



# YANKEE CHATTER



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## YANKEE CHAPTER ANTIQUE MOTORCYCLE CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

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IN THE NEXT ISSUE. . . .

While the basic report of our highly successful WHITE MOUNTAIN NATIONAL ROAD RUN will appear in the WINTER issue of The ANTIQUE MOTORCYCLE, further coverage will be made in the AUTUMN 1986 issue of YANKEE CHATTER, including some enthusiastic write-ups by members of other AMC of A chapters.

Also, Certificates of ACCOMPLISHMENT are now in process for those hardy members who managed to climb Mt. Washington on their old (and some new) machines. These will be signed by our National President and YANKEE Chapter's two Co-Directors, and hopefully will be sent out around the Christmas season. They will be suitable for framing and one will be sent to each of the 24 successful participants.

. . . and, the next issue will contain the results of our joint AUTUMN meeting with Wray Murdough's flea market at Keene, New Hampshire. Meanwhile, plan on attending the Business Meeting/Christmas Party, scheduled for November 23, 1986 at the Squash Inn.

Yankee Chapter

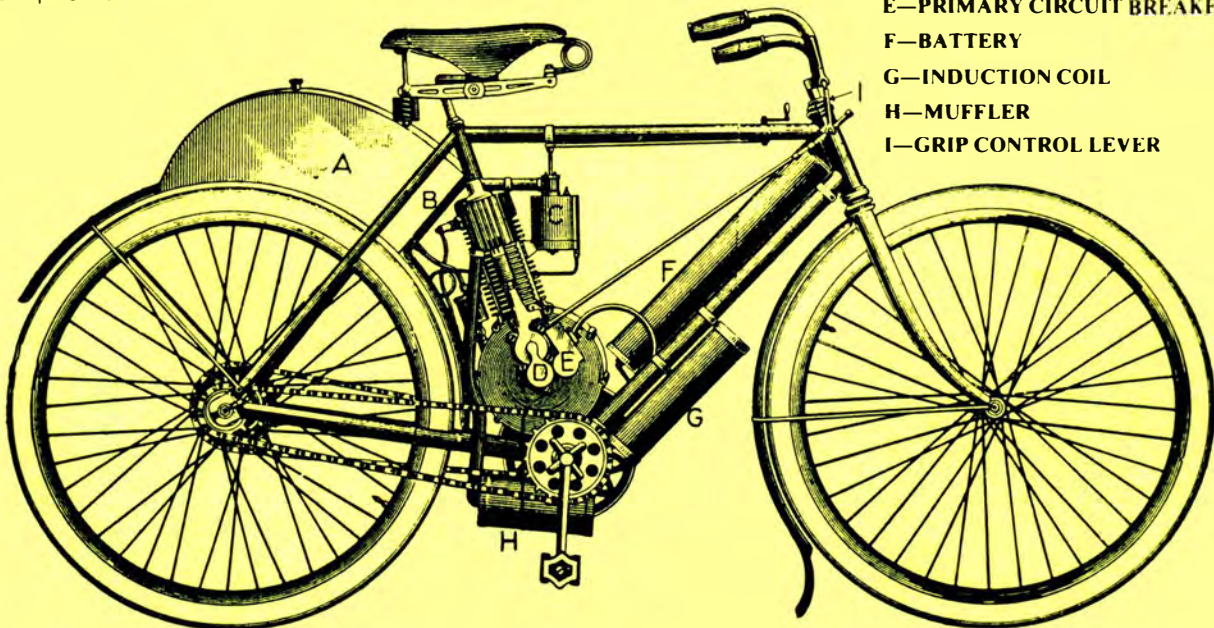
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SUNDAY - November 23, 1986

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Moosup, Connecticut

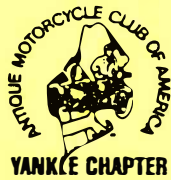
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- C—CARBURETOR
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- E—PRIMARY CIRCUIT BREAKER
- F—BATTERY
- G—INDUCTION COIL
- H—MUFFLER
- I—GRIP CONTROL LEVER



**A very early American moped featuring a two-chain drive and a manual oil injection system.**

*This illustration and caption appears in a recent book, whose authors shall be nameless for their own protection, concerning "all you need to know about mo-peds" etc. The pedal-starting mechanism has been erroneously interpreted as a means of propelling the machine; but anyone who has ever ridden or owned one will tell you that they wouldn't wish to pedal it very far.*



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## NATIONAL News

The National officers are somewhat concerned about the new procedure of mailing The ANTIQUE MOTORCYCLE, our National magazine. Since it is now sent out as Bulk Mail in order to conserve postage expense, their concern is about the length of time it takes for members to receive it. Also, they are interested in knowing if any copies arrive in damaged condition.

If you do not receive your current copy, or if it arrives in damaged condition, please contact:

The ANTIQUE MOTORCYCLE  
 P. O. Box 10309  
 Bettendorf, Iowa 52722

Your complaint will be sure to reach the right people. So far, delivery times seem to be averaging between one week and 10 days to each coast.

THANKS "ANDY" - Our YANKEE Chapter is now in possession of its own 16 mm. movie projector and speaker, recently donated by "Andy" Anderson of Connecticut.

DEADLINE DATES for all material to be included in YANKEE CHATTER - this pertains to reports, messages, minutes of meetings, etc. . . Everything.

WINTER: January 10    SUMMER: July 10  
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TOTAL Distribution this issue = 194 \* Total Chapter Membership = 170

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YANKEE CHATTER is the official newsletter of the YANKEE Chapter of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America, and is published four times each year on a seasonal basis: WINTER, SPRING, SUMMER and AUTUMN. The YANKEE Chapter of the AMC of A was established in the early Spring of 1972. Dues for the 1987 membership year are \$ 10.00 single; \$ 12.50 with spouse.

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 1987 are \$ 20.00 single; \$ 25.00 with spouse.

Distribution of YANKEE CHATTER is to members of record in good standing (paid up), officers and directors of the AMC of A, and editors and other officers of the AMC of A Chapters. As a member of National AMC of A, YANKEE Chapter is a non-profit organization.

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## Co-Director's Message

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After reading our National President's message a few days ago in the Fall 1986 issue of *The Antique Motorcycle*, I began thinking of machines aging, some with charged batteries and fresh gasoline with the promise of happy hours in the sun, while others sit in silent storage rusting away in the darkness.

This can also be true of friendships. Some sparkle and remain in the sun, while others lose their sparkle and become very rare originals with dents, scratches and dignity. Many are lost in time and countless meets only to be rolled out by chance and repolished. This leaves us with the rotted-out rusty hulk that makes one think, "What can be salvaged here?" Of course, the answer is, "It gives you something to see what it used to be like."

This gives us hope that we will always share motorcycles, friends and great moments in the sun.



Jim Costa  
Co-Director

The **Indian** SILVER ARROW  
**OUTBOARD MOTOR**

### SCHERK/WALBRIDGE

Congratulations are in order for Dave Scherk and JoAnn Walbridge. When asked at a recent meet in Keene, New Hampshire, "What's new, Dave?" he replied, "I got married." - "Anybody we know?" - "Yup, tall, blonde. . ." - "Well, in that case, we can take her name off our complimentary mailing list." - "Don't do that, just change her name."

YANKEE CHATTER extends best wishes and full happiness.

### ANGELO A. MACARI

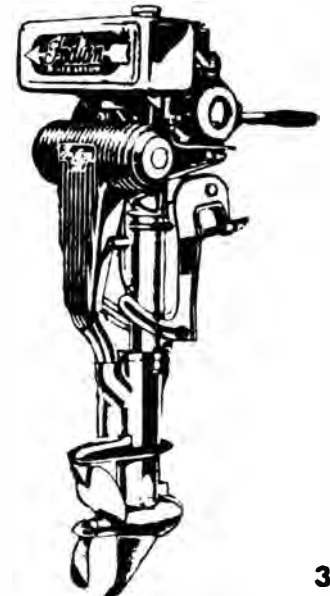
"Mac" was hospitalized for heart surgery at the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts on September 22, 1986 and was expected to be there for two or three weeks. We have had no further word, but a card was signed by many members at our Autumn meet in Keene, New Hampshire. His wife, Hilda, stated ". . . after this his days of riding might be over but I am sure that this won't stop him down."



"He's kinky — likes girls better than motorcycles!"

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BELOW: Rare type of INDIAN not usually seen at any of our local motorcycle meets. (Note direction differences of arrows . . . Ed.)





*Kirk Everson tries for the wiener in the WIENER BITE Game while Dad John holds a steady course. . . .*

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ACTON FAIRGROUNDS  
ACTON, MAINE**



*. . . but it takes brother Dustin with pilot Danny Whitcomb to show how to "get that dog!"*

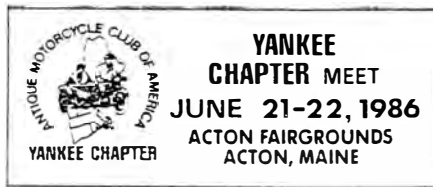
*All Acton meet photos by Tom ("Torch") Neill*



*The winners, Danny and Dustin pose for publicity shot with trophy and Kirk.*



*Three-time games winner Danny takes gentle chiding from "Chuck" Schmidt as Cyndie, Charlene and "Diz" watch.*



## Editor's Notes

and Other Nonsense

ROC Motorcycle - Under the item "The CASE of the DEPRIVED DETECTIVE" which appeared on page 7 of YANKEE CHATTER No. 86-2 for SPRING 1986, it was noted that Arthur Conan Doyle, creator of Sherlock Holmes, owned a "Roc motor-cycle," as well as ". . . —a motor wheel." The Roc name was also included in the list shown on page 11 of this same issue.

Investigative research reveals that Doyle was the main financial backer of A. W. Wall's Roc Motorcycle Company, which certainly explains why he would have a Roc machine in his stable.

It also explains why he had an ". . . auto-wheel—a motor wheel attached to the rear wheel of a bicycle." A. W. Wall was the original inventor of the motor wheel and he used (get this) a single cylinder from a Belgian FN four-cylinder motorcycle!

SURVEY of the AMC of A Chapters - In February 1986 a survey was conducted by this writer, and although seven chapters made no response, those who did were most favorable to the idea of assembling the general information requested. Besides identifying their prime officers and newsletter editors (where newsletters are published) they also furnished information as to their dates of establishment, number of members in 1985 and their current chapter dues. A comparison of dues is presented below and it will be noted that the general range is from \$ 5.00 to \$ 10.00. Spouse memberships were not investigated.

| Chapter             | 1986 Dues |
|---------------------|-----------|
| CHIEF BLACKHAWK     | \$ 6.00   |
| CHEROKEE            | 10.00     |
| CHESAPEAKE          | 10.00     |
| COLONIAL            | 10.00     |
| CONFEDERATE         |           |
| EMPIRE              | 10.00     |
| EVERGREEN           | 5.00      |
| FLORIDA             |           |
| FORT SUTTER         | 5.00      |
| LAKE ERIE           | 5.00      |
| MAUMEE VALLEY       | 5.00      |
| MOKAN               |           |
| OMAHA               | 6.00      |
| PERKIOMEN           |           |
| ROCKY MOUNTAIN      | 5.00      |
| SEABOARD            |           |
| SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA |           |
| ST. LOUIS           |           |
| SUNFLOWER           | 5.00      |
| VIKING              | 5.00      |
| YANKEE              | 5.00      |

Fifteen of the chapters publish newsletters for their members; twelve on a regular basis and others intermittently. A copy of the final tabulation was submitted to all chapters for general knowledge and use. This initial compilation will be up-dated annually to include changes in dues assessments and officer listings.

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Our YANKEE Chapter's SPRING Meet this year was well attended by many members from all six New England states. Vendors appeared to do well with their wares and we had some interesting visitors.

A note of sadness marred the early moments of the meet when we learned that Bernie MacDonald, our Canadian member from Nova Scotia, had suffered a fractured leg in two places on Friday evening, June 20, 1986, about 8:15 when the front wheel of his 1966 HARLEY-DAVIDSON shovel head caught in the railroad tracks on Commercial Street in Portland, Maine upsetting his machine. He was on his way to Acton from Boston, where he had been visiting his brother. His friend, Mark Cooper, who was following him at the time the accident occurred, brought along a copy of the Portland morning newspaper for Saturday, June 21, 1986 which contained a picture of himself beside Bernie, who was lying on a stretcher. Mark further explained that Bernie's leg was placed in a temporary cast and that he had been flown home Saturday afternoon accompanied by his brother. Mark was impressed by and commented on the speed and efficiency of the local police and paramedics who attended Bernie. Later on, a get-well card was signed by many of those present to be sent to Bernie.

Karl Nagy was noticeably absent from this meet owing to his recent illness, but we learned that he was now at home and much improved although 30 pounds lighter, and a get-well card was signed by many of those present to be sent to him.

Final preparations for the Saturday evening banquet began on Wednesday when Melanie Everson arrived at Jessie Aikman's place. Seems like Melanie usually gets up to her elbows in something a day or so before each meet; however, on Saturday evening all was in readiness and the bar-b-que'd chicken, macaroni salad, potato salad, soda, coffee, etc., were enjoyed by 63 adults and four children. Old-time movies, courtesy of Harbor Vintage Motor Company, were shown immediately following the banquet. Hot chicken soup was available on Friday evening to welcome and warm all arrivals as they appeared.

While Jessie and Melanie were busy with their chores, and since the ladies of the 4-H Club were unable to get into their building because of renovations, Jim Costa acted as Master Burger Chef cooking and serving hot dogs, hamburgers and soda to those in need.

Dave Howland mowed the high grass and lawn areas to help keep the early morning dew off our feet. Field games seemed to be more active than usual with many participants (see winners listed elsewhere). Many new members were signed up, mostly from the great state of Maine.

A total of 27 machines were entered in the Judging classes.

An interesting gentleman of 79 years visited the meet on Saturday along with members of his family and displayed original drawings of the MARSH Bicycle Motor. One drawing is dated Sept. 13, 1900! Our photographer, "Torch" Neill, took pictures of the drawings, but they are too faint to be read easily and impossible to reproduce. Although notes taken during the brief interview are very sketchy and at this late date "cold", they indicate that this gentleman, whose name (as it appears in the notes) is Robert Marsell, is a descendant of the makers of the M - M (MARSH - METZ) motorcycles and cars. He stated that as a boy still in grammar school he had worked summers at the M - M factory. He also stated that M - M built their own spark plugs and that many cars were built for export, about 2,000 annually. The company was active from the early 'teens until 1922, but motorcycle production had ceased in 1912. He referred to a recent article about M - M published in the Automobile Club's issue for July/August 1986.

Another gentleman, Donald Randall of 158 River Street, Halifax, Massachusetts 02238, visited the meet and it was learned that he too, was familiar with the M - M history.

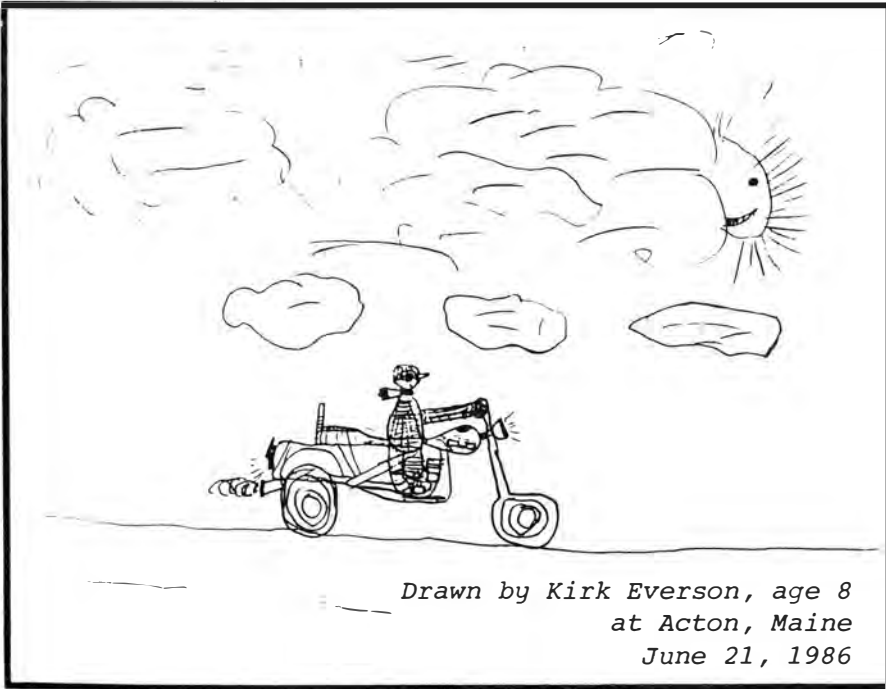
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### A SAMPLING of Other

#### CHAPTER LOGOS



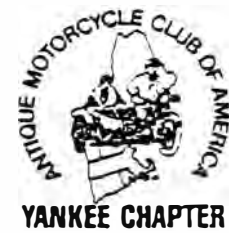
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Above - Jessie Aikman tries out the track on her 1955 HARLEY-DAVIDSON FLH.



Left at Top - Youthful participant records his impression of the meet.

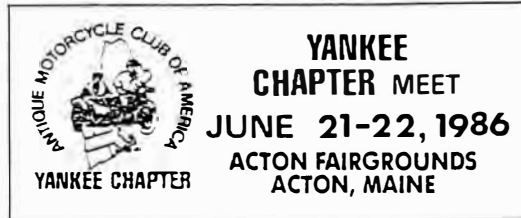


Left Middle - Winners pose for group photograph.



Left at Bottom - Popular winner, Tim Downs, aided by "Chuck" Schmidt, shows off his trophies.

TROPHY  
and  
GAME WINNERS



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During the Just for Kicks Competition some exciting HARLEY-DAVIDSON vs INDIAN activity occurred between Jessie Aikman (H-D) and Charlene Peirce (I). Each of these ladies succeeded in scoring 10 starts within the one minute time frame, and it is now rumored that perhaps a re-match will be held at a later date.

ANTIQUA Class

Brett Colson  
Southwick, Mass. Best Restored 1928 INDIAN with Sidecar

Frank Adams  
Seabrook, N. H. Best Unrestored 1923 READING STANDARD

POST ANTIQUA Class

Charlie Haskins  
Shirley, Massachusetts Best Restored 1942 HARLEY-DAVIDSON

Jim Robertson  
Medford, Massachusetts Best Unrestored 1939 BROUGH-SUPERIOR

Jack Regan  
Malden, Massachusetts Longest Distance Ridden - 100 miles 1941 INDIAN Sport Scout

The Sunday morning Road Run of approximately seven miles, more or less, around Mousam Lake, one of the seven bodies of water near Acton, was led by Danny Whitcomb on his 1950 HARLEY-DAVIDSON pan head. Twenty-one riders and machines, some with sidecars and passengers participated in this event, including Frank Adams on his 1923 READING STANDARD, oldest rider with the oldest machine.

POST WAR Class

Paul ("Dizzy") Santopietro  
Warwick, Rhode Island Best Restored 1950 HARLEY-DAVIDSON

Dave Ross  
East Greenwich, Rhode Island Best Unrestored 1948 HARLEY-DAVIDSON

Tim Downs  
Washington Depot, Conn. Longest Distance Ridden - 250 miles 1947 INDIAN Chief

(Tim Downs was youngest participant, age 20, and made the 250-mile run alone; also rode the bike back home on Sunday afternoon).

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OVERHEARD on the Midway:

"Hey, Charlie, you got any of that SUPERSOUP for cleaning bikes?"

"Sure have."

"Is it any good?"

"Sure is. I use it all the time; so does Karl; it's good for everything."

"Everything?"

"Yup, had some on my pancakes this morning."

"You did?"

"Yup. Kills fleas on dogs, too."

"Is that a fact?"

"Hell no, that's conversation."

POWER CYCLE Class

Fred Hirsch  
Carolina, Rhode Island Best Restored 1947 Brockhouse CORGI

SPECIAL INTEREST Class

Jessie Aikman  
Dover, New Hampshire Best of Class 1955 HARLEY-DAVIDSON

(Jessie Aikman is one of YANKEE'S two Co-Directors for 1986)

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JUST for KICKS Competition (Number of times rider can start machine in one minute)

Tim Downs  
Washington Depot, Conn. 27 starts in one minute 1947 INDIAN Chief

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WIENER BITE Game

Danny Whitcomb  
Claremont, N. H. with passenger on dual saddle, Dustin Everson (age 11) from Moosup, Connecticut - 1950 HARLEY-DAVIDSON

WATER CARRY Balance

Danny Whitcomb 1950 HARLEY-DAVIDSON

TIRE TOSS Game

Danny Whitcomb 1950 HARLEY-DAVIDSON

SLOW RACE

Scott Robinson  
Marlboro, New Hampshire 1953 HARLEY-DAVIDSON

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ingenuity  
in Maine?





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*Popularity of the Games is shown in these partial views of the line up during the Just for Kicks Competition. Acton Police Chief, Frank Gemelli, is visible to the left of Tim Downs, who sits on his 1947 INDIAN Chief (fourth machine from left in top photo).*



*"Oh, just cuff him on the ear!"*

**Corgi cartoon of 1948**

*(YANKEE CHATTER Editor  
38 years ago ??)*



*The Won-0-Wonders (The 101 Association) held their first meet of 1986 in conjunction with YANKEE Chapter's Acton Meet. Rudy Litke (right) presents George Yarocki with trophy for 2nd Place Best of Show.*

*YANKEE Chapter member Gerald W. Nuppula took 1st Place Best of Show in WOW's judging competition.*

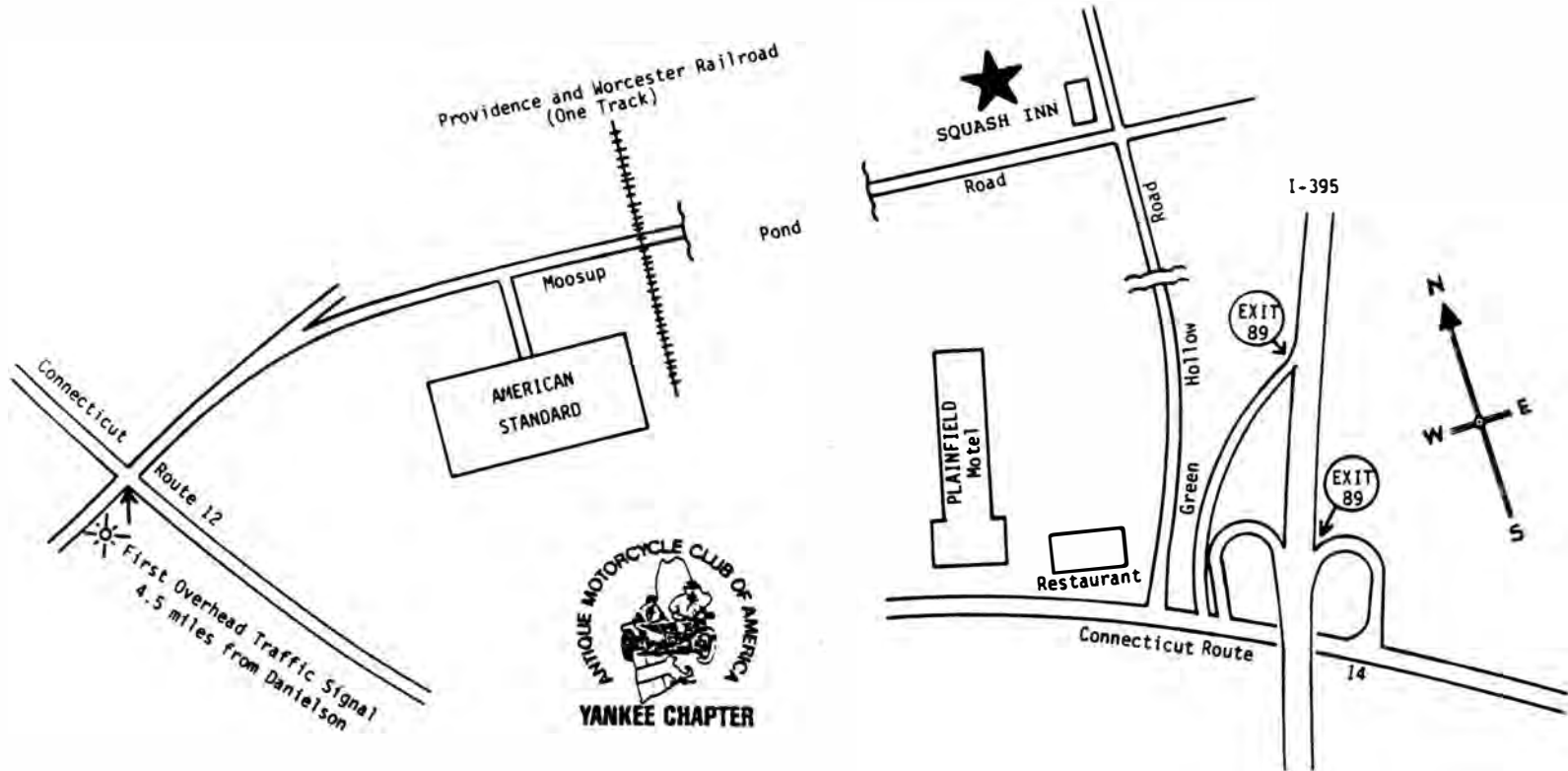


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SQUASH INN  
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12:30 P.M.



This will be our usual  
 POT LUCK

affair, so bring what-  
 ever you can.

SQUASH INN, Moosup, Connecticut

HOW to Get There

From EAST or WEST on US Route 6: Proceed to Danielson, Connecticut; then go SOUTH on Connecticut Route 12 toward Plainfield for 4.5 miles to the first overhead traffic signal; turn LEFT and go 1.8 miles on Moosup Pond Road past the American Standard plant; SQUASH INN is on the LEFT at the intersection of Green Hollow Road.

From NORTH or SOUTH on I-395: Proceed to EXIT 89; take off ramp to Connecticut Route 14; then go WEST for less than 1/10th of a mile to Green Hollow Road; turn RIGHT just before the Restaurant and go 1.3 miles on Green Hollow Road; SQUASH INN is on the LEFT across the intersection with Moosup Pond Road.



*THIS is the  
TED HODGDON ANNUAL AWARD  
Trophy.*

*It is presented  
each year at  
YANKEE Chapter's  
AUTUMN meet to  
the owner of the  
BEST RESTORATION  
of the year.*



LIFE'S LITTLE LAWS

Including Murphy's and others

Everybody knows about old man Murphy and his 'law' - Nothing is as easy as it looks; everything takes longer than you expect; and if anything can go wrong it will do so at the worst possible moment. OK, here's another:

If you have ever tried to do SOMETHING and failed, you are much better off than if you tried to do NOTHING and succeeded.

## YANKEE PEDLAR

*Membership advertising in YANKEE PEDLAR is FREE to all YANKEE Chapter members of record (dues paid up).*

DEADLINE DATES for ALL ads - WINTER Issue: January 10      SUMMER Issue: July 10  
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WANTED - 1966 H-D Sprint CRS 250 fuel tank with two rear petcock ports with excellent red and white paint and original decals OR NOS, no dents. Will accept close year if it is red and white and will fit without mods and has H-D decals. Will pay top dollar. For Serial No. 66CRS6060. Ken Krauer, Clinton Hollow Road, Salt Point, New York 12578.  
 Tel. (914) 266-3363

FOR SALE - HENDERSON KJ, basket case, 75 per cent complete. Mike Jacaruso, R 1 - Box 264, Fitchville, Connecticut 06334.  
 Tel. (203) 859-1172

WANTED - Reporters! Especially YANKEE Chapter members who attend our meets and have so much fun they gotta tell the whole world about it. Don't worry about syntax, (sin tax? - an invasion by the IRS?), composition or spelling - that's what we have an Editor for. GIVE HIM SOMETHING TO EDIT! Don't be bashful. Anybody who can write a 'theme' or an 'essay' for a High School English class can write a fun story for YANKEE CHATTER. Send your story-reports to:

F. D. Hirsch, Editor  
 YANKEE CHATTER  
 P. O. Box 123  
 Carolina, R. I. 02812

TRADE - Will swap almost cherry 1948 pan frame for 1950 in same shape. Tom "Torch" Neill, R 2 - Box 2231, Smyrna, Delaware 19977.  
 Tel. (302) 378-8907

*In the next ISSUE. . .*

### WHITE MOUNTAIN NATIONAL ROAD RUN

FOR SALE - 1950 HARLEY-DAVIDSON Racer, 750 cc WRTT, Color: Red. Re-built from flywheels up. Runs Great! Gene Baron, 15 Tern Court, Bayshore, New York 11706.  
 Tel. (516) 666-5651 - After 7:00 PM

WANTED - Chain Guard for my 1937 INDIAN Chief. Charlene Peirce, P. O. Box 151, Brownfield, Maine 04010.  
 Tel. (207) 935-3437 - After 9:00 PM

FOR SALE - 1959 HARLEY-DAVIDSON Hummer; 1947 INDIAN Chief, original condition, runs and looks real nice, and has many factory accessories. Call or write for more information. Charlene Peirce, P. O. Box 151, Brownfield, Maine 04010.  
 Tel. (207) 935-3437 - After 9:00 PM

WANTED - For 1940 INDIAN "Chief": Front mudguard (rough condition is OK), foot boards, side stand, chain guard, dash board, bars and controls. Tom Turner, Box 112, Marshfield, Vermont 05658.  
 Tel. (802) 426-3503

#### EMERGENCY FEELER GAUGES

*From the MAUMEE VALLEY Chapter Newsletter "The CYCLE PATH NEWS" for May 1986, p. 3, whose source was Rick Wyatt of the VIKING Chapter.*

Driver's License (plastic) = .030 - .031  
 for Spark Plug settings  
 Standard Business Card = .010 - .012  
 for Contact Point settings  
 Regular Writing Paper = .004  
 for Valve Clearances

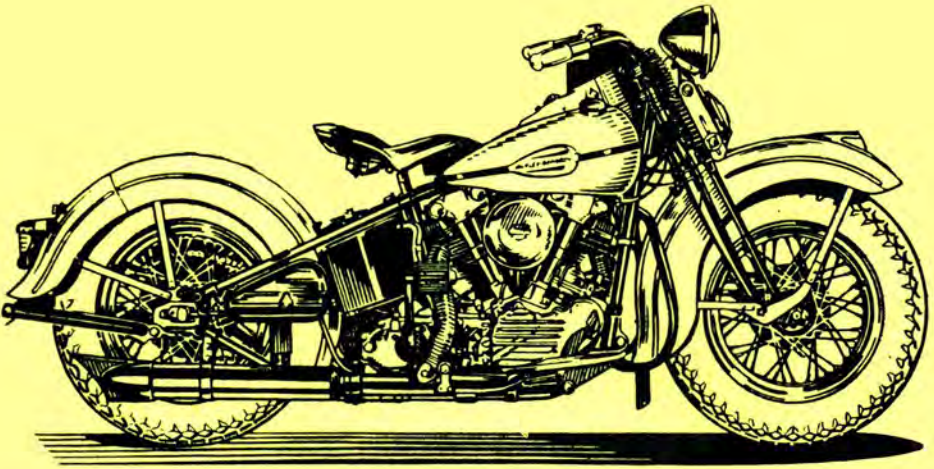




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