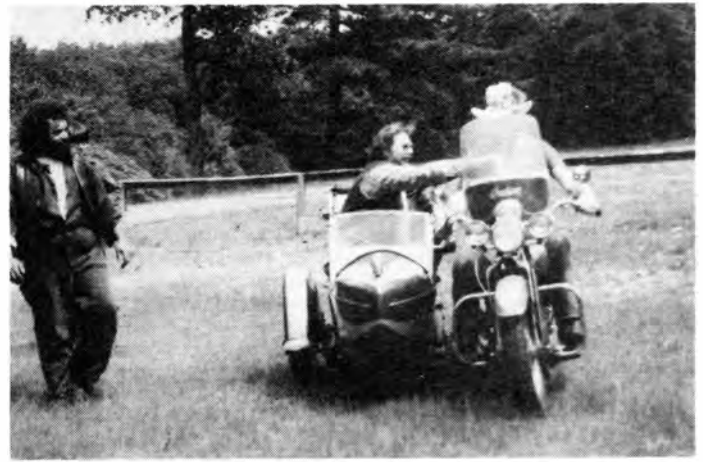


*All photos by "Torch" Neill*





BLIND SIDECAR DRIVE



Don Griswold tries to follow his passenger's instruction as the team is monitored by Jim Costa in the BLIND SIDECAR DRIVE.



"Whaddaya mean, 'turn right'? Don't ya think I know where I'm going? I ain't that blind."



Every one an expert . . . .

All photos by "Torch" Neill



Our own Ginny Adams, now stationed at New London, Connecticut with the United States Coast Guard, came up to join in the weekend fun. Here she 'steers' her Dad "Red" Adams in the BLIND SIDECAR DRIVE.

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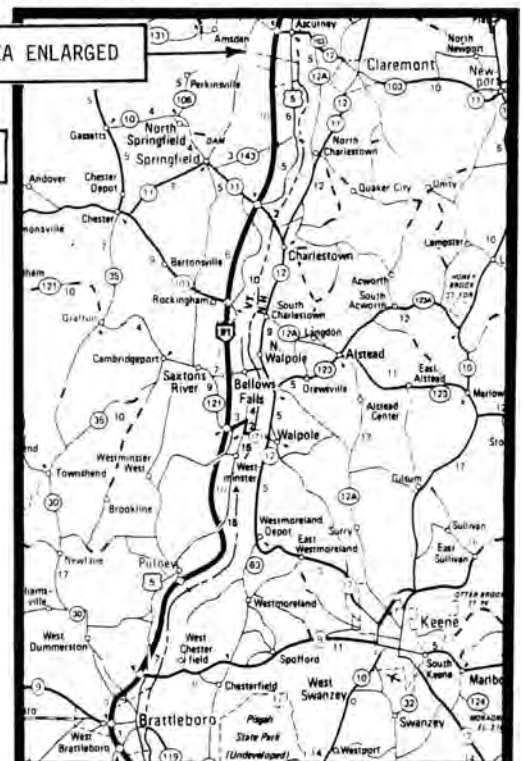
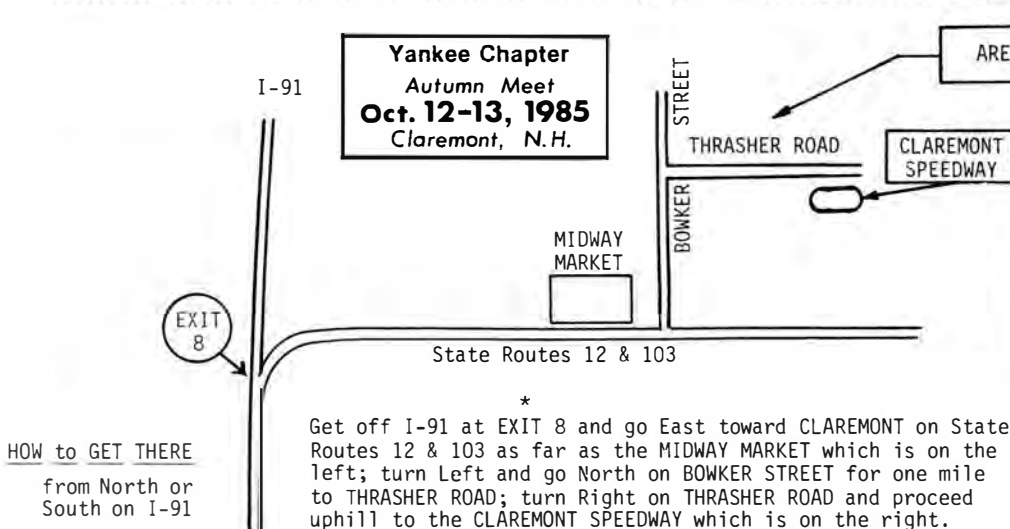
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# THE ANTIQUE MOTORCYCLE CLUB

What it is . . .

What it does . . .

**Q. What is the Antique Motorcycle Club of America?**

A. The AMCA is a non-profit organization composed of a group of persons interested in Antique motorcycles.

**Q. What is the object of the AMCA?**

A. The primary objective of the AMCA is to encourage the seeking out, restoration, preservation and exhibition of Antique motorcycles of all kinds.

**Q. What is meant by "Antique Motorcycle," as defined by the Club?**

A. The AMCA considers any motorcycle manufactured up to and including the 1953 Model Year as an antique, eligible for judging and competition at National Meets. Later machines are welcome, but are not eligible for judging.

**Q. When was the AMCA first organized?**

A. The Club was founded in 1954 by a group of interested motorcycle owners. It now numbers over 2,100 members and has a worldwide membership. Club membership has always been open to all enthusiasts and interested persons. No restrictions have ever been set regarding race, creed, color, nationality or country of residence.

**Q. Is the Club limited to actual owners of Antique motorcycles?**

A. No. Any interested person may join with the expectation that he or she will eventually become the owner of an Antique motorcycle.

**Q. What do I get when I join the AMCA?**

A. You will receive your membership card and you will receive the Club publication which is issued 4 times each year. You will be entitled to participate in all Club activities, such as local Chapter membership and National Meets when they are scheduled.

**Q. What is the Club Publication?**

A. The publication is an informal magazine published 4 times per year, and contains histories of famous makes of motorcycles, articles written by members, pictures, news of Club Activities, and sections devoted to "wanted," "for sale," and "swap" notices. As a member, you may insert your notice free of charge in each issue (not more than 70 words per issue).

**Q. When and where does the Club hold meets?**

A. In the past several years, Meets have been held in various parts of the country. You will be notified when and where any such meet will be held.

**Q. Are there local Chapters of the Club?**

A. Yes. At the present time (1984) there are approximately 20 sanctioned Chapters with several more applications for charter being processed. You are encouraged to become active in the one closest to your area.

**Q. When do members have the opportunity to exhibit and operate their Antique Motorcycles?**

A. AMCA Meets always include a suitable private road or area where members may operate their machines without registration.

**Q. Are back issues of the Club Publication available?**

A. Our Secretary usually has a few issues of the publication available. Also available are illustrated bulletins, decals, watch fobs and similar items of Club paraphernalia.

**Q. Who is the Club Secretary?**

A. Dottie Wood, 14943 York Road, Sparks, MD. 21152.

**Q. Who is the Club Treasurer?**

A. E. E. "Bud" Cox, 3431 W. 10th Street, Wichita, Kansas 67203.

**Q. How do I go about joining the Club?**

A. By sending one years dues, check or money order, in U. S. funds only, to the **Treasurer**, "Bud" Cox. He will issue your membership card and notify the Secretary who will place you on the mailing list to receive all Club publications and mailings. Membership runs from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31 each calendar year, and includes all 4 publications for that year. For any further information, contact the Secretary.

**Q. Is vendor pre-registration necessary?**

A. Yes. Starting in 1983, all vendors are required to pre-register for all national meets, or to pay an additional charge for meet-site registration.





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