# YANKEE CHAPTER <br> ANTIQUE MOTORCYCLE CLUB OF AMERICA, INC. <br> Chapter Established in 1972 

## YANKEE CHAPTER NATIONAL MEET APRIL 11-12, 1987

WATERFORD SPEED BOWL, WATERFORD, CONnECTICUT



Rosemarie Merle-Smith, Rocky Mountain Chapter member from Boulder, Colorado, wearing chaps (perhaps to handle all that 'horse' power?) checks out her 1942 Military INDIAN Scout prior to the "Mt. Washington Challenge", at the WHITE MOUNTAIN NATIONAL ROAD RUN in North Conway, N.H., July 25, 1986. Rosemarie was the only lady rider to accomplish the ascent to the $6,288 \mathrm{ft}$. altitude.

## FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE NATIONAL MEETS, CONTACT THE CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVE SHOWN:

APRIL 11-12 -YANKEE CHAPTER - Waterford Speed Bowl, Waterford, Connecticut. Contact Art Delor, P.O. Box 125, Waterford, Connecticut 06385. Phone: (203) 444-6297.

MAY 16-17 . COLONIAL CHAPTER - Warren County Fairgrounds, Harmony, New Jersey. Contact Randy Zorn, 676 N. Hamilton Ave., Lindenhurst, New York 11757.
MAY 30-31 - OMAHA CHAPTER - Plymonth County Fairgrounds, Lemars, Iowa. Contact Rich Schultz, 123 10th St., S.W., Lemars, lowa 51031. Phone: (712) 546-5042.
JUNE 27-28 - PERKIOMEN CHAPTER - Oley Fairgrounds, (near) Reading, Pennsylvania. Contact William Patt, R.D. 7064, Reading, Pennsylvania 19606.
JULY 18-19 - MAUMEE VALLEY CHAPTER - Fulton County Fairgrounds, Wauseon, Ohio. Contact Dick Winger, 2008 Fitchburg Road, Stockbridge, Michigan 49285 Phone: (517) 565-3100

JULY 26-27-28 ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER - Rocky Mountain National Road Run. Contact Joe Raab, 12262 W. 65th Ave., Arvade, Colorado 80004
AUGUST 15-16 - EMPIRE CHAPTER - Location to be announced at a later date. Contact Curtiss Bunce, Box 171A, Marriott Road, West Winfield, New York 13491.

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> We regret to report to our YANKEE Chapter members the loss of Edward S. Cooke. The reprint of his passing is from the March 1987 issue of The MOTORCYCLIST'S POST. "Cookie" won a trophy with his 1936 INDIAN Sport Scout at YANKEE'S Autumn Meet in Keene, N. H. and also attended the November 1986 Christmas Party/Business Meeting.


Minutes of the YANKEE Chapter Business Meeting
at the GREENVILLE GARAGE
U. S. Route 44, Harmony, Rhode Island

February 22, 1987
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The meeting was opened by Co-Director Jim Costa at $1: 16$ P.M. Eighteen people were in attendance.

Owing to the absence of our Secretary, no Secretary's report was available and was dispensed with. Fred Hirsch was asked to record the minutes of this meeting.

The Treasury Report was dispensed with since Fred had prepared a poster showing a clear balance of $\$ 623.13$ with no outstanding bills, and a total membership for 1987 of 91 - 20 of whom are spouse, and the Treasury books and records were displayed for all to examine.

At this point Jim turned the meeting over to Art Delor for a report on progress to date with preparations for our National Meet in Waterford, Connecticut on April 11-12, 1987. Art opened his remarks by detailing the difficulties he had run into in making the necessary arrangements for clearances, sponsorship, permits, etc., all of which have now been taken care of - these included the Fire Marshall, Police, local Sanitation Department, etc.

Art stated that Mr. Tattersall, owner of the WATERFORD SPEED BOWL, will handle the concession to serve and sell hot dogs, hamburgers, coffee, etc. Location of the banquet site has not yet been determined, and Jessie Aikman, Mike Jacaruso and Leo Kirnes volunteered to work with Art on this aspect of the meet. The original thought was for the sponsoring organization to host the banquet as an income-producing source for their treasury, but the offer was not taken up, so it was agreed that the Chapter will make a monetary donation to the sponsor after the meet.

The race track is paved macadam, and the use of it will be restricted to licensed AMC of A members only, as provided by National regulation, who will be required to first sign a waiver. Bob Peirce will be in charge of this operation.

Fred Hirsch suggested that Art Delor be named as Meet Coordinator since he has done so much already in preparation for it. Henceforth all matters pertaining to this Waterford meet will be handled by and through Art, and he will advise the Co-Directors of all progress.

Co-Director Jessie Aikman then took the floor and brought up several matters. She first discussed the possibility of advertising the meet in several news media, including The Motorcyclist's POST, the New London daily papers, etc. It was mutually agreed that she should handle this matter further, in cooperation with the Meet Coordinator. She then took up the subject of trophy purchases for our 1987 season and displayed a recent catalog from which she had made an initial selection. Chuck Schmidt moved that decisions on this matter be made by the Chapter Directors and Officers and this was agreed upon.

Jessie then announced that all necessary arrangements for a Chapter meet at the Acton Fairgrounds in Acton, Maine on June 13-14, 1987 have been made and all is in order - thanks to the efforts of our Secretary, Charlene Peirce. She emphasized that this
will be a mid-summer activity and maximum attendance by Chapter members will be the goal. All Club members are urged to make every effort to attend and make this the largest gathering in YANKEE history.

The possibility of holding a Poker Run at this meet was brought up by Co-Director Jim Costa, and much discussion, pro and con, followed, including comments on rally runs, and although no definite decision was made at this time, more research will be conducted and reported on after the Waterford meet.

Jim then reported his experience in trying to locate a possible meet site in Rhode Island, since none has ever been held in the smallest State in the Union; but although several initial contacts and discussions with local authorities seemed bright, promising, appealing and inexpensive, the final outcome proved to be too prohibitive cost-wise - especially at the present level of our Treasury balance.

Chuck Schmidt reported that he had made and sold several copies of the video movies which were taken during the Mt. Washington National Road Run, and that all of them had been sold to AMC of A members. He emphasized the fact that these tape copies are available only to AMC of A members, and he still has a few more orders to fill. To date a net profit of $\$ 102.40$ has been realized from this venture and this amount was turned over immediately to the Club Treasurer. Jim Costa asked if there was anyone present who objected in any way to the appearance of their machines or persons being so used without their permission. There were no objections, and he reiterated Chuck's statement that these tapes are available only to AMC of $A$ members.

George Yarocki brought us up to date on his latest project - revising and updating the National AMC of A guidebook which contains pertinent information on regulations, requirements, guide lines on how to run a meet, etc. This revision needs only to be approved by the National Board of Directors before it will be available to Club Officers, Directors, Meet Coordinators, etc. He also pointed out that at this season's meets (1987) extra activities should be scheduled for Saturday, since it has been decided that Sunday morning shall be set aside entirely for judging the many machines now participating in our events.

George then noted that the current meet allowance for chapters authorized to host a National activity is $\$ 350.00$. He will make a recommendation that this amount be increased by $\$ 100.00$. Much discussion on this subject followed, and Chuck Schmidt suggested that perhaps a supplemental allowance could be made available in the event that a hosting chapter should break less than even. Various phases of the merit of this procedure were kicked back and forth, and the general concensus was that it would be worth a try. George agreed to use it in his recommendation. He made note at this time that the Maumee Valley Chapter had turned back their 1986 National meet allowance in view of National's dwindling resources at that time.

Jim Costa announced that we will plan an Autumn meet, possibly at Keene, New Hampshire again, but other sites will be investigated before any final decision is made. Much discussion about First Aid kits followed and Karl Nagy offered several suggestions and agreed to look into this matter for us. He did corment on the fact that many 'ready-made' kits often include too much in the way of items not normally needed, and not enough of those generally required. On the question of fire extinguishers, Karl stated that the $\mathrm{CO}_{2}$ type is the best and we will need to


Scenes of busy activity at YANKEE'S hospitality tent


July 24-27, 1986 - North Conway, New Hampshire


## WHITE MOUNTAIN NATIONAL ROAD RUN

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provide three or four at our meets. More will be developed on this requirement.

Fred Hirsch gave a brief rundown on Treasury activities, which are always extensive at this time of year when renewal memberships come in thick and fast. He reported that along with 91 Chapter memberships, 51 National memberships had been processed and submitted to Dick Winger, the National Membership Chairman. He also noted that in addition to the "Passing the Hat" donations received at both this and the last business meeting several other individual donations had been received by mail along with membership dues. Forty-eight dollars from "Passing the Hat" was generated at this meeting, six regular membershps (\$60.00) and one spouse membership ( $\$ 12.50$ ) were paid in; \$ 102.40 was turned in from video tape sales; \$ 17.50 from shirt and pin sales; and \$2.00 from membership service charges; bringing the Treasury balance up to $\$ 865.53$ at the end of this meeting.

The meeting was closed at 3:41 P.M. and everyone adjourned to partake of the pot luck refreshments and socialize for a few hours before departing homeward.

Respectfully submitted Frederick D. Hirsch Editor/Treasurer

## WHITE MOUNTAIN NATIONAL ROAD RUN

Brutal Bros. Yankee

## Chapter, Mt. Washington

 Trip ORA hundred brave men
tried, but only a
few arrived

(This article by Neil Ottens of the COLONIAL Chapter appeared in that chapter's newsletter "KICKER" NO. 27 for January 1987 and is reprinted here for the enjoyment of our YANKEE Chapter members. . . . . . . . Ed.)

I've been craving to blast my ' 37 Scout over that hill in New Hampshire for a couple of years now. So when I heard the Yankee Chapter was putting on a road run up that hill, why, hell, I haven't been that excited since the first time the 3 of us went to a drive-in movie.

A day or so before the run I found out that my Brutal Brother can't get away from work (his air-conditioned office) because of a major breakdown, (Mr. Coffee had died).

Then my wife tells me she's got vacation time and wants to come along. Naturally in the station wagon with the kids and the dog. Now, this wrecked my plans big time. Now I'm humiliated into putting my Scout on the trailer. I am ashamed and humiliated just like Mr. Happy was at the drive-in movie, (but that's another story).

Off we go, 15,000 pounds of pure fun, power steering, air conditioning, cruise control, stereo. Almost as much fun as one of them rice-rocket super cruisers.

Over the Tappan Zee bridge and WHAP, a fender flies off the trailer. I had traffic stopped up for 18 miles while I tied that sucker on the roof with the rest of the junk.

Blasting along on 6 wheels the kids start with the "Are we there yet?" routine. The dog's gotta squirt, the woman gotta eat, oh boy, what fun. After 10 hours of this treatment we finally arrived at the Fox Ridge for check in. After checking in, as we pull out of the parking lot, the car's fuel pump died. One of the Yankee guys offered me his car to go get parts (what a good guy). I put a new fuel pump on the wagon and we got to the camp ground, where it died again! Pitch the tents, GOOD NIGHT!

The next morning I'm up at sunrise and I'm PSYCHED. With the family stranded with the pooper scooper and hot dogs, but no buns. Tough luck honey, I gotta blast over that hill.

Three chokes, key on, I'm gone. I blast over to the Fox Ridge in record time so I wouldn't miss the coffee and buns routine. I suck down my share, and then some. At the Registration Desk they gave me a hanky and a pin that says ROAD RACE. So let's do it.

Off we go, Plunk-a-tee pop, putt-putt, down the road, what a bummer. I expected blinding speed, white knuckles and all that stuff. Not today folks. At the bottom of the hill we check in with Smokey the bear and we get the go ahead. Smokey says visibility is only 5 feet. Yeah, let's get real, Smokey, no such thing as fog that bad (I thought).

I hear Earl Chalfant saying as he is looking up at the Mountain, with hands on his hips and his neck bent to the stops, looking at the sky, "This hill is kid stuff, nothing to it. Why, you wanna talk about mountains: I'll tell you about mountains." Now, with his hands raised in the air and all eyes upon him. A hush fell over the crowd as he walked toward us like Moses coming down from the Mountain with the 10 Commandments, "I've been over Pikes Peak, I've been to Grand Junction, Colorado, I've rubbed elbows with eagles. Why, my custom built 1938 Indian " 4 " is gonna pull this hill in High gear. Let's go! Follow me, if you can".

I don't know why, but I waited for most of the bikes to go ahead of me. Key on and I'm gone. High gear on the flat ground leading to the hill I passed a dozen or so bikers who musta thought, "Look at this …- going like Hell." But, being an ex-trucker I learned you go like Hell on the bottom and you coast over the top, right? Wrong: Third gear lasted about 100 yards and 8 miles to go. Second gear lasted about $1 / 2$ mile before it popped into neutral all by itself. What the heck is going on here, I thought. Everything in this trans is brand new. I get another mile or so in second gear and I'm doing about 15 mph with the throttle wide open, and she jumps out again. This time my engine revs up to almost the exploding point, and by the time I get it back into first gear I'm at a dead stop. What da heck is going on here?! I race the feathers out of the sucker and pop the clutch, darn, dead as a hammer. I steer the bars to get sideways on the hill so I could restart. That's
when I discovered I didn't need the kickstand. I could just lean the left bar on the road to start the engine. This time I spin ruber for 50 feet and I'm gone. After a couple more miles, first gear won't stay in either. I had to hold the shifter with one hand and the throttle with the other. I really didn't need the throttle 'cause it was wide open since about the 4 -mile marker. Joggers and hikers were passing me in droves with their shorts on and socks that go right up to their shorts, and 10 -pound boots with action traction soles and their Robin Hood hats and two-ton knapsacks. What da heck is going on here?!

But, I keep moving. I passed a JD Harley sidecar who was smoking the back rim while the tire was standing still (the truth, guys). passed a couple more guys and started saying "Come on baby, we're doing it now".

At the 6-mile marker, WHAMMO, the fog hit. Smokey was right, 5-feet visibility, I CAN'T SEE! What da heck is going on here?! I rip off my sunglasses and threw them suckers clear to Connecticut. Here comes a $5,000 \mathrm{ft}$. cliff on the right, better go left, here comes a cliff on the left, better go right and on and on like that for hours, it seemed. Now I start passing parked motorcycles and people walking with eyes on the ground. I could hardly see my front fender when all of a sudden I saw what I thought was a moose or an elk that went belly up from lack of oxygen I guess. But, wait, it has shoes on, two different pair, fronts and rears. And look at that puddle of blood, no it's oil, a big puddle of oil and what I thought was a moose was a big Earl Chalfant and his wife, laying on their backs with their feet up in the air. They couldn't have crashed, I thought, as I spun rubber through the oil slick that the big custom rig was puking. Well, if they didn't crash, then what were they doing? I nodded my head and said " Hi " as I drove by. I know. They must be resting and taking in the scenery up close to the sky and all that.

I don't know what it was, but it must have been the echo in the mountains, and it sounded like it was saying. . I been over Pikes Peak-Peak-Peak. I been to Grand Junction, Colorado-0-0-0-0. That Earl sure has a strange way of parking his scooter I thought.

O well, to the top I go. I finally get to the parking lot and it looked like no one was there except me and my trusty Scout. But, as I looked around there were a dozen or so other guys and a Smokey-thebear Ranger in a dump truck in the parking lot with me. Here comes Rudy Litke huffin' and puffin' up the last 100 feet. He got to the lower parking lot and called it quits. By the way, I never even saw the lower parking lot or I would have parked there too.

Rudy and I felt our way up to the observatory where we observed coffee and buns, of course. We took off our belts and shoe laces and tied ourselves together so we wouldn't get lost, and ventured out to feel the Cog Rail Steam Engine. It smelled bad and felt hot and greasy. I can't say I really saw it though.

It was then I decided, when you are bad, I mean real bad, and you die, that's where you go, to the top of Mt. Washington.

Well, what goes up gotta go down. So we felt our way down to the bikes and we were gone. No need for crankin', key on, in gear, clutch out and never touched the throttle for the next 8 miles. Every 1,000 feet or so we stopped to cool the binders. Then we catch up to Frank Adams, who is old enough to have bought his 1923 Reading-Standard when it was new, trying to take a short cut down the hill. WRONG: (Frank, you can't fly). I don't know if you realize it or not, but, if you didn't hit that tree your machine would be due to hit the ground in about 10 minutes or so. Luckily for Frank, he got away with only minor cuts and bruises. I know his machine can't fly because I helped carry the thing up that cliff and it's too damn heavy to fly. Trust me, Frank, next time take the long way.

Finally, down at the bottom and after coffee and buns and a $100-\mathrm{mile}$ ride through some of the nicest scenery in America. I went for the wife and kids to lay around the pool with Cal Wahl (Moby Dick) and his charming wife June. "Hi June". Dennis Craig and Randy Zorn joined in the pool for a perfect afternoon. I couldn't make the next day's 100 -mile ride 'cause it was the family's turn to play tourist, and we had a great time.

Well, I've never been to Pikes Peak, but, I'll tell you, the White Mountains in New Hampshire is one pretty place to go. I'd recommend, if the Yankee guys have the run again next year, that you all call it vacation and attend the meet. I received a beautiful wall plaque for making it to the top and I polish it regularly.

As I said, a hundred brave men tried but only a few arrived.
Neil Ottens

# YANKEE CHAPTER NATIONAL MEET 

## APRIL 11-12, 1987

WATERFORD SPEED BOWL, Waterford, Connecticut

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From NORTH on I-395: Proceed to Exit 77 and take off ramp to Connecticut Route 85; then go RIGHT and proceed NORTH £or approximately $1 \frac{1}{2}$ miles; WATERFORD SPEED BOWL is on the LEFT.

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icut Route 85; then go RIGHT and proceed NORTH
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## THEME: "ANTIQUE COMPETITION MOTORCYCLES"



WATERFORD SPEED BOWL has a paved track, nomally used for stock car racing. Anyone wishing to use the track will be required to sign a waiver before being allowed to do so.

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:

Let us all be happy and live within our means, even if we have to borrow to do so.

## YANKEE PEDLAR

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


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 Kraver, Clinton Hollow Road, Salt Point, New York 12578.
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