



Yankee Chatter



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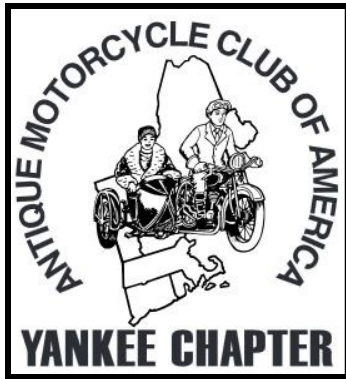
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Director's Message

Happy New Year every one! It's great to be here once again to enjoy another season with you.

First off, I'm very pleased to let you know our member and Chapter Judge, Peter MacMurray, has been elected to the AMCA National Board of

Directors. You probably have met Peter showing his pristine old dirt bikes, his Honda 750, and his Harley XLCR. He is a man of many interests and talents. I'm sure we will get some inside information from Pete once he gets down to the first BOD meeting in Florida in March. Although we have always been able to contact any BOD member with our individual concerns, you should feel comfortable bringing ideas and issues forward to Pete so he can get them discussed at AMCA board meetings. You can write to Pete at pjmacmurray@gmail.com

We had a very well attended Business meeting in December, and brought two new members onto the Yankee Chapter board: Jamie Seidell and "Ted" Maine Smith. Many of you know Jamie and his Indians, and possibly know that our newsletter editor, Jen, is his wife, and that Jim is his dad. Ted has been involved with our chapter for a few years now. He has graciously brought several of his fine BMWs to our promotional shows in Springfield and Boston, and has gotten involved in the judging aspect of our hobby. Both will bring valuable insight to the board and help to strengthen our club.

We have set our 2016 calendar of events which you can find elsewhere in the newsletter, but I would like to bring attention to a new ride we have this year. New member Jim Gorman has had a lot of fun at the Berkshire ride, and has offered to coordinate a new run for us this year in Maine, where he lives. June 10, 11, 12 will be hosted out of Winslow Park in Freeport Maine. Go to www.freeportmaine.com and on the right side you can click on Winslow Park. Literally on the water's edge, it is a beautiful site where Jim has arranged for a common area for us to camp, and a pavilion for any cover or meeting. As you know, Freeport is the home of LLBean, plenty of shopping, dining, and hotels if you prefer. There is an inexpensive Econo-Lodge only 3 miles from the park.

Jim has been plotting out the ride and has already a preliminary 140 mile loop put together for us. We have not been up north too often, but when we did have the Maine National RR and the Stowe VT camp and ride we had a great turnout. The early June date will put us ahead of tourists and vacation traffic and really let us enjoy the coastline ride. I encourage you to contact Jim to let him know you are coming so he can coordinate with the park manager the space we require. Let's have a huge turnout. Everyone should take Friday off, head up Thursday evening and let's Ride 'Em!

We had a very good National meet in 2015, and are looking forward to a possibly bigger and better 2016. After some shenanigans, Rhinebeck has had a date change to July 1, which some feel is not a good date for a meet as many do family oriented things that weekend. That could mean we get new guys that realize we are not so much further, and that our meet has a lot to offer. I'm putting this out now to prepare you for my request for help and volunteers as we get closer to the meet. We can always use gate and merchandise booth volunteers- I'm sure you guys can make change and say hi to people that are visiting. The more people we get in these spots the less time everyone needs to do it. For vendors we have some new volunteers already, and the AMCA is preparing a way for vendors to preregister through the AMCA website, which could help us. We have had some 50+ bike in judging and can always use volunteers, not only for the judging but adding up the score sheets. The ride at 3 pm on Friday has worked out very well, over 50 bikes went out in 2015. The field games are gaining in popularity, and this is another place another set of hands can help.

Good news for 2016 is the strong possibility that the Sportsman's club will be back as our food and banquet vendor. Yes, you can have your steak dinner again! There have been changes in the fairgrounds management, so a lot of the tradition is being reviewed, but we have spoken with both the fairgrounds and Donnie from the Sportsman's club and are working to grease everything to go the way we want.

I want to pass on a workshop tip I picked up somewhere. You can buy these fancy from walnut and other exotic woods online, but as you can see I copied it in a piece of 2 x 3 pine. There are no rules or limit to size or how you set this up. It's just a handy way to keep your most used tools or instruments

handy and organized. If any of you come from manufacturing, you might call this part of 5S. 5S is a way to Sort out the junk from your work area, and Set into an organized fashion the tools used at a workstation. I won't bother you with the other 3 S's. You can look it up o line if you want to know more. I keep my flashlights, feeler gage, punch, and pointy tools and magnetic picker upper, a pencil, and tweezers handy as I find I am using these constantly. I just drilled



holes of different sizes to fit the things I wanted to keep. For the ruler slot I drilled a series of small holes close together then just broke away the left over with a knife.

In closing, I am proud to let you know the AMCA has asked me to contribute to the magazine with technical articles along the line of what Red Fred had been doing. To this end, I would like to hear from you on topics of interest, troubles you have solved, and your own tips and tricks on maintaining your antique bike, tools, shop items, you name it. Don't hesitate to recommend a product you have good experience with, or even to let others know to be cautious of something that isn't as advertized.

As usual, feel free to contact me at danmargolien@yahoo.com or give me a call at 603-401-8851.

Be careful out there and in the shop- we want to see you around!

Ride 'Em!

Dan

SOME QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE YANKEE CHATTER:

Q: How often is it published?

A: In general, a new issue is published every 3 months. It may be more or less, depending on material submitted and the (volunteer) editor's schedule.

Q: How and when do I get the Yankee Chatter?

A: If you are a member in good standing of the AMCA Yankee Chapter, you will receive a copy of the newsletter. If you provide an email address, you will receive an electronic copy as soon as it is completed. If you have paid the additional fee at registration, you will receive a paper copy via USPS about a week later. You can view past issues on the website at:

<http://www.yankeechapter.org/newsletter.shtml>

Q: Who can contribute to the Chatter?

A: YOU CAN!! Anyone in the club can submit material for publication at any time. The editor will try to provide submission deadlines so events can be publicized well before they occur.

Q: What can I contribute to the Chatter?

A: Here is a partial list of items that can be part of the newsletter:

- * Articles/stories about events, rides, history, etc.
- * Photos of people, bikes, people with bikes, scenery, events, etc
- * Technical articles and tips
- * Flyers for upcoming events

- * Classified ads
- * Cartoons, crossword puzzles, jumbles
- * Favorite potluck recipes
- * Poems
- * Favorite routes, rides, and roadside dives
- * Pretty much anything you think would be of interest to fellow club members

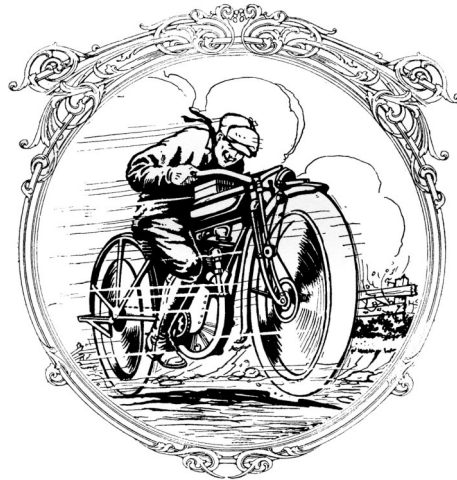
Q: But I have trouble with spelling/typing/computers, etc. What can I do?

A: It's ok! Your editor has the knowledge and computer programs to fix spelling and grammar, format articles, insert pictures, and generally make things look nice. Submissions via email are easier for the editor to click and drop, but other formats are always accepted

(handwritten, drawings, photographs). All originals will be returned at your request.

Q: Alright, I wrote something. How do I get it to you?

A: You can email the editor at refined_edge@yahoo.com or send to 765 Pine Meadow Rd Northfield MA 01360. You can also call 413-325-8355 with any questions. You can find your editor, Jen Goselin and/or her husband Jamie Seidell at many Yankee Events if you want to drop off submissions in person.



An R62 Restoration Pictorial

By Maine (Ted) Smith

Many things motivate people to purchase vintage bikes. Some people simply want to admire the graceful lines of a well-crafted machine. Other people want to experience the thrill of riding an 80+ year old piece of history. Others yet look forward to the challenge of rebuilding and restoring these pieces of history. I guess I fit into all of these categories.

Purchasing an 80+ year old bike is, at best risky. History tells us it is extremely rare for sellers of vintage motorcycles to accurately describe what they are offering. The R62 depicted in the following photo history came to me from Invention Bikes [*not exactly their name—ed.*] in Holland.

My R62 was sold as having been completely mechanically rebuilt with correct original parts. A correct and freshly rebuilt magneto/generator was added as an additional incentive to close the deal. According to the seller, all that remained to be done was to re-fit, paint and pinstripe the sheet metal and wire the bike.

While I assumed most of these claims were exaggerations or complete falsehoods I decided to purchase the bike based on the information I could glean from the following pictures. What did I learn from the pictures?

Not much more than the fact that the seller was offering a complete rolling frame and drive train can be learned from this picture.

This picture displays what is either the original headstock plate or the best forged plate I've ever seen. The numbers on the plate match the frame and engine numbers.



Editor's note: This story was originally published in 2010 in the Vintage BMW Bulletin. This is the first installment of a series, to be continued over the next few issues of the Yankee Chatter. Enjoy.

The engine number and case half numbers all appear to be un-molested originals.



The frame number appears to be original and un-molested.



These next two pictures display what appears to be a nice assortment of original parts.



Based on the above pictures I decided to buy the bike.

Early in November 2004, I purchased the bike from Invention Bikes. The bike was shipped from Holland late in November and arrived in the US late in December. US Customs clearance took about a week and cost about \$200. On January 15, 2005, the bike finally arrived.

As expected many of the promised parts were missing, many parts were incorrect and many parts were in very poor condition. When I completed my inspection, I contacted the seller. Graciously the seller promised to send the missing parts and replace the bad parts. Several weeks later, I did receive a small package containing mostly useless things like carburetor jet blanks that still had to be drilled out. I'm still waiting for the remaining items.



This is what a properly restored crankshaft, camshaft and lifters should look like.

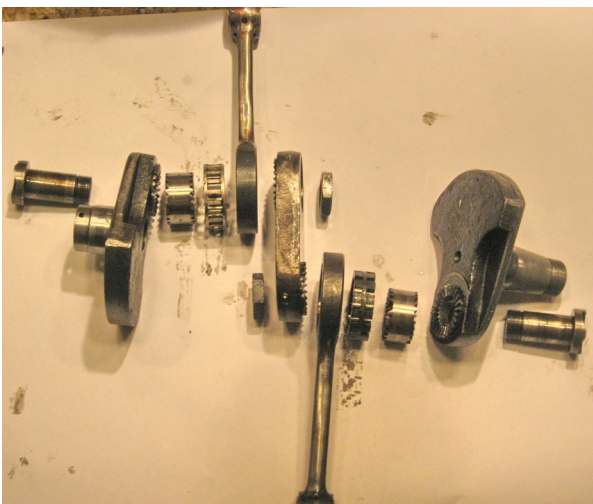
Some incorrect parts like the R11 driveshaft and rear brake were easy to see:



Things like the un-restored crankshaft with worn out bearings, and rusty camshaft were a little more difficult to find. Notice in the photo below of the crankshaft that it has been modified so that it can be bolted together, instead of the press fit arrangement that BMW designed. And the tapered slot in the end of the cam is unique to this series of engines.



Accepting that there would be no further assistance from the seller, I put him out of my mind and went to work bringing the bike back to life.



The first thing to do was to take careful inventory of what was good, what could be repaired, what was missing, what could be purchased and what had to be made.

Close inspection of the fuel tank revealed several cracks and extensive internal rust.



After cleaning, repair welding and sealing the tank was as good as new.

After removing the drive train, I started fitting the fenders and tank. As with everything vintage, this proved to be more difficult than anticipated. The rear section of the frame was bent. Because the frame was simply bent, and not damaged in any way, it only took a few days to figure out where the bends were. By using the structural columns that you can see in the background of the following picture as anchors and fulcrums, I was able to pull the frame into proper alignment.



Another problem was that the seller didn't send the mounting hardware for the original sheet metal. To make the fender mounts I had to acquire a new set of metal working skills. Most of the mounts were not very difficult, as they were made from shaped strap steel and only required a bunch of cutting and bending. The front fender top mount was another story. The front fender mount is also the fork spring retainer. I hand carved this part from a solid block of brass. My fingers still ache from that effort.

Two pictures of the front fender top mount / spring retainer.



With the new fender mounts in hand the bike started to take shape.



(For those of you who noticed the fenders in the background are for the World's Best R12. That's a story for another day.

At about the time the sheet metal was ready for paint, engine pieces and parts started coming back from the machine shops.

Here are the cylinders before overhaul...



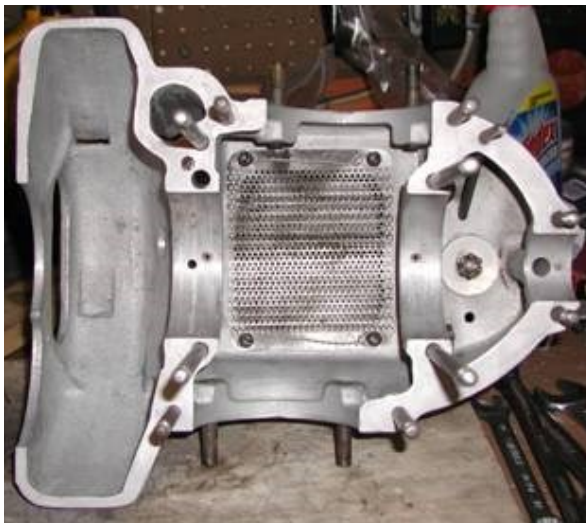
...and the overhauled cylinders.



The rebuilt crankshaft is ready for installation in engine cases.



Here are the cleaned case halves; the bottom first and then the top.



To be continued...



Yankee Chapter Events 2016

May 20-22 Rhode Island Camp & Ride, West Greenwich RI
Contact Tom Covill 401-397-2584

June 5 Tumbleweeds Vintage Motorcycle Show, Taunton MA
Contact tumbleweedmc@comcast.net

June 11-15 Winslow Park Camp & Ride, Freeport ME
Contact Jim Gorman 207-831-4183

July 24 Indian Day, Springfield MA
Check for info at www.springfieldmuseums.org

Aug 5-7 Yankee Chapter National Meet, Hebron CT
Contact Dan Margolien 603-401-8851

Sept 16-18 Berkshires Camp & Ride, Charlemont MA
Contact Jim Seidell 413-527-0421

Other Antique Motorcycle Events

April 17 Spring Motorcycle Swap Meet, Stafford Springs CT
<http://staffordmotorspeedway.com/event/connecticut-spring-motorcycle-swap-meet-april-17-2016>

April 22-23 Perikomen Chapter National Meet, Oley PA

May 1 Keene Swap Meet, Cheshire Fairgrounds, Swanzey NH

June 4-5 Oilers Car Club Race of Gentlemen, Wildwood NJ
Info at <http://www.theraceofgentlemen.com>

July 1-2 Rhinebeck National Meet, Rhinebeck NY
Info at <http://www.rhinebecknationalmeet.com>

July 15-17 Wauseon National Meet, Wauseon OH

Sept 30-Oct 1 Chesapeake Chapter National Meet, Jefferson PA

Yankee Chapter BOD Meeting November 29, 2015

The Board met at Critter and Barbara Salisbury's home for the fall meeting. Traveling from throughout New England, Board members in attendance were: Director-Dan Margolien, Secretary- Diane Stoyanovich, Treasurer- Rich Correia, Webmaster- Chris Lennox, Newsletter Editor-Jen Goselin, Vice Directors- Darryl Cutter, Don Salisbury, Tom Carlson, Associate Directors- Phil Mathews, Sandy Gallo, Charlie Gallo and Yankee members- Jamie Seidell and Barbara Salisbury.

Dan called the meeting at 10am, summing up a very active year for the Yankees, with promotional events held in Boston and Springfield last winter, weekend camp and rides held in RI, New Hampshire, and the Berkshires, MA; Tumbleweeds event in MA, the National Road Run in Keene, NH, and the National Meet in Hebron, CT.

Rich handed out copies of the financial report and reviewed expenditures and income with the board. The National RR held its own and Hebron netted \$5473 profit! Paypal has been set up and Dan stated that 90% of the RR registrations were done through them. There was discussion on the possibility of using it for membership renewal as well- to be decided. Also discussion in regards to purchasing t-shirts through Paypal, but general consensus was that the logistics of having stock and filling orders was not advantageous to the club. Dan has sent out a limited number of shirts, upon request.

And speaking of t-shirts, Dan will bring the in stock shirts to the Christmas party. He has ordered old school pennants with the Yankee logo. They will be offered in black, maroon, gold and blue. Price each is \$12. Dan made a motion: If the pennants arrive in time for the December 6th meeting, the Board will present each member (1 per family) a pennant. Sandy 2nd the motion and all were in favor.

Darryl took this time to thank Jen for her work and publishing the newsletter- Thank you Jen – Great Job! Jen will have postcards made once the 2016 schedule of events is finalized.

Planning for 2016 was next up for discussion. Critter spoke with Tom Covil and he is willing to organize a spring ride in Rhode Island the

weekend of May 20,21,22. Several ideas were thrown out for a summer ride- Doug Fredricks has invited the chapter back to his place in NH. Though the area has great riding, there are no services on the property- no glam camping, and we have been up that way several times recently. Dan will contact Doug and let him know that we are pursuing other options for this year. Pierce Reed also has invited us back to Vermont- he plans the ride for the group and we arrange for a place to stay. And 3rd option for a summer ride would be Maine. Members agreed that would be a great weekend for this year. Dan had spoke with someone this past summer about a ride in Maine. He will contact her to get more information. Jamie will speak with Jim prior to the Dec meeting to see if the Berkshire ride is a go for this year. He stated that everyone loves this weekend, it is a well run event and the campground is great. This event is usually held the 3rd weekend in September- 16 to 18 this year.

This year's National at Hebron is the weekend of August 4-7th. We have the property from Thursday thru Sunday. Set up will be Thursday with the gate opening at noon for member set up, vendors and campers to arrive. Sandy asked if we could set up a tent this year for the information/ t-shirt sales area. Something large enough to accommodate some tables for shade and a social area. Charlie is willing to be on site to show them where to set up. Charlie will also take care of the ad. Sandy will talk to Don from the Sportsman's Club to see if they are available this year to cook for the banquet and the food booth. Ice Cream-anyone for ice cream? Lets see what can be done. In the past, technical seminars have been done, but with the revised schedule of events for the weekend, there just isn't a time slot to allow for this. The handmade trophies for the Yankee judging are always well received; 10-12 trophies are needed. Darryl has invited the Zundapp club to join the Yankees at Hebron this year. He has not heard from them as yet but he will contact them prior to December 6th. Discussion on how best to encourage members to volunteer over the weekend. There are plenty of opportunities to meet new people, promote the club and help out. Volunteers are needed for set up on Thursday, collect parking donations at the gate, sell t shirts, help with the field games, judging, trash and clean up on Sunday. Volunteer sign up sheets will be available as well as schedule of events throughout the venue.

Should we consider a handout program with schedule of events, to include vendor information for pre registered vendors? (Need final thoughts) Last year we had several youths participating with the adults in the field games, if the trend continues we could make a youth class or mini bike class.

Draft: Schedule for Hebron

Field open from Thursday noon until Sunday noon

Thursday: Set up

*Vendors- Dan, TC

Friday: *Gates open 8am to 2/3 pm (parking donations collected)

- *Merchandise sales/ information open – Diane
- *Bike show on lawn in front of better living building
- *Town Hall meeting- 12noon- Dan
- *Road Run- 2:30 pm- open

*Banquet- 6pm- Sandy

Saturday: *Gates open 8am (parking donations collected)

* Merchandise sales/ information- Diane

*Bike show

*Pre registrations for National Judging closes at 9am; trophies awarded at conclusion of judging bikes – Peter Mac Murray

*Field games 2pm- coordinated by Critter/ Charlie

*Yankee fun judging – to include period modified 1,2, longest distance, oldest and most unusual. Trophies to be presented at the conclusion of field games- Charlie

Dan and Rich have announced that they would like to step down from their roles on the board. They are both willing to continue until a replacement has filled these positions. They are both willing to mentor willing candidates. Several members offered names of individuals that may be interested or be a good candidates for the board. Jamie Seidell would also be interested in becoming and associate. Dan will lead a discussion at the December meeting as to openings and roles of board members. Just a reminder that all members are welcome to attend board meetings.

We need to readdress the Yankee By Laws, there was a recent draft done and is pending BOD

approval and to be presented to the members. Chris has volunteered to help with this issue, Dan will send him the most recent draft.

Several donations were made last year after the December meeting- St Judes Children's Hospital and a donation to Karl Nagy's Fire Dept. Karl's wife, Marilyn, has returned his jacket to the Yankee Chapter. Sandy made a motion: The most appropriate thing to do with the jacket is to keep it with Karl's bike. Diane 2nd the motion and all approved that the jacket should stay with the bike in Karl's honor. The BOD will present the jacket to Gene Levesque for safe keeping. The board will notify the members.

Just a few more pieces of business: TC reminded us of the Tumbleweeds Vintage Motorcycle show the first weekend in June and Chris will coordinate the Springfield motorcycle show and display. Dan will bring signage to the December meeting. Critter mentioned there was one missing, Jamie will see if Jim may have it.

Meeting adjourned at 2pm

A big Thank you to the Salisbury's for their hospitality, everyone for providing baked goods and Barbara for lunch- it was fabulous.

—Diane Stoyanovich

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Yankee Chapter Besieges the Springfield Motorcycle Show By Chris Lenox and Peter MacMurray

Once again the Yankees were invited to the Springfield Mass. Motorcycle show at the Eastern Sates Exposition on January 16th and 17th 2016. And, as has been the case in recent years, the AMCA Yankee Chapter was in attendance to spread the gospel of classic, vintage and antique motorcycles. A host of hardy Yanks agreed to bring bikes, staff the booth, and convert the unfaithful. Aply led by Chris Lenox, who personally adhering by the clubs motto: Ride em' don't hide em' rode his Chief to the show Friday and rode his 741 back home Sunday, of course his tail light was out on the Chief, only realized by his son telling him as he followed with the car and trailer, so instead, taking the 741 on Sunday and upon kicking it over it was running on only one cylinder! Upon realizing one of the kids he perhaps let sit on it had hit the plug wire and it was out, he just shoved the broken end back in the boot and it was good enough to get him home with only a few burps. In addition to Chris' Indians, Dale Seymour arrived with his brilliant 1969 BSA Lightning; Maine Smith raised the stakes with a trio of his renowned vintage BMW's, and Travis, a VJMC refugee, and Yankee "prospect" landed in the booth with an original paint 1972 Kawasaki H1 Widow Maker. This bike, along with its owner, would be at the center of a drama that unfolded over the course of the entire weekend. Read on.



Dale showing his bike to one of the visitors

The annual Springfield show features all of the expected exhibitor offerings; gleaming new bikes, ubiquitous black leather, waxes & polish, predictably bad music, bike accessories and show bikes. It also features displays by the Yankee Chapter, which elevates it to an entirely different level of dignity and appeal. The Yanks stayed busy throughout both show days with a constant stream of visitors in the booth, many of whom stayed for considerable time viewing, discussing old bikes and the virtues and benefits of club membership, as well as several current members. Virtually all

visitors offered smiles and enthusiasm for the bikes and those who care for them, and most reminisced on bikes they themselves once owned and loved but eventually moved on from their lives, just as we and all riders do. Many spoke of new enthusiasm for their languishing projects or of digging out that old Yamasaki enduro or Royal Vincent Square 4 Sportster that has been gathering dust & rust in a dark corner of their garage (not everyone actually has a barn, after all) for the last 23 years. In this respect alone our volunteer's enthusiastic efforts at the show is worthwhile. As we know from our own experiences, we sometimes despair of our stalled project and inspiration from things like this can make a significant difference in getting our own efforts energized. As seen in the picture some of us allowed kids and even adults sit on our bikes, get a picture taken and a smile. On Sunday the Motorcycle daredevil Doug Danger even came over to see what we had going on and got in on a picture with us. But wait! Back to the Kawasaki..

The owner of this well-kept survivor, Travis, left his bike for display in the booth early on Saturday morning but was able to stay only a few moments before departing for the day.

Moments later, a visitor arrived and moved on a bee-line to the bike and immediately asked to speak with the owner. When he learned that the owner had left but would return on the following day he exclaimed with conviction that he'd be back on Sunday as well, to buy it! The owner, good to his word, arrived early on

Sunday in the company of his son Ethan and while not an AMCA member, promptly engaged himself in staffing the booth, passing out flyers and gabbing with visitors. He was, of course, made aware of the keenly interested fellow who swore to return and purchase the bike. After lingering perhaps an hour, the owner decided to tour the show with his son and they departed. Perhaps 15 minutes later, the prospective buyer arrived and again went straight to the orange bike, and again asked after the owner. When told he had missed the owner by a few minutes he announced he would also look around the show and return later and he, also, promptly departed. Fast forward an hour; the owner returns and is informed he had missed his prospect by a few minutes, and that he had sworn to return. Another hour passes. And then another. Where could he be? All this time, Trevor is also being assailed by Yankees, pressing him to join the AMCA and the Yankee Chapter. At the end of the day, however, the Widow Maker went home with Travis. But don't be surprised to see him at Hebron in August; he is clearly the stuff that Yankees are made of.



Sunday's gang with Doug Danger



Chris with visitors Nick and his grandfather Pierre.

**Ride em'
Don't
Hide em'**

There was quite a crowd on both days and we handed out well over 600 Hebron flyers, club event cards and even got some memberships. We would like to thank all the help that made our set up go so well and enjoyable: Chris Lenox, Peter MacMurray, Maine Smith, Dale Seymour, Jamie Siedell, Jen Gosselin, Travis Wheeler and his son Ethan. (Hope we got you all!) The show was a success because of all involved!



All the bikes set up for the show



The calm before the storm

Springfield 2016

Yankee Chapter Business Meeting Minutes 12-6-15



The Yankee Chapter of AMCA gathered at the Oxford VFW for the Annual Christmas Potluck and Business Meeting on December 6, 2016. Thanks to Barbara and Sandy, the coffee was ready when several members showed up on their bikes- Yup- even in December- We Ride Em and Don't Hide Em! Sixty plus members arrived, bringing their secret recipes to share. Both ladies and gents were busy setting up tables and putting the finishing touches on the dishes in the kitchen. The bar was open and the snacks were ready. Dana

set up for membership renewals, Dan spread out the merchandise for last minute Christmas shopping, and Rich passed out packets with the financial report for 2015.

After lunch was enjoyed, Dan called the business meeting to order. He gave a quick review of the events during 2015, including: promotional events at the Boston and Springfield, MA motorcycle shows, the springtime camp and ride in RI, The Tumbleweeds Vintage Motorcycle Day in Taunton, MA, the Yankee Road Run in Keene, NH, the camp and ride to the Police Motorcycle Museum in Meredith, NH, the Yankee National Meet in Hebron, CT and the Berkshires camp and ride in MA. He quickly moved on to planning for the events calendar for 2016.

Starting the year off, the Yankees will have a display at the Springfield Motorcycle show. Chris Lenox and Ted Smith have volunteered to organize this event. It will be held on the Big E fairgrounds on January 16 & 17th. Tom Covil has offered to host the spring camp and ride in RI on May 20,21, & 22. He is already working on ideas with Critter and Battery Bill. Jim Gorman has offered to host a ride in Freeport, Maine area for June. Jim Seidell will be in contact with him. The National Meet is scheduled for Hebron, CT August 4,5, & 6. And to round up the year, the Berkshires weekend



hosted by Jim and Dawn Seidell is the 3rd weekend in September (16-18). Once the dates are confirmed Jen Goselin will have postcards made up and sent out.

Rich Correia gave the treasures report for 2015. A motion was made to accept the report as read and all were in agreement.

Last year, 2 donations were made and greatly appreciated by the recipients. Dan opened up for discussion for possible recipients for this year. Sandy Gallo updated the group on a member's continuing battle with breast cancer. She made a motion to send \$500 to Joyce Thompson to help with necessary expenses. Tom seconded the motion and all approved to make the donation. Dan made the motion to send a donation to St. Judes Children's Hospital again this year. The motion was seconded, voted on, and approved by the membership. Rich will send out donations.

The next item up for discussion was in regards to any thoughts on purchases that may be useful to the Chapter. Ideas offered up included: Ed- buy land, have a committee to look into the purchase of



land for club house or camping. Jim- purchase large tent as opposed to renting. Discussion that followed included: Tim- question of liability if we put up tent as opposed to licensed vendor, Joel- whether this was affordable, Tom- tents are usually less expensive at the end of

the season, Tim- thoughts on storage, transporting and set up of tent at events. Chris/ Sandy - a large tent for bike shelter as well as sun/ rain shelter would be a good idea. Dawn Seidell thought a purchase of a trailer would be a good idea. This could be used to store club supplies as well as useful for club events. Dan stated these are all good ideas to take into consideration.

There was a short discussion on thoughts regarding change in venue for future meets. Robin mentioned that the Lebanon fairgrounds was a good spot; also mentioned was the Hopkinton, NH fairgrounds. Ted spoke of the advantage of having a good thing, the continuity of having an event in one location. Over the past few years it has been noted that there are people that haven't been in awhile that come back knowing that it will be in the same place. Battery Bill asked about what was up with Rhinebeck? Though it was reported that the coalition did disperse after the last meet, this year's meet will be held on July 1-2, 2016

Jen asked for help with stories, pictures etc for the newsletter. Deadline for articles for the winter 2016 issue is January 24.

Dan Emerson has competed in his 3rd Motorcycle Cannonball. Congratulations

Marty asked about the archival pictures, which Dan has some of the stuff. And Barbara stated she still has items from Fred Hirsch. Bill would like to encourage an acknowledgment that an article for the newsletter had been received. Other ideas were to include other local activities in the area related to our hobby. Remember this is your newsletter,

The Board of Directors met in November and several members would like to step down. They are willing to hang on until there is a replacement . Board openings are the Director, Treasurer, Vice Director and Associate. Jim Murdough thanked Dan for a great job during his position as Director. Dan feels like his main role has been for member communication and coordination. Rich has the laptop and software for the next treasurer. There were several members interested in joining the BOD. Jamie Seidell was voted in as a Vice Director and Ted Maine was appointed as an Associate. Welcome to both.

Dawn asked about Karl's jacket? Karl's wife Marilyn had returned the jacket given to him by the Yankee Chapter. Karl proudly wore the jacket and she wanted the chapter to have it. Board members had recently decided that the jacket should stay with Karl's Indian, now belonging to Gene Levesque. Gene has agreed to accepting the jacket for safe keeping. Ed will present the jacket to Gene at Hebron. Dana met Marilyn at the RI camp-out this past spring. She had asked for copy of the club roster and he wanted to discuss this with the members first. There were no objections to him sending her the roster.

Yankees in attendance today received a Yankee Chapter Pennant- you receive a pennant, you receive a pennant, everyone receives a pennant!!! Additional pennants are for sale.

And the final business of the day was to award the Yankee Spirit Trophy. This year's Yankee Spirit Award went to Dan Margolien!! Congratulations Dan.



Respectfully submitted by
Diane Stoyanovich, Secretary

Editor's note: The Yankee Chapter recently received Thank-You notes from both St. Judes and Joyce Thompson expressing appreciation for our donations.

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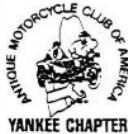
On the cover: The Yankee Spirit Award presented to Dan Margolien by past winner Charlie Gallo. The award is presented annually to recognize a club member who exemplifies “the spirit of the Yankees.”

Photo by Diane Stoyanovich

Blast from the Past

Yankee Chapter History

We are comprised of many different people from many different backgrounds and many different states. Our common bond is the motorcycle; not any particular motorcycle. I think that as we start our 1986 activities we must all try to live up to the charter and bylaws of the AMC of A and spread the good fellowship to all whom we encounter, including our fellow members, as well as the people in the local towns and the business men in the areas where we hold our meets. We must always seek out, preserve and protect the antique motorcycle, oil and lube it and keep it alive so that we can hear the sweet sounds of its valves and pistons working in the proper order. We also have to work just as hard to maintain Chapter unity and good will.



Jim
Jim Costa
Co-Director

30 years ago...

From the Winter 1986 issue of the Yankee Chatter, a message from then co-director (and still active member) Jim Costa.



Bob Frink Photo

20 years ago...

From the Winter 1996 issue of the Yankee Chatter, a photo of then new and retiring board members. Recognize anybody?



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