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ANTIQUE MOTORCYCLE CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

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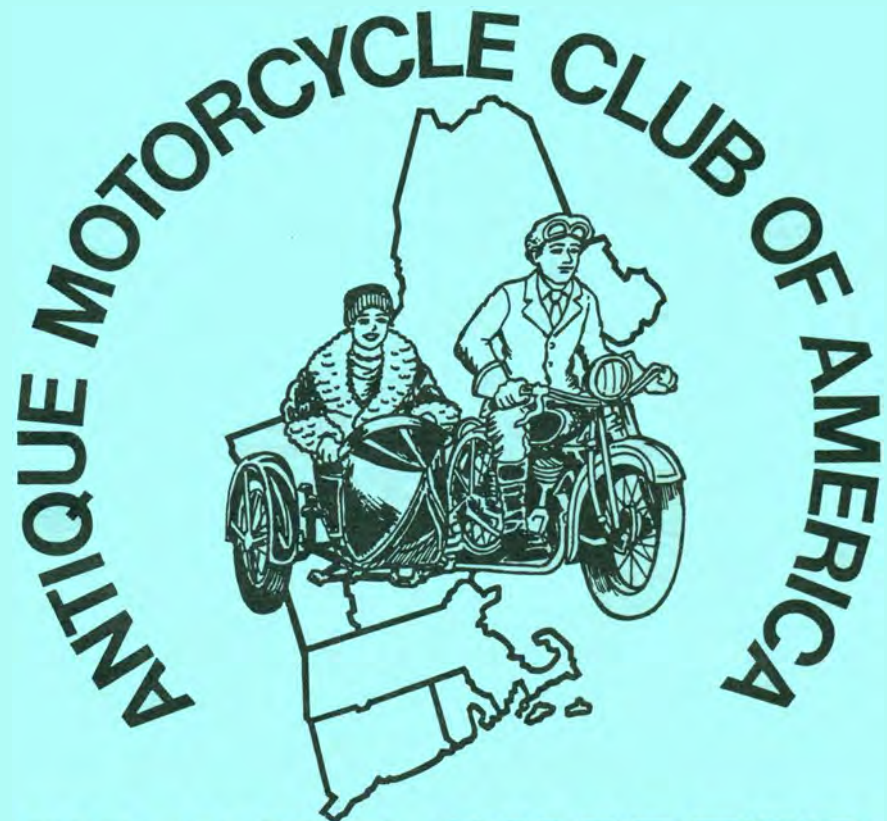
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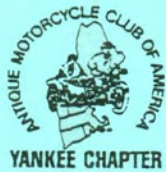
Although this issue is identified as WINTER because of our fiscal year calendar, this is the first issue of our 16th year. SPRING is a time of awakening in the Earth.

Our YANKEE Chapter came to life in 1972 and in the SPRING of 1988 will be sweet 16!

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## YANKEE CHAPTER



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Minutes of the YANKEE  
Chapter Business Meeting  
held at the  
V.F.W. Post No. 10284 Hall  
in Moosup, Connecticut  
December 6, 1987  
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MOOSUP again! That's right - YANKEE Chapter members and guests returned once again to one of their favorite haunts - Moosup! This time it was to the V.F.W. Post No. 10284 hall for the annual Christmas gathering. This large facility nicely accommodated the 70-plus attendees and a bigger-than-life pot luck buffet. A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped out!

Before getting down to the 'vittles', Co-Director Jim Costa brought the meeting

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EARL V. BENTLEY reports that he has finally got the cast removed from his ankle and is having to learn to walk all over again. Two screws and a rod were required to fasten everything back together, and Earl says, "I know one thing. I won't ever kick another machine over again!"

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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  
SPRING: April 10 AUTUMN: October 15

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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 Treasurer at any time. National AMC of A membership dues for the 1988 membership year are \$ 20.00 single; \$ 25.00 with spouse.

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# Co-Director's Message

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Here it is the beginning of a new year and the AMC of A has a full schedule of events for 1988.

Our YANKEE Chapter Directors held a meeting in January (see Secretary's report elsewhere in this issue) at Jim Costa's garage to discuss our own upcoming NATIONAL Meet scheduled for June 25-26, 1988, again to be held at Acton Fairgrounds in Acton, Maine. Many plans and arrangements have already been made.

I feel confident that the YANKEE Chapter can host the best meet of the season if we continue working together.

A pot luck membership Business Meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, April 10, 1988 at Jim's garage to iron out the final details for this meet. We will also be looking for volunteers at this time for the usual jobs of grounds preparation, gate monitoring, registration booth, track supervision, etc., etc.

Since we are the hosts for this meet we must see that every phase of its function runs as smoothly as possible, so please come to this meeting prepared to volunteer for some task. Keep in mind, also, that when we attend meets hosted by other chapters, we are guests who can sit back and enjoy the efforts of others, but this one is our responsibility. We need everyone's help and support to make it a success.

A decision was made at the December 6, 1987 Business Meeting/Christmas Party that the theme for this meet will be in honor of the sidecar, so drag out those sidecar rigs and ride 'em, truck 'em, trailer 'em, or just bring the pieces.

If anyone has any new ideas for special field games which would include sidecar participation, please attend the April 10, 1988 Business Meeting and share them with us.

Warm weather is coming (believe it or not) along with plenty of time to get ready for this special occasion, so finish those projects and bring them along to Acton, and show 'em off!

Jessie A. Jacaruso  
Co-Director

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## SIDECARtoon



"He says there's too much back-seat driving in the Cadillac"

## BOSTON MOTORCYCLE EXPO

March 19-20, 1988

WORLD TRADE CENTER

This is a trade show sponsored by Edgell Expositions and Conferences. Twelve engraved clock awards will be given to exhibitors in classes to be announced. The MOTORCYCLIST'S POST is cooperating in this event. The POST will charge a \$ 10.00 entry fee for exhibitors of vintage, classic and antique motorcycles. Entrants will receive two complimentary show passes from the promoters, and a colorful memento T-shirt and ceramic coffee mug from The MOTORCYCLIST'S POST.

See enclosed flyer and application for details.



## Business Meeting April 10, 1988

GREENVILLE GARAGE - Harmony, R. I.

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There will be a Membership Business Meeting at the GREENVILLE GARAGE in Harmony, Rhode Island on Sunday, April 10, 1988 at 12:30 PM for the purpose of finalizing plans and assigning tasks for our YANKEE Chapter NATIONAL Meet, to be held at the Acton Fairgrounds in Acton, Maine on June 25-26, 1988.

This meeting will be open to all members and especially those who can offer their assistance in helping us make our 1988 NATIONAL Meet a success. The agenda will also contain items in reference to our entire 1988 meet and meetings schedule.

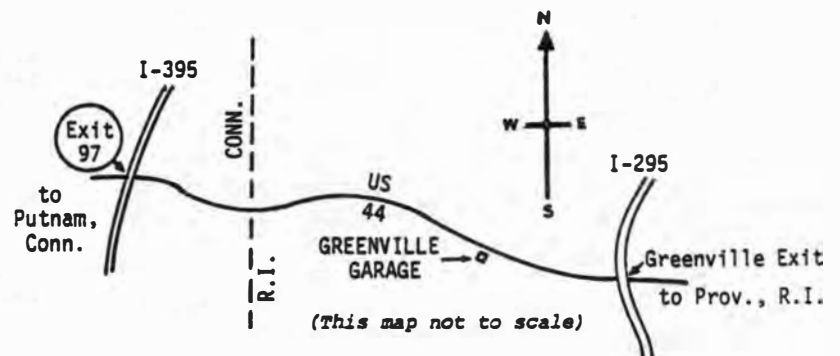
Pot luck, as is our usual custom, so bring what you can; and a folding chair if you have one. This is a very important meeting, so mark your calendars NOW as NO FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE. Dress comfortably, but not fancy.

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### How to get There - It's easy

From NORTH or SOUTH on I-395: Proceed to exit 97 (Putnam); then go EAST on US Route 44 for approximately 15 miles; Greenville Garage is on RIGHT.

From NORTH or SOUTH on I-295: Proceed to Greenville Exit; then go WEST on US Route 44 for approximately 5 miles; Greenville Garage is on LEFT.







Minutes of the YANKEE Chapter Officers Meeting  
held at the GREENVILLE GARAGE,  
Harmony, Rhode Island  
January 10, 1988

- a. - Brenda Taylor
- b. - Modern Graphics
- c. - Pomegranate



IN ATTENDANCE:

- Co-Director - James A. Costa
- Co-Director - Jessie A. Jacaruso
- Secretary - Patricia N. Lucas
- Treasurer - Frederick D. Hirsch

TIME:

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 P.M.

I - The first topic of discussion was our up-coming NATIONAL Meet scheduled to be held in Acton, Maine on June 25-26, 1988. The following items were discussed and voted on where necessary:

- A. An ad for the NATIONAL Meet must be submitted by February 1, 1988 in order to appear in the NATIONAL magazine, SPRING issue, which will be mailed out on March 18, 1988. Jessie volunteered to handle this matter and get it to Dennis Craig before the deadline.
- B. Concession Stand - Jessie advised that she has been in contact with the 4H ladies in Acton and they have once again agreed to run the concession stand.
- C. Banquet - The banquet is set to be held on Saturday night, June 25, 1988. Jessie presented two options for catering of this event:

- 1 - The local church offers a ham and bean supper, and this was voted down as chicken is a safer choice when feeding a large group.
- 2 - Arlene Smith, who operates "The Potting Shed" in Acton, can cater the banquet with a picnic type barbecued chicken dinner at a cost of \$ 7.00 per person. The chicken will be par-boiled ahead of time. We will have to do the actual barbeuing. It was decided to look further into this as several questions arose:
  - a. - Do we have to rent our own barbecue grill and what would it cost?
  - b. - Rental of tables and chairs?
  - c. - Cost of flatware, paper cups, plates, etc. - will this be extra?

Jessie has a supply of old YANKEE Chapter membership cards that will be used as banquet tickets.

- D. Trophies - Thirty-one (31) trophies are needed for this meet. We would like to keep the cost of these down to about \$ 8.00 apiece for an approximate cost of \$ 248.00 total. Jessie will look into the possibility of having ceramic plates made with our YANKEE Chapter logo and sidecar on them.
- E. T-Shirts - It was voted to purchase 108 T-Shirts:
 

12 - Small	42 - X-Large
12 - Medium	6 - XX-Large
36 - Large	108 - Total

  - 1 - Color of the T-Shirts will be maroon. The logo will be on the back of the shirts in big bold yellow letters; also in yellow, the front pocket will bear our logo sidecar without the usual background.
  - 2 - The following suppliers will be contacted as to the prices and quality they offer:

- F. Entertainment - Different types of entertainment and exhibits were discussed, such as:
  - 1 - Display by the 101 Association
  - 2 - Mike Hashem's license plate collection

- G. Vendors - Vendors will be allowed as much space as they need.

- H. Certificate of Insurance - Jessie will contact Bob McClean to make sure we have the insurance verification before the meet.

II - The next order of business concerned the HODGDON ANNUAL AWARD Trophy, and it was decided that Fred Hirsch will write to George Twine asking him to return it before the meet so that it can be cleaned and repaired.

III - Business Meeting/Christmas Party 1988 - It was decided to hold the 1988 Business Meeting/Christmas Party again at the V.F.W Post No. 10284 in Moosup, Connecticut - date to be announced.

IV - The next Club Business Meeting will be held on April 10, 1988 - once again at Jim Costa's GREENVILLE GARAGE, at 12:30 P.M. As usual, it will be pot luck. (See announcement elsewhere in this issue).

CLOSE:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia N. Lucas

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to order at approximately 1:30 PM. Minutes of the last meeting were accepted and approved as published in YANKEE CHATTER 87-1.

Our Treasurer, Fred Hirsch, reported that we ended our fiscal year 1987 with a check book balance of \$ 1,512.43, of which \$ 140.00 would be submitted to NATIONAL AMC of A for 1988 memberships thus far collected. Copies of this report were available to all, and it was submitted to William Hoecker, the NATIONAL Director of Chapters, along with other required year-end data about 1988 Chapter activities.

A total of 24 members renewed for 1988, along with one new member from the Moosup area. The PICK-A-PICTURE/PUT-A-QUARTER box of photographs which, for various reasons, had not been used in any of the issues of YANKEE CHATTER, yielded \$ 16.80, and other sales of Chapter materials added another \$ 21.00. Unsolicited donations amounted to \$ 3.00, and all this brought the net cost of renting the V.F.W. Post No. 10284 hall down to \$ 44.20 (see Treasury Report on page 9).

Other items on the agenda included a discussion of alternative meet sites for 1989. No new locations have been discovered, but some talk of using the Waterford Speed Bowl again came up along with a town-owned park on the island of Jamestown in Rhode Island.

We do have a NATIONAL Meet date for 1988 which will be held at the Acton Fairgrounds in Acton, Maine, on June 25-26.

Jessie Jacaruso is already working on this project and presented a progress report.

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Actual Size = 6-1/4" X 4-3/4"  
White on Green

These less than full-size "footprints" of New England motorcycle license plates are from the collection of Marlin Silva, 146 West Hillcrest Boulevard, Inglewood, California 90301.



Actual Size = 6-1/4" X 4-1/2"  
White on Black

Actual Size = 6-1/4" X 3-3/4"



Green on White

Actual Size = 8-3/4" X 4-1/4"



Green on White

# S.M.C.

TRADE MARK

## NEW NAME — NEW CAPITAL — A POWERFUL ORGANIZATION

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The Schickel Lightweight — now the S. M. C.—has behind it the unqualified endorsement of thousands of riders, who have given it every known test during the past three years, and have found the camless, valveless, high-speed Schickel Two Stroke Motor absolutely flawless.

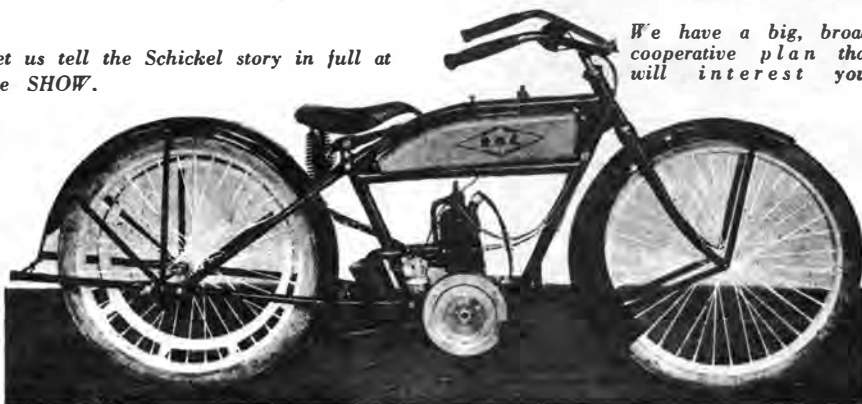
And why shouldn't it be? For eight years, the Schickel Two Stroke Motor has

been on the road. It has been refined, improved and strengthened with each succeeding year until today it stands as the highest example of two stroke motor construction. It is powerful, it is cool, it is astonishingly quiet. Above all, its simplicity and compactness make it the ideal lightweight motor.

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Let us tell the Schickel story in full at the SHOW.

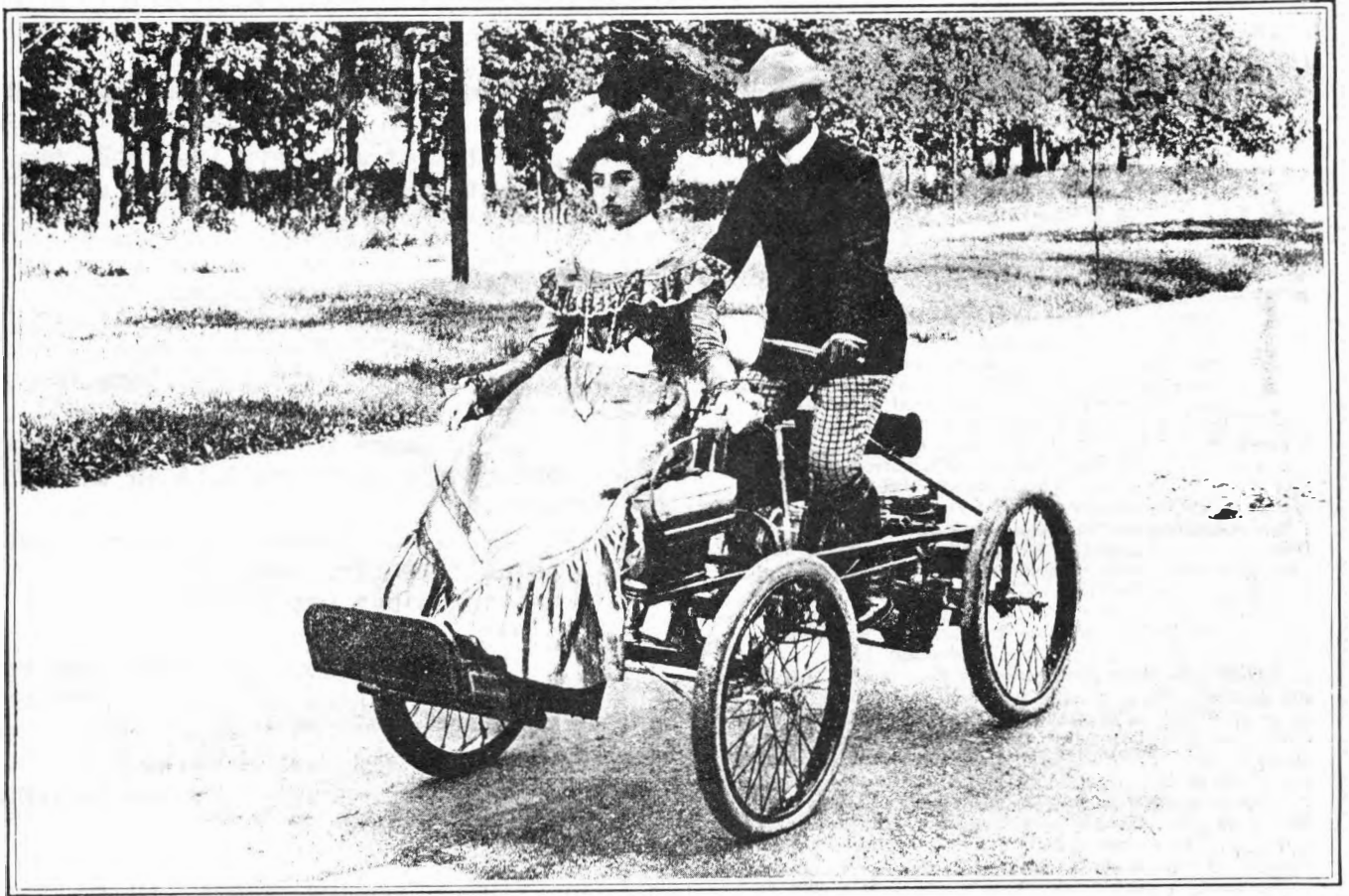
We have a big, broad cooperative plan that will interest you.



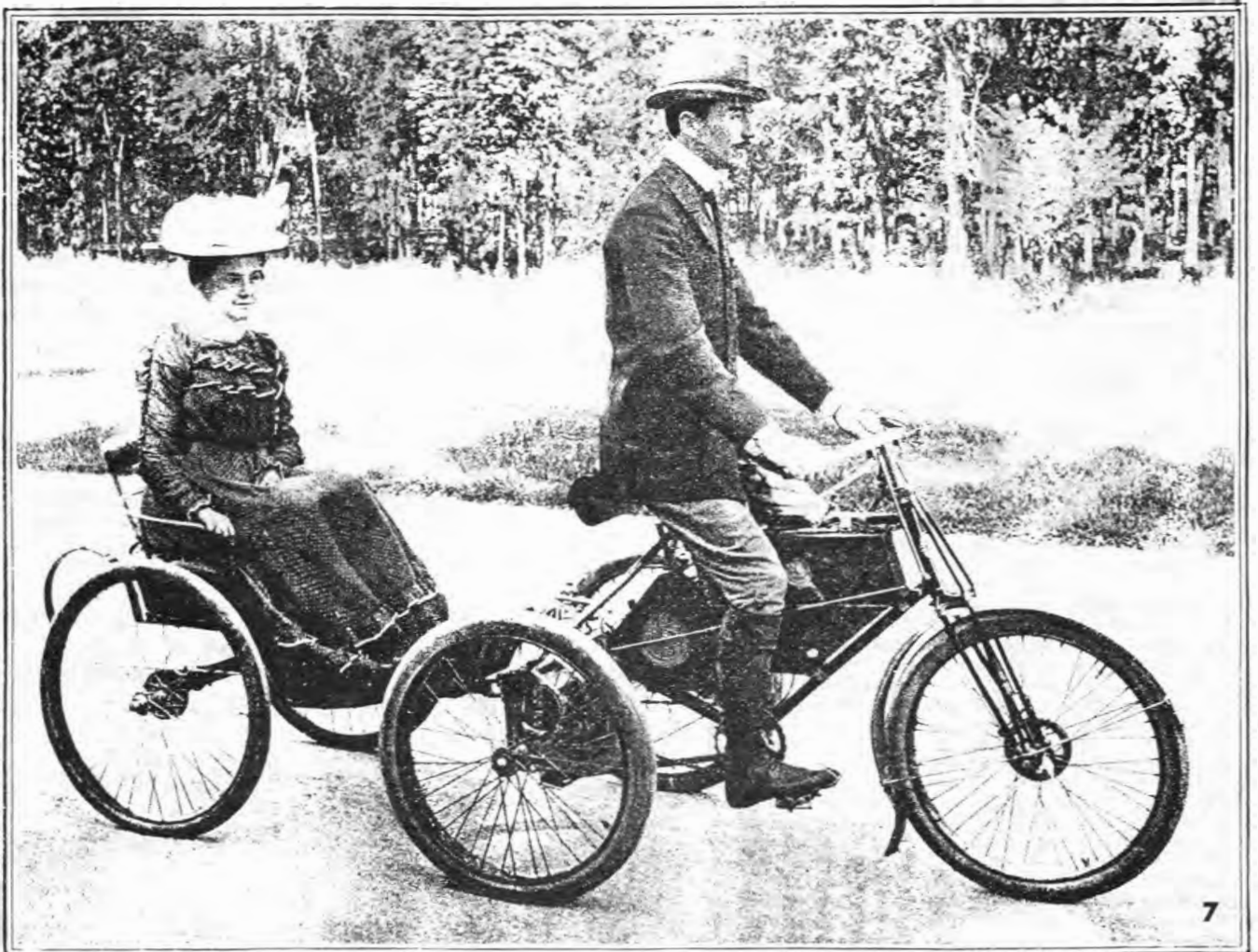
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## Editor's Notes

*and Other Nonsense*

Year of the SIDECAR - Since the theme of our 1988 YANKEE Chapter NATIONAL Meet will be in honor of the sidecar, and since this is the 16th year of YANKEE'S existence, let us identify 1988 as the "Year of the SIDECAR", number 16 in our YANKEE Chapter calendar.

In the Chinese calendar 1988 is the number 4686, and it is the "Year of the DRAGON".

Sprinkled about in this issue members will note some sidecar cartoons which are appropriate for our "Year of the SIDECAR". As we go through the year other SIDECARtoons will appear.

Now, all someone has to do is come up with a pattern of "Years of the . . . ." and we can have our own rotating yearly identity. The Chinese honor 12 animals in their rotating calendar names. Suggestions? ?

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### RECIPROCAL NEWSLETTER EXCHANGE

Other Chapters Please Note It has been our YANKEE Chapter policy to exchange copies of our newsletter with other chapters of the NATIONAL AMC of A on a reciprocal basis.

During 1987, however, the 'exchange' became mostly one-sided on our part, and it appears that perhaps some of the other chapters do not continue publishing when an active Editor steps down and no replacement is found.

Out of 22 chapters, 15 of which reported in our 1986 survey that they did publish periodic newsletters, only 4 continued the exchange practice in 1987.

Therefore, to those chapters who do not reciprocate, this issue will be the last we will send, unless and until we receive information that the exchange is desired and reciprocal.

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### SIDECARtoon



TREASURY REPORT - February 12, 1988

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## YANKEE CHAPTER

Yankee Chapter National Meet

June 25 & 26, 1988

To be held at the

Acton Fairgrounds

Acton, Maine

Honoring the Sidecar



**VENDORS FEES:**

AMC MEMBERS \$25.

NON MEMBERS \$45.

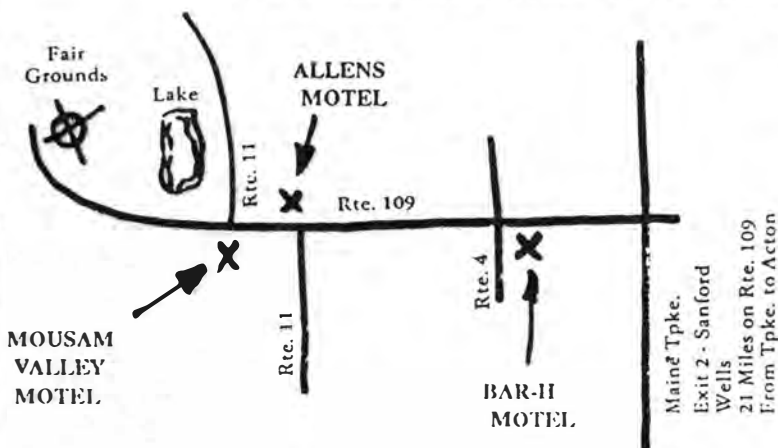
ALL PARTS MUST BE 1954 OR OLDER

CAMPING BY DONATION FOR AMC MEMBERS ONLY

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ALLENS MOTEL 1-207-324-2160

BAR-H MOTEL 1-207-324-4662



FOR INFORMATION  
CALL OR WRITE:  
JESSIE A. JACARUSO

# YANKEE PEDLAR

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

<u>DEADLINE</u>	WINTER Issue:	January 10
<u>DATES</u>	SPRING Issue:	April 10
for <u>ALL</u> ads	SUMMER Issue:	July 10
	AUTUMN Issue:	October 15

WANTED Information - Anything at all in regard to SOLEX, including literature and parts. Joe LaRosa, Jr., 25 Town Farm Road, Salem, N.H. 03079.

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 knuckle-head WR Short Track Racer. Have CASH, no junk needed. D. Carlson, P. O. Box 65, Kingston, Massachusetts 02364. Tel.: (617) 585-2409

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## Empire Chapter MILLBROOK MEET MAY 21-22, 1988

### HOW to Get There

From Connecticut on US Route 44 - Proceed West on US Route 44 approximately 20 miles past the Connecticut/New York State line; then turn RIGHT at Troop K, NY State Police headquarters and go NORTH on NY Route 82 for 3 miles; meet site is on the LEFT just opposite Shun Pike.

From Poughkeepsie, New York on US Route 44 - Proceed East on US Route 44 for 8½ miles; then turn LEFT at Troop K, NY State Police headquarters and go NORTH on NY Route 82 for 3 miles; meet site is on LEFT just opposite Shun Pike.



### AREA MOTELS

BINDERS, 62 Haight Avenue, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. . . . . (914) 454-1010  
 CASCADE Motel, Salt Point, N. Y. . . . . (914) 266-8585  
 TACONIC Motor Inn, Clinton Corners, N. Y. (nearest to Site) . (914) 266-3100

FOR SALE - Clean out my garage! INDIAN "Chief" parts: Very good 1932-1934 front mudguard; good 1928 rear mudguard; good 1946 tanks; rough 1937 handlebars and controls; good Motolamp headlight; late 1930's forks; mid-1940's frame; miscellaneous cases, cylinders, cylinder heads, oil pump bodies, hubs, drums, rims, etc. Also have HARLEY-DAVIDSON buddy seat. Prefer to sell as one lot - \$ 650.00 or best offer. If you need a price, name your own. Don MacKellar, 75 River Road, Pawcatuck, Connecticut 06379. Tel.: (203) 599-8134

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

## SIDECARtoon



"Sorry, Madam, just can't be done."

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