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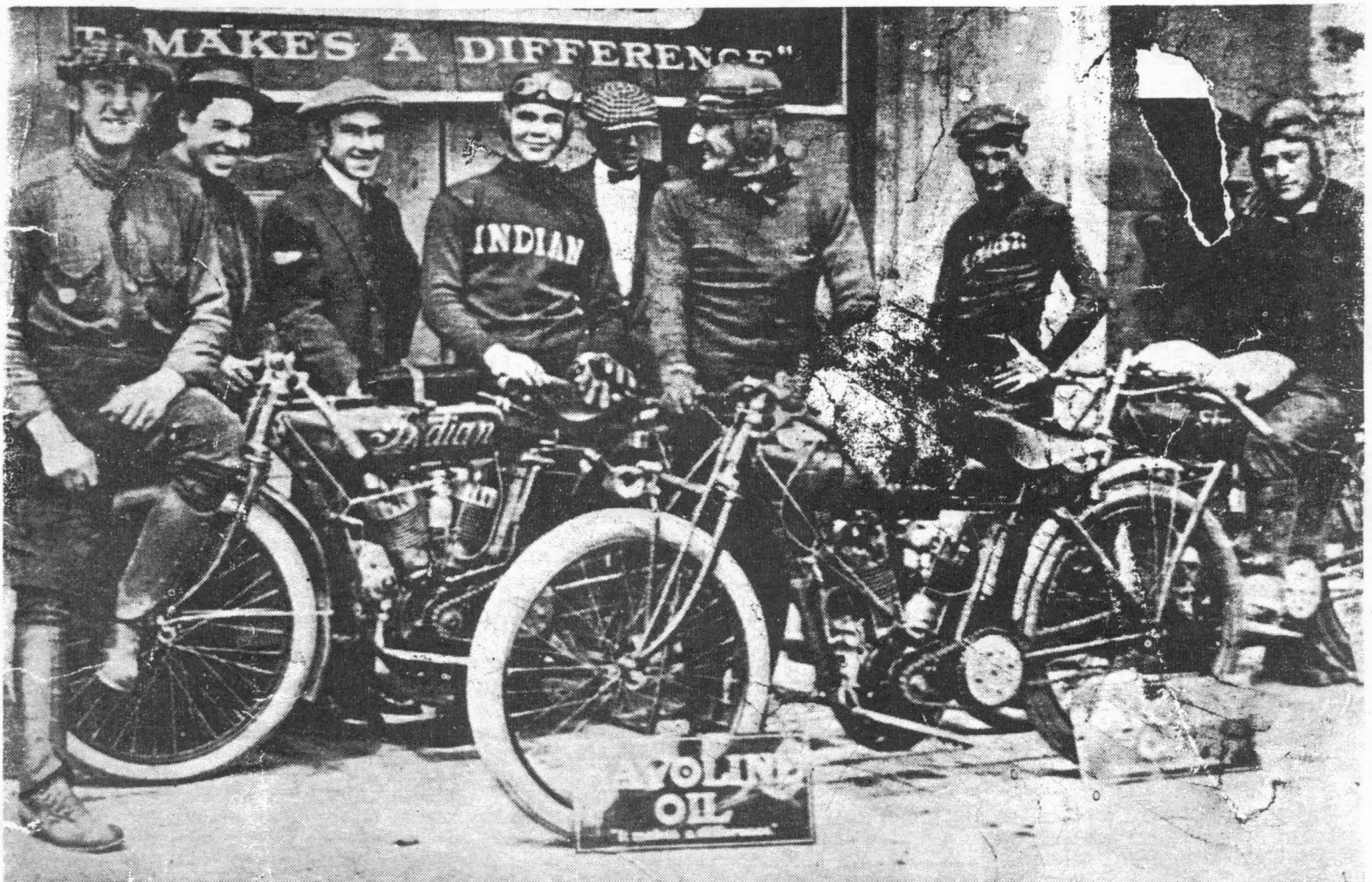
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ANTIQUE MOTORCYCLE CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

*Chapter Established in 1972*

## Champions Of 70 Years Ago



The INDIAN team for the 300-mile Venice, California race -1915

Left to Right - "Cannon-ball" Baker, Al Ward, Morty Graves, L. Boido, "Dutch" Meyers, Fred Jacoby, Ray Creviston, "Crazyhorse" Verril (not visible because of damaged picture), and Charles Balky.



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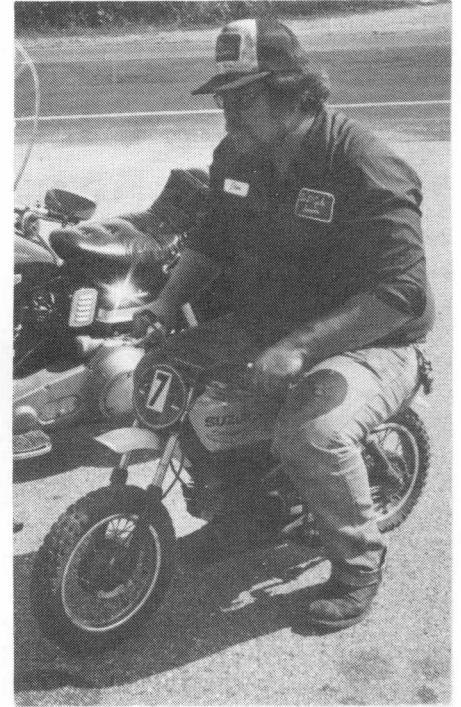


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O'Connell: "Ah-h, just right."

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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 1985 membership year are \$ 5.00 single; \$ 7.50 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 1985 are \$ 15.00.

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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NATIONAL NEWS

by George L. Yarocki

THEODORE A. HODGDON — 1901-1984

It is with deep regret that I report to our YANKEE Chapter members the death of Theodore A. Hodgdon in Sarasota, Florida on December 5, 1984, at the age of 83.

Ted was one of the four original founders of the AMC of A in 1954 - 30 years ago. He was a major contributor to the AMC of A's magazine "The ANTIQUE MOTORCYCLE". He always supported the efforts of the YANKEE Chapter, and on occasion attended our meets and made the presentation of the Chapter's HODGDON Trophy.

Our complete sympathy is extended to his wife Alice and his grandchildren in their time of trouble and great loss.

NATIONAL MEET Notice - June 29-30, 1985

In a discussion with Charlie Carter about publishing the notice of our June 1985 National Meet, I suggested that we try to put the first notice in the WINTER 1984 issue of the AMC of A Magazine; however, Charlie thought that the SPRING 1985 issue would be closer to the date, which makes more sense, as that issue will be sent out about April 15, 1985, a good two months before the meet.

DEADLINES for AMC of A Magazine

When any member wishes to submit material for publication in the AMC of A Magazine (including ads) please note that it should be mailed at least three weeks before these target dates:

SPRING Issue	April 15	FALL Issue:	October 15
SUMMER Issue:	July 15	WINTER Issue:	January 10

Caution: DO NOT send anything for any issue beyond the target date of that issue. In the event that you wish to run a continuous ad you must re-submit it for each issue (three weeks prior to target date) since ads are run for one issue at a time.

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Our 1985 blue National AMC of A Membership Cards look something like these illustrations. The front carries the member's AMC of A number, name, and valid dates; the reverse carries a list of the eight scheduled National AMC of A meets for 1985—a very handy and ready reference.

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**NATIONAL MEETS SCHEDULED FOR 1985**

Fla. - - Mar. 2-3	Maumee - - - July 20-21
Col NJ Apr. 27-28	Rocky Mtn July 28-29-30
Omaha May 25-26	Perkiomen - - Aug. 17-18
Yankee Jun 29-30	Chief Blackhawk Sept. 7-8

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Fellow YANKEE Members,

First, a very personal note: I wish to extend my sincere thanks to all the YANKS for their wonderful banquet, their cards, and many expressions of sympathy to me and mine during our recent bereavement—Thank you.

I was much surprised and highly pleased to find that after the December 2, 1984 Business Meeting and Christmas Party I am now Director of the YANKEE Chapter of the AMC of A.

My personal involvement with the AMC of A, and ultimately with the YANKEE Chapter, began 10 years or so ago; however, my exposure to motorcycling was much earlier. Both of my parents were motorcycle enthusiasts and for many years I listened with fascination to their tales of exciting adventure, all of which was most enjoyable to me.

Our Club meets and other activities are a link to an otherwise forgotten era - the Golden Age of motorcycling. Today there are many in-line 4's, numerous V-twins, and even bicycles with small engines, all spanning the breadth of this century, and in many cases, in condition often better than when new!

Our YANKEE members are just as unique, comprising all ages and walks of life, and all blending together perfectly.

I am very confident that the youth of our Club will proliferate and carry on this wonderful hobby which the founders of the AMC of A and the YANKEE Chapter worked so hard to get started.

At this time, I would like to welcome Fred Hirsch as our newsletter Editor. This job of communication, with all of its various ramifications is most important and very time-consuming, and Fred has the experience and background needed for this task.

One of my first duties as Chapter Director will be to call a meeting of all officers for Sunday, January 27, 1985, and I will contact everyone concerned with further details.

My address and telephone number are included in the list of officers on page 2 of this issue, and I am readily available for any suggestions or complaints, puffs or pans, brickbats or kudos - whatever. Drop me a line or give me a call.

Thanks again for the honor of appointing me as your Chapter Director, and be assured that I shall do my best to warrant your trust and faith.

*John Pierce  
Chapter Director*

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FOOD and BANQUET Committee - At the December 2, 1984 Business Meeting of our Chapter Jessie Aikman was appointed as a committee of one to head up the Food and Banquet requirements for the year 1985. Below are her thoughts regarding the National Meet banquet and our local Chapter events; but in order to accomplish her task she needs some input about what and how much should be done:

- 1 - Are YANKEE Chapter members or spouses willing to assist with the food preparation and cooking in order to lower the individual meal cost?

- 2 - How elaborate should the National banquet be?
- 3 - Should the National banquet be catered; OR should it be a Chapter-type do-it-ourselves meal?
- 4 - Should there be a concession to sell hamburgers during the day as a means of making some money for the Club treasury, and then have a catered banquet; OR should both be handled as do-it-ourselves projects?
- 5 - Should we consider pot-luck meals for Chapter events?

All Chapter members are asked to PLEASE contact Jessie before the April 1985 Business Meeting. Let her know what you would like and what assistance you can give her. She will organize and supervise everything having to do with these matters. Call her at (603) 749-2799 or write your thoughts and ideas to her:

*Jessie Aikman  
Sligo Road  
Dover, New Hampshire 03820*

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EDITOR'S Notes

*and Other Nonsense*

Fr-editor Who? - YANKEE Chapter members who attended the December 2, 1984 Business Meeting and Christmas Party might remember observing George Yarocki and Fred Hirsch standing in a corner of the Squash Inn lounge having what appeared to be a quiet but intense conversation about antique motorcycles; but, what no one really saw was that George had Fred's arm twisted around and halfway up his back, and what may have seemed like a weighty motorcycle discussion was Fred yowling in a lowered tone, "Okay, okay, leggo the arm, I'll do it—I'll take over the job as newsletter editor!"

. . . . and that's how that item got on the agenda of business for that meeting.

Who is Fred Hirsch anyway? Did you ever notice an old buzzard riding around at various meets on something that resembles a bicycle without working his legs too much? That's him. (There's a nest of hornets in that metal canister over the front wheel making it turn while they buzz like crazy). He always has a bunch of tin buttons to sell to the unsuspecting - claims he makes them himself out of old mudguards as a non-profit venture to supplement the Club treasury. That's him. And he drives a little old red pick-up diesel truck with a top-heavy camper, often referred to as "Fred's little red wagon". That's him, too.

Now, this is all the good stuff you know about him. What you may not know is that Fred is a 10-year member of the Vintage Motor Bike Club, and for six of those years (1978-1984) he was Editor of that Club's newsletter, publishing 24 issues about what AMC of A classifies as Power Cycles. He has never been gainfully employed as an editor and works at it strictly as a hobby.

He has been a member of the AMC of A for 12 years; a member of YANKEE Chapter for six years; and a member of EMPIRE Chapter for six years. He has won his share of trophies at local Chapter and National meets.

He's a real fuss-budget about proper English in its written form, and re-writing reports and articles is 'old hat' to him, but there are years of experience behind him. Let's hope it can all be put to good use for the benefit of the YANKEE Chapter.

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MINUTES of the YANKEE Chapter Business Meeting

Held at the Squash Inn, Moosup, Connecticut

December 2, 1984

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. by Chapter Director Alan Tonges, who opened his remarks by submitting his resignation to become effective immediately, because of understandable personal obligations and commitments. He then handed the gavel over to Paul Santopietro who presided over the meeting from that point.

The next item on the agenda was one of nominations from the floor to fill the vacancy thus created. It was noted that should one of the Vice Directors be elected as Chapter Director, a second vacancy would then be created (that of Vice Director), and it was agreed that from the nominees, whoever received the most number of votes would become Director, and whoever received the second highest number of votes would fill the vacated Vice Directorship. The nominees were: John Pierce (who was absent from the meeting, but who had previously voiced his willingness to serve); Rudy J. Litke; and Paul Santopietro. The results of the subsequent voting by secret ballot was John Pierce for Chapter Director; Paul Santopietro for Vice Director.

The next order of business was the selection of the Chapter logo from the 34 numbered designs which had been submitted by YANKEE members and which were displayed for all to inspect and vote on. Voting was by secret ballot and No. 21, submitted by Paul Santopietro was the winner. He requested that his prize of \$ 20.00 covering Chapter and National memberships for 1985 be retained in the Club Treasury. The chosen design was then given to Charlene Peirce to have camera-ready copy made for continuing Chapter use.

Giles Adams brought to the meeting the old Chapter sign which needs to be refinished before it can be used at future activities and Chuck Schmidt volunteered for this assignment.

A discussion on camping fees for 1985 followed, and \$ 5.00 per site for members and their guests was agreed upon, with a note that members will be responsible for their guests.

George Yarocki presented some National AMC of A news, including a list of 10 new rules, National signs, and the new National constitution (copies of which will be sent to members shortly). George also displayed a copy of the new AMC of A Subject Index prepared by Doug Strange (see also YANKEE PEDLAR this issue for AMC of A ad).

The question of spouse membership was brought up and discussed at some length. It was finally decided to charge \$ 7.50 for member and spouse, both to have voting privileges, and to share one copy of the newsletter per couple. This matter was carried by a show of hands, 18 to 9.

Adding a bit of comic relief to the meeting, Bob Peirce then presented out-going Chapter Director Alan Tonges with an "early photo of him" taken at the Reading Speedway in Pennsylvania. Also, the newsletter staff's favorite photo of 1984 - The Wienie Biters, Chuck Schmidt and Dan Whitcomb - was shown, and color copies presented to each of them by George Yarocki.

Next on the agenda, George Yarocki stated that he would like to ask Fred Hirsch to consider taking over the task of editing the newsletter, since Rudy J. Litke had decided to step down because of other commitments.

Fred accepted with the overwhelming support of all in attendance. Chapter appreciation was extended to Rudy and George and Milli Yarocki for their efforts in editing, preparing and sending out the 1984 issues of YANKEE CHATTER.

The most important order of business was then discussed - our YANKEE Chapter National Meet which will be held in Acton, Maine on June 29-30.

The following members volunteered to serve as 'committees of one' for the various tasks:

Food and Banquet	Jessie Aikman
Field Games	Paul ("Diz") Santopietro
Gate Control	John Pierce
Entertainment	Dave ("Rat") Scherk
Awards	Scott Blessington
Road Run	Dan Whitcomb
Security	Chuck Schmidt
Registration	Charlene Peirce
Track	Bob ("Zeke") Peirce
Trash	Gary ("Snerf") Saunders
Camping	John Pierce and Chuck Schmidt
Judging	Dave ("Rat") Scherk
Photos	Tom ("Torch") Neill
First Aid	Karl Nagy
Flea Market	Tom ("Torch") Neill and George Yarocki

A motion was made to raise Chapter dues to \$ 10.00 a year, but it was defeated by an almost unanimous show of hands.

Reaching no further conclusions, but anticipating the best ever YANKEE Chapter National Meet (with our appetites peaked) the meeting was adjourned at 3:02 P.M.

The closing Treasury balance for the year 1984 was \$ 566.92 with over 40 memberships already received.

*Respectfully submitted*  
*Charlene Peirce, Secretary/Treasurer*

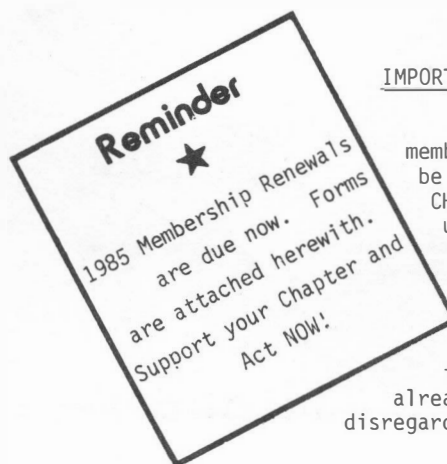
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After the Business Meeting, the assembled group enjoyed the pot-luck buffet and YANKEE Chapter extends its special thanks to Greg Campbell for the use of his establishment, The Squash Inn, to hold our Business Meeting and Christmas Party.

We also extend our thanks to Leslie Taylor and Leslie Jellison for all of their work in making this get-together most enjoyable.

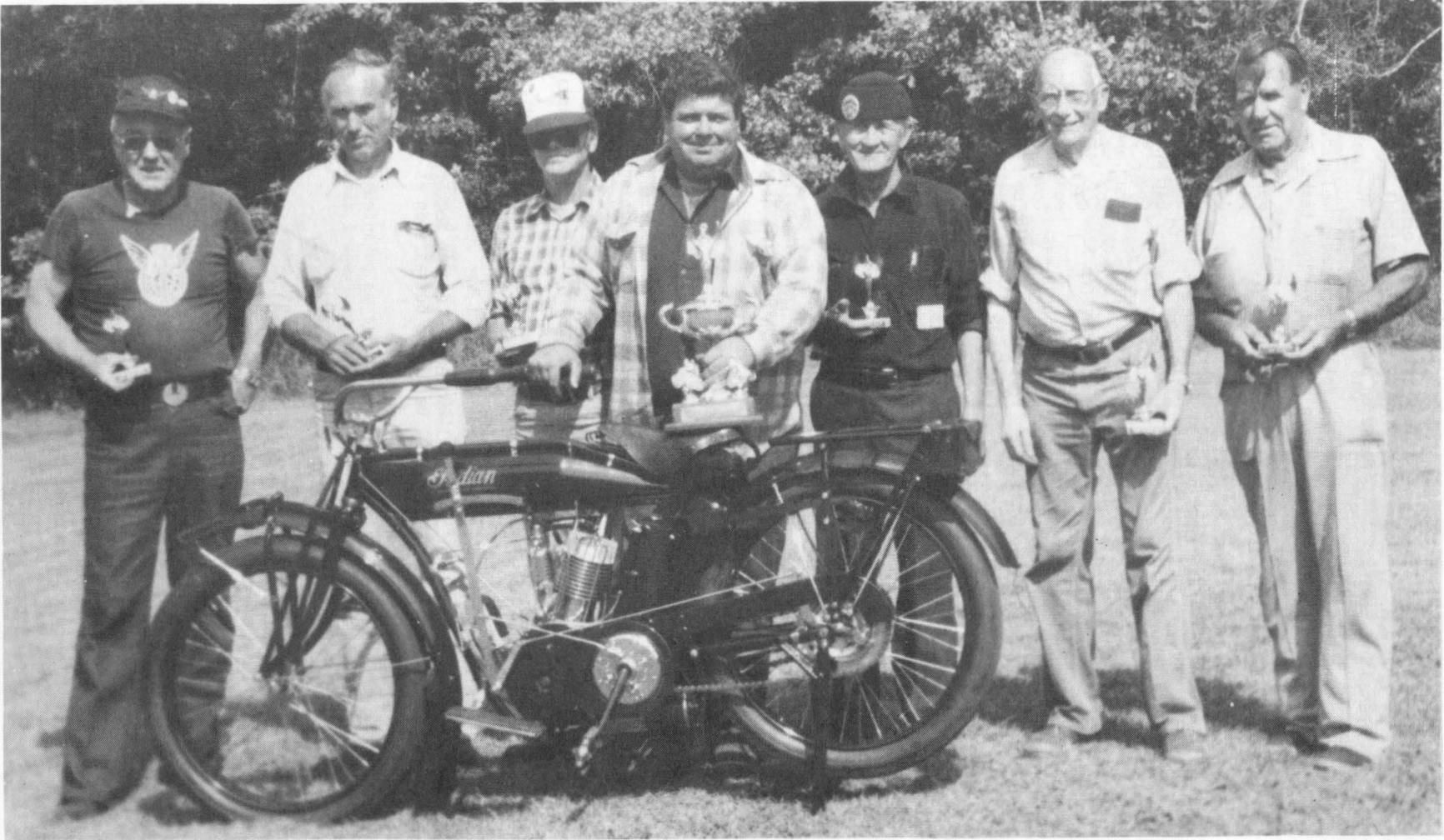
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IMPORTANT NOTICE - Unless we receive your 1985 YANKEE Chapter membership dues soon, this will be the last issue of YANKEE CHATTER that you will receive until they are paid. An Application for Membership is enclosed for your convenience, so do yourself a favor and take care of this little matter before it is too late. If you have already renewed for 1985 please disregard this notice.

## Champions Of Last Year



*Photo by Chuck Schmidt*

The YANKEE team of winners at the Moosup Meet - 1984

Left to Right - Charles Haskins, Don Switter, Dick Downs, George Twine,  
Fred Hirsch, Earl Bentley, "Andy" (Sterling) Anderson.

# YANKEE PEDLAR

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WANTED - YANKEE Chapter Historical notes: anything and everything. (Reference: Rudy J. Litke's report of the Business Meeting held at Moosup, Connecticut on September 22, 1984, item No. 6 - "Decided to check out History of Chapter." Send anything you can supply to:

Fred Hirsch, Editor  
YANKEE CHATTER  
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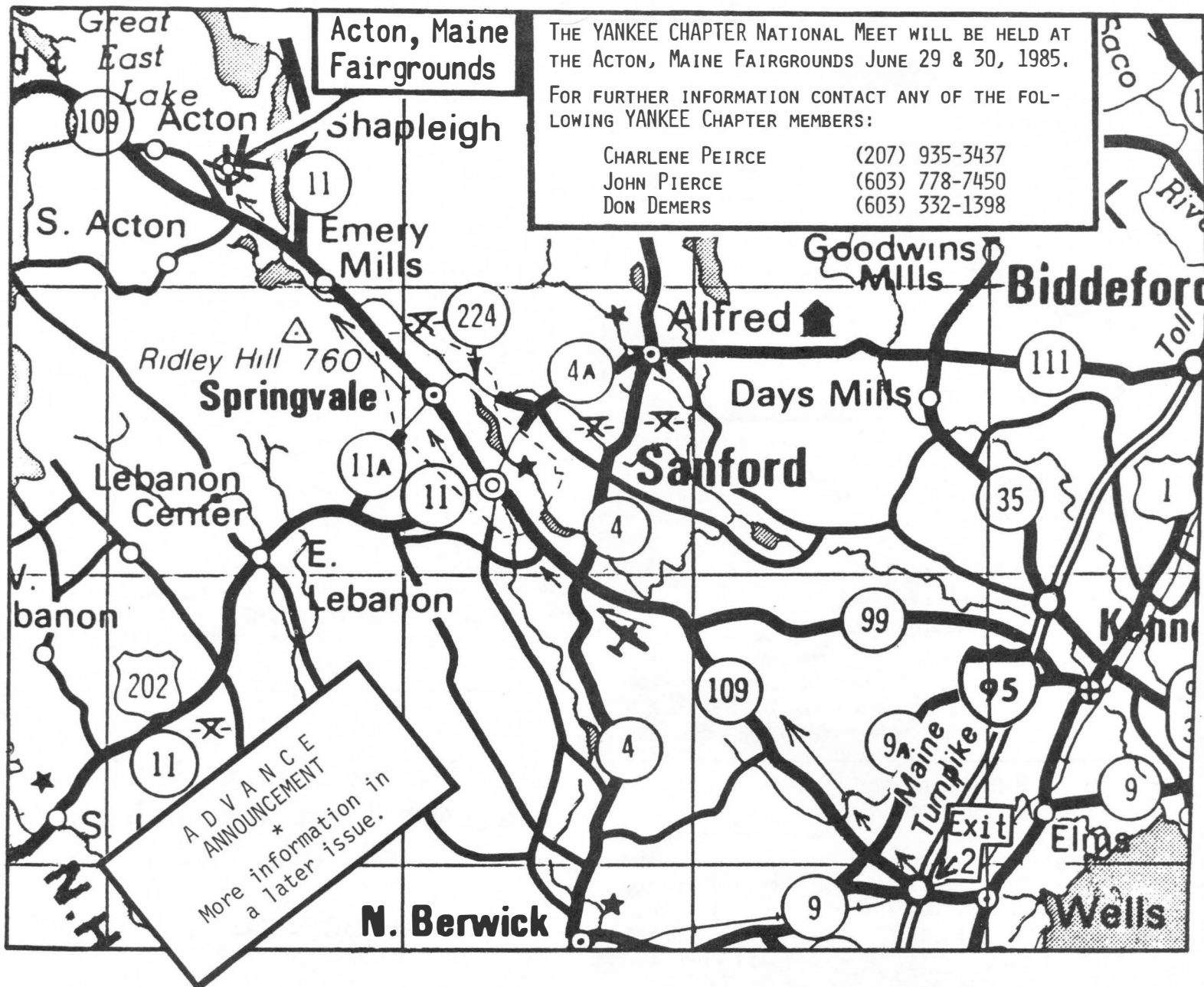
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