



# Yankee Chatter



Summer 2014  
Yankee Chapter

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Antique Motorcycle Club of America

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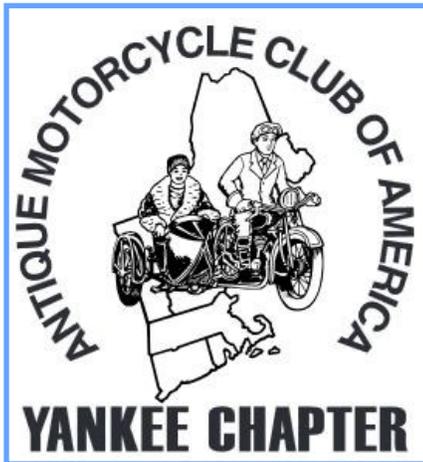
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- ⇒ Fall/Winter 2014: Submit by Dec. 13
- ⇒ Spring 2015: Submit by March 14
- ⇒ Summer 2015: Submit by June 13

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## Director's Message

Hi again, everyone! It is a pleasure to be part of the Yankee Chapter, meeting so many people, and enjoying our hobby with rides and meets. I think our three- "Camp and Ride" format has been working well, providing different venues to ride our bikes, and providing opportunities where members can really get to know each other. At the December business meeting we will discuss our 2015 Camp and Ride schedule.

I learned one thing this year- "rain or shine" means GO! Do not worry about what the weatherman has to say. I pooped out on the RI ride when I saw the forecast and yet it was a great ride. We were worried

about the Hebron field games when it rained- was it safe? Would there be participants? We considered cancellation, but we were reminded- "Rain or Shine." By the time the games came the rain had let up, and plenty of people came up to the field. It was a very competitive day with several different event winners. We even had a couple of members' sons ride, one on his electric trike- and it was just plain great. Rain or Shine means the show WILL go on. Whether the swap meets or the rides- come on out and enjoy them- they take a lot of work to coordinate and the reward is to see people participating.

The Yankee Chapter has been approved by the AMCA for both a 2015 National Meet AND a 2015 National Road Run! We will be hosting the RR from Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup> as registration and arrival day, and riding June 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>. These are the days following Rhinebeck. This was a great format for us a few years ago when we went up to Maine. It allows people from a distance to make more of their travel- going to Rhinebeck and then the Road Run. Our host hotel will be the Best Western Sovereign Plus in Keene NH (603-357-3038). Right now the rate has been dropped to \$84 a night which is a discount of \$25. Keene is a great southwestern NH location with access to roads in the Berkshires to the south and Vermont in the northwest, and even NY may be part of our loops. Keene is a college town, and because of that has a lively downtown with many restaurants and places to wet your whistle. There will be a large tent in the parking lot for bike cover and a large lot to put trailers. The hotel has just recently completed a remodeling, breakfast is included with the room, and there is a good quality pub on site as well as a poker room. The hotel itself is near shopping, but just minutes away the roads are curvy with elevation changes and low traffic. The hotel is holding 60 rooms for now, but there are 200 total, I believe, so it should hold us all. And yes, you can shop around for yourself, but for the host hotel it has more of what we need than the others. There are several campgrounds within a short distance if that's a choice for you. We'll provide more details in the coming months.

The 2015 National Meet will be held at the Hebron Lions Fairgrounds again. The AMCA is encouraging the involvement of people who are not yet AMCA members in order to show them what we are about and draw them into the club. During our planning for the meet, we will look at ways to encourage youths and non-members to participate.

Most of you know we have been doing promotions for the club at different winter indoor shows, such as the Springfield show. This year, I was approached by KevMarv promotions to help them with an antique, vintage, and classic display. They host a large indoor show in Boston January 10 and 11, 2015. I'm trying to gather an assortment of 30+ bikes. So far we have 22 committed. We have German, English, Japanese, Danish, and American represented. I could still use more of any make or model. We have some hotel rooms and a dinner on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> for participants. PLUS, some guys are able to do Springfield January 16, 17, 18 instead, so we could use more all around. We use these shows to promote AMCA, Yankee, Hebron, and the antique bike hobby in general. As usual, would love to hear from you if you can participate.

You will see a short story on the summer camp and ride we did from the American Police Motorcycle Museum in Meredith NH. Doug Fredericks, the owner, would like support to do a swap meet on his property. What is the appetite for the club for 2015? With the RI ride in May, RR in June, the National meet in August, and the Berkshire ride in September.....can we sponsor another event in July or even October? What are your thoughts? Would you participate as a vendor?

The Yankees were represented on the 2014 Cannonball Run by members Dan Emerson, Rich Duda, Brian Pease, and Steve DeCosa. Dan and Rich had perfect scores, and Steve missed a day resolving an electrical gremlin. With the scoring method by year, displacement, and mileage Dan came in 12<sup>th</sup>, Rich 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Steve 44<sup>th</sup> of 101 finishers. Brian shared seat time on a '23 Neracar!! We'll be publishing a story from Dan in the next issue of the chatter. Congrats guys for fine work, preparation and stamina!!

Lastly, please consider a nomination for the 2014 Yankee Spirit Award. Nominations are presented here for your consideration. The process will be to collect any further nominations, compile all of them, and send ballots in a future mailing. We will then present the award at the December business meeting. Send you nominations to Jen Goselin, the newsletter editor. Thank you!

Check out this website link: <http://www.gentlemansride.com/rider/MisterMac> Our chapter Judge, Peter MacMurray is participating in The Gentleman Ride Against Prostate Cancer. This is an international ride with 250+ rides in 57 different countries. The Yankee Chapter board decided to make a \$250 contribution towards Pete's ride. We encourage you to make a small donation to help him reach his goal. The link will take you to the event and to Pete's personal page where you can donate.

The club is made up of members, and it is important your Board of Directors hear from you! Please feel free to contact any one of us. My new cell phone number is 603-401-8851.

See YOU in December.

Regards,  
Dan



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## Remembering Karl Nagy



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Excerpt from the Spring 2012 Yankee Chatter  
*Sterling Camp & Ride: A Dog Gone Good Time*  
by Mark Hunnibell

“It was somewhere during that time as the sun was setting that I sat down next to Karl Nagy, a Yankee member who had driven over from Coventry (Rhode Island) in his 1923 Model T 4-door touring convertible. I had never met him, but he was full of stories about his time in the Army back in the early 1950s and I enjoyed hearing the stories. By the end of the evening, as he was preparing to leave for home, I asked him if he was going to take his Model T out the next day on the road run. He informed me that, as fine and reliable a vehicle as it was, he didn’t think it would keep up with the pack. I was disappointed because I had a secret hope I could be his passenger and follow the ride in style the next day. But I also found out that Karl had similar dreams (being able to ride along while someone else was doing the driving), so he and I would be driving partners the next day for Critter’s Mystery Ride, with me driving my Forester and Karl enjoying the day out as a passenger. The next day, it was obvious that Karl knew all the roads Critter was dragging the pack through, as this was his home turf and there was no mystery to any of it. Most of the roads were numbered state routes, but Karl knew all the landmarks and history. At one point, we drove along Hope Furnace Road,

which Karl pointed out was named because it went to the furnace near Hope, Rhode Island, that had been used to forge cannons during the Revolutionary War. Later in the day, as we were headed back toward camp, I plugged the Sterling Campground into my talking Garmin GPS to give me some sense of direction and distance. I chuckled to myself as I heard Karl’s reaction to the GPS telling us that we had to drive “eight miles on Ten Rod Road.” I laughed because, upon hearing the GPS say this, Karl offered that it had been many years since he had heard anyone use that name for that section of Rhode Island State Route 165. So thanks to Karl for keeping me company and sharing his stories, and thanks to Garmin for keeping history alive.”

*Photo above via Marilyn Nagy, sent to Karl by Cal Wahl in 2004. Inscription on the back reads: “Karl– I found this photo of you at Moosup, Conn. meet in the early 80s. I sent this to the editor of The Antique Motorcycle, hopefully to be included in one of the 50th anniversary issues of the club this year! You were famous to us for your long distance rides to AMC meets. I thought you would like a picture for yourself! Best wishes!”*



**From the Summer 1985 Yankee Chatter. Karl with Jim Costa receiving his award for the slow race**

Via Gorton- Menard Funeral Home

Karl E. Nagy, 80, of Tulip Road, Coventry, RI, passed away on Friday, March 21, 2014 at Kent Hospital, Warwick, RI. Born in Providence, RI he was the husband of Marilyn F. (Freeborn) Nagy. They were married for fifty-seven years. He was the son of the late Elmer and Elizabeth (Shultz) Nagy.

Karl was a firefighter for the East Greenwich Fire Department from 1964 to 1986. He worked for the former Freeborn Electric of North Kingstown, RI, Mason's Bottle and Gas, and at Petrolane Gas Company for fifteen years, as well as at Narragansett Restoration for three years.

He was a US Army Veteran of the Korean War. He belonged to the Antique Motorcycle Club of America, was a founding member of the RIAFA Society, was a member of the Little Rhody Model A Club, the RI Antique Tractor Club, was a founding member of the Model T Ford Owners Club, a life member of the East Greenwich Fire Club, and he was a First Lieutenant at Station 2 Company #2. He was also a lifetime member of the East Greenwich Fire and Veterans Association and was a former member of the Slocum Range #36.

Besides his wife he is survived by a daughter; Laurie M. Nagy. He was predeceased by a daughter; Kara Nagy.

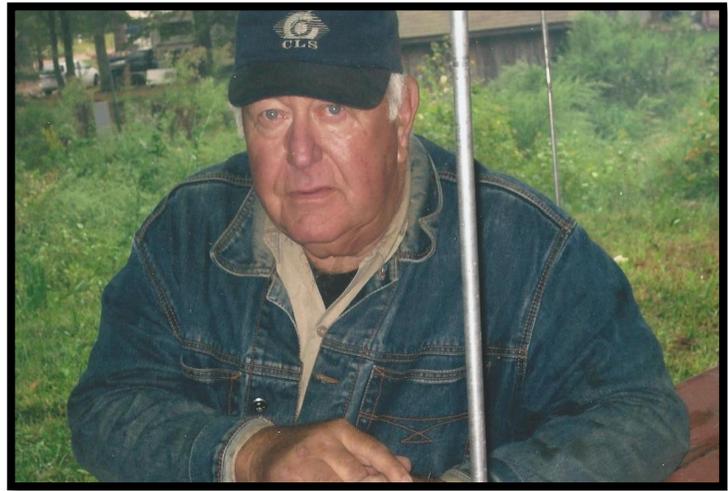
In lieu of flowers, donations to the RI Heart Association or the Mental Health Association of RI, 500 Prospect Street, Suite 305, Pawtucket, RI 02860 would be greatly appreciated.



**Receiving his AMCA jacket and Honorary Membership at the 2013 Christmas Party.**

**Having some bucket at the 2012 Sterling Meet**





Karl of course continues to ride with the Yankees– Gene Levesque purchased his '47 Chief a few years ago and has worked hard to keep it riding, not hiding.

# Summer Events Round-Up

A summary of non-club events on the Seidell's Indian Sales vending schedule

## Rhinebeck Grand National Meet- June 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>- Rhinebeck NY

Although the club is no longer officially participating in this meet, it was still good to see a number of members in attendance, as well as our friends from other chapters. The usual events were going on all weekend- swap meet, motorcycle timeline, Wall of Death, tractor & machinery show, etc. Rain most of the day Saturday slowed the action a little, but Sunday cleared, and overall it was a good show.



## Indian Day- July 20<sup>th</sup>- Springfield MA

Whether or not you have an Indian, the Pioneer Valley Indian Rally in Chester MA has been a fun and highly anticipated event for over 20 years. We heard from many members and friends the disappointment at the ending of this meet. In addition to being a fun opportunity to find parts, participate in riding and field games, and socialize, it provided a place to rally for the ride to Indian Day in Springfield.



In response to the cancellation of the rally, Jim & Dawn Seidell organized an informal weekend campout for Indian riders at their home in Westhampton MA, and a ride to the Springfield Museums on Sunday. Twenty Indians rode out from the Seidells', adding to the total of 64 on display at the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Indian Day at the museums. We are told this is the best showing yet of Springfield Indians. Plans are in the works for next year- stay tuned.

### Empire Chapter Meet- August 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>- Brookfield NY

Great turnout of vendors and bikes at the Empire Chapter Meet (celebrating their 40th year!), despite unseasonably cold weather. If you have not been, there are great riding roads around the area, free camping & vending at the fairgrounds, and some great food! It was exciting to see Empire member Steve DeCosa show his 1927 Harley JD and talk about his preparations for participation in the Cannonball Run. A personal highlight for us was the presentation of the Chuck Myles Memorial Award to Patrick Riggott for the 741 Scout he restored with his grandfather, Jim Seidell.

Almost ready for the Cannonball



Pat with Ed Glasgow, his bike, and his trophy



# More photos from Indian Day 2014





Award winners from the 2014 Hebron National Meet.  
More on this meet in the next issue.

**Yankee Chapter Hebron Awards  
2014**

**Field Game Winners**

(Twelve competitors battled for the championship)

Tire Toss	Jim Seidell	1941 Indian Scout	2 Ringers
Ring Joust	Panhead Dave	1958 Harley-Davidson FL	5 Rings
Tennis Ball Pick-up & Drop	Eric Nelson	1978 Honda Twin Star 185	3 Balls (30 Seconds)
Slalom	Eric Nelson	1978 Honda Twin Star 185	9.9 seconds
Slow Race	Panhead Dave	1958 Harley-Davidson FL	Incredibly Slow
Blind Sidecar Race	Mike Brown Joyce Thompson	1938 Harley-Davidson UL	20 seconds
Youth Field Games	Jesse Murdough Scott Nelson		

**Award Winners**

**Field Games Champions**

(Tied With Two Games Each)

	Panhead Dave	1958 Harley-Davidson FL
	Eric Nelson	1978 Honda Twin Star 185
Longest Distance Ridden	Ed Morinho	1964 Harley-Davidson
Oldest	Jerry Powers	1919 F-Head Harley-Davidson with Sidecar
Judge's Favorite Sidecar	Marty Hansen	1952 Harley-Davidson FL
Judge's Choice	Jerry Powers	1970 Honda DOHC 450 (Unrestored)
Best Three Wheeler	Tom Covill	1940 Indian Dispatch Tow
Best Original	Jesse Murdough	1971 Harley-Davidson Sprint

**Special Chapter Award**

Giles J Adams Memorial Award	Dan Margolien	1926 Harley-Davidson JD
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## Wauseon: Riding, Racing, and Pork Chop on a Stick

By Kenneth Herschfield

This summer I was invited to make the trip out to the 32nd AMCA Wauseon National Meet in Ohio with my friends Dave and Russell. The plan was to drive out to their buddy Gary's place south of Pittsburgh, unload the bikes and ride the 300 miles or so out to the meet, along with Gary and their friends Earl and Julie from Illinois. They had warned me that Ohio in mid-summer could be brutally hot and humid, but we lucked out and the forecast looked to be in the 70's for most of the week - perfect for riding old motorcycles.

We left Plymouth County, MA around 4am on Tuesday morning and drove until late afternoon when we finally got to the hotel in Belle Vernon, PA. Pretty soon, Earl and Julie rode up, having travelled from their other place in Kentucky. We went over to see Gary who unfortunately was under the weather and had to bail out of the trip, but he did take us out to dinner for some good local Italian food. The next morning we dropped the truck off at his house and the five of us started our trip - Dave on his 1939 Harley EL, me on my 1951 Panhead, Russell on his 1955 Panhead, Julie on an early-80's Shovelhead and Earl on a 90's BMW.

Gary gave us some tips on good country roads to travel to get us to Highway 40. Highway 40 is also known as the National Road or Cumberland Road and was the first federally funded highway in the country, started all the way back in 1806 as a way for settlers to get across the Allegheny

mountains as they increasingly moved west. 40 parallels interstate 70 West and takes you through beautiful rolling farmland, then into the northern tip of West Virginia all the way to the Ohio River and into Wheeling. From there we took Ohio Rt 250, a fantastic road that works its way Northwest from hilly Southeastern Ohio up towards the middle of the state where things start to flatten out and you know you are in corn country. We had a great day, doing about 200 miles at a relaxed pace with stops for food and gas and stretching out, spending the night in Willard. The next day's ride was pretty much straight, flat roads through endless farmland until we got to Wauseon. Earl stopped at a local Honda dealer to get some badly needed new tires while the rest of us headed over to the Wauseon Fairgrounds.

The Wauseon meet is huge. When we got there mid-day on Thursday, vendors were still coming in and already it was bigger than any swap meet I'd attended. By Friday, I could not believe how many people were there buying, selling and trading old and new parts and motorcycles. We saw a few other Yankee members there like TC Carlson and Tom Moran, plus others AMCA members we knew from PA, VA and NY. There were plenty of parts to be found, some good deals, some not so great deals, but anything you wanted was there if you looked hard enough. We had a lunch of fried perch sandwiches and some ice cream from the local church group - "any flavor you want, as long as it's vanilla!" We walked around for the rest of the afternoon, got some dinner with friends and then rode

## Wauseon, continued

back to our hotel for the night. We went back early the next day and did our best to walk past every vendor. Some people said it was the biggest year for vending at Wauseon yet, and I have no reason to doubt them - acres of stuff.

As the day wore on, we started to hear the sounds we were looking forward to - practice laps for that night's flat track racing. We got our tickets later in the afternoon and headed up into the grandstands. What a great evening: the Motor Maids doing a ceremonial lap around the track, small kid bike races, modern flat track bikes, JAP speedway-style bikes, hand-shifters and then the classics - board trackers. It was so cool watching some of our AMCA club members jump start these 100-year old motorcycles and then actually race them - really race them - around the dirt track. Dale Walksler helped push-start his son Matt's bike, but his momentum got the best of him and he did a full face-plant into the dirt, much to everyone's amusement - no TV editing there. Matt Olsen's wife Britany raced, too - didn't she just give birth like four months ago?? These bikes might have been old, but

these folks were really trying to win - one guy even went into the hay bales on a machine from the 1920's - that is (expensive) dedication. The crowd was enjoying every minute of it, too, from the smell of the racing fuel, everyone's favorite dinner of pork chop on a stick (trust me, they're awesome!), the thrill of the races and even some cold beer. By the end of the evening, everything was covered by a fine film of Ohio dirt and everyone was happy.

We headed back to the hotel for the night and left early the next morning as we had two days of travel to get back to New England. We rode about 315 miles on Saturday just to get back to the truck, and 290 of those miles were in the rain. There were some hairy unplanned detours and someone wet their pants, but we made it back safely, loaded the truck and started for home, pulling in on Sunday afternoon. I know not everyone has the luxury of being able to get to the meets that are far from home, but try to go to Wauseon once and I guarantee that you will not be disappointed. And definitely get the pork chop on a stick!



# Summer Camp and Ride

## Meredith NH July 11-12 2014

*By Jamie Seidell*

On Friday afternoon, I left work early to meet up with Jim Seidell for our weekend trip to Meredith NH for the Yankee Chapter summer camp and ride at the American Police Motorcycle Museum. We strapped our two old Indians in the trailer, and hit the road around 2pm.

The trip north was uneventful until we were rolling down Rte 9 outside of Keene, and dad heard a bang. We pulled over to find we had shredded a tire and took out the left side fender on the trailer. Luckily, we had a spare and I removed the rest of the fender so we could continue on our way.



We arrived at the museum to find a few fellow Yanks had already set up camp. Once we picked out our spot, we fired up the Chiefs and hit the road for dinner. We found a roadside BBQ place, but our choices were limited as they happened to be just about sold out of food. Oh well. After dinner we rode back to home base just in time for the bugs to eat us all alive. After some tall tales most of us called it a night.

The next morning I awoke to a bright, sunny, bug-free day. After breakfast, coffee, and a few more tall tales, Dan Margolien called a quick drivers' meeting. The plan for the day was to ride around Lake Winnepesaukee, and it was decided that Pete would lead the ride. At the request of our host and museum curator, Doug Frederick, we all lined up our bikes for pictures in front of the museum, and then all 12 riders



saddled up for the trip. We headed out on Route 3.

Our first stop was at Castle in the Clouds on Route 109. We decided to forgo the castle tour, and instead check out the car show they were hosting that day. In the process of heading to the next stop, I forgot



to turn the gas valves back on and the carb ran out of fuel. I was reminded of a decal I had seen recently that simply read “turn the gas on dummy,” and I refired the Chief and caught up with the group. The Castle in the Clouds Car show was amazing. There were classes representing all eras of classic cars, from the turn of the century to early 70s muscle cars. We did steal the show for awhile when we rolled in with our vintage ma-

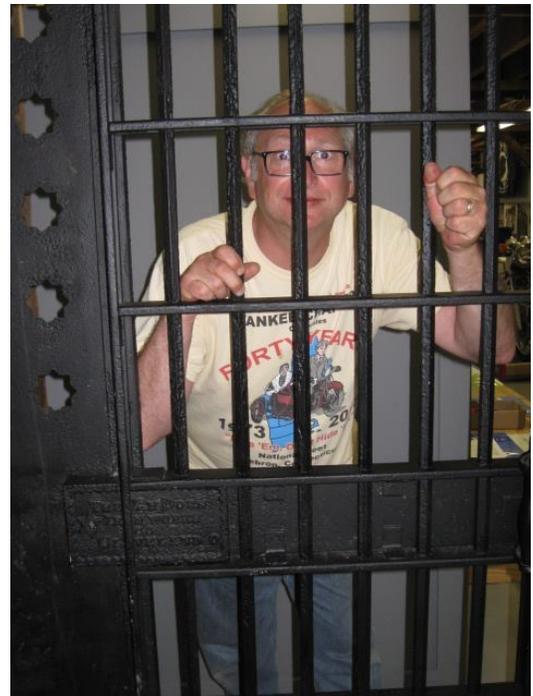
chines. We spent an hour or two checking out the show, then we saddled up once again and continued on our way. We rode around 80 miles with no major issues, and a great time was had by all.

We returned to the museum around mid-afternoon. When dinner time came, the group was treated to a banquet put on by Doug and his family. After everyone had their fill, Doug opened the Museum after hours for us all to explore. If you have not been, this place is great, so much history on display. There are several Indians and Harley Davidsons all set up for Police pa-



trols. There are also a few vintage police motorcycle training films and tons of advertising. Downstairs there is a police workshop showcasing the most recent project for the museum. This is a great stop if you're in the Meredith area. After a wonderful private tour by Doug and his wife Leslyee, most of us settled in for the evening.

The next day, it was time to pack it in for the trip home. As we finished loading up, Doug drove though the field one last time to say goodbye, and we thanked him for hosting another great Yankee adventure.





## **TUMBLEWEED MOTORCYCLE CLUB VINTAGE MOTORCYCLE SHOW- JUNE 2014**



This year's show at the Star Drive-In was our biggest and best so far, and we could not have had better weather. It was our 15<sup>th</sup> annual show, our 5<sup>th</sup> year at this location, and we packed the place with motorcycles. We had at least 500 bikes in the show, and another 1000 or so in the parking lot. We also estimate that we had close to five thousand spectators throughout the day. The show has come a long way in fifteen years- the first show didn't even have 25 bikes! This year we had that many Knuckleheads, at least 100 Pans, as many Shovels, and a few Flatheads. We also had a large selection of Teens and 20s bikes, a few Indians (including a 1916 that rode in!), and a 1926 Henderson that rode in the 2012 Motorcycle Cannonball Run. We would like to thank everyone that came to the show, all those who helped out, and especially anyone who showed their bike.

We look forward to seeing you all next year.  
Catfish, TWMC





## TUMBLEWEED MOTORCYCLE CLUB VINTAGE MOTORCYCLE SHOW- JUNE 2014



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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Yankee-Chapter-AMCA/167786603428772>

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# Yankee Spirit Award

When all is said and done, when all the parts are put away, and the bikes are cooled off, our club is about its members and the relationships we build with each other. We thought it would be nice to find a way to recognize those members that make a difference to the club, that help others, that go the extra mile.

To that end, we've developed the Yankee Spirit Award with this stated purpose:

*Annually recognize a club member that exemplifies "the Spirit of the Yankees."*

Any Yankee member may nominate any other Yankee member and include a statement up to 150 words supporting the nomination that recognizes a member's contribution to the club. It's up to you to decide why a member should be recognized - there are no formal criteria. You may make as many nominations as you'd like.

We will continue to accept nominees for the 2014 award until Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. Shortly after, we will mail out a ballot so you can review the nominees and vote for your choice. This year's award will be presented at the Christmas Party on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>.

Please forward all nominations to newsletter editor Jen Goselin by Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014.

## Upcoming events:

Oct. 26: Connecticut Fall Motorcycle Meet– Stafford Motor Speedway  
<http://staffordmotorspeedway.com/event/connecticut-fall-motorcycle-swap-meet-2/>

Dec. 7: Christmas Party/Business Meeting– Oxford MA VFW

Jan. 10-11: Northeast Motorcycle Expo– Boston MA  
<http://www.kevmarv.com/>

Jan. 17-18: Springfield Motorcycle Show at the Eastern States Exposition  
<http://www.osegmotorcycle.com/>



# PARTS WANTED

I am trying to help a guy in Indonesia get a 26 Harley JD going.  
Here is a list of stuff he is looking for:

- ◆ Oil tank pump check ball assembly- the part that screws into the bottom of the tank
- ◆ Schebler DLX38 or HX181 carb
- ◆ Cylinder brackets- the L shaped piece between the cylinder and frame
- ◆ Front axle and nuts
- ◆ Rear brake band friction material
- ◆ Breather tube- U shaped tube that runs between the cylinders and into the chain guard
- ◆ Transmission vent tube- the U shaped tube
- ◆ Clutch pull rod and the adjuster piece that goes into the actuating plate
- ◆ Any of the oil and fuel lines, gas shut off valves.
- ◆ Timer cover

Give me a call or email if you have anything at all. THX!!

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