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Antique Motorcycle Club of America
Yankee Chapter

Ride 'em, don't hide 'em!



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Spring 2019 President's Message

Almost three years ago you honored me by electing me Chapter Director. Little did I know that our Chapter Director was the chapter's leader. What a surprise! My first year as Director was full of excitement. Throughout that winter your newly elected Directors and re-elected Directors set out to draft and edit then re-draft and re-edit our first set of Chapter bylaws. Once our draft was completed, we submitted them to an attorney for review. By that summer's National Meet, the bylaws were ready for review by any Yankee that was interested. At our Christmas party, by a unanimous vote our draft bylaws became our chapter bylaws. One of the most important change these new bylaws made was to clearly describe each Board members position and responsibilities. Today, our board has a President, two Vice Presidents six Directors six Associate Directors and six Chapter Ambassadors.

While we were in the process of completing our bylaws project the new President of Hebron Lions Club threw a monkey wrench at us by canceling our 23-year-old rental agreement. Finding a new venue for our national meet became a six-month all-consuming project for your Board. Fortunately, after we visited and interviewed 38 different venues, Fortunately the Terryville Lions Club came to our rescue. Regardless, these unforeseen events produced many lighthearted situations that have become fond memories.

This short history is my way of recognizing the efforts of the many volunteers that created and keep the Yankees the Best AMCA Chapter period.

With these thoughts in mind please help honor our chapter's founders by sending your memories from the earliest years of our chapter. Do you have any pictures you can share?

Share your favorite memory of our earliest Directors:

Our first Director

The second Director

Jessie Aikman

Dan Margolien

Tell us about the people that put together our earliest gatherings.

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Don Salisbury (Crittter)

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Who put together our first national meets? What was memorable about each one?

Charlie & Sandy Gallo

Jessie Aikman: Long steady leadership

Dan Margolien: Rule #1, Have fun!

and.....

Terryville, how did you survive Saturdays torrential rain? Were you at the Saturday evening celebration?

Recognize our Camp and Ride organizers and share your memories

Tom Covill: (Indian TomTom) country road trips, submarines, sea ports etc.

Jim Gorman: Sea coast rides, private collections, pig roasts, clam bakes etc.

Jim Seidel: (did you have a religious experience losing your brakes coming down from a mountain top monastery too?)

Dr. George: (George Kyler) (coming up this August 16-18)

Help recognize members that put together local event and celebrations

Dan Margolein, Broken Spoke Vintage Bike Display

Chris Lenox, Indian Day, OSEG winter bike show, etc.

George Kyler (Dr. George)

Who am I missing?

Did anything memorable happen at a Christmas Party?

Share your favorite memories and best pictures from any event with our newsletter editor, Greg Ravizza at azzivar@gmail.com or by snail mail. His address is on one of the first pages this newsletter.

By the time you read this there will be just a few short days left before the start of our second National Meet in Terryville. Please help the people that put so much

effort into keeping our meets the best of all meets. Come to Friday's town hall meeting and tell us what's on your mind. Volunteering two hours of your time helping out will go a long way. Help Peter Grace at the gate. Help Critter managing entry traffic. Help Ken managing membership. Help Diane in the hospitality tent or with sales during Judging. Help Darryl laying out the field and directing people to their vending or camping spots. Help Peter Mac with judging. Etc. Help TomTom and me at Friday's banquet. Etc. To make volunteering easy we will have sign-up sheets and schedules at the main gate and at the hospitality tent.

Till Terryville!

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Editor's Page

Priorities! I reside in Durham, Connecticut, home of the world famous Durham Fair, which recently celebrated it's 100th anniversary. Terry and I haven't been there since 2007 when my son was playing there in the Coginchaug High School Jazz Band, as we're just not large crowd fans. Just south is the small town of Northford, and about five minutes south of us on Route 17 is the town's Volunteer Fire Department station house. Each summer, they have three fund raising events, selling fried dough (either as "pizza" with tomato sauce and "sprinkle cheese" or simply with some powdered sugar - a familiar treat for most any New Englander!). This year's first event was on Friday, June 7th, which coincided with Jim Gorman's Maine Camp & Ride and that, I happily attended - please see the write up that follows. Strike one for summer fried dough!

I just rode by the station house again, and the sign posted out front was advertising the next fried dough event, and it's on Friday July 12th. Strike two - NO FRIED DOUGH FOR YOU! The reason why is that I'll be flying out to Columbus Ohio to help out Mark Hunnibell's epic Across America By Motorcycle event, which is a celebration of the 100th anniversary of CK Shepard's cross country trip on a then new 1919 Henderson Four that started at Coney Island, New York and ended in San Francisco. CK wrote a book about it that became Mark's guide - he's attempting to retrace the route as accurately as possible. Mark is embarking on this on a 1919 Henderson Four that he restored, and was given to him as a basket case by his father many years ago.

My contribution is to be the service van driver between Ohio and Colorado from July 11th to the 19th, so therefore, no fried dough! Debbie Faucher, Dana's wife, will be providing service van support for the Colorado to San Francisco leg. Mark is a current AMCA member and he's still on our roster, having lived in Massachusetts for a time. I'm looking forward to what promises to be a very interesting adventure, and I plan to have an article about the experience in the Fall edition of the Chatter. You can see more at Mark's site, acrossamericabymotorcycle.com. There you can get the backstories on Mark, his 1919 Henderson, and of course CK Shepard's book upon which Mark's dream adventure is based.

I won't know when the third fried dough event will be, but my guess it's going to be on August 16th, which would coincide with Doc George's South Coast C&R (the first of many!) - see the notice below. Oh well, I may have to go to the Durham Fair this year just to get some fried dough!

It is summer, and though I still have issues with my clutch hand, I've installed a "clutch pull reduction device" on my CB500T and Vision XZ550 that has helped tremendously to keep riding. It's basically a small box with an internal lever that goes between the clutch cable and the clutch lever, and it reduces pull by about half! I've seen other devices using similar techniques, including the Harley solution that mounts internally inside the clutch cover, and another for BMWs (and can be adapted to other models) that introduce the lever where the clutch cable enters the cover. The good news is that I'm able to ride!

That's it for now! Please send along your stories and photos over the summer so that we can make the Fall edition of the Chatter a good one!

Greg

*Mark Hunnibell on his 1919
Henderson Four*



Yankee Returns to Americade Vintage Garage

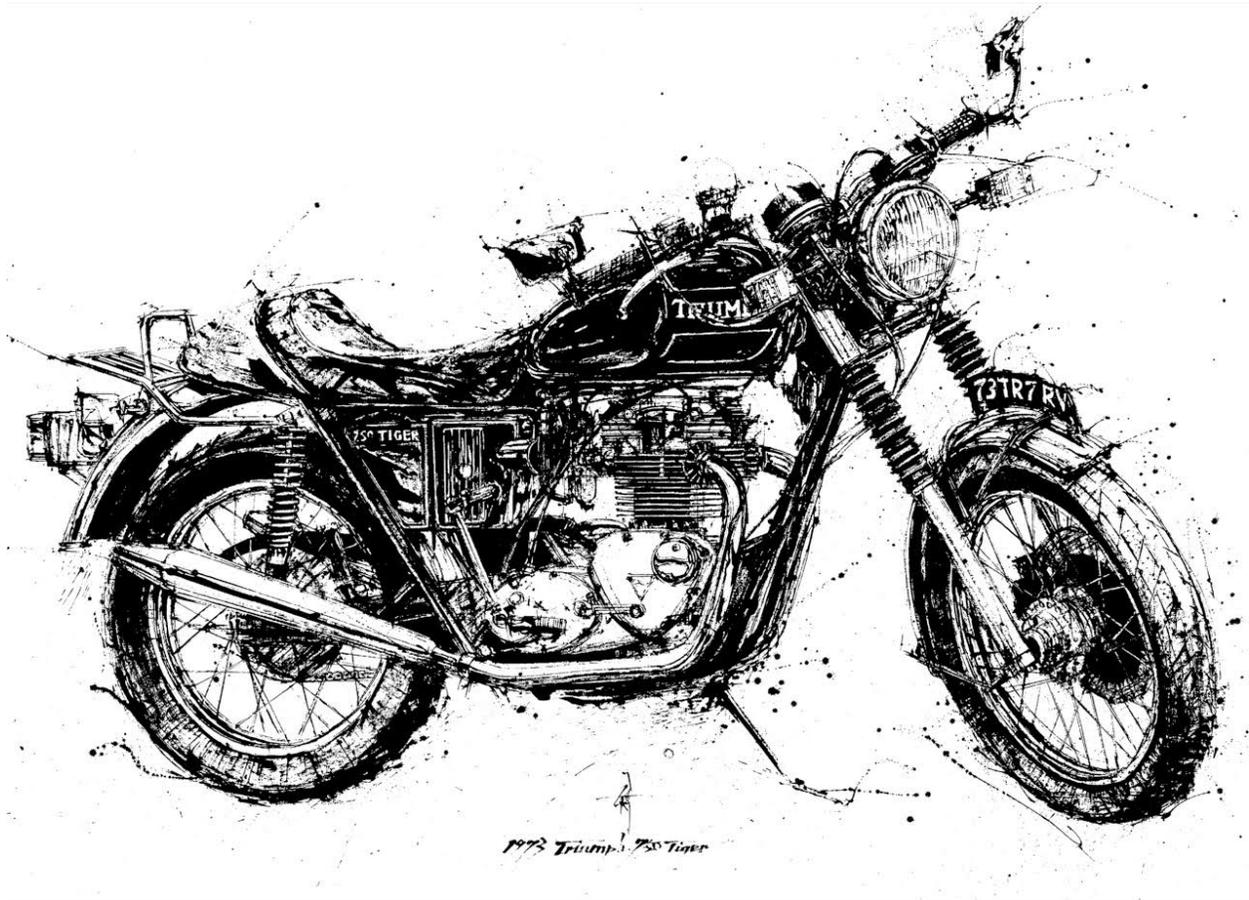
By Peter MacMurray

Since its modest beginnings in 1983, the Americade Motorcycle Rallye has evolved into one of the biggest & best-known motorcycling events in the U.S. Centered in the town of Lake George, NY on the shores of the lake of the same name, the event has drawn tens of thousands of motorcyclists to the foothills of the Adirondack Mountains for the first week in June each year. In 2016 the ever-evolving Americade event added a new exhibit named The Vintage Garage which featured a variety of antique motorcycles brought in by owners for attendees to examine and enjoy. This exhibit has been hosted exclusively by AMCA members ever since, and this past June 3rd – 9th, 17 members exhibited and rode a total of 17 antique bikes ranging from 1932 to 1979 to the obvious delight of event attendees and vendors. In addition to the bikes, AMCA member and artist Makoto Endo was present and over the course of the week painted three motorcycle portraits within the AMCA exhibit tent. Many AMCA Members may know of Endo's artistry as he paints at ground level using India ink which he applies with chopsticks all to dramatic effect in both application and final results.



*Makoto Endo in the process of transforming canvas, ink and talent into visual magic
1951 Nimbus 750 c owned by George Kyller*

Each day members would staff the tent and provide information to visitors and guests. A highlight of the exhibit was at the request of Americade organizer Christian Dutcher. This took place in the large demonstration area for the Rallye on Thursday evening and was heralded as “Antique Motorcycles Roar”. This involved eight display bikes and riders’ who rode their machines into the area and ran a series of laps as pointing and grinning onlookers took photographs & videos and shouted their approval. Following this the bikes were ridden to the Conference Center entrance and as hundreds of event attendees were arriving at the Conference Center for an evening program.



After staffing the tent, promoting the AMCA and distributing *Terryville National Meet* flyers all week, on Saturday George “Doc” Kyller (with two ell’s, if you please...) & the Devine Ms. Laura K., Mike Giordoni and I made a command decision to absent ourselves from the vintage tent as well as the overheated masses of the Great Unwashed to ride over to Vermont to sample Route 140. Thus, with the tent in the capable hands of member Steve Ritzco we ventured off to sample the twisties on this legendary road. Things went fine for about 60 miles until the battery of a

certain bike betrayed the trusting owner and we suffered the ignominy of an engine failing to restart and slowly ticking as it cooled in the gentle breezes in the tiny & quite hamlet of Tinmouth, Vermont. Thankfully, salvation arrived in fairly short order as a young local passing by in a battered, clattering Ford truck of indeterminant vintage stopped and offered jumper cables! We had been there broken down for about 30 minutes and he was only the second passer by we saw, therefore the decision to accept his kindness was neither difficult nor time consuming to accept. After our mystery bike returned to life, and considering discretion as the better part of valor, we agreed to promptly retrace our route and head back to our point of origin. We spent the remainder of the fine afternoon in the shade sipping cold libations and considering the dilemmas of the current times. From there we took a leisurely stroll through the village of lake George and dined on the top deck of a local eatery and observed the parade of loud motorcycles, cars & pedestrians in an endless scrum as it slowly oozed its way along Canada Street. As dusk was falling we made our way back to the trailers and sampled a few smooth beverages of the malted persuasion and the artistry of skilled cigar rollers. It was agreed that it had been a fine day indeed in spite of the few travails experienced.



An oft repeated scene was visitors photographing a particular favorite from their past

Many thanks go to AMCA Members Bruce Prashaw, Steve Ritzco, James Rulison, Darren Tracy and Yankees George & Laura Kyller and Mike Giodoni and those random local AMCA Members who made day trips to the tent and whose combined efforts made the 2019 Americade Vintage Garage exhibit a memorable success for themselves and countless visitors.

For a video glimpse of Americade visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g4PY7Fla9v8>



Vintage Motorcycle & Aircraft Fly-in with Classic British Car Show



- A great way to spend your summer day and a great way to contribute to local organizations and charities.
- This is a judged event.
- Food & beverages vendors on-site.
- Parking donation per car for spectators.
Donations for the local food pantry will also be accepted (non-perishable foods)
- Proceeds to benefit local charities through the Rotary Club of Mansfield and BMCNE charities.

Show vehicles to arrive after 8:30am		
	Early Registration	Day of Show
Motorcycles	\$10 (additional bike is \$5/ea)	\$15
Cars	\$20	\$25

Plenty of on-site trailer parking for transportation.

August 17, 2019 10am - 4pm
Mansfield Municipal Airport 265 Fruit Street, Mansfield, MA
 For more information and to pre-register for this event visit:
www.rotaryvintageshow.com

2019 Rhode Island Camp & Ride – Into the Mystic!

By Tom Covill

So here I was facing another Camp & Ride, watching the weather forecast and praying for sunshine and warmth. Since last year's planned ride to Old Mystic Seaport fell through, it seemed appropriate to give it another shot this year. So that was the plan. Fingers crossed, the weekend arrived.

Some folks pulled in Thursday, but the majority arrived Friday. "Critter" (Don Salisbury) planned a ride in Connecticut to the "Haul of Fame Trucking Museum". We left from the Tavern (on the Hill) around noon. Skies were cloudy but we were dry! We had about twenty bikes, including four members from the Elks Riders Club who pulled blocks at intersections for us. They really enjoyed the old bikes! One commented about how they could really smell the exhaust, to which a Yankee replied, "That's perfume to us!"



The Haul of Fame Trucking Museum had some really cool trucks from the early teens to the 1950's, Model T's, Chain Driven Macks, and even an AutoCar Oil Delivery Truck (see above). The Museum exhibits were amazing! If you're ever in the area, stop in; you won't be disappointed!



Leaving the museum, we found ourselves in a light drizzle as we headed to Hank's Dairy Barn, established in 1957. Good food at a reasonable price. The rain started picking up as we were leaving, so Critter took a shorter route than planned to get us back to the field. The rain stopped soon after. We headed into the Tavern for dinner and afterwards, a campfire kept us warm late into the night. Such a clear, beautiful star-filled night! And not a drop of rain!



Saturday dawned clear and sunny for our ride to Old Mystic Seaport. The Tavern put out a nice selection of breakfast offerings from 8 until 10 that would hold us for a good portion of the day. Kickstands up at 10 and we arrived at the Seaport by 11, traveling by route along the shore. We had twenty five bikes total, including Dan Emerson's 1913 Excelsior. And not a drop of rain!

The Seaport is such an interesting, historical venue that we figured we would wander around and explore until 3 p.m. or so. Regrouping at 3, we would our way through Connecticut back to the field. The Elk Riders were hosting a steak fry at their lodge, so about a dozen of us broke off to attend while others cooked at their campsites or dined in the Tavern. Later, we all sat around the campfire and enjoyed the night, without a drop of rain.

All too soon the weekend was over. Both Friday and Saturday rides went well with no breakdowns or mishaps. Many thanks to the staff of the Tavern on the Hill and the Elk Riders members for their blocking! Now it's time to plan for next year. Critter will be putting together the Friday ride inland while I'll be looking for the seaside route. One by land, two by sea! And hopefully, no rain!

Until then, remember: RIDE 'EM, DON'T HIDE 'EM!

Indian Tom Tom



2019 Maine Camp & Ride – Clamaraderie!

By Greg Ravizza

I reworked my Sea Lion trailer to make it “one man operation” for me. I left Durham around 2:30 in the afternoon on Thursday, a beautiful day that also promised that the next three days in Maine would be just as nice, and arrived at Winslow Park around seven in the evening – plenty of sunshine left! I dismounted the bike, separated the trailer from my Colorado and set up my tent on a site that Ted (with his camping trailer) and I shared. Winslow Memorial Park provides a Casco Bay view to the Atlantic that is simply wonderful. Some had seaside sites, while most were back a couple hundred yards back with abundant shade.



After some coffee and a quick breakfast compliments of Ted’s microwave, we prepped for Friday’s ride route that Jim (Gorman) put together, leading us to a local park where the attraction was a short (not quite!) hike to a huge rock outcropping. Well, I never made it to the rock, succumbing to the heat combined with an army of hungry mosquitoes and black flies (and no “no-see-ums”, thankfully!). Ted’s comment of “never having seen mosquitoes with tail numbers before” was spot on! The group of around twenty of us gathered back at the parking lot, relieved to have the cool wind about to blow over us as we headed back to Winslow.

On the way back, a subset of us stopped by Day’s Crabmeat and Lobster for supper. I opted for the Fish & Chips, which was good. Others had mixed reviews on variations of lobster (whole lobster dinners and lobster rolls) offerings, with most

comments directed at the excessive time to prepare the food. After dinner, we gathered around a campfire for a relaxing evening which wound down one by one till around midnight.

The next day, Dana and Peter worked on their Indians to address some mechanical issues that came to light from Friday's ride. While Dana had success, Peter's rear hub issue left him back at the camp as the riders to Boothbay Harbor left for lunch. After about an hour's ride, we arrive at Boothbay Lobster Wharf, and most all enjoyed lobster, clams and other fresh seafood offerings. After lunch, I adjusted my front brake on the CB500T to quell the squealing that started about ten miles before arriving at the Harbor.

More fun on the Honda had to be addressed as I was apparently low on oil, as TomTom noted the loud clacking noise that emanated from the parallel twin. We stopped at the Custard bar on Route 1 in Freeport for some cool refreshment, which was luckily next to an auto parts store where a quart of oil addressed the immediate issue.



That evening, Jim and Ken obtained what I'll call was a "bushel" of steamers harvested fresh that morning from Casco Bay within site of the campground. Peter, having spent the afternoon at the camp, prepped the huge steam pots for the steamers, which due to the vast quantities, required two steamings to cook them all. Jim and his wife Terry also provided hot dogs and salads, combined with the steamers and other donations of food from the Yankees allowed us all to feast on

what I'd call a perfect camping dinner! As we assembled to dig in to the first batch of steamers, Jim delightfully declared that what we were experiencing was "Clamaraderie" - how appropriate - the perfect combination of camaraderie amongst the attendees and the bushel of steamers awaiting consumption!

Terry and Ken prepping for steamers



Once again, we gathered around the campfire for further relaxation until well into the night.



After such a rainy Spring, having four days of beautiful sunshine and comfortable temperatures was appreciated by all. One of the Tumbleweeds, most of which I believe were also Yankees, commented that he didn't know why the fuss about the good weather - after all, they only had two rain events all spring - the first lasted twenty two days and the second was fourteen!

South Coast Camp & Ride

AUGUST 17-18, 2019

Plympton, Massachusetts 02367

Camping available via tent, trailer or RV available - no hookups, no charge, just clean up.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Saturday, August 17 - Arrive anytime after 10 am to unload, set up if needed at:

Dave Alberti's Schoolhouse Farm
162 Main Street
Plympton, MA 02367

Approximately sixty mile round trip to a South Coast location to be determined before leaving at 1 p.m., return around 5 pm +/- . Bring something for the grill / potluck large grill provided to cook for the group. Beverages and good conversation followed by an evening campfire and ? Donation ask of \$20.00 to cover incidentals.

Sunday, August 18

Wake up at the farm to coffee and donuts provided by Laura Kyller. Dr George will be setting up the Upland Vintage bike Display (only 1/2 mi from the farm) . Come display your bike and relax. Feel free to experience the Steve Cole event for only \$20.00 or hang at the Yankee display.

Upland Sportsman Club
67 Upland Road
Plympton, MA 02367

9 a.m. - 11 a.m. - Vintage Bike & Hot Rod assembly (Coffee & donuts provided courtesy of Doc George K!)

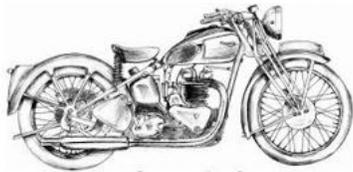
9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. - *26th Annual Steve Cole Poker Run*
(for details see https://www.cyclefish.com/motorcycle_event/51513)

Contact

Dr. George 781 696 6238
georgekyller@gmail.com

Calling All AMCA Members !!

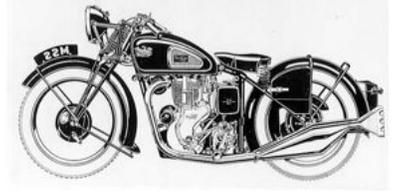
You are cordially invited to attend our new expanded event !!



Classic Motorcycles & Cars

at

The Cheshire Fall Festival



Sept 14, 2019  11AM to 4PM

(Rain Date Sept 15)

Chapman Field @ Bartlem Park, Cheshire, CT



PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT

Enjoy Food & Drink
Live Music & Shows
A carnival for all the kids
Visit our Craft Vendors



The Cheshire Community
Food Pantry, Inc.
Caring about our neighbors

Stay late and see the
Fireworks Show !!

Don't Miss Out !! Reserve Your Spot Early !!

Entry \$10 Fees per Vehicle & 2 Non - Perishable Food Items

All fees paid at gate at time of entrance

Pre Register at - <http://cheshirefestival.com>



More Details Contact: Rick Adkins P : 860 384 2147 or Email : CFFCarShow@Gmail.com

Judging and Trophies



DIRECTIONS:

From New Haven Area, Follow RT. 10 North to 525 South Main St , Cheshire High School

From HTFD Area, 691 East/West -Exit 3, Follow RT. 10 South to 525 South Main St , Cheshire High School

Bartlem Park is directly across this street from the High School

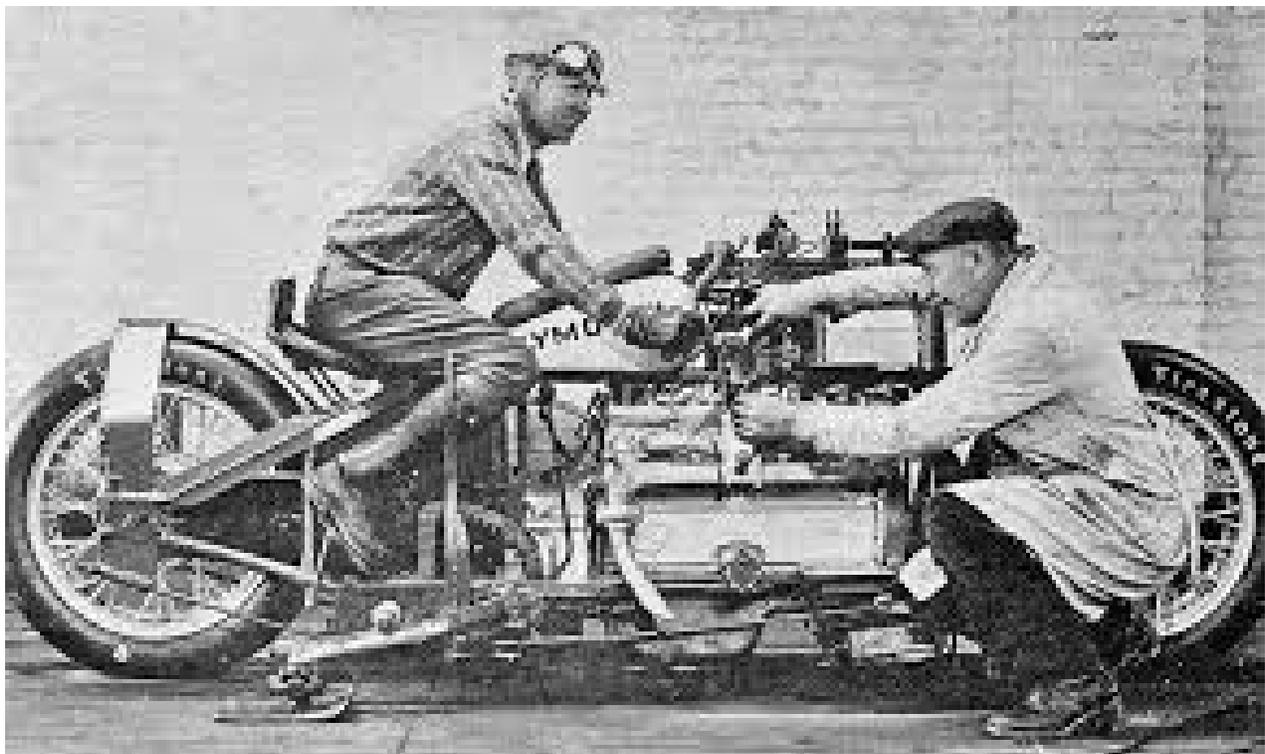
RULES:

Staff reserves right to refuse entry to any vehicle.

No alcohol, burnouts, reckless driving or beater cars.

Town of Cheshire & Cheshire Chamber will not be responsible for any damage and or injury that may occur.

Raffle Prizes



Upcoming Events

FUTURE EVENTS * Yankee Chapter or National Sanctioned Event ** Other

July 4 – 8 - Empire Chapter National Meet **
Trumansburg, NY

July 19 – 21 – Wauseon National Meet **

July 26 – 28 - Indian Day Camp & Ride *
Bay State Drive (off Route 20), Chester, MA

August 2 - 3 - Yankee Chapter National Meet *
CT Lions Fairground, Terryville, CT

NOTE THAT VENDOR REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN AT:

<http://yankeechapter.org/terryvillernationalmeet.shtml>

August 17 – 18 – South Coast Camp & Ride **
Plympton, MA

September 6 - 15 - Cross Country Chase **
Sault Ste. Marie, MI to Key West, FL

September 8 – Rice-O-Rama **
Spencer Fairgrounds, Spencer, MA

September 7 - Keene Swap Meet **
Cheshire Fairgrounds, Swanzey, NH

September 20-21 – Berkshire Camp & Ride *

October 19 - Gathering Of The Faithful **
Middleboro, MA

December 8 - Yankee Christmas Pot Luck and General Meeting *
Oxford VFW, Oxford, MA

Other Stuff

FOR SALE OR SWAP/WANTED, OTHER EVENT NOTICES, STORIES, ARTICLES OR PICS
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