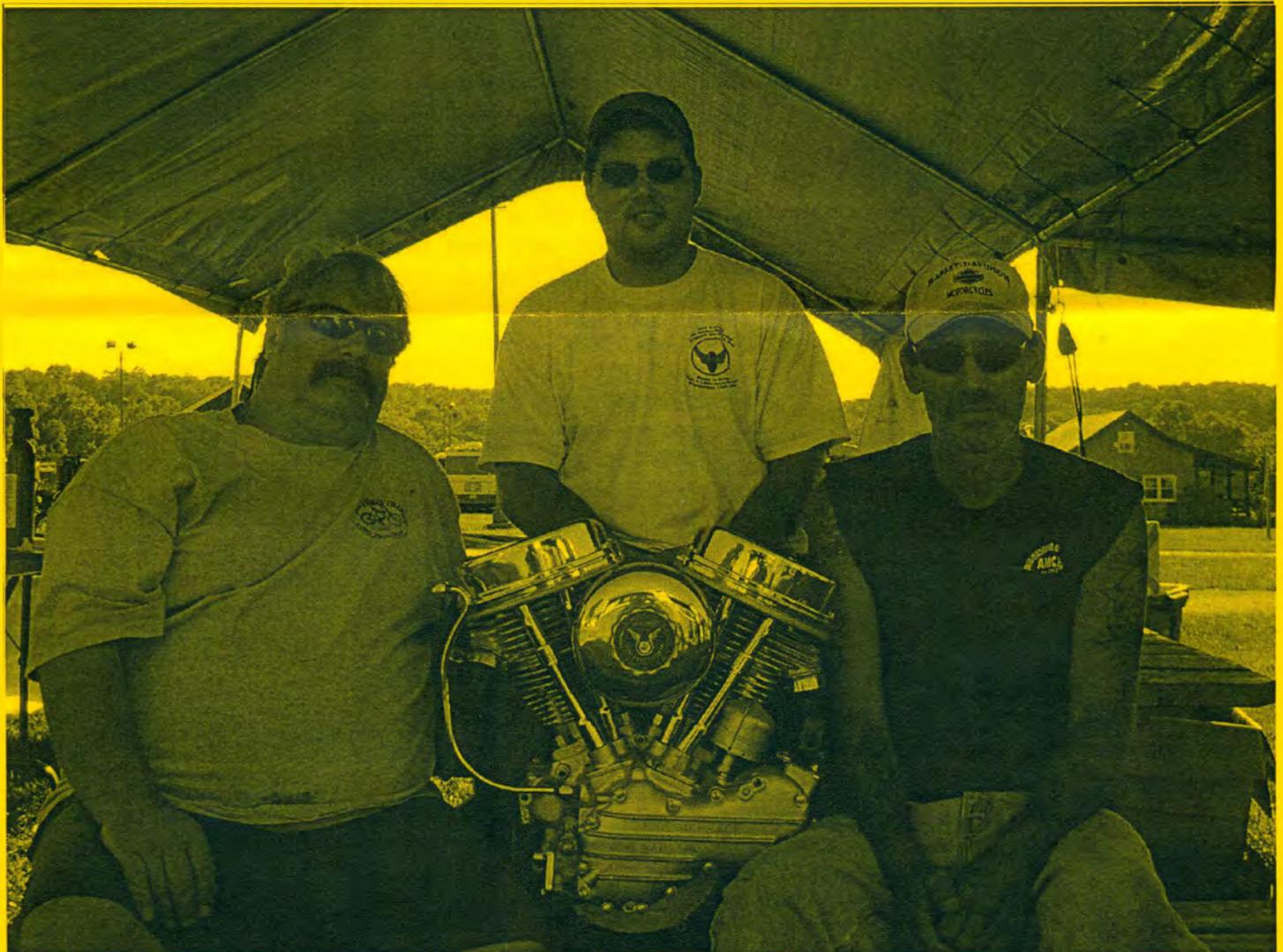


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2007 Joe Barber Memorial Award



Joe Inserra on the left, accepts the 2007 Joe Barber Memorial Award from Don Spence on the right, last year's winner. Steve Barber in the middle is Joe's son. All three are from NY and are members of the Yankee Chapter. The Joe Barber Award has been presented at the Hebron meet since 1998 in memory of Joe. We are pleased that Steve is also a Yankee Chapter member and is part of the award process.

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Applicants wishing to join the Yankee chapter must first be members in good standing of the National AMC of A. Applicants may send membership applications to the Chapter Membership Chairperson at any time, memberships received after October 1st will be held over for the next calendar year.

Distribution of the Yankee Chatter is to members in good standing, officers and directors of the AMC of A, and editors of other chapters.

YANKEE CHAPTER AWARDS

Are you familiar with our two chapter awards that occur at the Hebron meet each year?

They are both set up as "judgment by your peers". That is to say that you only receive a ballot if you have a bike entered in that particular competition. The stipulation being that you can not vote for your own bike.

The Giles J. Adams Memorial Award, first presented in 1993 is presented to the Yankee Chapter member having the best running machine in the antique (pre-1930) class. Giles was more concerned with mechanical soundness than with aesthetics. The sound of a smooth running machine always brought a smile to his face. It's a difficult decision, but it's yours.

The Joe Barber Trophy, first presented in 1998, is awarded to the Yankee Chapter member having the "most deserving" Panhead. Joe liked machines that were ridden, but he also appreciated unrestored beauties. His knowledge of what was correct on a Panhead was evident since he would rather sell a restorer nothing at all than to sell him an incorrect part. Still, he appreciated whatever owners would do to keep their Panhead going down the road. It's a difficult decision, but it's yours.



The Joe Barber perpetual trophy is an actual Panhead engine with parts being added year after year by the winners— will it be a whole bike one day?

HEBRON, 2007

Our annual meet at Hebron was a total, smashing success however you measure it.

Vendor spaces were sold out, bikes for judging, the road ride, a great banquet meal, and lots of our friends and family.

We had a great collection of bikes you can see in the pictures. It is so great to see a beautiful 4 cylinder Zundapp, a magnificent raucous Panhead chopper, Flying Merkel, Hendersons, Indians, JDs and board trackers, and other early pieces. Great job to everyone for bringing out the gear and letting others see it!

One of the issues at hand at the meet was a club wide discussion of the Yankee involvement in the Rhinebeck meet, moderated by Charlie. We had a great discussion with lots of questions about Rhinebeck itself, how it could affect Hebron, and what the Yankee role is in the Rhinebeck meet? After all the discussion was had, we voted as a club on our participation and support of the meet. What we voted on was "Does the Yankee Chapter want to remain a coalition member with the other chapters, and will the Yankees supply the necessary effort in vending and meet promotion?" We had a vote of 29 yes to 16 no. What this means is that the Yankees remain a key element of the success of Rhinebeck and have a purpose and function for and at that meet. We circulated a sheet to sign up volunteer workers, and obtained 28 names and phone numbers. (If you were not able to be at Hebron, but would like to volunteer as part of the Yankee workforce, drop me a note and I'll add your name danmargolien@yahoo.com). Our work function is primarily related to meet promotion and vending, working with Steve C. to mark spaces, guide vendors, and handle the miscellaneous issues that pop up. We'll be getting with Steve in '08 to put together a work plan so everyone will have plenty of time to arrange their schedules and know when and where they are needed.

Yankee Happenings

Tom Payne and I spent a Sunday promoting the Yankee chapter and the Rhinebeck meet at Don Clady's Supermeet on September 30th at the Ct. Expo Center. Tom brought his '34 VL, and I rigged up a slide show on a projector screen to show pictures of our club, bikes, and people. The show was a typical indoor meet with showbikes, a few cars, and lots of leather and bandanas. As you might imagine, most of the people that came by had no idea about the old bikes and were quite enthused about the VL. We handed out a bunch of Rhinebeck postcards, but we didn't sign up any new Yankee members.

We received an invitation to put on an antique motorcycle show at a big meet in Springfield at the BIG E on January 18-20.

This would be a great opportunity to increase interest in our chapter along with promoting our meets. Go to **WWW.OSGESHOWS.com** to see an event description.

I'm looking for club members willing to bring their bikes to the show and man a booth space. 5 to 10 bikes would be ideal for each day. If we can get enough volunteers we can each do one day. We can bring the bikes in and out each day

PLEASE let me know right away if you are interested in supporting the chapter in this way.

Please contact me, Dan Margolien at 603-

I've been doing a lot of paint stripping lately, and have used liquid/paste strippers, wire wheels, and my bead blast cabinet. I use glass beads in the cabinet, and they are ok, but s l o w. What are you using in your blast cabinets? How do you strip paint, filler, and rust? What are you using for primer, filler, and paint? Let me know so I can share it with the rest of the club.

Tim Gottier and Bruce Blanchone used the Stafford Springs show to hand out Rhinebeck meet postcards.

I had a couple of banners made (paid for by the Rhinebeck meet) to advertise Rhinebeck. Tim hung the banner by the bike show.

I have hundreds of Rhinebeck postcards available to hand out— please contact me if you would like some to leave at your local hangouts, shops, or meets you attend. All you have to do is give 'em away. You can also take one of the banners with you if you are going to Barber, Eustis, any place where you have a crowd. Just hang it from a fence, or your popup shelter, etc.

Jesse and Mike Lingley have proposed a Road Run to the Yankee Board for 2009. Their proposal would involve a run in Maine, where there are fantastic roads, nature, and things to see. They have taken a preliminary run up through the MidCoast area, got a great reception from the Owlshead museum, and will be laying out their proposal at the **DECEMBER 2 Yankee Chapter Christmas party**. Come to the meeting to participate in club planning.

| **Website review:** WWW.HYDRA-GLIDE.NET If |
| you are into flatheads and panheads then this |
| site is for you! Chat forums with great diversity |
| of topics, a technical forum where the webmas- |
| ter has organized previously discussed topics, |
and a great array of photos. Plenty of tech info.

I know that this hobby is about people as much as machines. Drop me a note for future issues with your stories, memories, tips, project photos, helpful resources, suppliers, birthdays, favorite roads, favorite restaurants, parts wanted, parts for sale, services needed or provided. This newsletter goes out to over 200 people

Rhinebeck coalition notes from White Rose meet

A new website is under construction by Tim Talleur of the Hudson Valley Chapter just for the Rhinebeck meet. Go to: WWW.Rhinebecknationalmeet.com

We will have access to all the buildings, A to E for our use. These are the enclosed areas where the timeline was held. E will be used for the banquet; Jean Davidson will be the guest speaker.

This year the contract includes: facility with additional showers, EMTs, parking guides from Friday at 6am, and a maintenance staff. We also voted to open an additional field for vending. This is the areas that was fenced off along the vending behind the time line. This will provide ample room for the timeline and the additional vendors we are expecting.

A route has been designated for traffic on the fairgrounds for the safety of the visitors. All will exit via the 4H building.

We will be adhering to a show schedule of 9am to 4 pm on Saturday and Sunday. **All vendors will be getting information from Steve C.,** but the basic guideline is that vendors are asked to remain on site for the day. If you would want to pull out on Saturday at noon, you will probably be best pulling out Friday night.

The motorcycle timeline will be held both Saturday and Sunday as the main attraction. In order to ease the difficulty of lining up 200 bikes, there will be pre-registration for each day. You are asked to kindly keep your bike in the timeline between 9 and 4.

Hopefully I have captured the gate fee issue correctly here: If you are vending, there is no additional gate fee. If you ride in on an antique, or bring a show (timeline or judged) bike, and are an AMCA member, the gate is free, non-AMCA members will pay the gate fee. The gate fee for AMCA members without a bike to show is \$10/day or \$15 for the weekend;

Non-members will be higher at \$15 and \$25. Under 12 are free. Camping is \$25 /night collected by the fairgrounds.

This may be different from other AMCA meets, but the meet is being modeled after other successful large scale hotrod, antique, and bike meets. We are contracted to provide a two day show to the fairgrounds, as this is how they make their money. We want spectators to come to a show still in progress. There was a lot of discussion around how people show up at meets on Sunday afternoon to find it nearly empty, or last year came back with friends and the timeline was gone.

We are still investigating ideas such as Wall of Death, Antique bike parade around the track, field games, and other such entertainment. Our Yankee Chapter could sponsor and arrange an event if we would want to.

2007 Sterling Campout and Italian Feast!



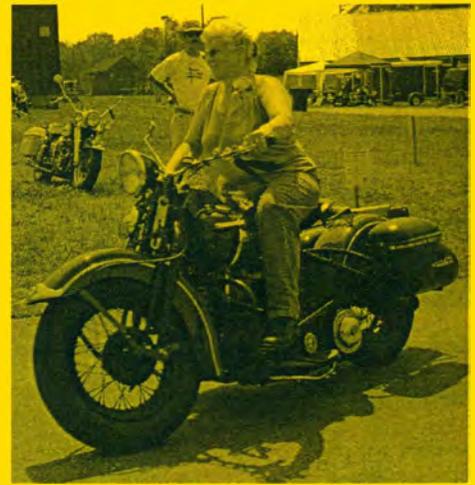
Hardworking ladies of the Sterling Italian Feast!



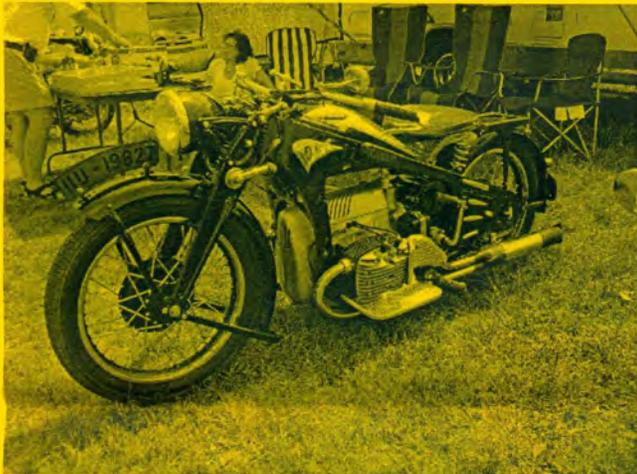
Somewhere on Critter's famous Sterling mystery ride



A great turnout in the display field

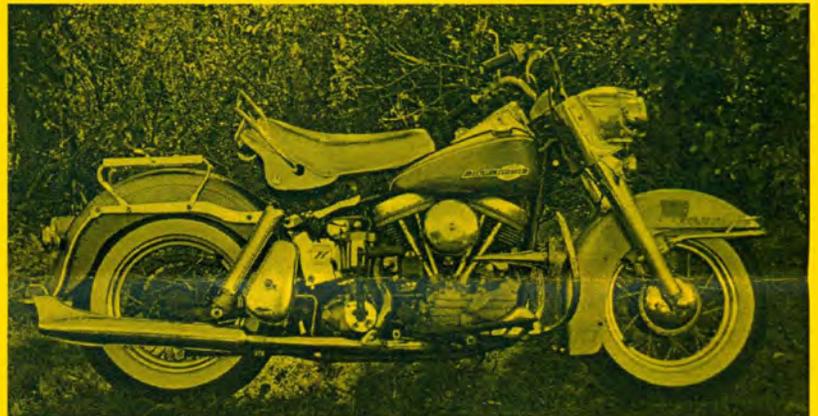


Sandy Gallo, our treasurer and membership chair brought her freshly restored '48 pan for its inaugural ride and showing.

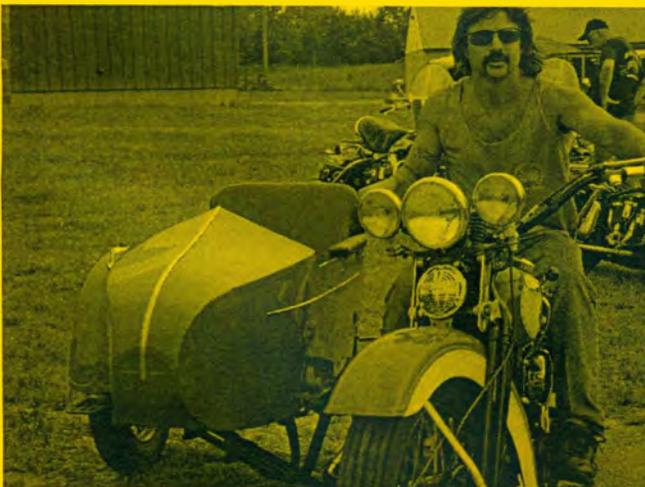


A beautiful 1934 Zundapp 4 cylinder. A real art deco machine.

2007 Joe Barber Award Winner



Joe Inserra from Long Island, is the fourth owner of this '63 FLH. It is original paint, and has never been rebuilt. Joe investigated and found that the first owner sold it in '69, and the second in '88. Joe followed a lead and got it in 2003. He had to clean the tanks, fuel line and carb, go through the lubrication and adjustments, but it runs great today and does get ridden by Joe. The Hi-Fi red has faded a bit, and as Joe is a pro body and paint guy its hard to keep his hands off it. Joe also has a shovel and by the time this is written a Servi-Car4.



Who is this dashing devil on a beautiful '48 pan with sidecar?



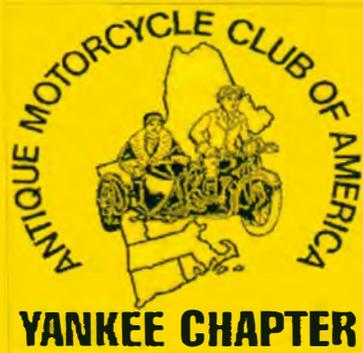
A very, pretty early BSA. Check out the scrub brake on the front wheel.

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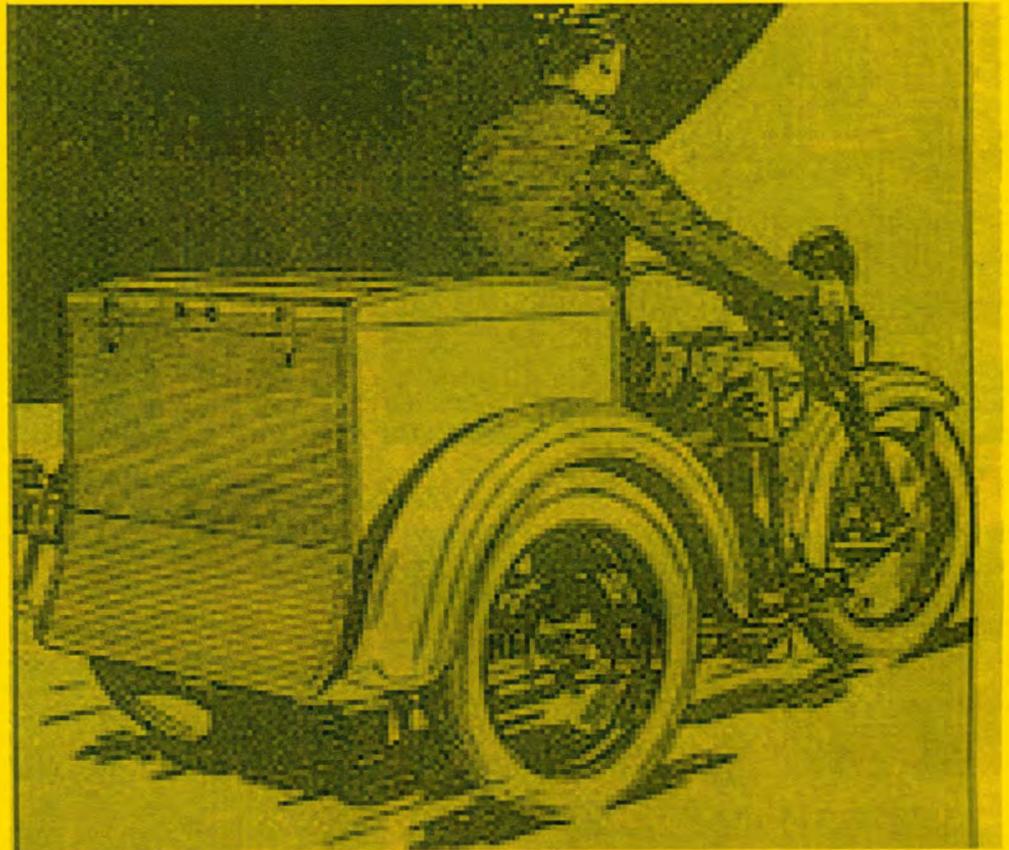
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Annual Yankee Chapter Christmas party

December 2 at the VFW

in Oxford, MA . Business meeting at 12 noon,
potluck dinner to follow. Get involved. Board
member elections, planning Yankee meets for '08
and Yankee road Run for '09

