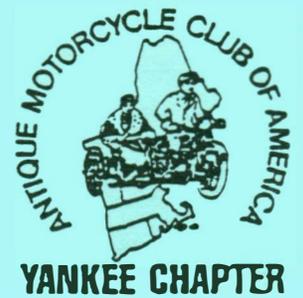




YANKEE CHATTER



WINTER 1990-1991

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**YANKEE CHAPTER
ANTIQUE MOTORCYCLE CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.**

Chapter Established in 1972



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**YANKEE
CHAPTER MEET**
STURBRIDGE, MASS.
MAY 18-19, 1991

HOW to GET THERE

- From EAST or WEST on I-90 (Mass. Turnpike): [1] Proceed to Exit 9; then go SOUTH on I-84 for 2 miles and take off ramp at Exit 3B.
[2] Go WEST on U. S. Route 20 to New Boston Road (first right) which is directly across from the State Police headquarters and just before the Best Western Motel; turn RIGHT and go 2 miles over bridge on New Boston Road; then take first left to HAMILTON ROD & GUN CLUB.
- From SOUTH on I-84 (Wilbur Cross Parkway): Proceed NORTH and take off ramp at Exit 3B; then proceed as in [2] above.
- From NORTH - Any location: Proceed SOUTHWARD to I-90; then follow directions for EAST or WEST above.
- Alternatives: Use any map route convenient to your home location. Sturbridge, Massachusetts is in the south central part of the state approximately 5 miles NORTH of the Connecticut/Massachusetts state line on I-84.



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	<u>ZIP Code</u>	<u>Telephone</u>	<u>Term of office expires</u>
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YANKEE CHATTER

LEON L. GRESKI
1914 - 1990



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YANKEE Chapter members will be saddened to learn of the passing of member Leon (Lee) L. Greski, at his home in Suffield, Connecticut on November 13, 1990. He was 76 years old. The above photograph was taken at the Chapter's first Sturbridge, Massachusetts meet in September of 1989.

YANKEE CHATTER is the official newsletter of the YANKEE Chapter of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America, and is published four times each year on a seasonal basis: WINTER, SPRING, SUMMER and AUTUMN. The YANKEE Chapter of the AMC of A was established April 8, 1973. Dues for the 1991 membership year are \$ 10.00 single; \$ 12.50 with spouse. Membership is not transferable and dues are not refundable.

Applicants wishing to join the YANKEE Chapter must FIRST be members in good standing (paid up) of the National AMC of A; however, applicants may apply for both memberships to the Chapter Treasurer at any time, and memberships received after October 31st of any year will be held over for the next membership year. National AMC of A membership dues for the 1991 membership year are \$ 20.00 single; \$ 25.00 with spouse. A \$ 1.00 service charge is made for handling an applicant's National application.

Distribution of YANKEE CHATTER is to members of record in good standing (paid up), officers and directors of the AMC of A, and certain editors and other officers of the AMC of A Chapters. As a member of the National AMC of A, YANKEE Chapter is a non-profit organization.

Co-Director's Message

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In early November, 1990, Andy Conner and I went to the Bethlehem Fairgrounds in Bethlehem, Connecticut, where we met Fred Hirsch and Marty Hansen, who had arrived just ahead of us. Marty had ridden over on his motorcycle. Three members of the Fair Association arrived and we talked over the details for our YANKEE Chapter NATIONAL Meet to be held there on August 3-4, 1991.

We will have the use of a huge flea market area, a large lockable building which is called the "Swine Barn" to show and store bikes in, in the event of bad weather, two permanent comfort facilities, and large parking and camping areas.

This fairground site is on a high rise of land overlooking the beautiful Connecticut countryside.

The Bethlehem Fair Association will operate a food concession for us throughout the weekend. Details of the banquet have not been fully worked out as yet, but we are hoping that the local Lions Club will be setting up a dinner for us.

It is very important that we have a large turnout of members at our Sturbridge, Massachusetts Meet which will be held at the Hamilton Rod and Gun Club grounds in Sturbridge, Massachusetts on May 18-19, 1991. I want to emphasize that there will be an important membership business meeting immediately following the banquet, and this meeting will be our only chance as a group to make final plans for our Bethlehem NATIONAL Meet.

I urge everyone to make every effort to attend this meeting. Members who do not wish to partake of the banquet are also urged to attend this meeting and will be advised on the field when to appear.

Good gate control at Bethlehem is going to be very important, so we will need several volunteers for that post (a good way to get first look at those flea market deals). Please come to the Sturbridge meeting and find out what YOU can do to help your Chapter put on a truly great meet.

At the Business Meeting/Christmas Party I spoke to several members about the possibility of having a 30- to 40-mile road run on Sunday, May 19, at our Sturbridge Meet, right after the trophies presentations, but we will have to wait and see what the weather will allow; however, keep this in mind.



Jessie A. Jacaruso
Co-Director

NEW RELEASE

Inside information has reached us that on January 6, 1991, NANCY & LOU HERSCH (he's a YANKEE Chapter member) announced the release of their latest model: LAUREN MALLORY HERSCH. Smaller, but more streamlined than their previous models (boys) this new design has plenty of eye-appealing features. No further statistics were available as this issue went to press.



Minutes of the YANKEE
Chapter Business Meeting
held at the
V.F.W. Post No. 5446 Hall
in Plainfield, Connecticut
December 2, 1990

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[In the absence of our Secretary, Virginia Adams, these notes were compiled by Jessie Jacaruso and Fred Hirsch.]

The meeting was opened by Vice Director Marty Hansen at 1:15 PM. Other officers present were Jessie Jacaruso, Andy Connor and Fred Hirsch. A total of thirty-five attended including Bob and Mrs. Frink from "The MOTORCYCLIST'S POST".

The first order of business was the Treasury Report [see elsewhere in this issue] given by Fred Hirsch, who also explained a few details as to what is required of him, as Chapter Treasurer, in filing the Annual Report of our Chapter's activities, and also that he had heard from NATIONAL AMC of A that ours was the first one to be submitted this year. Fred then stated that in September he had complied with NATIONAL'S requirement and sent in the list of our 1991 Officers to Dennis Craig.

The next topic was New Business, and under this heading it was learned that Jessie, Marty, Andy and Fred had all visited the Bethlehem Fairgrounds in early November to scout out the site. After discussion and motion duly made and seconded it was voted that the theme for this meet would be "Motorcycles Manufactured in the State of Connecticut" [See Co-Director's Message for other details. . .Ed.].

It was then voted to hold a Spring Chapter Meet and Business Meeting at the Hamilton Rod and Gun Club grounds in Sturbridge, Massachusetts on May 18-19, 1991. The purpose of this Business Meeting will be to prepare and form work crews for our Chapter's NATIONAL Meet to be held on August 3-4, 1991 in Bethlehem, Connecticut.

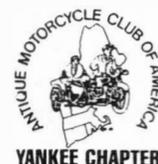
Marty Hansen announced to the group the loss of our member Leon Greski on November 13, 1990, and a sympathy card to his family was signed by everyone in attendance.

George Yarocki advised us of the dates for the 1991 NATIONAL events schedule and briefly described the new judging system to be adopted. This new pattern of judging includes the assignment of a Deputy Judge by each of the chapters, the object being to assist Chief Judge "Doc" Patt and to train qualified chapter members for future judging requirements as the Club continues to grow.

Fred Hirsch, and others, had brought memorabilia, other Chapter newsletters, photographs, books, etc., which were displayed for all to examine on the convenient shelves in the meeting room.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM and the group enjoyed the usual great pot-luck food that always adds to the joy and good fellowship at this annual Chapter event.

JAJ & FDH



Editor's Notes

and Other Nonsense

EMPIRE Chapter SPRING MEET

(See Map and details on p. 7)

Most YANKEE Chapter members are aware of this early seasonal activity which kicks off the EMPIRE Chapter's annual program of events each year. Ken Krauer, who also belongs to our YANKEE Chapter, has been in charge of this meet since 1985. Last year the meet site was changed for the fourth time since it was established at the old location in Wappingers Falls, New York. This is now a combined meet hosted by the Century Museum Village and Collectors Association.

Although there will be no conventional vending at the motorcycle section (See details for regular vending on p.7), there will be plenty of space available for AMC of A members to bring antique motorcycle items and machines for casual trading and selling among participants, along with their regular show bikes. There will be no vending charge for these casual deals. There are three miles of black-top roads on which to ride machines, all within the confines of the fairgrounds.

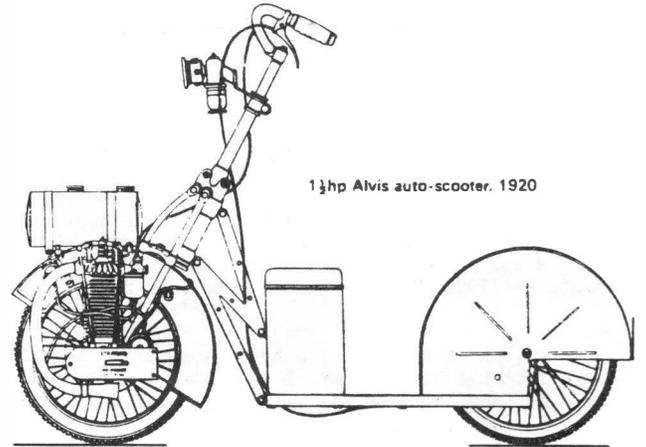
The location of this meet is very close to our New England borders. It is easily accessible and The Century Museum Village and Collectors Association's antique steam engine and farm equipment show alone is worth the time and effort of travel.

Unfortunately, the dates of this activity conflict with our own YANKEE Chapter meet which will be held at the Hamilton Rod and Gun Club grounds in Sturbridge, Massachusetts. (See announcements elsewhere.)

OLEG PODENESHKO

Bob McClean, President of the NATIONAL AMC of A, states in a recent letter:

"Thought you'd like to know that 13 Chapters contributed \$ 1,766.00 and 25 individuals sent in \$ 1,198.00, for a total of \$ 2,964.00. I'm sure quite a lot more was given privately to Oleg directly, and we can all be proud of a fine Club effort."



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TWO-UP TYPES

1990 YEAR-END TREASURY REPORT

TREASURY REPORT - December 5, 1990

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YANKEE PEDLAR

Membership advertising in YANKEE PEDLAR is FREE to all YANKEE Chapter members of record (dues paid up).

DEADLINE
Dates
for ALL ads

WINTER Issue January 10
SPRING Issue April 10
SUMMER Issue July 10
AUTUMN Issue October 15

WANTED - Information on 1970-1972 HARLEY-DAVIDSON "Rapido" model 125 cc, single cylinder, made in Italy. Have copy of owner's manual from one once owned, Serial No. 7 A 12355 HO. F. D. Hirsch, P. O. Box 123, Carolina, R. I. 02812. Tel.: (401) 364-6716

WANTED - For 1934 VL restoration, a 1933-1934 VL air cleaner. Please call Tom. Tel.: (203) 774-5310

WANTED - Early (pre-1911) Troxel "Eagle" Saddle in restorable condition. Cash or trade. Dick Currey, 15 Greaves Road East, Stafford Springs, Conn. 06076. Tel.: (203) 684-4492

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EMPIRE Chapter
ANTIQUE MOTORCYCLE CLUB OF AMERICA
DUTCHESS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS Meet
May 18-19, 1991

HOW to Get There

Access to this meet is very easy. The DUTCHESS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS is located in charming and historic Rhinebeck, New York on the east side of the Hudson River and the east side of US Route 9 between Rhinebeck and Red Hook going north. Use any convenient map route to arrive in the general area then:

From SOUTH - Proceed to Poughkeepsie, New York by any chosen route; then follow US Route 9 NORTH until you pass through Rhinebeck. The DUTCHESS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS is approximately 1 mile from Rhinebeck on the Right.

From NORTH - Proceed to the Hudson/Catskill general area (south of Albany). Consult map to locate US Route 9; then take US Route 9 SOUTH until you pass through Red Hook and the intersection with US Route 9G. The DUTCHESS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS is approximately 1 mile from this intersection on the Left.

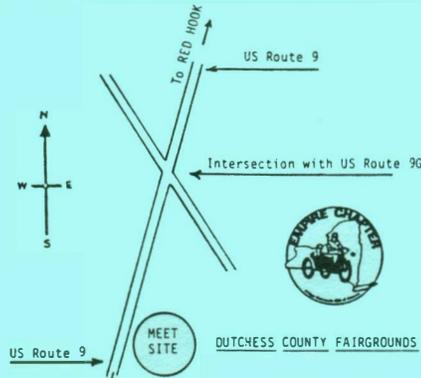
From any other direction - Proceed by any chosen route to arrive at US Route 9; then follow whichever of the above directions is applicable.

- AREA HOTELS/HOTELS**
- ECONOMY Super B (914) 229-0088
 - DUTCH PATRON (914) 229-7141
 - HYDE PARK MOTEL (914) 229-9161
 - BEEKMAN ARMS (914) 876-7077
 - GAS LITE MOTEL (914) 758-1571
 - HEARTHSTONE MOTEL (914) 758-1811

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There are 3 miles of black top roads within the Fairgrounds providing the most ideal riding conditions.

SPARK PLUG CONVERSION CHART

H-D#	AC	AUTOLITE	CHAMPION
2	47L	---	H12
3	C45L	ATL8	L86/L86C
3-4	44S	A42	J12Y/J13Y
4	C43L	ATL4	H8
5	MC42	A21X	J47
5-6	42XLS	63/64	RN9Y/9YC
6	S43XL	---	N4/N4C
7	S42XL	---	RN3/RN3C
8	S40XL	---	N1
SDZO	SV4XL	---	N19V
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This handy SPARK PLUG CONVERSION CHART was included with the February issue of the OVC (Ohio Valley Chapter) newsletter "CARBURETTOR" in plastic-coated wallet-size form with a note that a limited supply of extras was available. In response to a telephone call, Randy Lindenberger, OVC'S Editor, has provided a sufficient number of these cards at minimal cost and one is included with this issue for each member of YANKEE Chapter.

HIT A MOTORCYCLIST, GO TO JAIL

If a Driver in Japan Tells a Cop He Didn't See the Biker He Just Ran Into. He's Put in the Slammer

"Well the sooner you do something about that claustrophobia the better"





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