



Summer 2015  
Yankee Chapter

# Yankee Chatter



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Antique Motorcycle Club of America

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Ride 'Em- Don't Hide 'Em!



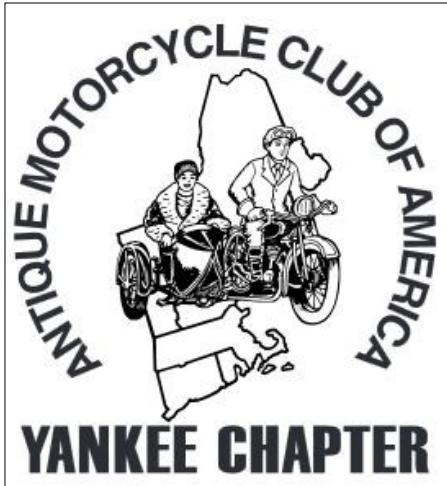
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## Director's Message

Hey, all you Yankees!

WOW! What a season it has been for the Yankee Chapter. Go all the way back to January when we had promotional events in Boston and Springfield. We rolled into the Rhode Island Camp and Ride, Tumbleweeds Show, Keene National Road Run, NH Camp and Ride, Hebron National Meet, and coming up is the Mohawk Park Camp and Ride September 18-20 in Charlemont MA. I would like to thank the dozens of volunteers that helped make all these events happen. This is pretty much my theme for my director's messages- it takes the club members who volunteer their time to make the club events go from idea to reality. The Yankee Chapter has been growing, the number of participants at the rides and meets is growing- this is good, but it means more coordination, more communication, and more volunteers are needed to spread the load.

I would like to welcome new Yankee members on board! We have 2 more Yankee events to participate in:

September 18-20 INDIAN SUMMER CAMP AND RIDE, Mohawk Park, Charlemont MA (on Rt 2). For info, please contact Jim Seidell at 413-527-0421. You can come on Friday and enjoy a ride, or come out Saturday morning by 9 and get in on the Saturday leg. The rides are pretty flexible- some people come and ride Friday, Sat, Sun, and some will make Saturday. There is camping on site- whether you have a tent or a trailer. There is a restaurant on site along with shower and bathrooms. Come on out and meet some of the Yankee members. Also- people call and ask me if they can bring a later model bike- yes of course. If you need or want to ride something newer, it's OK and you won't be kicked out!!

In December we will be having our annual business meeting. I believe it is going to be on Sunday December 6. We will confirm. The meeting is centrally located at the VFW on Federal Hill Rd in Oxford, MA. It is a pot luck luncheon, so bring a favorite dish- whatever you like- from appetizer to desert! At this meeting we will have a financial review by our treasurer, set the event calendar for 2016, nominate and elect officers, discuss and make financial donations to worthy causes, etc., etc..

Last year we shifted the awarding of the Yankee Spirit Award from Hebron to the business meeting, and we will keep the same this year. The Yankee Spirit Award is intended to recognize a member, selected by his or her peers, for service to the club. Submit your nomination to Jen Goselin, our newsletter editor at [refined\\_edge@yahoo.com](mailto:refined_edge@yahoo.com). All the nominations will be published in the next newsletter with a ballot so voting can take place.

There are a couple of officer positions open for nominations. Both me and Treasurer Rich Correia are ready to rotate out and let some new blood energize the club. So, to be clear, we are looking for a new director and treasurer. If you are interested and have any questions about the nature of the positions and what is required, please give us a call. To discuss the director position, call Dan at 603-458-5013; the treasurer position call Rich at 508-999-7052. Please call in the evenings after 7 pm.

*2015 National Road Run*

The RR was hosted out of Keene NH June 14-17. We had 86 riders and 20 passengers. Folks came from TX, Canada, Florida, and even California. We had a very colorful array of bikes- plenty of Harleys from my '26 up through the 60s, Indians, Nimbus, BMW, even a Honda!

I'd like to thank Jessie Aikman for getting the whole ball rolling and hotel planning; Peter Grace who rode and mapped the day one loop and arranged parking for us right on the Weirs; Jimmy Murdough and Shannon who rode and mapped day 2 loop to VT- also Jimmy made posters, set up food, tents, so many things I can't say thanks enough!! We also had a crew of Tumbleweeds help with the registration of participants: Ken Hershfield, Dave Neault, Rob Carew along with Chris Lenox and his son Colin loaded up the goody bags and helped get all the participants set up and settled in.

There were three routes- On Monday up to Weir's Beach at Lake Winnipesaukee, Tuesday a loop north through VT, and back down to Keene, and Wednesday a loop west to VT, south to go up and over Mt Greylock, and then back to Keene. Each day was about 170+- miles. The sweep truck was driven by Bill Woods, the AMCA operations manager. He will be writing the magazine article for us. With over 700 photos taken, I can't wait to see how the ride is presented to the rest of the AMCA.

Sunday, check in day was clear, and with rain in the forecast for Monday, many of the riders went out to discover the roads and get in some miles. On Monday, with rain coming down, I tried to host a riders meeting with all participants- the consensus was no one would ride their bikes to the lake, but would go up in cars to the Police Motorcycle Museum ([americanpolicemotorcyclemuseum.com](http://americanpolicemotorcyclemuseum.com)). Our friend Doug Frederick who owns the museum gave all our riders special admission to the museum. Well, it turns out 6 people rode in the pouring rain the entire loop- including a husband and wife team 2 up on their knucklehead. Well, 2 of the 6 were our own Jim and Jamie Seidell- my hats off to you guys- I could hardly drive in the rain in my truck!! Well, as luck would have it, after the riders meeting where we thought no one would ride, Bill Wood left the trailer behind and went up to the museum. One of the guys did get stuck on the Weirs and we had to come all the way back to get the sweep vehicle and back up.....That means Bill had driven the 100 miles to the museum, 100 miles back to get the trailer, 100 mile back to get the bike, and 100 miles back to Keene!!



There are two stories I would like to relate from the ride- I think they really say a lot about club members:

Shortly after getting to the host hotel on Sunday to get set up for registration, one guy asks me who might know about adjusting his Harley knucklehead carburetor? I look around at the crowd milling about the lot and I notice Tim Gottier is already there with his red knuck with side car. So, I point Tim out to the guy and he heads over and introduces himself. Later I see Tim working on his bike and learn that after diagnosing the problem on the visitors bike, Tim took his carb off his own bike to remove the nozzle, helped the guy put the nozzle into the carb and got the bike running, and Tim changed out his carb with a spare he had happened to bring. This kind of helpfulness and generosity is what makes the club so rewarding for me!

How about Ron and Dot Westerveldt from NY. Don calls me and tells me he will be late for check in on Sunday- trying to get the bike running. Well, they show up with their car and trailer, but no bike. He could not repair the leaking carb. So, they say they will drive the loops and do what they can to help out. Well, on one of the days, they come upon one of the riders broken down. So, they pick up this bike and rider and get them back to the hotel. Meanwhile, Bill Wood is busy with other bikes and activity. So here is a couple that could have blown off the ride when their bike didn't make it. They could have left the trailer home since they weren't even bringing their own bike. But instead they became an important part of the event!

Jimmy Murdough got the town of Keene to set aside a part of the road in the center of town and we had all the bikes ride over and make a great show! We had a little advanced publicity and hundreds of people came out to see the lineup. It was really neat to see the long line of bikes and the interest it created in the town.

I know other people helped, and other stories are to be told- sorry if I overlooked you in this brief report but know your efforts are important.

#### *Hebron National Meet*

We hosted our 22<sup>nd</sup> meet at Hebron this year with one of the best turnouts ever. We started out with 43 vendors on the field Thursday evening when I went to bed, and more arrived by Friday morning and throughout the day. We topped out over 300 vendor spaces with vendors

going down into the "dragstrips" further than ever. The weather gods were in our favor for Friday and Saturday without rain and the heat was moderate! The meet has really evolved- this was the second year for the Friday afternoon ride, which was hugely attended - over 45 bikes went out. We had great items bought and sold all day long including bikes, frames, engines,



parts, and memorabilia that I saw trading hands.

Saturday brought 50+ bikes for the AMCA judging, about a 50% increase over 2014. While the judging was going on Charlie, Critter, and Gerry were busy running the field games. Participation is growing in the games- people are coming specifically to participate. It's a great show and fun to watch Saturday afternoon.

We had to coordinate our own banquet this year, as the Sportsman's club was not able. We brought in a BBQ. Club members worked to prepare and serve the banquet- Darryl Cutter, Courtney Oliver, Barbara Correia, Rich Correia, Diane Stoyanovich, Tom Carlson, Carol Margolien, Mike Brown, and others. I heard some grumblings as we learned how much to put on everyone's plate, but when it was all over there was seconds and thirds for those that wanted it. See- it takes all kinds of activity to put on a meet!!

Thanks to everyone that worked the gate and merchandise: Tim Kallberg, Tom Carlson, Sandy Gallo, Charlie Gallo, Diane Stoyanovich, Dana Faucher, Dale Seymour, Gary Gagne, Jim Nowik and others whose names I don't have.

Finally- we are always looking for newsletter inputs. Here's a few ideas I have for you- a brief article or picture to Jen. She can build up a file and use them. Have you done a 12 volt conversion? Have you used LED lamps and lights, have you put in an electronic pointless ignition? Comments on tires you put on old bikes, any information about who rebuilt your generator, engine, tranny, wheels? Can you tell us about your favorite ride loop? A restaurant or dinner you like? A particular shop you visit? How about a car or bike night? A show? A museum? What kind of tools do you have? Anything you want to recommend? How about welding outfits? Bead blasting? Pictures from your rides, shows, projects???

The newsletter cannot exist without input from club members. You do not have to have good spelling, or punctuation. Just get something to Jen!!!! This means YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Well, enough from me for now!

Dan Margolien  
Yankee Director



On the cover: Yankee Chapter member Cortney Oliver and Chapter Judge Pete MacMurray in front of a very large sheep. Cortney's unrestored 1966 BMW R60/2 received its Winner's Circle award at Hebron with 99 1/4 points.

Submitted by Darryl Cutter

# **Indian Summer Berkshires Camp & Ride**

## **Mohawk Park, Charlemont MA**

### **Sept. 18-20 2015**



Join the AMCA Yankee Chapter for camping in the Berkshires and riding on the historic Mohawk Trail and surrounding areas. Come for the weekend, or just for the group ride on Saturday.

Tent camping \$10 per person per night, includes hot showers and flush toilets. RV hookup sites also available. On site restaurant and pub serving lunch and dinner daily, and breakfast on Saturday. Call for rates and reservations 413-339-4470.

**559 Tea St (Rte 2/Mohawk Trail)  
Charlemont MA 01339**

For road run info, call Jim Seidell 413-527-0421.

### Calling All Motorcyclists

It has been a little over a year since Officer Stephen Arkell Badge#87 gave his life in service to the citizens of Brentwood New Hampshire. He only worked one day a week as a part -time officer and it was on that day that he answered the call that no policeman would have survived. We have heard many stories about his life, his loving wife and his wonderful daughters.

We at the museum were moved when we heard how the citizens of Brentwood rallied to support the family and the police department. Stories of protection, caring and generosity that the residents of this beautiful community extended to the officer's family and their police department were heard loudly up here in the lakes region.

On September 13th, please join us here at the American Police Motorcycle Museum in Meredith for a one-time tribute and motorcycle ride where all monies raised from the ride will be donated to the Stephen Arkell Scholarship Fund. Free barbecue at the museum after the ride.

Please get your tickets in advance at the museum or Brentwood Police Headquarters. Tickets also available on day of ride.

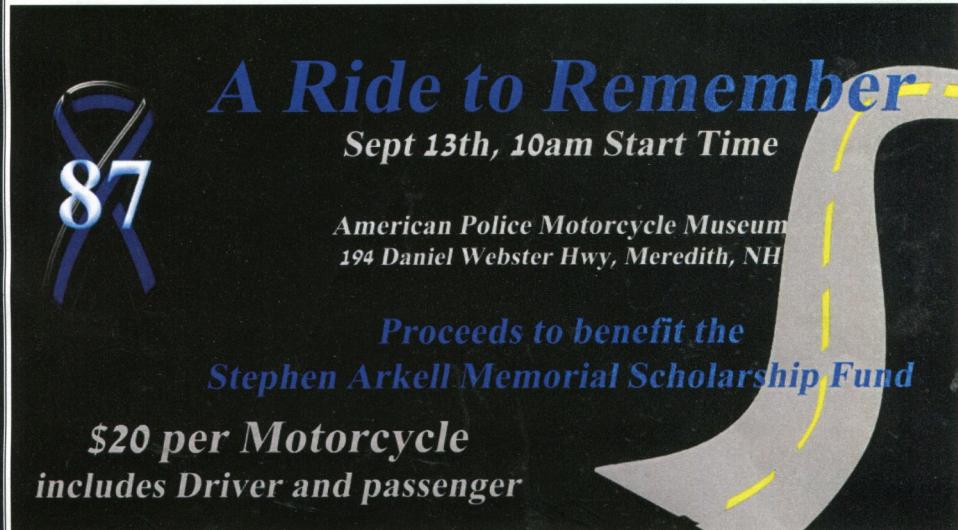
## Have a Motorcycle?

Join us Sunday Sept 13<sup>th</sup>

In Remembering Officer Stephen Arkell

In A Memorial Motorcycle Ride Around

Lake Winnipesaukee



Tickets Can Be Purchased [HERE](#)

Or In Person At The Event



## TUMBLEWEED MOTORCYCLE CLUB VINTAGE MOTORCYCLE SHOW - JUNE 2015



Photos submitted by Robert Carew

**Yankee Chapter Hebron Awards  
2015**

**Field Game Winners**

	(Fifteen competitors battled for the championship)		
Tire Toss	Jim Seidell	1935 Indian Chief	1 Ringer
Ring Joust	Jim Seidell	1935 Indian Chief	2 Rings
Tennis Ball Pick-up & Drop	“Free Willie”	1984 Harley-Davidson	4 Balls (22.6 Seconds)
Slalom	Bill Cawley	1967 Matchless G80CS	11.5 Seconds
Slow Race	Panhead Dave	1958 Harley-Davidson FL	Incredibly Slow
Youth Field Games	Jesse Murdough		
	Forest Nelson		
	Sonny Puleo		

**Award Winners**

Field Games Champion (Winner of Two Events)	Jim Seidell	1935 Indian Chief
Joseph Lucas Memorial Award (Electrical Problems)	Peter MacMurray	1971 Honda 750
Lowest Mileage (On 5 Gallon Fat Bob Tanks)	Jimmy Murdough	1979 Harley Davidson with Sidecar
Most Senior Moment (Forgot he didn't fill up)	Bill Cawley	1967 Matchless G80CS
Hard Luck (Argument with guard rail)	Bob Stevens	1940 Indian 4
Smokiest	Ed Rakas	1975 Yamaha RD-350

**Special Chapter Award**

Giles J Adams Memorial Award	Gerry Powers	1919 F-Head Harley-Davidson with Sidecar
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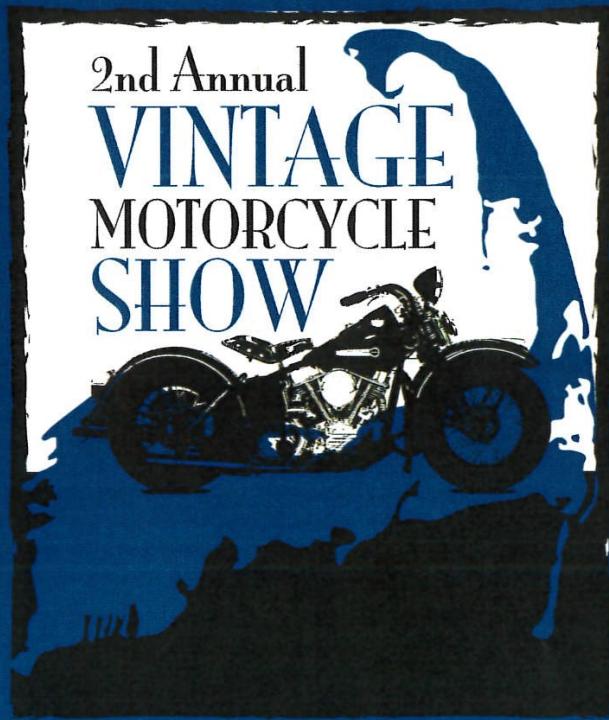


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**September 27, 2015**  
**Barnstable Village • Historic Route 6A**

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**Yankee Chapter website:** <http://www.yankeechapter.org/index.shtml>

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Yankee-Chapter-AMCA/167786603428772>  
Like us on Facebook and share your photos and events on our page!

**PARTS WANTED**

Wanted: nos or near new rear cylinder for 1947 Harley WL. Also - for 1947 knuckle-head project - need outer primary, monroe springer shock, floorboards, correct 16" kelsey hayes rims (not chromed), front and rear brake setups, flanders risers. Thanks - Ken Contact: kherschfield@hotmail.com 781-264-3245

Upcoming Area events:

Sept 13 : A Ride to Remember– American Police Motorcycle Museum, Meredith NH

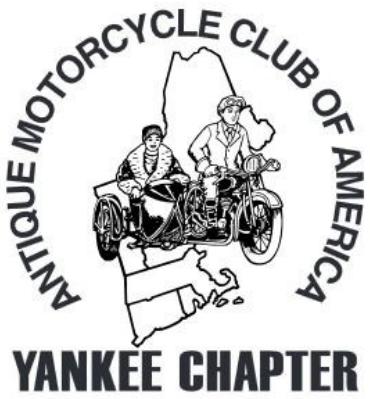
Sept 13: Manchester Motorcycle Jamboree– Manchester CT  
<http://www.parkaidjamboree.org/>

Sept 18-20: Indian Summer Berkshires Camp & Ride– Mohawk Park, Charlemont MA

Sept 27: Keene Motorcycle Swap Meet– Cheshire Fairgrounds, Keene NH

Dec. 6: Christmas Party/Business Meeting– Oxford MA VFW





**Want to promote your event, sell your bike, or just share a good story?  
Contributions to the Yankee Chatter accepted at any time.**

Photos, articles, flyers, ads, questions,  
and any other content can be sent to:

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