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"We Ride 'Em"

Nate Sheldon, Bill Campbell and Charlie Gallo braved the frigid temperatures to uphold the "We Ride 'Em" theme of the Yankee Chapter and rode their motorcycles to the Yankee Chapter's Christmas party at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Oxford, MA on December 7, 1997.



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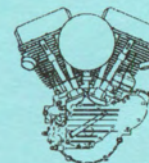
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A Multiple Choice Question

Pandemonium is:

- a. A place characterized by uproar and noise. [After *Pandaemonium*, capital of Hell in John Milton's "Paradise Lost".
- b. The developing practice involving the exchange of a panhead for a large quantity of money.
- c. The widely held belief that panhead owners are possessed by demons.
- d. The theme of the Yankee Chapter's National Meet , July 31 - August 2, 1998, in Hebron, Connecticut.
- e. All of the above.



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Director's Message

Yankee ended the year with a great Christmas party at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Oxford, MA. We started off with a short business meeting. Topics included ways to increase Yankee membership, plans for an autumn chapter road run and elections. A motion was made to accept the board as it stood and re-elect all officers. After this passed, our meeting was concluded and it was time to eat. With over 50 Yankees in attendance, the smorgasbord was rather impressive and delicious. Thank you all for coming and for your contributions.

As usual your Yankee officers have already been busy. We had a meeting on January 31 and ironed out most of the details for our upcoming meets. Hebron is scheduled for July 31 thru August 2 and Sturbridge is September 12 & 13. It was decided at the Christmas party to try something new this year at Sturbridge - a Saturday only flea market with trophies and a banquet and a chapter road run of about 125 miles on Sunday. It should be fun!

This year is Yankee's 25th year in existence - we are the oldest AMC chapter. This, of course, will be part of the theme for our national meet in Hebron. Charlie Gallo suggested that we celebrate 50 years of the panhead as well. After much discussion and reviewing some preliminary artwork, we reached a final decision which incorporates both ideas. Bill Campbell has just about completed the Joe Barber Memorial Trophy. This will be awarded at Hebron as a rotating trophy to a Yankee member with. . . . you guessed it - the best panhead.

After going to the Super Swap in Syracuse in early February and seeing many of my AMC buddies, I'm looking forward to seeing the season begin - it will be here before we know it. So get to work on those winter projects. That way you can enjoy them when the weather really breaks!

Your Yankee officers scheduled a business meeting to take place in Oley, PA at 5 PM on Saturday at Dave Howland's vending spot. Anyone interested in attending is more than welcome

Until then, happy trails.

Jessie

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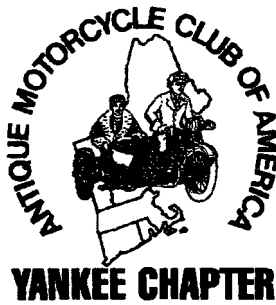
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Secretary's Report

Minutes of the Yankee Chapter open business meeting, held in conjunction with the Christmas party at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Oxford, MA on December 7, 1997.

Prior to the open business meeting the board members assembled at 11:30 AM to discuss issues and organize a format and order of business for the open meeting. All board members were present. This meeting started with the treasurer's report. Then our director, Jessie, called our attention to the Yankee autumn meet in Sturbridge, as to whether we would like a meet or a road run. It was seen as advantageous to do a combination of the two, rather than just one. Charlie Gallo was asked if he needed help with the publication of the Chatter. Charlie stated that help would be appreciated in the form of contributions of articles, stories and photos. Come on members, send em in!

It was decided to hold a board meeting on January 17, 1998 to iron out details for the national meet this summer in Hebron, CT.

Shortly after noon, the open business meeting was called to order and we started off with a treasurer's report from Randy Walker. He presented the facts. We did not lose any money last year and are doing well. Jessie reported that at Sturbridge we did make money, and that no one had to pay full price for banquet tickets. Randy stated that if the chapter absorbs part of banquet ticket costs, it may not look good on paper, but it is a way to give something back to the Yankee members.

Next, the matter of an autumn chapter meet, road run, or combination of the two was discussed. The result is to try to have a Saturday

meet, Saturday evening banquet, then a road run starting at 9 AM on Sunday using the Hamilton Rod and Gun Club as our base of operations. This meet is tentatively scheduled for the weekend after Labor Day.

Next taken up was how we can help to defray the cost of the Yankee Chatter magazine as that seems to be the largest single expense incurred annually. It was thought that maybe we could solicit business advertisement from non-Yankee cycle related businesses on an annual basis. There was no resolution on this issue at the time.

July 31 through August 2 are the dates for this year's national meet in Hebron, CT. This will be Yankee's 25th anniversary, so ways to incorporate this theme were discussed. No real resolution was adopted, but the idea of some type of button was brought forth.

Jessie brought her copy of the new National AMCA roster and a short discussion ensued. A Chapter roster is to be published in the next issue of the newsletter.

Elections were brought up at this time and, after discussion, it was felt that the present board need not be enlarged, that there was no dissatisfaction with the members, no vacancies to be filled and so it was put forth to re-elect the board as-is for a period of two years. Bob Frink forwarded this motion and it was seconded and then passed unanimously. Note that it was brought up that board meetings are not closed and that anyone wishing to attend is welcome. We need someone to take over the registration for judging and duties as chapter judge. Hopefully someone will feel up to the task.

Finally the road run at our national meet was discussed. Jim Darby and Jim Friedlander volunteered to set it up again and will continue to keep the speed down and right hand turns up.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Marston
Secretary



Christmas Party 1997

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With
Good food
Good friends
Good conversation
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Once Upon A Time,

the director of the Yankee Chapter headed West. This is Jessie Aikman's account of her journey in the land of big sky and big adventure.

For me, heading for Davenport, Iowa (by myself) to the granddaddy of AMC meets was a big adventure, in and of itself, but this was going to be just the beginning. I planned to meet my good friend, Peg Barber, there and head on to the Black Hills of South Dakota for the Omaha Chapter's Paha Sapa Road Run.

I left NH at 5 A.M. on August 27th with enough clothes to last 2 weeks (everything from shorts to long underwear) and a motorcycle for two - a '49 panhead - and headed west.

First stop was at the home of Frank & Millie Degenero, just this side of Cleveland. Millie fed me and gave me a bed for the night. I was given a suitcase of extra clothes for Frank and a box containing a buddy seat and miscellaneous clothes for Bruce Linsday. These two had left a couple of days earlier riding a pair of '37 knuckleheads to Davenport. Then they too were heading out to SD for the road run. Oh, to be retired and have that much time! I would've loved to have ridden the whole way with them, but I didn't have enough time. Oh well, off I went.

Davenport was awesome, but unfortunately for the vendors very wet and muddy. I had rubber boots and my rain suit (prepared for everything) was on vacation and dry so I didn't really even care. I had a great time anyway.

Sunday of course was sunny and warm. I packed up all my gear, reloaded the panhead along with Peg and all her stuff. By now my truck was starting to look kind of full, with 2 women, enough stuff for 2 weeks and the panhead. Anyway, we had enough enthusiasm over our upcoming adventure that it would have taken a major catastrophe to have stopped us. We made it into SD that first night and stopped at a small hotel in some small town, where we ran into Les Joseph, another AMC member with a '49 panhead in his van, also heading to Hill City. Makes you realize what a small world it can be.

Monday, we were back on the road again, westward bound. We didn't stop much, but saw a scenic vista and decided to see the sights and stretch our legs. You just never know where you'll see someone you know - Mort & Dottie Wood & Bud Redmond were there, also headed for Hill City. We all chatted for awhile then headed for the badlands.

It is hard to find the words to describe the badlands. They were spectacular, breathtaking and unlike anything you'd expect to see on this planet. Despite the beauty, this was not a place I'd want to be alone after dark. Next stop, Hill City, SD. We checked into our room, then went to see who else had arrived a day early. As it



Peggy and Jessie with their ride - a 1949 Harley-Davidson.

turned out, lots of people had, among them Frank and Bruce. They too were hungry and thirsty so off we went to quench our thirst with a few adult beverages and a little something to eat.

I had seen horse back riding signs and thought that would be just the ticket for Tuesday morning. There were no AMC activities planned until the afternoon and I was determined to do it all. Peg wanted no part of horseback riding, but Bruce said he'd go. I found a place nearby and we headed out. It was great, sunny and warm, quiet and a different look at the wild west. Peg enjoyed herself poolside with a book.

By the time we returned from our ride, the Best Western was buzzing with motorcycle activity. We unloaded our iron horse with the help of some strong men, fired it up and headed over to the registration area to sign in and socialize with some of the others.

I'd never been out west before and was in awe of the mountains and the scenery I'd seen so far, but this was only the beginning. Peg and I decided to go for a little ride and get used to each other on the bike. She's a veteran passenger, so no problems there. We went about 10 miles and spotted a junk store. It looked like a good place to stop. We looked around, but kept our hands in our pockets and didn't buy a thing.

Our first day of riding as a group on Wednesday started out rather chilly. We buddied up with Uncle Frank, Bruce and Inga - she flew in for the week. We felt privileged to be able to tag along with such veteran riders. Bruce was our leader. Frank said just follow the red fender, that's what he always does! Custer State Park was awesome, we saw everything from prairie dogs to wild buffalo not 50 yards away running wild and free. That was really exciting. Some of

the roads were rather treacherous, a lot of switch back turns combined with steep roads. I was a bit nervous at first, but after the first few, I handled that old panhead like a pro. There was so much to look at, it was hard to take it all in and keep your eyes on the road.

Each day the rides were spectacular. We saw Mount Rushmore, the Crazy Horse memorial, toured the wind caves at Custer State Park and traveled the Needles Highway - too much to tell you about in detail.

We did have some rain on Thursday when we went on the 1880's train ride. I, of course,



Inga, Frank, Bruce, Peggy and Jessie at Hill City, SD.

wanted to ride on the open car - wanting to take it all in. This proved to be an I told you so for Peg. The sky did look rather grey and foreboding, but I was determined to sit outside and said, "It's not going to rain on our parade." Well it did, rather hard at times, but we were tough and didn't melt. I had a long conversation with Rick Schunk, our national editor, under an umbrella. Things dried out and we managed to make the best of it. Later on, after a bottle of Uncle Frank's home made wine, Peg still said "I told you so!"

Friday, Frank decided to stay at the hotel. He was afraid it was going to rain and wanted to rest up for the long ride home - about 1300 miles. We headed up to Deadwood, an old gambling town, with Bruce and Inga. We parked

the bikes and walked around town. Bruce and Inga said they knew just the place for us girls - a wild west picture studio. After a fashion show, Calamity Jane and Miss Lilly emerged. I don't know who had more fun at this Kodak moment, the spectators or the participants.

After some lunch we headed back towards Hill City, through Spearfish Canyon. Bruce decided to take some side roads and head west since it didn't look like rain. So down some dirt roads we headed - we just followed the red fender like Frank said to do. We stopped in the small town of Rockford and met up with some



The notorious Moonshine Gulch Saloon.

other AMC members at Moonshine Gulch - this place was like out of an old west movie. We stopped long enough for a beer and waited long enough for a shower to pass over before we headed back out. We did manage to skirt the rain. Only my lower legs got wet from some rain on the road - Bruce kept us dry.

Saturday, many people headed for home, Bruce and Frank among them. We decided to stay and go up to Sturgis with Rocky and his entourage. About ten bikes in all. Our first stop was at the motorcycle hall of fame. There were many interesting bikes there, and lots of memorabilia, along with a crew of AMC members. Sturgis was very quiet, though. We had a hard time finding a place to eat. Many places had closed for the season. About 25 of us AMC

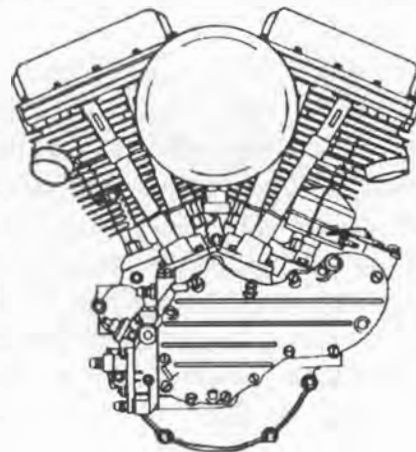
members had lunch together in a small diner - they gave us the entire back room. What a collection of people. It was a good time with a lot of laughing going on. Peg and I decided it was getting late and that it was time to head south. We rode back to Hill City with Mort and Dottie Wood on their Scouts, Bud Redmond on his Ace, three other panheads and a knucklehead. We rode the 75 miles in no time.

We loaded up and by 4 P.M. were on the road, with only 2100 miles ahead of us. I now know the meaning of the term, "sore ass", because I sure had one. Within 48 hours, Peg and I were back in Syracuse, NY, with our adventure behind us. I was back home by midnight on September 9.

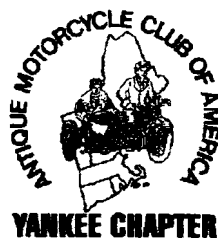
What an adventure it was. I'd do it again in a heartbeat. If you've never been on one of those National Road Runs, by all means, go. It's worth the money and the trip. We had a ball, met many new people, saw some great scenery and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves!

Many thanks to my wonderful friend, Mike Lingley, for loaning us his panhead. His motorcycle built for two made it happen for us.

Jessie Aikman



Membership Roster

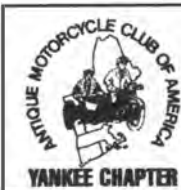


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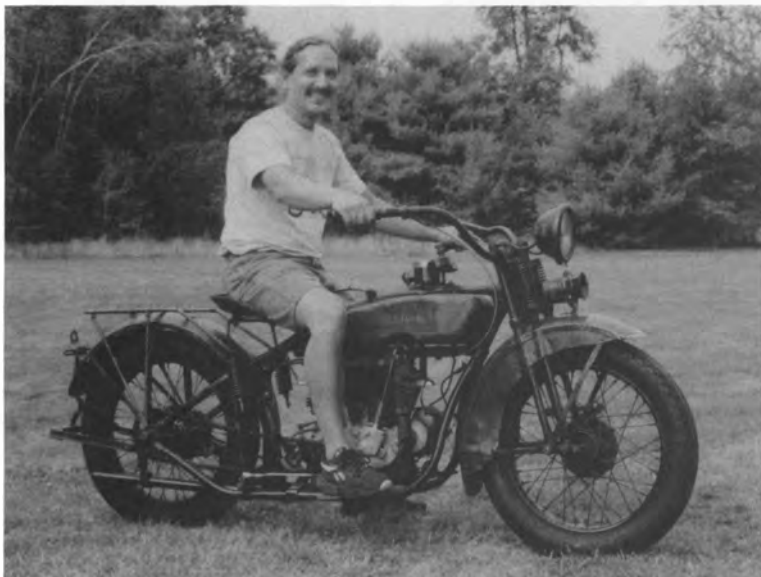
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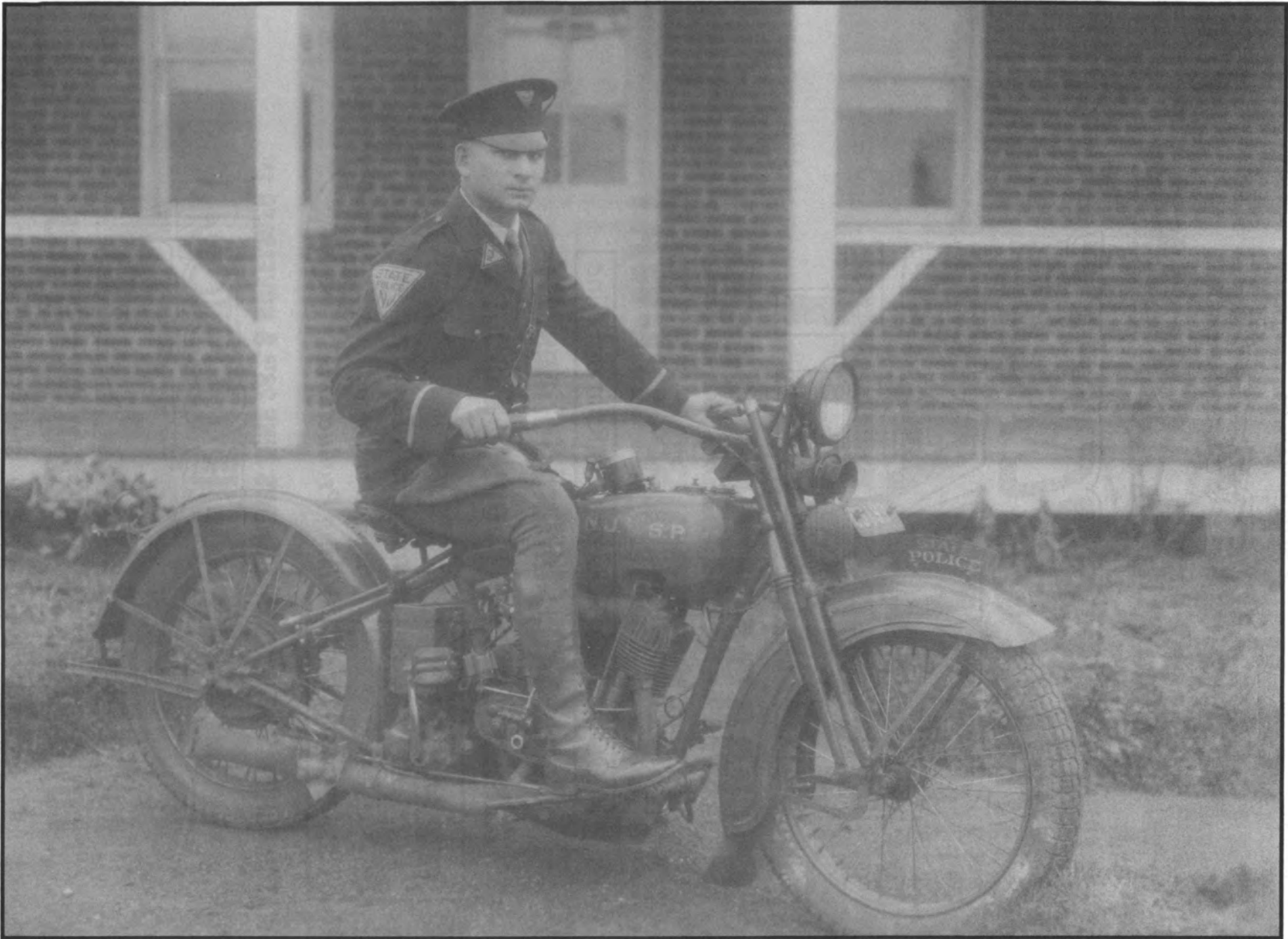
Jay Greski waits for Dave Howland's cash in yet another swap meet transaction.



Paul Evans cruised around the grounds on his newly acquired 1928 Excelsior SuperX.

Jessie Aikman gives Mike Lingley a ride around the grounds in a 1951 Cushman sidecar rig.





This photo archive features New Jersey State Police Officer Jesse Meshanic on his 1926 Harley-Davidson JD. He retired in 1955 after 30 years of service. This photo was provided to us by his grandson, Peter Meshanic, who is following in his grandfather's footsteps as a motorcycle patrol officer at the University of Connecticut.



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 - Indian Hedstrom intake towers 1911-1915
 - Indian Hedstrom timing chests 1911-1915
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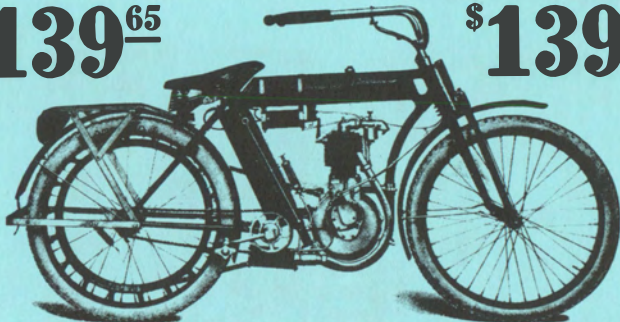


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