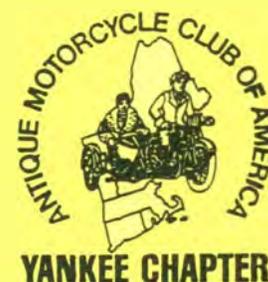




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YANKEE CHAPTER HOLDS SPRING MEET

Winners at our Acton, Maine Spring meet, held over the weekend of June the 13th and 14th, gather around Andy Anderson's 1902 INDIAN and Joe Moulton's 1913 EXCELSIOR. From left to right are: Roland Hueber and his daughter Jeanne, Walter Nadeau, Andy Anderson, Pete Stimson, Fred Hirsch, Bill Campbell, Joe Moulton, Charlie Gallo, and Charlene Pierce.



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Acton, Maine '92



From our Director:

The Yankee Chapter's Spring meet was officially underway when Dave Howland opened the gates to the Acton Fairgrounds early morning June 12, 1992. Acton is truly a terrific place for a meet. If you missed it, you missed out on perfect weather, great parts, a wonderful banquet, and a show consisting of over 20 bikes.

I've come to the conclusion that I'm not sure who has more fun at these meets—the kids or the adults. Mike Jacaruso brought his 1964 Harley-Davidson police side-car rig to the meet. I gave a few rides to some of the kids and before I knew it there was a line of young and old waiting to take a ride around the track. The siren made a particularly big hit with the younger generation.

Wray Murdough and Doug Robinson took turns cruising the track on Wray's Harley-Davidson WR. Joe Moulton's 1913 Excelsior Twin was the center of attention every time he fired it up for a short run.

Another person who enjoyed himself was old time Yankee member Frank Adams. George and Millie Yarocki were kind enough to pick him up on their way to the meet Saturday morning. I don't think Frank had a dull moment all day, every time I turned around he was talking with someone else.

We had 14 vendors set up. Making money is the objective, and reward, to all the work of loading and unloading heavy, dirty parts. Yet the vendors at Acton were pretty laid back, seeming just as interested in having a good time as making a few dollars.

Saturday afternoon several groups of people enjoyed a refreshing dip in the lake. Some even went for a repeat swim before returning home.

Once the word got out that Lorraine Yeaton and Mary Dennett were putting on the banquet it was a sell-out. They made certain that no one would go away hungry providing us with various meats, salads, and even fresh gingerbread for dessert.

Sunday's weather was perfect for a fun run loop around the lake for a group of about 10 motorcyclists. Afterwards the judging began with Jim Costa and Bob "Zeke" Pierce officiating. As usual the choices were difficult.

Thanks to one and all who made this meet a success.

On a totally different subject, Marty Hansen placed a call to the Lake Morey Inn Sunday August 2nd (headquarters of the Twin-State Road Run) to let us know that Saturday evening, as we were all freshening up for the banquet, he and Maureen became the proud parents of a 9 lb. 9 oz. baby boy named Nathan James. Marty tells me that we can look forward to seeing all three of them at Sturbridge in September.

Until then,

Jessie

ACTON "92"

All photos by Charlie Gallo



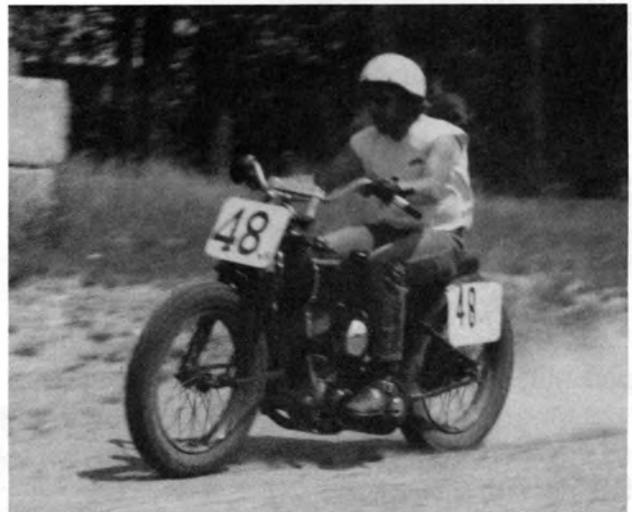
Joe Moulton's original 1913 EXCELSIOR was a joy to see and hear. It's the same bike his father owned and it's still in the family.



Jessie Jacaruso was a hit with young and old alike. She kept busy providing rides around the track Saturday.



George Yarocki lends an ear to Frank Adams during a break in the day's activities.



Doug Robinson takes Wray Murdough's WR for a quick spin around the dirt track.



WILLIAM TAUL goes to Panama

In 1912, William Taul, an adventurous 23-year old electrician from Alabama, was accepted to work on the construction of the Panama Canal. When he arrived in Panama, he observed the narrow, unpaved roads, the price of gas, and the tropical weather. He decided to purchase an Indian motorcycle. He soon met Elizabeth Griffin, a dedicated American nurse who was also working for the government. On their days off, they enjoyed many pleasant rides around the canal zone. They sometimes ventured outside of the 10 mile wide zone, although this was not recommended, for reasons of safety. On one such occasion, the jungle road became difficult and unfamiliar. William and Elizabeth rounded a curve and found themselves face to face with a cow, which they could not avoid hitting. The owners of the cow immediately came running, yelling and waving machetes. The frightened couple made a quick get-away.

In 1915, William and Elizabeth Taul, now married, settled in New York City, bringing the Indian with them. One day, William happened to read in a newspaper about a motorcyclist who had ridden from Atlanta, Georgia to Springfield, Massachusetts, setting a record for speed. William was certain that he could make the trip in less time. He set out, on his own, to prove it. He traveled to Georgia, then began riding as fast as he could towards Massachusetts. At one point, he was shot at for using a ferryboat without permission when he couldn't locate the operator quickly. Word of his escapades reached the Indian Motorcycle Company in Springfield. They began planning a reception for him. When he arrived, successfully breaking the record, he was welcomed by a large crowd. The motorcycle company completely refurbished the muddy Indian, free of charge.

William and Elizabeth's first child, a son born in 1916, was taken for rides around New York City. But as the family continued to grow, the Tauls moved to Hartford, Connecticut, and the motorcycle which had served so faithfully had to be sold.

Contributed by:
Marion Taul Kearney

NEW HUDSON Scores Again!

Takes 9th Award in less than 3 years

**Sturbridge, Massachusetts
June 27, 1992**

TRIUMPH DAY!! This two-day annual event at the **HAMILTON ROD & GUN CLUB** grounds in Sturbridge, Massachusetts is practically unknown to **HARLEY-DAVIDSON** and **INDIAN** riders and enthusiasts, but British bike buffs know it well.

Our **YANKEE** Chapter member, Fred Hirsch, is one of those British bike buffs and his 1947 **NEW HUDSON** Autocycle with its tiny 98 cc Villiers Junior-de-luxe engine gets him around to several meets each season.

This year **TRIUMPH DAY** was exceptionally well attended and although the emphasis is on **TRIUMPH** motorcycles, **ALL** British makes vie equally in competing for trophies and awards on "Classic Day", the first day of this great event. The **NEW HUDSON** Autocycle took the "Runner Up" Award in the "Classic Antique" category, being nosed out of first place by a **VINCENT "Rapide"** of 1000 cc - pretty tough competition for a mere 98 cc machine.

YANKEE Chapter members will recall that Fred's **NEW HUDSON** took its 8th "win" at our Acton, Maine Chapter meet on June 13-14, 1992; and in 1990 this 'mere 98' took the **PEOPLES' Choice Award** at the big **NATIONAL Annual VINTAGE MOTOR BIKE CLUB** meet in Portland, Indiana.

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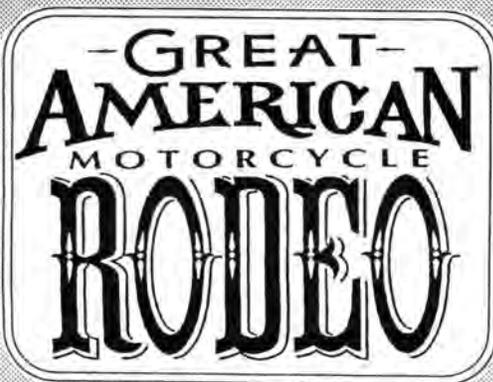
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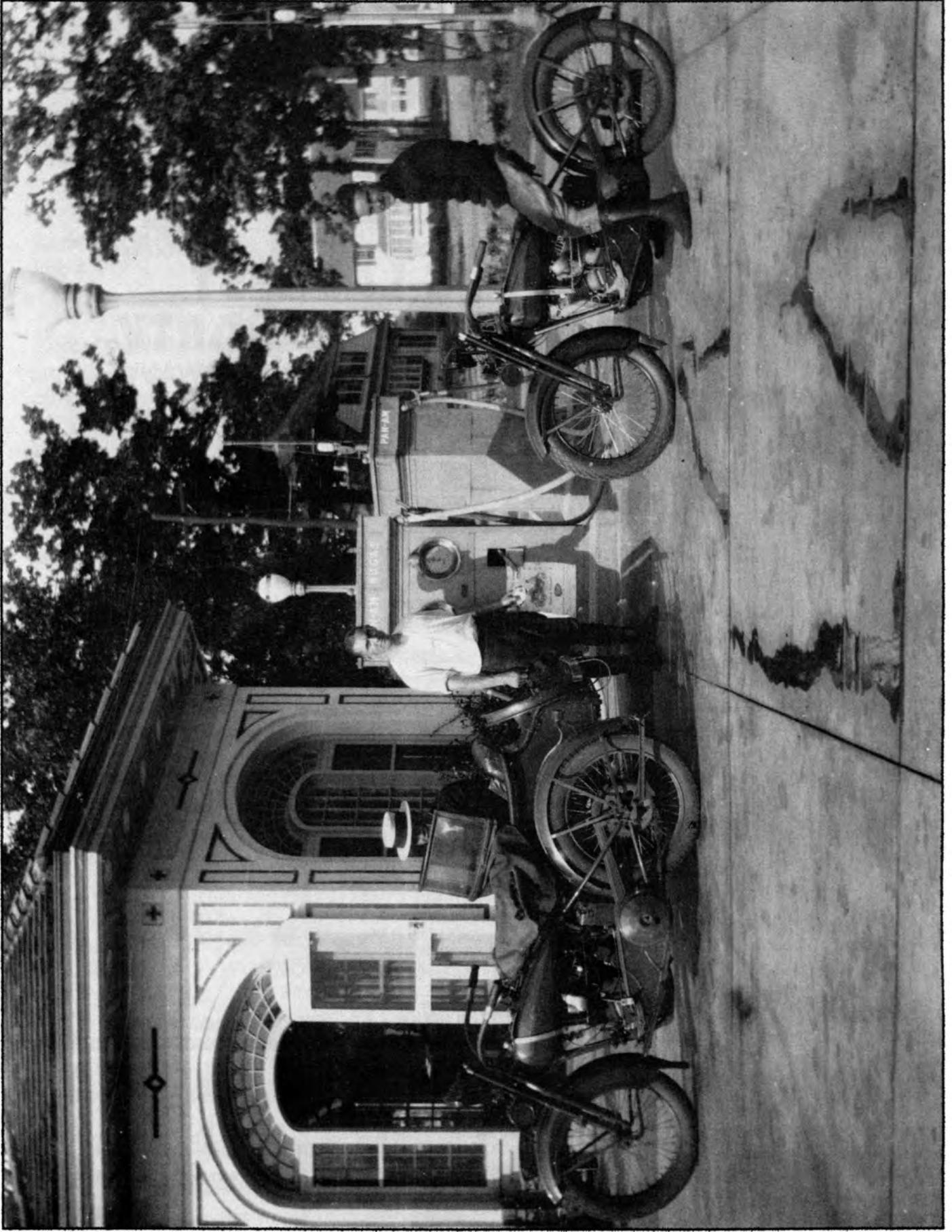
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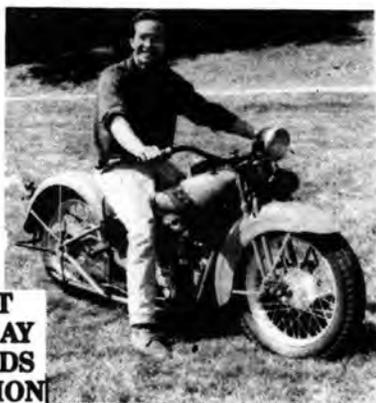


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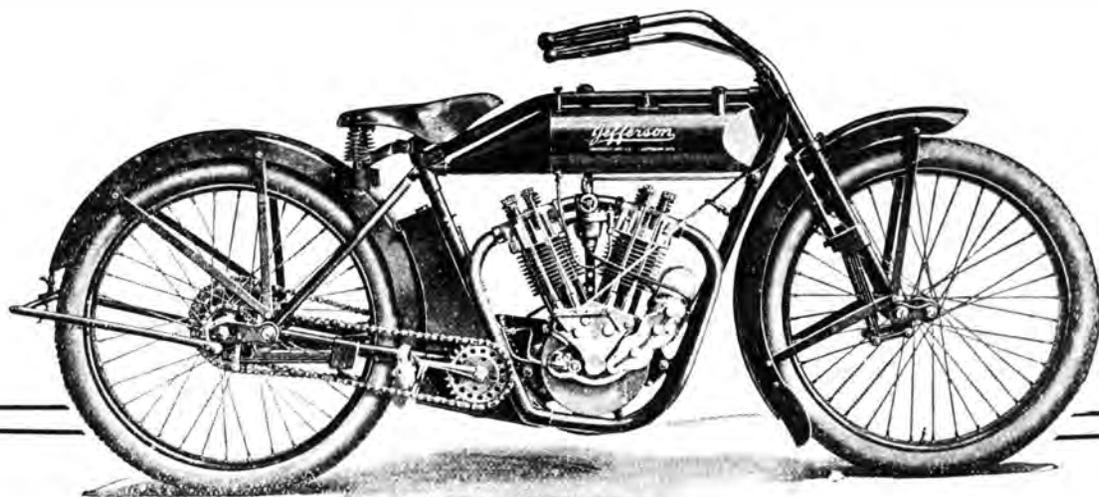
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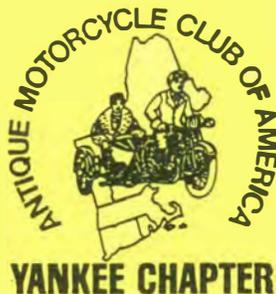
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