



Yankee Chatter

RIDE 'EM, DON'T HIDE 'EM!



SHIFTING GEARS & SHIFTING SEASONS

AUTUMN'S WAITING!

Save the Date!

Our pot-luck holiday party
and annual business meeting
will be held on
Sunday, December 5th
from 11-3 at the
Uxbridge VFW Post 1385
located at
13 Cross Road
Uxbridge, Massachusetts
- (508) 278-754 -
Social hour 11-2 followed by
lunch and business meeting.
Be there or you'll get coal
in your stocking..!

Ride-Sharing

Don't forget to submit
your photos from your
summer rides! Submit photos
from your rides
for a feature
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FALL 2021 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2021 has been one heck of a year. We started the year in a modified Covid lockdown. As this year comes to its end we are slowly returning to our form of 'normalcy'. 2022 is full of promise. As I draft this message, your BoD has started work on our 2022 National Meet— and what a meet it promises to be! More on this at our Christmas party.

At our 2016 Christmas Party I was nominated for and elected to serve a one-year term as our Chapter's Director. This year at our Christmas Party I will complete the fifth year of my one-year term. During these five years I've had the pleasure of meeting and associating with many talented people, finding a new venue(s) for our National Meet, drafting our by-laws, participating in a host of fun events, etc. Unfortunately, my age is catching up to me. This year personal health issues made me miss out on several Camp and Rides and a couple of National Meets. It is because of these health issues that I cannot continue to serve as your president. That said, I fully intend to continue supporting and helping out whenever possible.

Each year, three of our nine Board of Directors terms come to an end.

. The three 2022 open BoD positions will be:

- President: That's me
- Director #1: That's Peter MacMurray
- Director #2: That's TomTom Covill

Please give some thought to who you would like to serve on the 2022 BoD. You can make your recommendations to Diane, or any member of the BoD, any time before and at our Christmas Party. You can recommend members to serve in the open Directors' positions and members to join the BoD as Associate Directors. Have you considered nominating yourself? You should. We can use all the help we can get. Please step up and help us live up to Dan Margolien's motto, HAVE FUN!

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your chapter president.

Ted



EDITOR'S PAGE

Enjoy the Colors!

The weather is getting colder, the leaves are finally beginning to change, and the season for riding (for most of us) is drawing to a close. I realize as I write this that Halloween is almost upon us, but it's no time to fear. Now is the time to get out there and enjoy what Autumn has to offer! Take your bike to the local orchard or see how many pumpkins you can pick and actually transport back. The leaves are changing and warm food & coffee make for a good excuse to stop at that cafe you remember passing on that windy back road in the mountains. This is the time to take in the colors and to be at peace with your machine!



Some of you might recognize my 1969 Norton Commando Fastback, "The Pumpkin"

Catching Up

It was great to see everyone at the meet in Terryville. After all of the cancelled events, it was a real treat to see so many old bikes together again in one place. I just want to give a shout out here to everyone who made the event possible and who participated in making the event what it is.

This is also the part where I say "Thank You, Ted." My first AMCA event was a camp and ride a few years back, and Ted was a big influence on my decision to be a part of the club. Your service to the club is appreciated.

While I'm at it, I want to thank Stu and Don for sending pictures from the AMCA meet. You'll find them scattered throughout the Chatter!

– Dave



MEMBER STORIES: TWO CHIEF'S IN PASSING

It's Shorty Longvall again and as I said the last time, I've been riding my old Chief pretty regularly up here in Worcester since the early seventies. Now, I know there are probably a bunch of Chiefs up in this area but you almost never see them out on the road. And 20-30 years ago, even more so.

That said, imagine my surprise in the early 90's when, as I filled up with gas one morning at the bottom of my street, what rolls into the station behind me but another Indian Chief! I walked over to say "Hello" only to find that this guys' clutch pedal had snapped completely off as he was riding back from Laconia. He still had a ways to go but he just managed to get it down off the road to this station and that was as far as he was going to get.

Well, I couldn't leave a fellow Indian rider stranded. I thought I might have a spare in all the boxes of parts I had accumulated. Since my house was just up the street, I gave him a push to get him rolling and he rode it up to my place where we pulled it all apart. The pedal was there, the axle was there, but the friction plates were gone. We searched all through my stuff to no avail, but then, I had an idea. I called a race driver friend of mine on the next block to see if he had a welder. He did, so over we went, he welded the parts together, back to the house and 15 minutes later, we had a mostly workable clutch pedal back on the bike. It was a little after noon at this point so I invited him in for some lunch. We ate, drank, and chatted and then, with a wave and a "thanks", he was off. One hour and thirty minutes after we had first met. I don't think I ever caught his name and I never saw him or heard from him again.

YANKEE SWAP & SELL

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WE NEED YOU!

Know of any upcoming events? Local bike nights, motorcycle shows, charity rides, etc.? Send any suggestions for the Chatter's event section to:

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