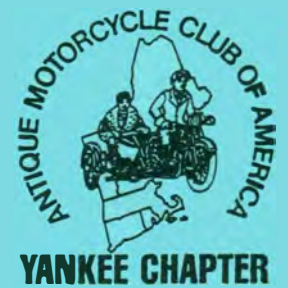




YANKEE CHATTER



WINTER 1991 - 1992

No. 92-1

YANKEE CHAPTER

ANTIQUE MOTORCYCLE CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.
Chapter established in 1973



Photo courtesy of Bob Frink

YANKEE CHAPTER'S 1992 OFFICERS

The newly elected officers who will be guiding our chapter during the coming two years gathered around two Indian Chiefs at the Christmas party and business meeting of December 8, 1991 in Plainfield, Connecticut. From left to right they are: Marty Hansen, Dave Howland, Charlie Gallo, Fred Hirsch, Andrea Downs, Jim Darby, Andy Connor, Jessie Jacaruso and retiring Co-Director Jim Costa.



YANKEE CHAPTER
Officers

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| Director - Jessie A. Jacaruso | | | December 1993 |
| Vice Director - David R. Howland | | | December 1993 |
| Vice Director - Andrew J. Connor | | | December 1993 |
| Vice Director - James E. Darby, Jr. | | | December 1993 |
| Secretary - Andrea L. Downs | | | December 1993 |
| Treasurer - Frederick D. Hirsch | | | December 1993 |
| Chapter Judge - Andrew J. Connor | | | December 1993 |
| National Director - George L. Yarocki | | | December 1993 |
| Editorial Staff | | | |
| Editor - Martin Hansen | | | December 1993 |
| Assistant Editor - Charles A. Gallo | | | December 1993 |
| Advisory Editor - Frederick D. Hirsch | | | December 1993 |

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Editorial Staff Message

After singlehandedly producing the Yankee Chatter newsletter since 1985, Fred Hirsch is turning over that responsibility to Marty Hansen and Charlie Gallo. It is our goal to maintain the high standards which Fred established. We hope that our efforts will meet with your approval.

YANKEE CHATTER is the official newsletter of the YANKEE Chapter of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America, and is published four times a year on a seasonal basis: WINTER, SPRING, SUMMER and AUTUMN. The YANKEE Chapter of the AMC of A was established April 8, 1973. Dues for the 1992 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, and memberships received after October 31st of any year will be held over for the next membership year. National AMC of A membership dues for the 1992 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.

Director's Message

I want to begin this message by thanking Jim Costa for six great years as my Co-Director. Our YANKEE Chapter has come a long way in the last six years.

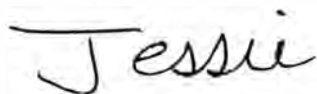
I would also like to welcome our new Officers: Dave Howland, Vice Director (replacing Marty Hansen, who has taken over the task of Editor); Andrea Downs, Secretary (replacing Virginia Adams); and Charlie Gallo, who will be working as Assistant Editor to Marty. Fred Hirsch will remain as Treasurer and will also act as Advisory Editor, and I have now been chosen as full Director for the next two years.

Looking ahead, YANKEE Chapter has a full year planned for 1992: Acton, Maine in June; our "Twin-State" NATIONAL Road Run to be based in Vermont July 30-August 1-2; and a full Chapter Meet in September at Sturbridge, Massachusetts; and, of course, our Annual Business Meeting/Christmas Party. As always, we'll be looking for volunteers to help with the Acton Meet and especially with the Road Run.

Keep in mind, also, that our "Twin-State Road Run" is a NATIONAL activity and we will need the same kind of member support that we enjoyed at our most successful meet in Bethlehem, Connecticut last August.

On the NATIONAL front, several YANKEE Chapter members besides Mike and myself attended a judging seminar sponsored by the NATIONAL AMC of A at the Heritage Museum in Westerville, Ohio. We spent the day familiarizing ourselves with the new point system and judging various motorcycles. I think this new point system is going to take some getting used to, but I also believe that it will be a much fairer way to judge machines in the various categories. Motorcycles will be judged or compared with other bikes in the same class. They will be looked upon as individuals. To have a restoration that earns a NATIONAL trophy will be a real accomplishment. We will continue, as in the past, to have our own trophies at Chapter meets and get-togethers. The new point system will be used at NATIONAL meets only.

Psych yourselves up for Acton and by all means keep those fingers crossed for good weather. Let's get together for this first 1992 meet and have a good time and swap some parts and stories.



Jessie Jacaruso
Director

Minutes of the YANKEE Chapter Business Meeting held at the Plainfield Social Club in Plainfield, Connecticut December 8, 1991

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Co-Director Jim Costa called the meeting to order at 12:48 P.M. Thirty-eight members were in attendance.

First item on the agenda was the Treasury report, given by Fred Hirsch. Current balance as of this date was \$ 8,182.51, of which \$ 205.00 was owed to the NATIONAL AMC of A for current memberships.

Co-Director Jessie Jacaruso then reported that she had contacted Ginny Adams about the GILES ADAMS Award, stating that Gertrude Adams, widow of our late YANKEE Chapter member, Giles ("Red") Adams had previously donated \$ 100.00 to the Chapter for this award to be given in his honor. She also stated that it is Ginny's and her Mother's wish that this rotating trophy be awarded for the Best Unrestored machine at a Chapter meet each year. An additional \$ 100.00 was needed to cover the final cost, and after motion duly made, seconded and approved by the members present, our Treasurer, Fred Hirsch, was instructed to transmit this amount to Ginny.

Jessie then announced that our "Twin-State NATIONAL Road Run", based at the Lake Morey Inn Resort in Fairlee, Vermont, will be held on July 30 through August 2, 1992. The mapping of the specific routes and accommodations are now in the process of being determined. The runs will be mostly along secondary roads and the distance will be about 100 miles each day. She stressed that members should make early reservations because of the Triathlon Meet scheduled for Sunday of that weekend. Approximate cost for meals and motels and bed and breakfast places in the area is about \$ 50.00 per person per day. Lake Morey Inn Resort charges will spelled out in the final road run package and will include breakfast and the cost of the banquet.

Fred Hirsch mentioned the concern that some members have voiced regarding non-AMC of A members joining the road run en route, but he pointed out that this concern is unfounded because the runs will be held on public highways which are open to all traffic.

Jessie next reported on the Judging Seminar that she and several other YANKEE Chapter members had attended in Westerville, Ohio. Details have been published in a small handbook and all judges and those interested may obtain copies.

Minutes continued...

The entry fee for judging has been increased to \$ 5.00 per machine, and each owner of an entry will receive a carbon copy of the judges scoring sheet.

Marty Hansen stated that the most significant change in the point system is that entries will be judged First and Second Senior and First and Second Preservation Award. Mike Jacaruso added that each machine will be judged against a point system rather than on a machine-to-machine basis. It was pointed out that since YANKEE Chapter is currently not scheduled to hold a NATIONAL Meet, we do not need to be overly concerned about this matter for another two years, and this should give us plenty of time to become familiar with how the procedure works at other NATIONAL Meets.

Jessie then qualified that each Chapter will be responsible for eight "Fund Trophies", as well as the arrangement of a continental breakfast for the judges. She also stated that this year, 1992, will be "Doc" Patt's final year as Chief Judge. He will be succeeded by Peter Heintz, who has done much research and preparation on the new point system.

The next item on the agenda concerned the availability of antique motorcycle registration plates for members residing in the State of Connecticut. Gerry Lyons, who was a YANKEE Chapter member last year, instigated the original efforts toward this goal, but occupational circumstances caused him to move to Florida and Marty has taken over the reins of this project. He detailed some of what has happened so far and what else needs to be done, and he will submit the POPE motorcycle logo for the State to consider using on these plates. Hopefully, these registration plates will be available soon.

A discussion on YANKEE Chapter and NATIONAL Meet dates followed, and for our Chapter they are:

Spring Meet - Acton, Maine
June 13-14, 1992

"TWIN-STATE NATIONAL ROAD RUN" -
Fairlee, Vermont
July 30-August 2, 1992

Autumn Meet - Sturbridge, Massachusetts
September 12-13, 1992

Also of interest to our YANKEE Chapter members are our Vice Director Jim Darby's Swap Meets which are scheduled for:

March 29, 1992
June 28, 1992
October 11, 1992

Jim Costa advised us about the Motorcycle Safety conference that will be held in Rhode Island on May 31, 1992. The registration fee will be \$ 10.00 and antique motorcycles will be on display. Interested members can contact Jim for explicit details.

Since this was an election year for the Chapter the following changes came about: Jim Costa stepped down as Co-Director after six years of service; Marty Hansen and Charlie Gallo have agreed to take over the Editing of YANKEE CHATTER, and Fred Hirsch has agreed to assist as Advisory Editor; Dave Howland replaces Marty Hansen as Vice Director; Ginny Adams has stepped down as Secretary and has been replaced by Andrea Downs; Andy Connor and Jim Darby were re-elected as Vice Directors; Fred Hirsch was re-elected as Treasurer; and Jessie Jacaruso was elected as full Director. These officers' terms are for two years and will expire in December of 1993.

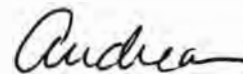
A round of applause was given to Nate Sheldon and Bob Frink for their efforts on behalf of the Chapter in obtaining the NEW ENGLAND MOTORCYCLE DEALERS' ASSOCIATION grant of \$ 3,000.00 which we received in June of last year, and Fred Hirsch was assigned the task of preparing a letter of appreciation to be signed by Jessie and forwarded to the NEMDA.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 P.M.

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Immediately after the meeting the officers assembled out-of-doors, grouped around two of our antique motorcycles, for a photograph to be used by Bob Frink in "The Motorcyclists' Post"; after which everyone "fell to" and enjoyed the pot luck dishes brought by various members, and a sociably good time was had by all.

Respectively submitted,



Andrea Downs
Secretary

SIDECARtoon



And stop saying "Thank Goodness for a little extra urge", Bert.



YANKEE CHAPTER Twin State Road Run

Yankee Does It Again!

Join us Thursday July 30 through Sunday August 2 for our National "Twin-State" Road Run. It will be hosted in Southern Vermont at the Lake Morey Inn Resort, located in the heart of the Connecticut River Valley. Two 100 mile runs have been planned; one in Vermont, the other in New Hampshire.

The Lake Morey Inn has made a Package plan for all AMC of A members, which will include two 4-course dinners, 3 full breakfasts and banquet ticket, along with full use of the facility. For those who choose not to stay at Lake Morey, the facility will be open to all AMC of A members for the entire weekend.

Although there are numerous other local accommodations in the area to choose from, we urge all who can to stay at Lake Morey Inn. No matter where you stay, be sure to make your reservations soon!



*For a complete information package,
please contact:
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259 Sligo Rd.
Rollinsford, N.H. 03869
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CHRISTMAS PARTY 1991!



All Christmas photos by Ron F. Scantlebury



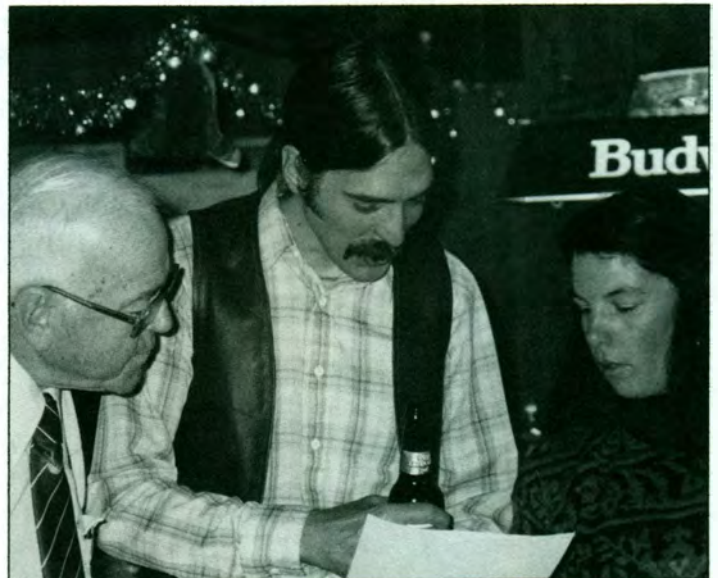
Bob Frink of THE MOTORCYCLIST'S POST and YANKEE members meet outside on a very warm December day.



Smilin' Jim Costa cuts the turkey as dinner is served.



Andy Anderson and Alice lead the way!



Nate Sheldon, Charlie Gallo, and Director Jessie Jacaruso discuss the subtle yet complex nose and finish of a COORS EXTRA GOLD.





Leon J. Landry with his 1920 Harley-Davidson sport-twin in September of 1963.

Yesterday Revisited

Recently 'Dick' Sharland of Taunton, Mass. presented the Yankee Chapter with a number of photographic negatives collected by his close friend Leon J. Landry at his Harley-Davidson dealership in Franklin, Mass..

These photographs are from the 1920's and 1930's. We have included a sampling from this collection in this issue.

Our Spring issue will include more photographs from this collection as well as a tribute to Leon J. Landry who was the "sparkplug" of the Yankee Chapter when it was just sputtering into life.

Thanks again to 'Dick' for his generous gift to our chapter.

Word to the Wise

This excerpt is from the LAKE ERIE Chapter's newsletter "READIN' & WRENCHIN' " for November 1991, p. 6.

For Your Info:

By now everyone has heard of the Motorcycle Heritage Museum in Westerville, Ohio. The museum can always use your support. They have done a fantastic job in such a short amount of time.

But people who are considering donating need to be aware that YOUR prized possession may NOT be kept for posterity by the museum. Unless you are donating something very rare, your donation could be sold or auctioned off at a later date in order to raise capital for the museum to use as it sees fit.

Do not let this stop you from donating. Just be advised, don't necessarily expect to see your machine on display.





Winter 1923 at 330 Union St. Franklin, Mass. - Landry Photo Collection.



9 Winter 1924 with a sweetheart and Neracar - Landry Photo Collection.

FREE VENDING
AMC members with valid card
Bring your antique motorcycles
and parts to sell to members.

EMPIRE Chapter
ANTIQUe MOTORCYCLE CLUB of AMERICA
DUTCHESS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS Meet

Added attraction in area
Olde Rhinebeck Aerodrome
is only 3 miles away.
WWI airplanes

May 18-19, 1996

HOW to Get There

Access to this meet is very easy. The DUTCHESS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS is located in charming and historic Rhinebeck, New York on the east side of the Hudson River and the east side of US Route 9 between Rhinebeck and Red Hook going north. Use any convenient map route to arrive in the general area then:

From SOUTH - Proceed to Poughkeepsie, New York by any chosen route; then follow US Route 9 NORTH until you pass through Rhinebeck. The DUTCHESS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS is approximately 1 mile from Rhinebeck on the Right.

From NORTH - Proceed to the Hudson/Catskill general area (south of Albany). Consult map to locate US Route 9; then take US Route 9 SOUTH until you pass through Red Hook and the intersection with US Route 9G. The DUTCHESS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS is approximately 1 mile from this intersection on the Left.

From any other direction - Proceed by any chosen route to arrive at US Route 9; then follow whichever of the above directions is applicable.

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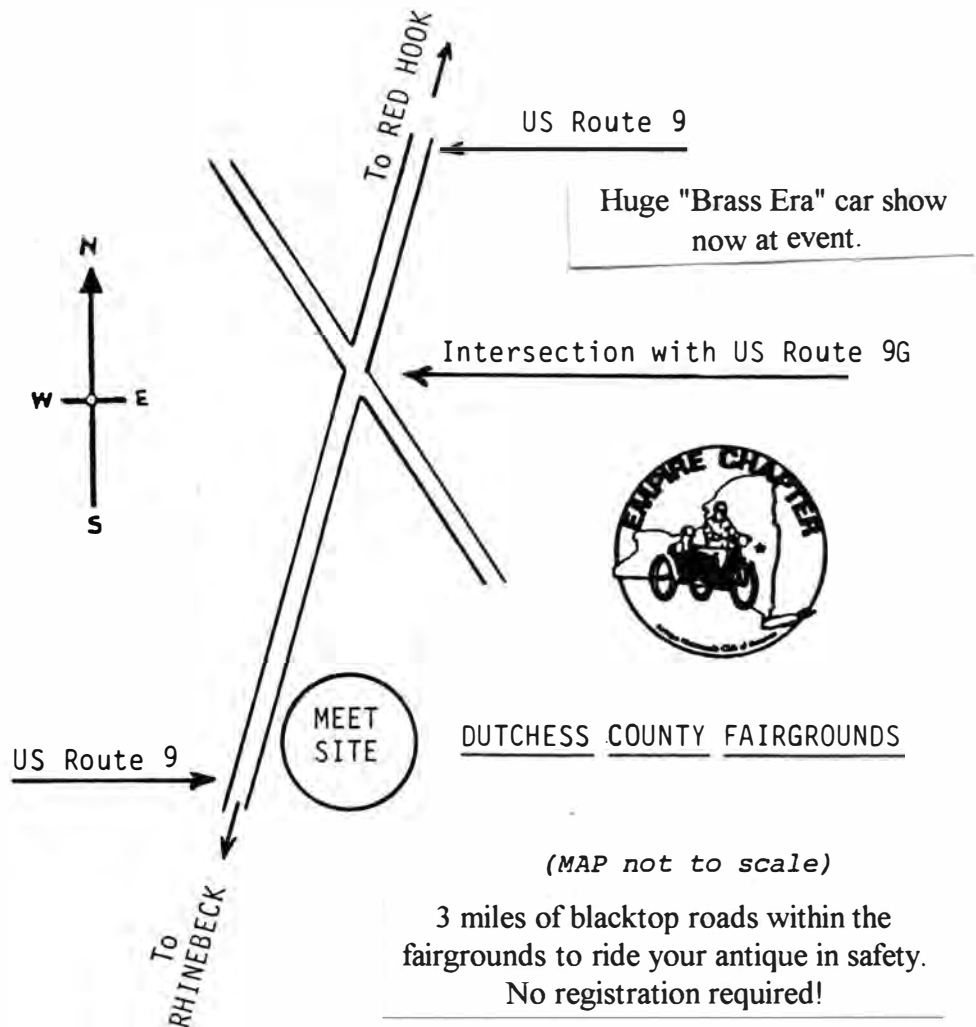
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Participants are encouraged
to bring Flea Market Items,
since we now have unlimited
space.

This meet is combined with
the Century Museum Village
and Collectors Association
Machinery Show with displays
of great farm and equipment
machines and trades. Small
amounts of antique motor-
cycles and parts are welcome
at NO CHARGE when the owner exhibits an antique motorcycle. For larger spaces and general information contact James Boice, Box 280, Pleasant Valley, New York 12569, or call him at (914) 266-5212. An added attraction at this meet will be the sizable antique flea market which will be held in another area of the fairgrounds. For more information regarding this meet write or call Kenneth C. Krauer, R 1 - Box 611, Clinton Hollow Road, Salt Point, New York 12678. Tel.: (914) 266-3363 - after 5:00 PM.



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

WANTED - for HARLEY-DAVIDSON 1933 VL:
Mudguards, tanks, ammeter, air cleaner, tool box, and carburetor. Bruce Coffin, R 2 - Box 5266, Brunswick, Maine 04011.
Tel.: (207) 725-2798

WANTED - For 1934 VD Restoration: Moto Lamp headlight, Part No. 4901-33; luggage rack, Part No. 2818-17; and air cleaner, Part No. 1401-28. Also want 1934 Connecticut license plate. Please call Tom.
Tel.: (203) 774-5310

FOR SALE - The "Sprint King of the Northeast" is now the MZ (East German) "Parts King of the Northeast". ALL Sprint Models 1961-1974; MZ Models TS 250-150. Send SASE for details. Have road tests of most models for Sprints and MZs at \$ 5.00 each Postpaid. Also have complete machines. Ken Krauer, RR 1, Box 611, Clinton Hollow Road, Salt Point, N. Y. 12578.
Tel.: (914) 266-3363 anytime.

All pictures, artwork, articles, news, complaints, compliments, & suggestions are welcomed and should be addressed to:

THE EDITOR
45 STRONG ST.
MANCHESTER CT.
06040

YANKEES IN OHIO

On OCT. 3rd, 1991 about 55 A.M.C. members left from all corners of the country to attend a judging seminar, hosted by the A.M.A. HERITAGE FOUNDATION MUSEUM in Westerville, Ohio. The seminar was opened up by President Bob McClean, Doc. Patt & Peter Heintz. The national meets will be judged, in the future, with a new system introduced by George Yarocki about 6 years ago. All motorcycles will start with a 100 point total & would have points deducted as they were judged.

This system would keep a bike that is judged in California just as competitive in Ohio or Maine or anywhere else. A **STANDARDIZED METHOD OF JUDGING!** It also gives 1st class bikes the recognition they deserve.

Those in attendance were Mike & Jessie Jacaruso, Rudy Litke, George & Millie Yarocki, Marty Hansen, and Mike & Pat Hebert. A nice way to spend a weekend with good friends!

National Library Week Update



Sunday, March 29 "Ride for Kids" - Motorcycles will depart Roger Williams Park at 1:00 p.m. and ride to Providence Public Library. Participants will be asked to donate \$5.00 to the Library's book fund for children. For more information, call Jim Costa at (401)949-3470, President of the Rhode Island Motorcycle Association.



YANKEE CHAPTER

Martin J. Hansen
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Manchester, Connecticut
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FIRST CLASS MAIL

YANKEE MEETS FOR 1992

Acton Maine-June 13&14th

**Twin-State Road Run
Fairlee, Vermont
July 30 thru August 2nd**

**Hamilton Rod and Gun Club
Sturbridge Mass. - Sept. 12&13th**

