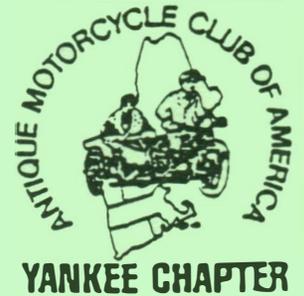




# YANKEE CHATTER



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## YANKEE CHAPTER ANTIQUÉ MOTORCYCLE CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

*Chapter Established in 1973*

### Co-Director's Message

Looking back on our Spring Meet at Sturbridge, Massachusetts, I'm sure it was a good time for all. Member attendance was very good and we lucked out on the weather—two beautiful days. There were 10 vendors and a sell-out banquet for 45 members and guests; and trophies all around on Sunday.

Frank Adams and friend were on the scene for the weekend and Dick & Mrs. Sharland stopped by on Saturday afternoon. Dick has been a regular member of the YANKEE Chapter since its inception. A most honored guest was Howard Wagner, one of our NATIONAL AMC of A Directors, from Omaha, Nebraska, who visited with us all day Saturday, meeting our members, checking out flea market buys and enjoying the evening meal [See "The ANTIQUÉ MOTORCYCLE, Vol. 30, No. 1, for story and color pictures of "Wagner's WAGNER". . . .Ed.]. Mr. Wagner was visiting his youngest son in Simsbury, Connecticut and is not exactly a stranger to YANKEE-land, having previously participated in our WHITE MOUNTAIN NATIONAL ROAD RUN in 1986 [See p. 5, YANKEE CHATTER, No. 86-4 for Autumn for his story of this first YANKEE Chapter road run. . . .Ed.].

Our Treasurer, Fred Hirsch, signed up 20 new members, seven of whom also joined the NATIONAL AMC of A, and two of whom brought beautifully restored bikes, each of which garnered a trophy.

Now, looking ahead to our Bethlehem NATIONAL Meet on August 2-4, 1991, things are shaping up. Some of us plan to show up on Wednesday to get things organized.

"Rat" Scherk and Mike Hebert have also agreed to arrive on Wednesday, probably with the hope of scoring some early deals, but I think they'll have some stiff competition from the gate attendants. There will be plenty to do, and since we are the hosts of this event please feel free to volunteer your services for the good of your Chapter!

Next, I want to tell all of you about the generous donations our Chapter has received this year. First, with many, many thanks to our member "Nate" Sheldon and to Bob Frink, publisher of "The MOTORCYCLIST'S POST", for their efforts on our behalf, we have received a grant of \$ 3,000.00 from the New England Motorcycle Dealers' Association, Inc. That's right—THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS!! Their check was presented to Jim Costa and Fred Hirsch on Wednesday, June 5, 1991, on the premises of RUSS'S OCEAN STATE HARLEY-DAVIDSON, Inc., in Warwick, Rhode Island.

Secondly, the HARBOUR VINTAGE MOTOR Company (our own members "Rat" Scherk and Mike Hebert) has had our Club sign completely revamped with new numbers for the 1990's. It looks beautiful and is just in time for our 1991 NATIONAL Meet at Bethlehem.

Now, looking ahead to 1992 - which I can barely do now and which was even harder in February 1990 when it was necessary to start the ball rolling - we have a NATIONAL Road Run approved and scheduled for the first weekend in August. This activity will be based just north of White River Junction in Vermont—right in the heart of the Connecticut River Valley, allowing us to have one road run in the State of New Hampshire and one in the State of Vermont. More on this subject later!

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At the business meeting, held at our Sturbridge, Massachusetts Meet, it was decided to wrap up our field activities for the season by holding our Autumn gathering at Keene, New Hampshire, in association with Wray Murdough's annual Swap Meet.

Finally, I want to say that I believe we will have a spectacular meet at Bethlehem, Connecticut. Many people who attended the COLONIAL Chapter's recent NATIONAL Meet in Harmony, New Jersey, indicated to me that they plan on coming, and I personally think it will be one of our largest meets ever.

I look forward to seeing every one of you there!



Jessie A. Jacaruso  
Co-Director

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## Editor's Notes

and Other Nonsense

### Treasury Reports

After payment to the Bethlehem Fair Association of \$ 1,500.00 (\$ 500.00 of which is a returnable clean-up deposit); plus deposits of \$ 450.00 for T-shirts and the Saturday evening banquet, our current Treasury Balance is \$ 4,734.37. This figure includes the \$ 3,000.00 grant from the New England Motorcycle Dealers' Association.

The next issue (YC No. 91-3) will contain detailed Treasury Reports covering our Spring Meet at Sturbridge, Massachusetts and our Bethlehem NATIONAL Meet. Also included will be the general reports with pictures of both meets.

### Gerry & Lisa Vale Lyons

A special message was included with the June/July '91 copy of "OVC CARBURETTOR", the newsletter of the Ohio Valley Chapter, AMC of A, and it was signed by Randy Lindemberger; "A GREAT BIG 'HI' from all the members of the OHIO VALLEY Chapter of the AMC of A". Gerry and Lisa recently moved to New England and have cast their lot with

our YANKEE Chapter. WELCOME ABOARD, you two! We are delighted to have you as members!

Randy goes on to say that, ". . . they will be very much missed in our Chapter", and also remarks that it, "seems Gerry has landed himself a job recently acquired from Custom Chrome. Gerry wrote for the Kentucky Bikers Association newsletter and he and Lisa did "On the Road - Journal of the 'Kentucky Motorcyclist'". Gerry has extensive knowledge of 'Milwaukee Vibrators' and has judged antique motorcycles since 1982. Gerry was one our Club's founding members and he helped organize and get it on its feet. Gerry designed our fine Club logo and the masthead you see on this issue's newsletter. We sure do wish them well with their life and new job."

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## YANKEE PEDLAR

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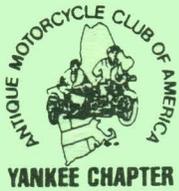
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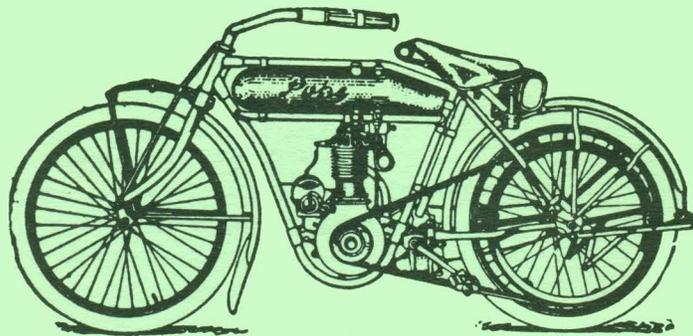


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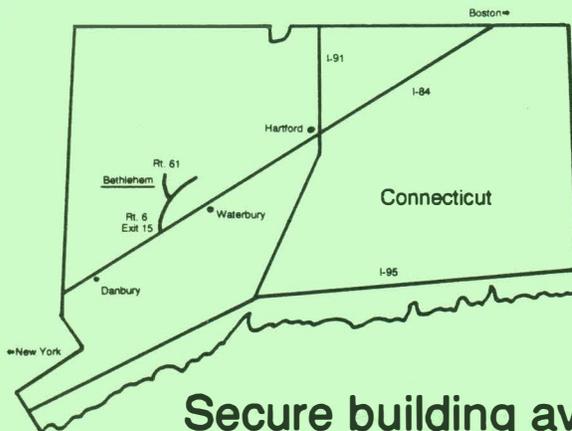
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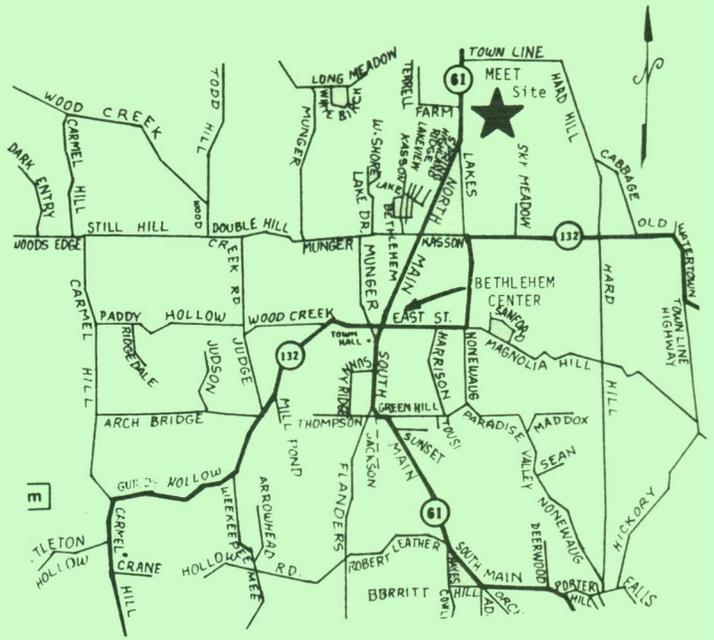
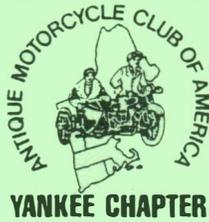
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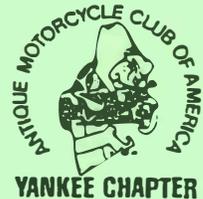
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GENERAL AREA MAP  
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