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Chapter established in 1973



C. Gallo Photo

Fred Hirsch honored by Yankee Chapter

Fred Hirsch displays the embroidered jacket presented to him on behalf of the Yankee Chapter by Director Jessie Aikman. The new hat which Fred is wearing was also presented to him in appreciation for the many years of hard work that Fred has invested in the Yankee Chapter.



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HELP !

Your Yankee Chapter needs your help during our White Mountain Road Run. Drivers are needed for the chase vehicle during the road run. Previous arrangements for a chase vehicle have fallen through and we are in need of a vehicle and trailer to be used on the three days of the road run. If you are hauling your motorcycle to this event and would like to help your Chapter by letting us borrow your vehicle or trailer or if you can serve as a driver on one of the days, please contact:

Tom Marston



*Congratulations
to
Brad and Lisa Nelson
who were married on
February 12, 2000
in St. John,
U.S. Virgin Islands.*



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Director's Message

I would like to start out by thanking the officers who recently stepped down from the Yankee board of directors at the Christmas party: Dave Howland, Jim Darby, Bill Campbell, Jen Schedin, Joan Kadulis and Randy Walker. All of these people have worked hard over the years and have made many personal contributions to our chapter. Thank you all for your hard work. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new board members: Vice-directors Steve Cicalone and Will Paley, and Sandy Gallo as our new membership chairperson and treasurer. Randy Walker will stay on the board as our chapter judge.

At our recent officer's meeting in January, there was a lot to discuss: this year's meet schedule was the primary concern. Details for the road run are pretty much set, but we do need some help in two areas: We need drivers for the back up vehicle. This will be for one day only with two people each day for a total of six volunteers. We also need a van or truck and a landscape type of trailer. This would be perfect since it could carry a side-car rig and a bike or two as well. Tom Marston is in charge of the back up vehicle so if you can help us out please contact him directly at (508) 987-2950 or call me. Hopefully there will be no breakdowns, but we need to be prepared just in case. As of April, we had 56 riders and 21 passengers signed up for the road run with more applications coming in all the time.

Our summer meet is set for August 4 & 5 (Friday and Saturday) in Hebron, CT. There will be a road run on Saturday afternoon. Judging will be after the road run along with the presentation of awards. This includes the Joe Barber

Trophy and the Giles Adams Award. There will be NO banquet Saturday evening, but all who want to are welcome to stay on the grounds for the night. We plan to advertise this as a regional AMC meet and hope to get a good crowd on the grounds for the weekend.

At our officer's meeting we had a first time occurrence. We vetoed a decision made at the Christmas party. We will not have an Autumn meet in Sturbridge. It quite simply seemed like too much work and too many activities for one year. There is always next year.

Get working on those winter projects. Spring will be here before we know it. I know that I'm looking forward to some warmer weather and no more ice on the ground so I can go for a ride!

Jessie



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Secretary's Report

Minutes of the Yankee Chapter business meeting and elections. The meeting was held in conjunction with the Christmas party at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Oxford, MA on December 5, 1999.

The business meeting started off with a Treasurer's report by Randy Walker. Next, Jessie Aikman announced that she still has shirts and other items available despite the fact that sales at the autumn Sturbridge meet were the highest that we have ever had. Jessie and Mike Lingley have been hard at work setting up for the Road Run and people have already registered for it. Their research had determined that the Red Jacket Inn fulfilled the needs of housing, banquet facilities, security and parking for our function. There are four other motels nearby as well as three campgrounds for those who elect to stay elsewhere. The dates for the road run are June 13-17, which coincides with Laconia Bike week.

At this time discussion of the Yankee chapter meets came up. The majority vote was for a regional meet in Hebron on our usual August weekend. After some discussion there was a general consensus to have an autumn meet also in Sturbridge. It was decided that a final decision would be made at the January officers meeting.

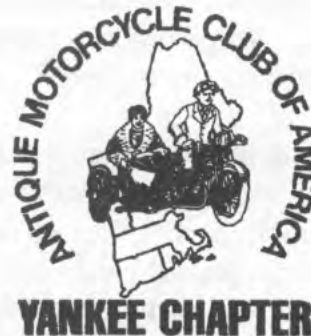
With 1999 being an election year and with several officers wishing to step down, the election of board members was the next item of business. Members stepping down were: Dave Howland, Jim Darby, Bill Campbell, Randy Walker, Jennifer Schedin and Joan Kadulis. Vacant spots on the board were: Treasurer, Membership Chairperson and two Vice-

Directors. Those voted into the vacant positions were: Sandy Gallo - Treasurer and Membership Chair, Steve Ciccalone - Vice-Director and Will Paley - Vice-Director.

Fred Hirsch was honored for his years of hard work for the Yankee Chapter. His sound advice and guidance have been a steady influence on the chapter. For his efforts, Fred was presented with an embroidered jacket and a new hat. Several officers spoke of the important part Fred had played in their Yankee Chapter lives. After the presentation, the meeting was adjourned and photos were taken. The Pot Luck Christmas Party began. It was once again a success with approximately 27 people attending.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Marston
Secretary



Secretary's Report

Minutes of the Yankee Chapter Officers meeting, held on Saturday January 15, 2000 at the North End Pub in Oxford, MA.

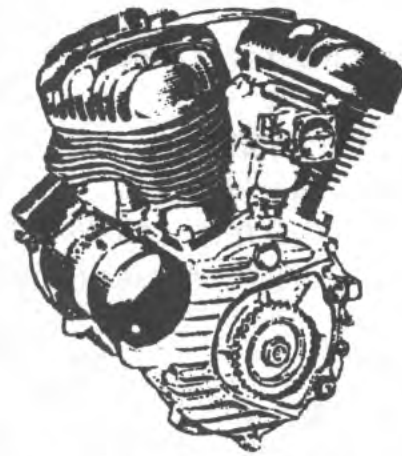
Director Jessie Aikman called the meeting to order at 12 noon. In attendance were: Jessie Aikman, Jim Friedlander, Steve Ciccalone, Randy Walker, Sandy Gallo, Charlie Gallo, Will Paley and Tom Marston.

Jim Friedlander stated that 22 people had already signed up for the Road Run. He has been averaging at least one entry per day since the ad was in the National magazine. A general discussion of possible difficulties and their remedies ensued.

The need for a chase vehicle was the next topic to arise. Mike Lingley and Jessie are willing to drive the vehicle on the second day. Joe Moulton has volunteered to drive the chase vehicle one day. Tom Marston accepted the task of coming up with a trailer capable of taking on 4 bikes or 2 bikes and a sidecar setup. A van would be the vehicle of choice to tow said trailer as the riders of any disabled bikes must also be transported. Tom will see to it that tools, air, gas, oil and cleaning supplies are on board. He asked for help in locating a 16 foot or better landscape type trailer for the task as well as the tow vehicle.

Jessie brought up awards and commemeratives for the Road run. Possibilities included: pictures of the riders and their bikes, license plate medallions, mugs and map holders. Coupons for lunch as a benefit were thought of as a plus. The list of awards is as follows: first to sign up, most oil used, longest distance ridden to event, oldest rider, hard luck award, least original, youngest rider, biggest oil spot, most rust, oldest motorcycle and first breakdown. Polished aluminum mugs were selected as the award format. The Red Jacket Inn will pay for half of the \$600 tent rental cost. Randy Walker was concerned with "tag-along riders" and problems with the AMCA insurance if we charge anything. It was decided that such problems would be dealt with on an individual basis by our Director.

The Bergeron brothers are willing to map an alternate route to include a nearby covered bridge. Jessie's information packet states that there will be a group photo at 6:30 PM Tuesday evening. Two buffets, the rider's meeting on Tuesday evening and the awards banquet on Friday evening, are scheduled. There will be two maps for the three days of the run. Sandy Gallo will highlight the maps and investigate possible map holders. Steve Cicalone questioned just how the rides will take shape. Jessie responded that the riders would organize their own groups, but that the chase vehicle would leave at a specified time. Therefore, those riding would need to leave by that time in order to be ahead of the chase vehicle. Each day's ride is approximately 150 miles. Steve stated that the mountainous



terrain and lack of towers limits the usefulness of cell phones. Steve volunteered to be the contact person for the National. He will forward copies of all materials he receives from the National to the other board members. Since registration for the road run will be from noon to five on Tuesday we will need to be there in the morning to take care of final details.

Will Paley volunteered to be the Publicity Chairperson for the Chapter. Randy Walker suggested investigating the use of the internet for this purpose. The Hebron Regional Meet will take place on August 4 & 5, 2000. Vendor's fees were set at \$25 for members and \$45 for non-members which includes AMCA membership. There will be a road run with Tim Gottier handling the details. We will not have a banquet. The Joe Barber and Giles Adams awards will be presented on Saturday. There will be no events on Sunday. Charlie Gallo will take care of an ad to be placed in the National magazine as well as separate ads for the Chapter newsletter and flyers. Jessie will do an update on the Yankee Chapter sign and see about T-shirts.

It was decided not to hold a Chapter meet in Sturbridge this year.

Jessie concluded the meeting by announcing that we will have a National Meet at Hebron in 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Marston
Secretary

Volunteer's many good works set in stone

Thursday, March 9, 2000

By Chris Echegaray

Reprinted from the Worcester Telegram & Gazette

NEW BRAINTREE - Paul H. Walker scans his 300-plus acres of sprawling farmland before starting his day as a community leader. But first he helps his wife, Eva, a paraplegic as a result of a car accident 18 years ago, out of bed. He then goes down to his machine shop to work on tractors, clocks and whatever else he has been asked to fix.

Mr. Walker, 83, had a hand in restoring the clock at the New Braintree Congregational Church, and is now working on renovating the old elementary school building. He has volunteered untold hours of his time to help his community and neighbors. He has dedicated about 40 years of community service.

Yesterday, the Quaboag Historical Society honored Mr. Walker for his service, naming him the recipient of the Lucy Stone Achievement Award. Mr. Walker is the second person to receive the award. Last year, Constance Small, also a resident of this rural town, was honored.

Last year, through the efforts of the historical society, March 8 was designated Lucy Stone Day statewide. Lucy Stone, a West Brookfield native, was a renowned women's rights activist. She was the first Massachusetts woman to graduate from college, and was the first woman to keep her name after marrying. She was a dedicated teacher, lecturer, journalist and crusader in obtaining equal rights for all.

Mr. Walker will be honored at the historical society's annual luncheon April 9 at the Salem Cross Inn in West Brookfield, where he will receive a trophy and a \$100 savings bond.

"He deserves it. That's for sure," Mrs. Walker said. "I don't care who comes here asking to have something fixed. Paul will fix it for nothing."

Margaret M. Geis, secretary of the historical society, said that she received many letters nominating Mr. Walker for the award.



Paul Walker with his 1918 Indian Power Plus.

"It was sort of overwhelming", Mrs. Geis said. "He was nominated by so many people within the community."

Mrs. Geis said that the writers described Mr. Walker as "an outstanding example" of a person who truly made his community and the world a better place.

Mr. Walker, honored by the accolade, tried to downplay his role in the community. He insists he is "no different" than others. "Please, don't make this too fancy. I'm not a big shot," he said. "It's a good award. It's nice. I mean, I've been doing stuff for the town for years and years. It's really a privilege to get it."

The Walkers have been married for 63 years. Mrs. Walker said her husband was slowed a bit a few months ago when he fell off the roof of their barn. "That took a little bit of wind out of him, she said. "He's quite active, quite stubborn. I guess people don't know that.

Mrs. Walker said she was left paralyzed after she blacked out while driving. She suffered a broken back.

Mr. Walker is a retired machinist who worked at Wyman-Gordon Co. in Grafton. He said he also restores antique motorcycles and cars. He is a former president of the Quaboag Historical Society, and served as vice president of the New Braintree Historical Society, assessor, and on school building committees. He also helps Eagle Scouts with their projects.

YANKS Out And About

C. Gallo Photos

Sandy Gallo rides her 1967 BMW R69S during the Perkiomen Arrowhead Run in Oley, PA. The Perkiomen Chapter celebrated the BMW marque at their National Meet.



Will Paley heads out on the Perkiomen Arrowhead Run on his 1960 BMW R26. When Will got this bike about three and a half years ago, it looked like it had been run over by a car. Riding this sweet running single kept a smile on his face for the entire weekend

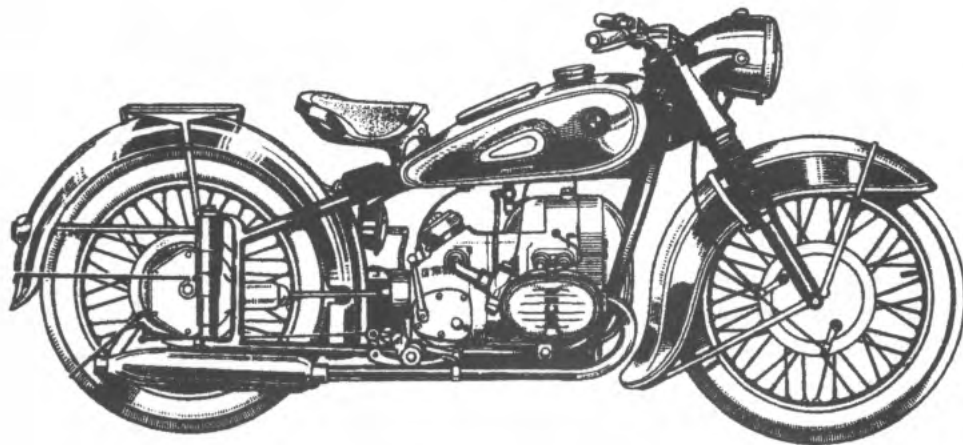


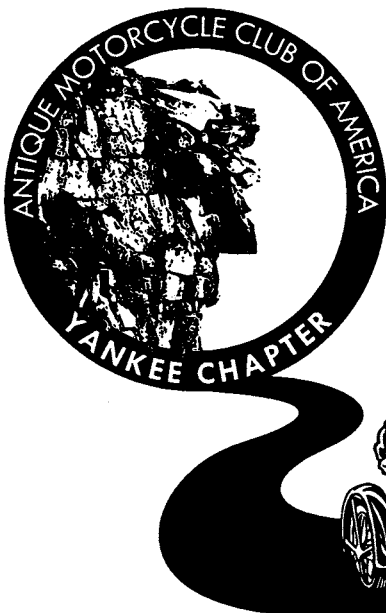
Al "Robin" Gazza waits for the start of the Arrowhead run astride his 1929 Indian 101 Scout. This machine was originally sold in South Africa and has a most interesting history as well as some unique features which Al will be happy to elaborate upon if you give him a chance.



Photo courtesy of Bob Frink

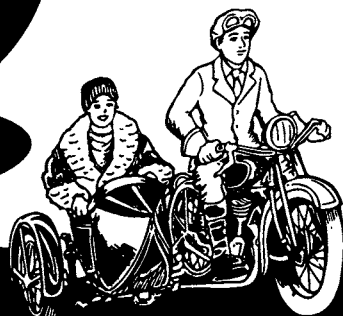
Your newly elected Yankee Chapter officers smile for the camera at the annual Christmas Party and business meeting at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Oxford, MA. Standing behind Tom Marston's 1928 Harley-Davidson J, they are (from left to right): Charlie Gallo, Tom Marston, Will Paley, Fred Hirsch, Sandy Gallo, Jessie Aikman, Steve Ciccalone, Randy Walker and Jim Friedlander.





White Mountain Road Run

June 13-17 2000



Hosted at the Red Jacket North Conway, NH
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Break out those antiques and start the new millennium with some motorcycling memories. Take in some of the most beautiful countryside that Maine and New Hampshire have to offer.

Tuesday June 13 noon until 5pm will be registration for all riders and motorcycles at the Red Jacket. 7pm mandatory riders meeting with banquet to follow.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday we will tour the lakes region and the mountains. The 77th Laconia Motorcycle Classic will be this same week, on Wednesday we will be taking in some of this historic event. We have some interesting stops planned and have mapped out 3 beautiful runs. You won't be disappointed. The traffic should be light at this time of year and the weather comfortable.

Don't delay reserve now before it's too late...



White Mountain Road Run Registration Form

Sponsored by the Yankee Chapter AMCA
June 13-17 2000

AMCA members only! One registration per motorcycle please. Registration deadline, May 10, 2000

Riders Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Passengers Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Riders Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone () _____ Current AMCA Membership# _____ Chapter _____

Year/Make/Model of motorcycle to be ridden _____

Distance traveled to North Conway _____ Riding? _____ Hauling? _____

\$95 per motorcycle and rider _____
(includes 1 banquet and 1 riders meeting ticket)

\$30 per additional banquet ticket _____

\$25 per additional riders meeting ticket _____

Commemorative Shirt

Number of each size: ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL @14.95 \$ _____

XXL XXXL XXXXL @16.95 \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Hotel and campground information will be sent with registration packet.

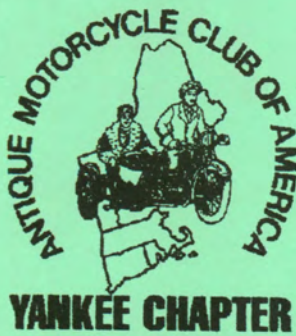
Return form with payment to
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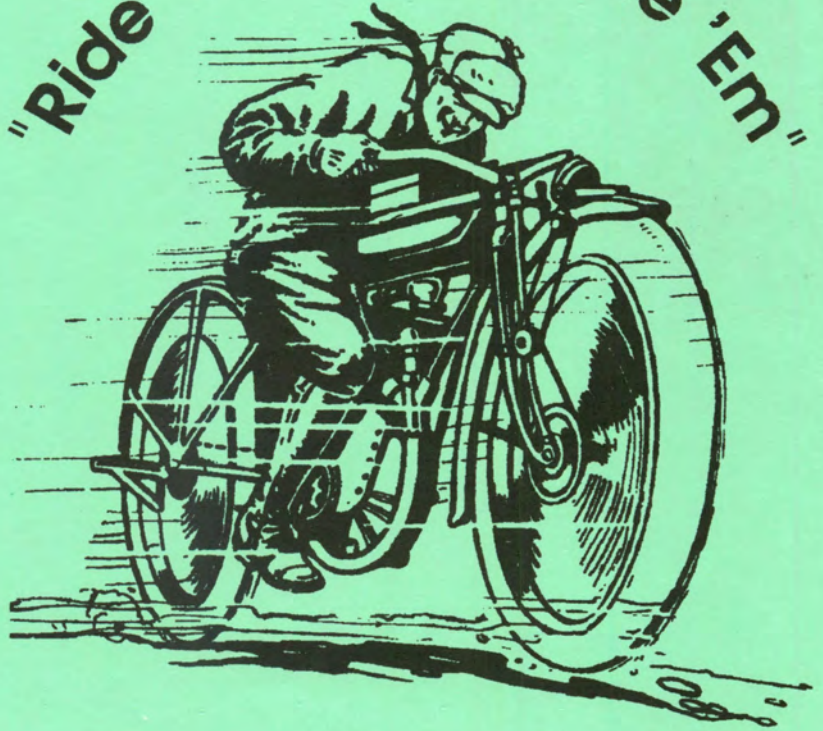
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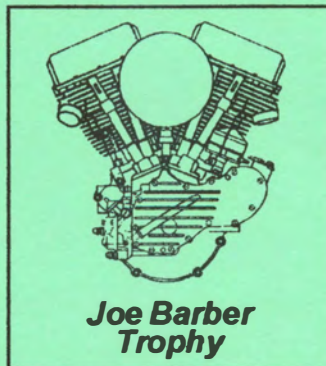
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