



Yankee Chatter

RIDE 'EM, DON'T HIDE 'EM!



COOL OFF WITH A COOL RIDE

(JUST TAKE THE BIKE OUT)

The Yankee Chapter National Meet is July 29-30, 2023!

Don't forget to register
your bikes for judging,
purchase your vending spots,
or plan your trips!

Upcoming Chapter Events

2023 AMCA National

Road Run :

July 31 - Aug 2

Berkshire Camp & Ride

@ Mohawk Park

Campground in Charlemont,
MA

September 14-16, 2023

Yankee Chapter Annual
Holiday Party -

Uxbridge, MA VFW

13 Cross Rd.

December 2, 2023 @ 11am

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Just Getting Started...

Now that I have been collecting motorcycles for a while, I've realized that with every new acquisition, the number of questions I receive grows. However, one that never changes is how I got started.

I never put much thought into it, but the answer really comes to one of two things. I think what did it for me was the red and white swirled-marble shift knob on my dad's four cylinder Indian as a kid. Otherwise, the answer is that I bought an FXR from one of the local classic car guys back when I was 16. (Seen, in it's ugly white and baby-blue livery to the right) It was winter, and I think I only rode it a few times. I'd had it stuck in my head that my first daily driver was going to be a Corvette and my first real motorcycle was going to be a Harley. Ultimately, the FXR funded the Corvette, but that's when it all started.

Twelve years later, the motorcycle collection is over 20 strong and I'm getting to be known for it. It might not come as a surprise, but not a lot of lawyers show up to court on their motorcycles. I'm just getting started with my legal career, having passed the Bar down here in CT, and I have judges and lawyers asking me weekly "what'd you ride in today," "what're you buying this week," or "where are you riding this weekend?" I'm just getting started, but I'll be damned if I'm going to let a suit and tie get in between me and my motorcycles.

Preparing for the Worst

This is the part where I do some outreach: If any Yankees have or know someone who has any nightmare stories involving their classic motorcycles, please send 'em my way. Think "worst bike you ever owned," or a tale of never ending mechanical gremlins. -Dave



Courthouse parking^

MEMBER SUBMISSIONS



Here, we have a tool included as standard equipment in a 1920's Douglas tool kit.



Does anyone have a guess as to what this tool does?

Send in answers to Darryl Cutter at bigchiefdc@comcast.net or David Block at lockrii@icloud.com

MEMBER SUBMISSIONS

Courtesy of Director Cindy Mesmer, see below for pictures from the 75th Anniversary of the Panhead gatherings and from the Wild Ones Weekend vintage motorcycle show at the Harley-Davidson Museum in Milwaukee.



Cindy Mesmer in Action on her '51
"Real women kick-start their Panheads"



Harley-Davidson's "Panhead" models replaced the earlier "Knucklehead" models in 1948.

The engine, named for its rocker covers which resembled cooking pans, was available in both 61 c.i. and 74 c.i. displacements and has proven to be the power plant for some of the longest ridden Harley's on the road today, thanks largely in part to the upgrade to many aluminum components in the engine's design.

Panhead models were produced between 1948 and 1965, and included the introduction of models like the and Hydra-Glide and Duo-Glide which brought hydraulic front suspension, and later, a rear swingarm suspension to the mix. In the Panhead's last year, the Electra-Glide was introduced as the first big Harley with electric start.

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Cindy's '51 and Russell Wilder's



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“Oops. Broke a clutch plate. One call & got a new one, fixed within the hour”



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This '60 PH owned by Cindy's friend, Clark James, from Canada won Best in Show @ Wild Ones Vintage Show



"Chix on 66 mini reunion @ Panhead Central"

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UPCOMING EVENTS YANKEE CHAPTER EVENTS

July

July 28-30

Yankee National AMCA Meet

Franklin County Fairgrounds in Greenfield, MA

July 31-August 2

Yankee Summer National Road Run, South Deerfield, MA

December

December 3 -

Annual Holiday Potluck,

Uxbridge, MA VFW

OTHER EVENTS

Sept 24, 2023

Cape Cod Vintage Motorcycle Show

10am - 2pm, Free Entry

Rt. 6A, Barnstable Village

Contact Cindy Mesmer for details.

July 14-15

Wauseon National Meet,

Wauseon, Ohio

July 20-22

Indian Rally

Chester, MA

August 20, 2023

Brit Jam

Haddam Neck Fairgrounds, East Hampton, CT

Sept. 23, 2023

Keene Swap Meet

Cheshire Fairgrounds, Rt 12.

Swanzey, NH

Yankee Chapter

Antique Motorcycle Club Of America

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*Antique
Motorcycle Show
And
Swap Meet*

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**Franklin County
Fairgrounds
Greenfield, MA**

July 29 - 30, 2023

*Featuring Rides To:
Mount Greylock
Scenic Covered Bridges
Quabbin Reservoir*

*"Ride 'Em,
Don't Hide 'Em"*

Yankee Summer

**Yankee Chapter
National Road Run
July 31 - August 2, 2023**

Visit yankeechapter.org for details



37th Annual

Brit Jam

Connecticut's Finest Classic Motorcycle Show and Swap Meet

Sunday, August 20, 2023

9 am – 4:30 pm, Admission \$10 (age 16 and over)

Haddam Neck Fairgrounds, 26 Quarry Hill Rd, East Hampton, CT



The Motorcycle Show is
for all makes and types.
New category:
Adventure Bikes

Judging begins at 12 noon

**Motorcycle-related
vendors** welcome at
no extra charge. No
setup fee. Vendors
must arrive between
6:30 - 9:30 AM.
\$10 per person



Live music by
Ozone Pete

**This year's
DOOR PRIZE:
1970 BSA
Thunderbolt**

**YOU MUST BE
PRESENT TO WIN**

Directions

From the junction of Rte 66 and Rte 151 in Cobalt, CT, turn SOUTH on Rte 151 (SEE SHOW SIGN), go about 4.1 miles, turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto HADDAM NECK RD (SIGN), and go about 1 mile. HADDAM NECK RD becomes ROCK LANDING RD. Turn LEFT (SIGN) onto QUARRY HILL RD and into Haddam Neck Fairgrounds.

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NO DOGS except ADA Service Dogs
Verification may be asked for. Other dogs
will be turned away.

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