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Message from Your Board of Directors

Hello Yankees! What a great year for the Chapter! We had Camp and Rides in Rhode Island (Thanks, Fred!), New Hampshire (Thank you, John!), and Maine (Thank you, Peter!). We had our National Meet in Greenfield, MA, celebrating 70 years of the AMCA. As part of the meet, we had an antique motorcycle parade with over 75 bikes riding through downtown Greenfield, complete with police escort and little kids waving to us from the sides of the roads. And our own chapter Road Captain Jim Seidell led a group ride out to the old Wing family farm in Savoy, MA, the site of the very first AMCA meet in 1954. Many thanks to all of the chapter members who volunteered their time to help at all of these events, including our judging crew at Greenfield.

So, what is on tap for 2025? We hope to do the same Camp and Rides as last year but would love to add more so that everyone gets to have some fun. Do you have any ideas for a weekend campout in your area? How about somewhere in CT or VT? All you need to do is find a place for people to park and camp, map out your favorite rides and see what happens! Let us know if you want to host one of these fun weekends. Of course, we will be at Greenfield again on July 25th - 27th and - that's right - we will need some help! Keep watching our website at www.yankeechapter.org for the latest event dates and information.

Upcoming Event - our annual Holiday Potluck and Business Meeting is on **Sunday, December 8th** from 11 - 2. The venue is **VFW Post 1385 in Uxbridge, MA**. Bring some food, bring some ideas, bring some good cheer and hang out with your fellow Yankee members.

We want to hear from you! Tell us about:

Bikes / items for sale, wanted, or trades, event notices, stories, or pictures.

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Update from Greenfield – 2024

Text and photos by Sue Pino

Greenfield... our annual show and swap meet. 7/26-7/28 at the Franklin County Fairgrounds. Campers and vendors came on Friday. The afternoon Jim Seidell led a ride to Savoy, the birthplace of the AMCA 70 years ago. The barn where the meetings were held is now a house. The current owner allowed us to visit and take pictures. After we left we headed to the Home Depot for staging for the antique bike parade through Greenfield center. It was so great seeing people lined up along the roadside to see us go by! Wayne Carini from the show Chasing Classic Cars and antique motorcycle enthusiast was in attendance. We stayed for a bit then headed back to the fairgrounds.

Day 2 we had a great turnout at the gates. Ted Smith put together Fun Judging which was very well received with a lot of entries. Any bike could enter no matter what and Ted and Wayne handed out the trophies.

That afternoon Jim Seidell led a ride to Simmer's Creamy in South Deerfield to get some ice cream. I think the saying "live to ride, ride to live" should be changed to "eat to ride, ride to eat" 😊.

That evening was the banquet. We had BBQ, we heard from some of our fearless leaders and had raffles/giveaways.

Sunday was judging and the end of the show.

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Where the AMCA began – the Wing house (formerly a barn).



A group of motorcycles parked in Greenfield center following the parade.

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Saturday morning line up of vintage motorcycles.



Getting ready for the ice cream ride.

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Plenty of vendors. Plenty of haggling!



Some of the ~40 motorcycles that went through the judging process.

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Other interesting motorcycles



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Rhode Island Camp-N-Ride

Text and photos by Sue Pino

The Rhode Island Camp-n-ride was 5/17-5/19. Fred Leach & Ralph Covino stepped up to the plate so this event would not be canceled. Our first days ride we went to Cady's Tavern in Chepachet RI organized by Ralph and led by Fred. It was a beautiful day...thankfully because Saturday was the exact opposite. We were sitting around under a tent all soggy until Joe decided to rally the troops to get in cages and go for a late lunch. We ended up at Cap'n Jack's in Wakefield RI. That evening it still wasn't the best weather but that didn't stop us from having our campfire where we had a cake for Roxie's birthday.





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New Hampshire Camp-N-Ride

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This was the first year for a camp-n-ride in Moultonborough NH at Yankee member John Harrington's house, 5/30-6/2. The first day was a ride to the Yankee Smokehouse in Ossipee and back to John's house for a fire. Rian Chace busted out his guitar and serenaded us. Day 2 we did a line up and then a ride to High Octane Saloon in Laconia then back to camp for a potluck and campfire with Rian on guitar again. The weather was fabulous all weekend for a change!





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York Maine Camp-N-Ride

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This was our 2nd year at Raitt Homestead Farm Museum hosted by Peter Grace on 6/28-6/30. The first day we took a sea coast ride to Nubble Lighthouse in York ME with a stop after at the Cape Porpoise Lobster Co. then back to camp for a fire. The weather again was perfect! Day 2 was cool and a bit damp but it didn't phase us at all. We had a ride inland and took backroads to Poor People's Pub in Sanbornville ME. Back at camp that evening we had our traditional potluck and campfire. Amazing weekend!





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Charlemont MA Camp-N-Ride

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Indian Summer! Mohawk Park Campground in Charlemont Ma 9/12-0/15. Wow what a great weekend! Again, we lucked out with the weather as it was perfect! We went for rides around the Pioneer Valley, lunches at 116 Pub on Friday and Shelbourne Falls Pub & Brew at Sweetheart on Saturday, campfires at night, a potluck supper and a ride to the Wilmington VT Flea Market. All in all, it was an outstanding season!



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Barber Vintage Motorcycle Festival

Text and photos by Maurice Donini

Every year on Columbus Day weekend, tens of thousands of vintage motorcycle enthusiasts make it to the Barber Motorsports Park in Birmingham Alabama for the Barber Vintage Motorcycle Festival. The park houses the largest motorcycle museum in the world – approximately 1100 motorcycles on display. Also, it has a world class 2.5-mile racecourse.

During the three-day event, the festival is packed with things to do (demo rides from eight different manufacturers, fan zones) and things to see (non-stop vintage racing, live bands, stunt shows). The Vintage Japanese Motorcycle Club displays scores of motorcycles each day. This year Triumph and BMW had vintage and new motorcycle displays. There are hundreds of vendors. Camping of all types from RV to tent – good luck getting a spot! Of course, the museum is open – plan on spending a ½ day going through all five floors of motorcycles. The festival is so large there are trams to move people between all the stations.

The weather was fantastic this year. Lows in the 60's. High's around 80. No rain!

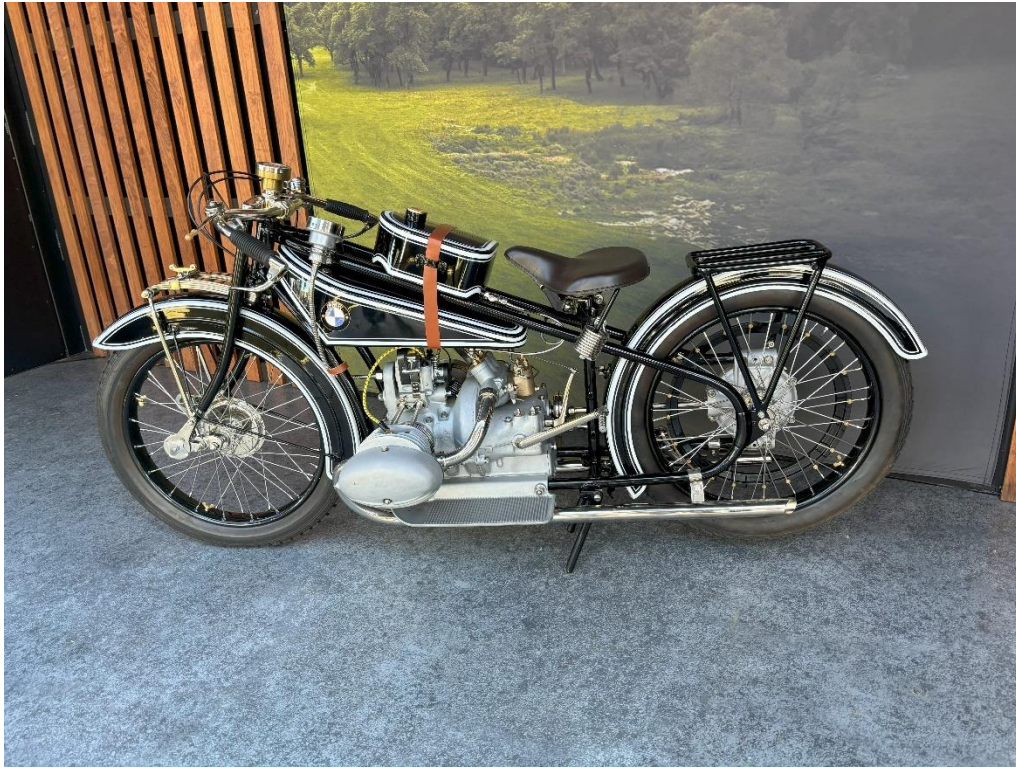
Here are a few photos from this year's festival.

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If you're in Vegas this coming January and have LOTS of money this Crocker could be yours.

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