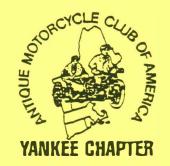


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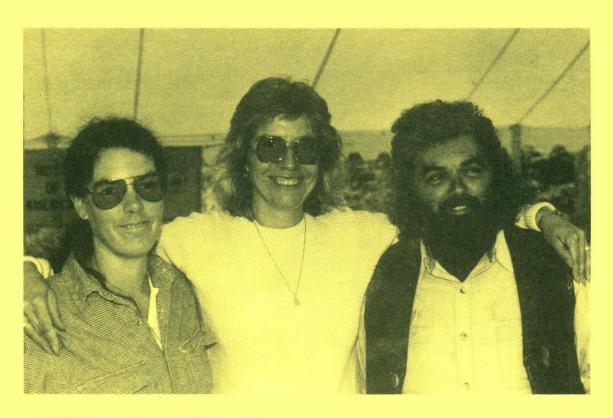


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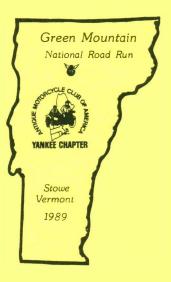


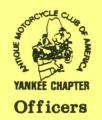
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#### PERSONALITIES at

YANKEE Chapter's GREEN MOUNTAIN NATIONAL ROAD RUN

Left to Right:

Jessie A. Jacaruso, Co-Director of YANKEE Chapter Joann E. Scherk, Co-Cordinator of the Road Run James A. Costa, Co-Director of YANKEE Chapter



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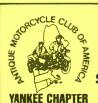


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Total Membership = 160



YANKEE
CHAPTER MEET
STURBRIDGE, MASS.
SEPT. 9-10, 1989

YANKEE CHAPTER MEET SEPT. 24, 1989 Keene, N. H.

## Co-Director's Message

The basic report of our very successful GREEN MOUNTAIN NATIONAL ROAD RUN will appear in a future issue of "The ANTIQUE MOTORCYCLE", and further coverage will be made in the AUTUMN 1989 issue of YANKEE CHATTER. Hopefully, this will include some rider reactions and experiences. So far all comments and observations of this Vermont activity have been enthusiastically favorable.

Also, for that issue we should have some results and input from our Sturbridge, Massachusetts and our Keene, New Hampshire Meets.



Jessie A. Jacaruso CO-Director

"Last time I send you

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 1973. Dues for the 1989 membership year are \$ 10.00 single; \$ 12.50 with spouse. Membership is not transferable and dues are not refundable.

Applicants wishing to join the YANKEE Chapter must FIRST be members in good standing (paid up) of the National AMC of A; however, applicants may apply for both memberships to the Chapter Treasurer at any time. National AMC of A membership dues for the 1989 membership year are \$ 20.00 single; \$ 25.00 with spouse. A \$ 1.00 service charge is made for handling an applicant's National application.

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

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#### YANKEE Chapter

#### GREEN MOUNTAIN NATIONAL ROAD RUN

July 27, 28, 29 & 30, 1989

The following awards were presented at the Saturday evening Banquet:

LONGEST DISTANCE RIDDEN - Max Bubeck

Palm Springs, California - 4,450 miles

LONGEST DISTANCE HAULED - Gary Breylinger

Escondido, California - 3,750 miles

OLDEST MACHINE - 1st - George Yarocki

Torrington, Connecticut - 1928 INDIAN Scout

OLDEST MACHINE - 2nd - Bob McLean

Davenport, Iowa - 1928 INDIAN Scout

OLDEST RIDER - Max Bubeck

Palm Springs, California - Age 72

MOST OIL USED - Charlie Moore

Alexandria, Virginia - 5 quarts

MOST UNIQUE MACHINE - Scott & Jerry Ottaway

Wichita, Kansas - 1930 Moto Guzzi

MOST PARTS USED - George Yarocki & Company

Torrington, Connecticut

BAD LUCK - 1st - Dixie Westervelt

Shokan, New York

BAD LUCK - 2nd - Stan Mahan

Freeport, New York

BEST DRESSED - Frank DeGenero

East Lake, Ohio

BEST PASSENGER - Dottie Wood's large stuffed bear

Sparks, Maryland

MOST MACHINES BROUGHT - Mike Jacaruso

Rollinsford, New Hampshire

MOST COURAGEOUS Harold Bruce

(also Least Fuel) Elyria, Ohio - 1963 VESPA Grand Sport

YOUNGEST "STUNT" RIDER Johnny Green

Smyrna, Delaware

SPECIAL APPRECIATION AWARDS TO EACH of the following:

Dave ("Rat") Scherk, Waterbury, Vermont

Joann Scherk, Waterbury, Vermont

Tom ("Torch") Neill, Smyrna, Delaware

Fred Hirsch, Carolina, Rhode Island

Bob Peirce, Brownfield, Maine

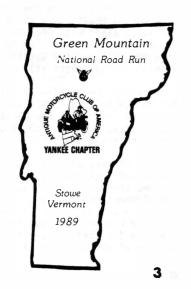
Jim Darby, Rockville, Connecticut

Harbor Vintage Motor Co., Jonesville, Vermont

Pat Hebert, Williston, Vermont

Charlene Peirce, Brownfield, Maine

Jessie Jacaruso, Rollinsford, New Hampshire



#### SPRING Meet Report

EMPIRE Chapter - AMC of A Millbrook, N. Y. May 20-21, 1989

by Kenneth C. Krauer

Our Millbrook Spring meet has come and gone and thanks to the weather being mostly good, it was another success. Highlight of the show was the two-day visit of Daniel Rubinger from Casilla De Correo 152, San Martin De Los Andes, (8270) Neuquen, ARGENTINA, who owns several 1920-1930's vintage HARLEY-DAVIDSON motorcycles. Ed Higgins accepted his National AMC of A dues for 1989 and Fred Hirsch signed him up in the EMPIRE Chapter. Curt Bunce presented him with a shirt with the EMPIRE Chapter logo on it. Dan has relatives in the area and hopes to make more visits in the future.

Saturday started out slowly, which is normal when allowing for the distances many of our members must travel. Weather was overcast and undecided but eventually turned sunny and hot. Jimmy Boice and I were the first to arrive and brought our own collections. He had a CUSHMAN Airborne, CUSHMAN Highlander, and a 1948 WHIZZER; and I had a 250 cc SIMSON, 175 cc NSU-LUBE, 150 cc LAMBRETTA, 350 cc H-D Sprite, 1947 WHIZZER on a SCHWINN bicycle, 1890 Columbia-Sterling bicycle, and a SHELBY Flyer bicycle.

Even though there were very few flea market cycle items for sale, despite my efforts to encourage this activity, I managed to score a few "killings"—a WHIZZER gas tank, a tool box tank for my 1890 Sterling, a LAMBRETTA wheel, tire and brake assembly, along with Fred Hirsch's British gas tank (here for two years in a row, and which I got tired of looking at, so bought it).

Saturday the machines trickled in, but on Sunday they POURED in until it poured rain on us for about a half hour between 2:00 and 2:30 PM. Just a passing shower.

Lots of spectators showed up from the general attendance, including six who arrived on BMW'S as a group from Connecticut. I hope every one of our exhibitors received their souvenir buttons and registered at the gate for their souvenir brass plaques of the 12th Annual Antique

Participants and their machines included:

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Bailey, Steve	Liverpool, N. Y.
Boice, Jimmy Bosco, Bob Brokosch, Ken Buechele, Al Bunce, Curt Cecchini, Al DeLaune, Jim	Salt Point, N. Y.  Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Poughkeepsie, N. Y. West Winfield, N. Y. Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Highland, N. Y.
Doering, Jerry and son Ted Downs, Dick Downs, Tim Fenn, Jim Henken, Jon with Julie and new son Higgins, Ed Hirsch, Fred	Vails Gate, N. Y. Washington Depot, Conn Falls Village, Conn. Pleasant Valley, Vonn.  Pleasantville, N. Y. Sidney, N. Y. Carolina, R. I.
Hughes, Jon	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Ianace, Ernie Krauer, Ken Krawiel, Mike	Salt Point, N. Y.
Litke, Rudy McKenna, John Moss, Steve Paley, Bill	Litchfield, Conn. Fayetteville, N. Y. Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Sharon, Conn.
Popovich, George Rua, Frank Schmidt, Jerry Spada, Al Twine, George Trudell, Brian	Connelly, N. Y. Saugerties, N. Y. Wappinger Falls, N. Y. Kingston, N. Y. Enfield, Conn. Red Hook, N. Y

1953 INDIAN Chief
Longest Distance Ridden
Previously noted
1934 VL
1976 TRIUMPH BONNEVILLE
ALLSTATE 125 Scooter
1950 INDIAN Chief
1922 NER-A-CAR
1907 TRIUMPH single
Oldest machine at show

1931 INDIAN 1923 HENDERSON with sidecar 1942 INDIAN 1954 HARLEY-DAVIDSON 1200 Pan

1943 WELBIKE 1920 HARLEY-DAVIDSON J with sidecar 1946 VELOSOLEX and 1953 VELOSOLEX 1934 VL with sidecar and 1926 HARLEY-DAVIDSON single racer 1973 RICKMAN TRIUMPH racer Previously noted 1924 INDIAN Chief and Reading-Standard bicycle 1941 INDIAN 4 1941 Army WLA 1930 VL 1938 BMW R20 and 1933 HARLEY-DAVIDSON VL 1941 45" HARLEY-DAVIDSON Trike 1971 H-D Shovel 1947 INDIAN Chief 1971 H-D Shovel 19 EXCELSIOR with sidecar 1927 ROYAL ENFIELD V-Twin with sidecar and 1911 INDIAN single and 1912 INDIAN single

Engine & Machinery Show. At this early writing the schedule for next year is May 19-20, 1990. If a change occurs it will be duly noted in newsletters and notices, and there will be the usual great displays of antique tractors, old cars, farm equipment, and a barn full of other antiques and enticements.

Another highlight of the weekend for many of our older members was the visit of Ex-Director David F. Nagle and his wife. Dave served the Chapter for several years up through 1981 as Vice Director. He then stepped in as Director for 1982 and for the next two years (1983-1984) he served as President and Secretary. Curt Bunce succeeded him as Director in 1985. Dave is still a member of the Chapter, and although he is not as active as he once was, it was good to see him.

Our neighboring Chapter (YANKEE) was well-represented with a total attendance of 11, six of whom brought machines, three of which were ridden to the meet.

I want to extend my special thanks to Al Cecchini, who helped get things set up on Friday evening and also to Jerry Schmidt who handled our security over the weekend. For next year please keep flea market activity in mind.



Watching Linda Casey at the GREEN MOUNTAIN NATIONAL ROAD RUN, as she donned her helmet by throwing her hair up over the top of her head, brought to mind this cartoon suggestion of a solution.

## Editor's Notes

and Other Nonsense

#### HISTORY of the YANKEE Chapter

At an official Business Meeting of the YANKEE Chapter, held on September 22, 1984 at the YMCA Campgrounds in Moosup, Connecticut, this subject was brought up and duly recorded in Rudy Litke's re-port of those minutes in YANKEE CHATTER for Fall, 1984, p. 6 as:

"6. Decided to check out History of the Yankee Chapter.'

No committee was appointed, no action was taken and nothing more was done in this direction. That was five years ago.

When I became Editor in 1984-1985, I undertook the task of researching this topic as a personal project, only to find that early records of this Chapter's doings are most difficult to locate or are now completely non-existent. I submitted my original findings, merely as information, to some of our officers, but nothing much more has been done, either by them or by me as other activities and commitments have always interfered. This is a time-consuming task and it is difficult to know what to include and what to omit.

During my investigations, Dick Sharland was able to come up with a couple of items, including a copy of the SUMMER 1976 YANKEE Chapter Newsletter which provided information about the HODGDON Trophy Award, and George Twine supplied the original record book that his Dad, Bob Twine, had used when he served as the Club's first Treasurer in 1973.

I joined the Chapter in September 1978 and have all the documents from that time; also I received about a year-and-a-half's back issues from a local friend who had dropped his membership; but certain Chapter documents for the years 1973 through 1975 may still be "among the missing".

George Twine recently located the very first newsletter published by the Chapter and sent me a copy. It is marked simply "APRIL NEWSLETTER", and contains the following positive statement: "The first and founding meeting was held April 8, 1973 at the Antique Auto Museum in Brookline, Mass., and was given an able assist by AMC President Art Sigal and AMC Vice President Doc Patt.

"Doc" had previously advised that he believed the Chapter was formed in the Spring of 1972, and that he and Art Sigal had been present at that momentous occasion. His memory was

#### CHRONOLOGICAL CALENDAR

#### YANKEE CHAPTER

1972 -	Sept. 9-10	1st NATIONAL Meet held in New England - Brookline, Massachusetts
1973 -	April 8	Official Organizational Meeting of the YANKEE Chapter
	May 27	First YANKEE Chapter Meet - Brookline, Massachusetts
	Sept. 8-9	2nd NATIONAL Meet - Brookline, Massachusetts
1974 -	Spring	A mention in T.A.Hodgdon's article "Our Club is Twenty Years Old"
	May 26	YANKEE Chapter Meet - Brookline, Massachusetts
	Aug. 17-18	3rd NATIONAL Meet - Brookline, Massachusetts
1975 -	March	Two mentions in Bob McClean's report of Bernie Morgan's Ranch
		Meet, Sarasota, Florida
	May 25	YANKEE Chapter Meet - Brookline, Massachusetts
	Sept. 6-7	4th NATIONAL Meet - Brookline, Massachusetts
1976 -	Feb. 28-29	Bernie Morgan's Ranch Meet, Sarasota, Florida
	March	Get-together at "Oleo Acres", Daytona, Florida
	June 19-20	5th NATIONAL Meet - Brookline, Massachusetts
	Sept. 18-19	YANKEE Chapter Meet - Brookline, Massachusetts
1977 -	February	Bernie Morgan's Ranch Meet, Sarasota, Florida
	March	Barbeque at "Oleo Acres", Daytona, Florida
	Spring	Interview with Frank Adams who rode 1923 READING-STANDARD to
	3	Florida
	Summer	Mention of Frank Adams' ride in Jacksonville Meet report
	May 14-15	6th NATIONAL Meet - Thompson Speedway, Connecticut
	Aug. 27-28	YANKEE Chapter Meet - Thompson Speedway, Connecticut
1978 -	February	Bernie Morgan's Ranch Meet, Sarasota, Florida
	March 11	Barbeque at "Oleo Acres", Daytona, Florida
	April	Visit to Harley-Davidson plant, York, Pennsylvania
	May 13-14	YANKEE Chapter Meet - Thompson Speedway, Connecticut
	June 25	Edaville Railroad Meet - Carver, Massachusetts
	Sept. 23-24	YANKEE Chapter Meet - Thompson Speedway, Connecticut
	Fall	Business Meeting - at Leon Landry's
	Dec. 10	Christmas Party/Business Meeting - at Henry Selmer's
1979 -	April 8	Business Meeting - at Leon Landry's
	May 12-13	7th NATIONAL Meet - Thompson Speedway, Connecticut
	June 24	Edaville Railroad Meet - Carver, Massachusetts
	July 22	Business Meeting - at Leon Landry's
	Sept. 22-23	
	Oct. 27	Business Meeting - at China Gardens Restaurant, Raynham,
	000. 27	Massachusetts
1980	March 30	Business Meeting - at Bob & Charlene Peirce's, Everett,
1300	narch 50	Massachusetts
	April 26-27	8th NATIONAL Meet - Thompson Speedway, Connecticut
	June 29	Edaville Railroad Meet - Carver, Massachusetts
	Sept. 20-21	YANKEE Chapter Meet - Thompson Speedway, Connecticut
	Dec. 14	
	DEC. 14	Christmas Party/Business Meeting - at Squash Inn, Moosup,
		Connecticut
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off by only one year.

It will be noted that the date of establishment on the cover of this issue is now corrected to read "1973"; and someone is sure to say, "Oh, oh. . . .in that case we celebrated our 16th Birthday a year too soon!" WRONG! 1988 really was our 16th year, but the Editor's fortuitous miscalculation caused this to be 'right on' as the following table indicates:

1973 = 1 1977 = 5 1981 = 9 1985 = 13 1974 = 2 1978 = 6 1982 = 10 1986 = 14 1975 = 3 1979 = 7 1983 = 11 1987 = 15 1976 = 4 1980 = 8 1984 = 12 1988 = 16

It is also noted in this very first newsletter that Chapter dues were established at \$ 3.00 at a time when NATIONAL AMC of A membership was available for \$ 8.50. Beginning membership totaled 29, but by the end of 1973 had reached 75.

In those early days, the NATIONAL meets were referred to as regional

or area meets and were listed in "The ANTIQUE MOTORCYCLE" under "CALENDAR OF EVENTS".

The first New England NATIONAL Meet (regional) was held on September 9-10. 1972 under supervision of NATIONAL AMC of A Officers and New England AMC of A members, just six months prior to the establishment of our YANKEE Chapter.

The first official YANKEE Chapter meet was held on May 27, 1973, and although it received full coverage in "The ANTIQUE MOTORCYCLE" it was not a NATIONAL Meet per se. Participating members paid \$ 2.00 to enter machines in the judging classes.

A brief chronology appears above, but there my still remain gaps which hopefully will be filled eventually. From 1976 our history appears to be well-documented. but if any member can fill in a gap anywhere, please contact the Editor with anything you may know about, no matter how insignificant you may believe it to be.

## TREASURY REPORT - August 21, 1989

YANKEE Chapter, AMC of A - GREEN MOUNTAIN NATIONAL ROAD RUN - July 27-30, 1989

RECEIPTS	
<ul> <li>52 - Banquet Tickets at \$ 25.00 each from participants not registered at the TOPNOTCH at STOWE</li> <li>49 - Road Run tour packages at \$ 25.00 each</li> <li>72 - Souvenir T-Shirts at \$ 10.00 each</li> <li>23 - Souvenir Mugs at \$ 7.00 each</li> <li>5 - Souvenir License Plate Medallions at \$ 10.00 each Miscellaneous items</li> </ul>	\$ 1,300.00 1,225.00 720.00 161.00 50.00 6.00 \$ 3,462.00
NATIONAL AMC of A Meet Allowance Total Receipts	\$ 3,862.00
EXPENSES	\$ 3,002.00
203/227 - 52 - Banquet reservations, as collected above \$1,300.00 227 - 2 - Bar set-ups at TOPNOTCH at STOWE 50.00 218/225 Rental of Hospitality Tent - Thomas Hirchak Co. License Plate Medallions and Awards (Cons. Est.) 450.00 222 Souvenir T-Shirts and Scarves 968.24 228 36 - Souvenir Mugs	3,588.24
Net GAIN from Road Run	\$ 273.76
Check Book Balance as of May 4, 1989 at Check No. 218 [See YANKEE CHATTER No. 89-2. p. 9 for SPRING 1989]	\$ 2,408.82
PLUS - CREDITS for Road Run Deposits - 203 - TOPNOTCH at STOWE \$ 200.00 251 - Thomas Hirchak Co. \$ 161.25	+ 361.25
PLUS - Interim Deposits - May 23, 1989 - Memberships       \$ 141.50         July 3, 1989 - Membership       31.00         July 11, 1989 - Memberships       52.00         August 1, 1989 - Memberships       44.00         August 10, 1989 - Membership       31.50	+ 300.00
PLUS - Net GAIN from Road Run - as detailed above	+ 273.76
<u>LESS</u> - Expenses	\$ 3,343.83
221 - Payment to NATIONAL AMC of A - Memberships \$ 110.00   224 - Payment to NATIONAL AMC of A - Memberships 40.00   230 - Payment to NATIONAL AMC of A - Memberships 40.00 \$ 190.00	
219/229 - YANKEE CHATTER No. 89-2 \$ 272.15 200 - Postage for YC No. 89-2 70.20 342.35	
223/229 - Sturbridge Meet BULLETIN \$ 34.32 229 - Postage for Sturbridge Meet BULLETIN 31.00 65.32	
229 - YANKEE CHATTER 89-1 (Not previously billed 6.50 229 - Membership Postage, Handling, and Forms Printing 30.70 229 - General Office and Postage Expense 3.90	_ 638.79
Available <u>CASH</u> Balance - Agrees with Check Book at Check No. 231	\$ 2,705.04

ACTUAL CHECK BOOK BALANCE at Check No. 231 = \$ 2,955.04 Less Conservative Estimate for License

Plate Medallions and Awards
Check Book Balance adjusts to

- 250.00
\$ 2,705.04

Check No. 226 was not used and was VOIDED.

<sup>\* -</sup> This estimate includes deposit of \$ 200.00, which leaves an estimated balance due of \$ 250.00.

# 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
SPRING Issue April 10
SUMMER Issue July 10
AUTUMN Issue October 15

1954-1989 AMC of A 35th Anniversary

WANTED - KR KHR Engine, complete or left over KR KHR, XR 750 iron or aluminum head, parts or parts bikes complete or incomplete. Have JAP 500 Speedway engine and transmission. Need complete rolling chasis; OR right side fuel tank for 1958 FL, dual carb heads for knucklehead WR Short Track Racer. Have CASH, no junk needed. D. Carlson, P. O. Box 65, Kingston, Massachusetts 02364.
Tel.: (617) 585-2409

WANTED - 1960's LAMBRETTA Scooter Model
150 L1 for parts. Need both rear
engine covers, speedometer, headlamp shell
and element, rim, solo style seats, spare
tire rack and wheel OR will trade or sell
my good running scooter minus the above
parts. Let's get one good one either way.
Also have tons of HARLEY-DAVIDSON Sprint
parts, all years 1961-1972, 250 and 350.
Kenneth C. Krauer, R 1 - Box 611, Clinton
Hollow Road. Salt Point, New York 12578.
Tel.: (914) 266-3363 After 5:00 PM

WANTED - Literature, pictures, road tests (can be copies) of LUBE - NSU, SA (made in Spain mid-1960's) and SIMSON 250 o.h.v. single shaft drive (East Germany). Desperately need anything on these two motorcycles. SIMSON is running. Need manuals, literature, etc. Kenneth C. Krauer, R 1 - Box 611, Clinton Hollow Road, Salt Point, New York 12578. Tel.: (914) 266-3363 After 5:00 PM

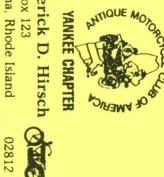
### YANKEES at BROOKFIELD

A total of 26 YANKEE Chapter members attended the EMPIRE Chapter's NATIONAL MEET in Brookfield, New York on August 19-20, 1989.

YANKEES who won awards included Lee Greski from Suffield, Connecticut for his best male "Roaring Twenties" costume.

Five other YANKEES, Virginia M.
Adams, North Weymouth, Massachusetts;
"Andy" Anderson, Willington, Connecticut; Mike Hebert, Williston, Vermont; Fred Hirsch, Carolina, Rhode
Island: and Jessie Jacaruso, Rollinsford, New Hampshire, were awarded trophy plaques for their entries in the judging competitions.





Frederick D. Hirsch P.O. Box 123 Carolina, Rhode Island

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