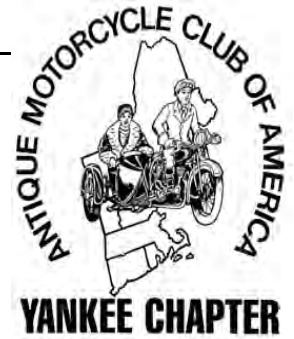




# YANKEE CHATTER



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Mohawk Meet 2010**

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## Editor's Message By Bernie Wilder

Yes, it is cold, snowy and icy in Plympton, MA and I am officially in hibernation, but what better time to work on a newsletter.

May I start out by saying that there were several errors made on the fall issue of the Yankee Chatter, and I apologize for not editing all of them before I sent out the newsletter. Many edits were made, but I just didn't find them all. I am really impressed with the electronic version of the Chatter, a world of a difference seeing the photos in color.

Reminder to all, this is *your* newsletter and we would love to get you involved. In the future I think it would be great to include some "tech talk". Let us know about those projects that you have been working on. Have you found any great treasures? Please share, we are all interested in a good find.

Also, what would be more fun to read about, some of your adventures and experiences out there on the roads. It's a great hobby and one that we all share. What's better than a group of people all interested in the same thing? And what's better than being involved in an antique motorcycle club? I brag about it all the time! Getting to know people has been extremely very rewarding for me. The stories are great. Keep them coming!

Sandy sent me a note and she said that there was about 75 people that attended the Christmas party. The food was great and the meeting went smooth.

Newly elected as the Chapter's Treasurer is Rich Correia. Dana Fauche was elected as the Membership Chairman (Dana is also elected as an Associate Director). As we all know, Sandy Gallo had held both positions, at the same time well *forever*. Mentioned by Sandy "it's taking two men to do a one woman's job". Sandy was very organized and thorough in her work. A big GIANT thank you goes out to you Sandy, from all of us in the Yankee Chapter. Sandy will also be an Associate member. Included in this issue is Sandy's last treasurer's report. Thank again Sandy

I have been working on a deadline schedule for the Chatter. With this, I am hoping that information can be distributed more effectively and efficiently. The next deadline for the Chatter is April 30th. Any and all news from Jan-April should be submitted for the June issue. So please gather all your great pictures, stories and club news. Submit it to me at [beewild4ever@aol.com](mailto:beewild4ever@aol.com) for publication. If you are at an event, take a picture and jot down some notes. We would enjoy any and all communication from the outside motorcycle world.

Hoping to see you all soon.  
Ride Safe.  
Bernie

## *Director's Message* *By Dan Margolien*

Happy New Year to all my Yankee friends! I am feeling great about 2011! I have 5 years into my 1926 JD restoration, and I am down to the final assembly. I simply cannot wait to be riding it this spring. My work has taken me overseas quite a bit, but I take my parts book with me and make lists, and more lists of what I need to do next to keep me involved even while away.

You will find our club calendar of event elsewhere in the Chatter- we have a good number of riding weekends planned, along with the usual excellent meets. Last year the camp and rides proved popular with 20+ showing up at each of the three rides. In the fall, Battery Bill, one of the Motorcyclist Post columnists wrote us up as he described the ride out of the Mohawk Park in Charlton, MA. If you have not made it out on one of these weekends, you really oughta try. We have already had two good promotions for our Chapter. At the Springfield Motorcycle Show, the following members brought machines and helped: Wanda Stone, Darryl Cutter, Rich Corriea, Doug Campbell, Dana Faucher, Mark Evans, Jim Seidell, Jamie Seidell, Will Paley, John Grimaldi put together 12 core bikes and 18 for Saturday. Then Mike and Shawn Brown along with Tim Gottier put a 5-bike show on at the Frank Marrata show in Hartford.

Tim even waxed his knuck for the show! Thousands of Yankee meet flyers were handed out and several new members joined because of these promotions.

At the Christmas party, Bernie was voted in as Newsletter Editor, Dana Faucher was elected as Membership Chair, and Rich Corriea as Treasurer, giving Sandy a break after 11 years! Thank you Sandy for all you have done- you have touched us all in many ways.

Dana has included a message and a renewal form in this issue of the Chatter. Check it out.

The Antique Motorcycling community lost several friends recently: Yankee member Fred Deane passed away January 19<sup>th</sup>. On January 23 AMCA Treasurer Ray Dhue passed. Dennis Nixon from the Seaboard Chapter passed away January 29<sup>th</sup>.

As usual- feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Volunteer some of your time for the club.

Ride 'Em, Don't Hide 'Em!

Dan



# The Webmaster Has Good News

By Jim Casey



There is a picture gallery on our website and I would like  
To get some pictures on it.

The requirements are listed below.

Submitted pictures should be at the preferred resolution of 640 x 480. If a member has a higher resolution image they would like to submit, they should try to reduce the resolution before sending it.

Most people take their pictures at the highest resolution their camera is capable of which is good for printing or view on their computer or other devices but it is no good for the website. I can in some cases reduce the image but in most the image loses a lot of quality, plus I don't have a ton of time to spend messaging the images down.

Images submitted must be the property of the person submitting the image. Images must not be something they took from another website or any other source.

Submission is limited to 3 images per person.

Submission should include the name of the person that is submitting the image or the name they want to be identified by. When and if the image or images get posted on the web site, the person submitting the image will be given credit for the image.

Images must be motorcycle related, preferably antique and in good taste nothing the least bit questionable.

There is no guarantee that any images submitted will be used on the web site. Posting of images is at the discretion of the web master and or the B.O.D. of the Yankee Chapter.

Images can be sent to the following email  
[yankeeimages@verizon.net](mailto:yankeeimages@verizon.net)

## YANKEE CHAPTER 2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Springfield (Big-E) Motorcycle Show**  
(we go to promote Rhinebeck & Hebron)  
1/21-23/2011.....Springfield, MA

**Sterling meet**  
5/20-5/22/2011.....Sterling, MA

**Tumbleweeds Antique MC Show**  
6/5/2011.....Lakeville, MA

**Rhinebeck "Grand National Super Meet"**  
6/10-6/12/2011.....Rhinebeck, NY

**Hebron Meet (19th annual)**  
7/29-7/30/2011.....Hebron, CT

**Mohawk Valley Camp & Ride**  
9/16-9/18/2011.....Charlemont, MA

**Christmas Party**  
12/4/2011.....to be determined



### 2011 AMCA National Meets and Road Runs

	February 25-26	Omaha Chapter		
			Fremont, NE	

	February 28-Mar 2	Everglades Chapter		
		<b>Road Run</b>	Palatka, FL	

	March 4-6	Sunshine Chapter		
			Eustis, FL	

	April 29-May 1	Perkiomen Chapter		
			Oley, PA	

	May 13-15	Southern National		
			Denton, NC	

	May 27-28	European Chapter		
			Den Haag The Netherlands	

	June 10-12	Rhinebeck Coalition		
			Rhinebeck, NY	

	June 10-12	Viking Chapter		
			St. Paul, MN	

	June 16-18	Omaha Chapter		
		<b>Road Run</b>	Mullen, NE	

	June 17-18	Fort Sutter Chapter		
			Dixon, CA	

	July 20-22	Bluegrass Chapter		
		<b>Road Run</b>	Lexington, KY	

	Sept 1-4	Chief Blackhawk Chapter		
			Davenport, IA	

	Sept 5-8	Chief Blackhawk Chapter		
		<b>Road Run</b>	Galena, IL	

	Sept 26-28	Yerba Buena Chapter		
		<b>Road Run</b>	Napa Valley, CA	

	Sept 30-Oct 1	Chesapeake Chapter		
			Jefferson, PA	



**The Tumbleweed MC will hold its Annual Vintage Motorcycle Day on Sunday June 5, 2011 at the Star Drive-in, at the junction of Route 79 and Route 140 in Lakeville, MA. The hours are noon to 4 pm. All makes of vintage motorcycles, 1981 and earlier are invited to participate in the display. No cover charge. Food and refreshments are available at the Drive-in.**

For details  
log onto [www.yankeechapter.org/events.html](http://www.yankeechapter.org/events.html)

**Yankee  
Chapter, Inc.  
Treasurer's  
Report  
12/5/09 -  
12/9/10**

Respectfully  
submitted  
Sandra Gallo  
Treasurer

**Have you seen Tumbleweed members at some of the AMCA meets and road runs?**

**Who are the Tumbleweed MC and why are they coming to the AMCA meets?**

In 1939, Lawrence Moneghan (Monty's Harley Davidson Shop) and Gerald Bullock took off on their brand new motorcycles and headed west. At that time roads were rough, mostly dirt, but being free with the wind in their face made the ride worth it. They loved the freedom of the road, and were like two tumbleweeds drifting in the wind. Legend has it that one night while sitting around a campfire, they decided that when they return home, they would form a club so others could enjoy the freedom and the wind of motorcycle rides. So in 1940 they formed the club and called it, what else but, THE TUMBLEWEED MOTORCYCLE CLUB.

That first year memberships started with Monty (Lawrence Moneghan) Jerry (Gerald Bullock), Arthur VanCor, Joseph Tautkas, Hans Josephson and Francis Paradise. There may have been more members whose names have been lost. That was a great year, word got out and more people wanted to ride with THE TUMBLEWEED MOTORCYCLE CLUB. By 1942, there were around 30 members. The Club was becoming more than just a group of riders, it was also a social club.

In 1946, the club became a corporation. The great seal of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts was stamped on the paper work, Dec. 13, 1946 and signed by Frederic W. Cook, Secretary of the Commonwealth. THE TUMBLEWEED MOTORCYCLE CLUB, Inc. was now official.

The Tumbleweed Motorcycle Club was the first in the area to hold motorcycle scramble events. There were turkey runs, poker runs and field meets. They had bowling parties, Halloween parties, and chicken barbecues. The best meets were at Stella's restaurant on 106 and in Monty's back yard. The attraction of the day was to watch Big Al Mackinaw scramble thru a barrel, hop back on his 74 and race to the finish. There was always a ham and bean supper, which became a tradition. There were trophies for most the miles ridden, longest trip taken, and other events. At the end of the season there was always a holiday party. There were trophies for Thru the Years and many members came and went.

Today we are registered with the American Motorcycle Association as a Historical Motorcycle Club. We believe in the old ways of life and friendship, we ride and love old motorcycles. We help down bikers and their families. Most of our members are also AMCA members too. We are here to stay, with members in MA, ME, RI, and VA, and we are growing strong. We all believe in friendship, helping others and riding old motorcycles as a way of life.



1950's Tumbleweed MC Race Team

You can see more on our web site [tumbleweedmc.com](http://tumbleweedmc.com). We are always looking for new members. So if you ride old motorcycles and like the old ways, e-mail us at [tumbleweedmc@comcast.net](mailto:tumbleweedmc@comcast.net)



AMCA Maine Road Run 2009



# *From the desk of Diane Stoyanovich*

Annual Yankee Chapter AMCA Christmas Party and Business Meeting  
December 12, 2010

The annual Yankee Christmas meeting was held at the Oxford, Ma.VFW with 65 plus members gathering from around New England. As usual we had huge variety of foods, you could say from soup to nuts! If there is one thing we Yankees like as much as riding it's cooking and eating. After lunch the meeting was called to order by Charlie Gallo filling in for Dan Margolien our chapter director who unfortunately was unable to attend.

The treasurers' report was given by Sandy Gallo. We had a good year event wise but ended the year in the red. We have not received a financial report from the Rhinebeck '10 National meet; though what ever money made this year will be kept in the Rhinebeck treasury as funding from the national chapter is fading out. She also reported that the Hebron fairground fee has increased for the coming year from \$1000 to \$1350. Also the chapter has purchased a laptop to keep the financial records; this will be passed onto the next treasurer. Money collected throughout the year has been donated to the Kidney Foundation in Memory of George Twine. We also sponsored Bill Campbell in the Cannon Ball Run in Sept. As discussed last year Sandy did have an audit done on the books.

New order of business: Bernie Wilder has volunteered to be the Yankee Chatter editor and has already produced one newsletter. She has yet to be officially nominated and elected to this position. Jim nominated Bernie to be our editor with Andy 2<sup>nd</sup> nomination. The vote was in the affirmative and she is now officially the newsletter editor. She was unable to attend the party today but would like anyone to send items for next winter edition of the Chatter to her.

There have been several other vacancies on the Board of Directors: Sandy has stepped down as Treasurer and Membership Chairperson and Randy Walker has stepped down as Chief Judge.

Rich Correa is willing to take the position and duties of treasurer. Jim nominated Rich as treasurer with Sandy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All voted in favor of Rich becoming treasurer. There was a big round of applause for Sandy for all her dedication and hard work over the past 11 years as treasurer and membership chair.

Dana Faucher volunteered to take the position as membership chair. Sandy nominated Dana with John 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion – all voted in favor of Dana becoming membership chairperson.

At this time the duties of chief judge is up in the air as the national is changing their judging criteria, though some duties would include putting together a roster of judges for national judging, have general knowledge, act as mediator and attend seminars to be certified. We will table this at this time since there is no one with those qualifications or interested at this time. We will take it up at our next board meeting.

Discussion on Associate positions on the board. The associate positions do not have voting rights but do offer years of experience and expertise to help steer the BOD to meet the needs of the club. Sandy Gallo and Dana Faucher have been nominated and voted into these positions.

Charlie gave a brief history of the charitable fund; this was established at a time when we had income coming in and was financially flush. We had decided to give back We had decided to give back to our community and members in need. We did contribute to a number of causes before the bottom fell out and the money was used up. The board wanted the members to be a part of the decision on whether to continue with charitable causes and setting up guidelines on how this should be distributed. After discussion amongst members the consensus was that the Yankee Chapter would not set out any contributions but to leave the door open as the need arises to a member. Jim made the motion that the Yankee Chapter members would trust the BOD to make a decision on dispersement of charitable funds to members and their family as the need arises within the guidelines as discussed. Andy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and all were in favor. Discussion in regards to matching funds for the George Twine Kidney fund with a motion made not to match funds but to keep the money in the treasury to be available when needed. A motion was made; this was 2<sup>nd</sup> and voted on in the affirmative.

Dan is looking for volunteers to help out at the Springfield Motorcycle at the Big E show January 21- 23, 2011 to either display a bike or pass out information on club, activities, membership in regards to AMCA and the Yankee Chapter. If anyone wants to help out at the Yankee booth please contact Dan directly (he is checking messages). Dana was able to go to the show last year and found it to be a great experience which he shared with members.

There was discussion at the BOD meeting held in November in regards to upcoming Yankee chapter events. We had a great year last year with several extra weekend rides. We had discussed moving the Sterling experience to spring--May 20<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> is an available weekend. Shall we move the Sterling meet from autumn to spring? Gene made a motion that if the Salisbury's are willing to host this event in the spring we should plan it for May. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> and all voted in the affirmative.

Yankee Chapter meet in Hebron is scheduled for July 29-30 (Fri, Sat). we have a contract with the fairgrounds, Gene has volunteered to map out a road run for Sat morning, Critter will arrange field games on Sat afternoon, Banquet on Fri. Trophy presentation late Sat afternoon.

In regards to the Joe Barber award the board has discussed this-- Instead of dwelling on the what ifs, though the emotions do run strong on this matter amongst the chapter members we will take a wait and see attitude as to the future of this award.

Steve shared his experiences of attending several of the chapter events this past year, having a great time, lots of fun, excellent rides, wonderful people. He hadn't been able to attend in years and is glad to have had the time to get back involved. In short—Try it you'll like it

Sandy also shared an unfortunate experience from this past summer when a group of Yankees jumped right in to help her out. She wanted to thank some terrific Yankees- the Bergeron brothers and Steve for helping out stating that Yankees are a great bunch of people and always come through when you most need it.

Jim is planning for the Berkshire weekend that is scheduled for Sept 16-18, '11.

Gene reported he and Joyce were able to get out to the Tumbleweeds Antique Motorcycle Day in Lakeville, Mass in June. He said it was lot of fun and certainly worth the ride. This year it is planned for June 5,'11.

Mike and Jesse could not make the party so we do not have any information on another Maine weekend at this time.

Rhinebeck is June 10– 12, 2011 this year.

We are not aware of any National Road Runs in the northeast; there is one scheduled for Kentucky and Florida- check the national calendar.

New Business: Jim Seidell has come up with an idea for a new chapter award. There are many members that are serious riders, had the same bike for many years, you see them at all the events- maybe an award for this member that is always there: aka – the “Yankee Idol Award”. The recipient of this award would then award it to the next individual—who he idolized; who he thought was his favorite rider, who was deserving. A motion was made and 2<sup>nd</sup> to pursue Jim's proposal for a new award with all in favor. Jim, Darryl, Dana, and TC will form a committee to develop the criteria for this award

Patrick has been busy with organizing the archives; scanning in a mountain of information passed on to us from Fred Hirsch including newsletters, flyers and memorabilia. It is a very interesting look into of the Yankee Chapter history.

Jim Casey would like to remind anyone wanting to send pictures for the web site please resize images to 640x 480 resolution and 3 pictures per person.

Tom reported that Battery Bill has sent copies of the Motorcyclist Post to pass out and he asked Tom to encourage our support in the publication. Battery Bill is offering a deal to extend the subscription to members for \$25 for a 2 year subscription. Tom has a card available to get the deal. Sandy suggested that Battery Bill send an email to her and she will get it out to the membership. John proposed that as a club we take out a 2 year subscription to the Motorcyclist Post and have it available at club events. TC 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and passed with majority vote. BOD will decide which member will be recipient of the subscription.

#### **Calendar of events:**

Springfield Motorcycle Show at the Big E—January 21-23, 2011

Sterling – May 20-23, 2011

Tumbleweeds Antique Motorcycle Day – June 5, 2011

Rhinebeck National Meet – June 10-12, 2011

Hebron Chapter Meet – July 29-30, 2011

Berkshire Weekend – September 16-18, 2011

With no further discussion or issues the meeting was adjourned at 2pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Diane Stoyanovich

## 250ccs - Even Better the Second Time Around!

By Michael Curley



1970, USAF Survival School, Deep Creek, Washington. A young airman earning a princely \$236 monthly, no car, relegated to riding the shuttle bus and using the 'Share -a Ride', Nortons, BSAs, Hondas, and a lone Harley whisk out of the Survival School parking lot on crisp Northwest mornings. While I knew little about motorcycles, and had never ridden one, it was clear to me that I wanted to be with them.

Responding to my interest, comrades shared their knowledge and enthusiasm generously. Soon I was the proud owner (via a gift!) of a non-running Royal Enfield 750, located in an unheated storage area at the School. Alas, my 'first' motorcycle never was fully revived during my brief custody. It did serve as a platform to introductory motorcycle mechanics, and was the first installment of an ongoing lesson on the costs of rescuing lifeless motorcycles.

I hung around the local cycle shops over the next few years. The Spokane Harley dealership was populated with hard looking guys, including the shop crew, who tolerated my loitering. Machines on the small showroom floor had brawn; the design, look and sound of the 1971 Sportster XLCH in the 'Sparkling America' paint scheme forever defined my image of 'classic'. Yet the price for a new Sportster was far beyond my reach. Perusing the motorcycle classifieds in the Spokane Review, there was a "HD Sprint" for sale. Intrigued, I made the call and arranged a meeting, despite having little information on the model. One early evening my pal (the same one who had given me the Royal Enfield to work on) drove me to the address outside the city, and the owner, an elderly gentlemen, took us into the garage. There under a bare bulb was the 1966 HD Sprint, Model H, all of 250ccs and a whopping 21 hp. It looked beautiful to me, all black and chrome and with the white accented tank. My friend kick-started it quickly, accelerated it down and around the block, and pronounced it in fine condition. A month's pay plus changed hands, and I was the happy owner.

It was a Harley(!) – even if it was the baby brother and made by Aermacchi in Italy. Soon outfitted with a HD "Compact" windshield (for the cold Oct-Apr days in WA) and white "Compact" fiberglass saddlebags, it was my entry into a new world....and the Harley culture. It was my transportation to and from work on base, the girl in Spokane, and the great Pacific Northwest – all at 45-50 mph (any faster resulted in bothersome vibration). With ready access to a wealth of mechanical help from my buddies, maintenance and upkeep when soon mastered, although kick starting the bike to life in cold weather remained daunting. After re-painting the tank a gloss black, I rode the Sprint through the summer of 1972, when the time came time to leave the service and return to school back East. Sold to a fellow instructor, the Sprint's fate remains unknown.

Fast forward nearly four decades and through a succession of Harleys, Hondas and BMWs, all with increasing sophistication. Nostalgia hits hard. After searching for nearly two years for a completely stock 1966 Sprint H, and experiencing another costly lesson in buying a non-running bike, there it is: a nicely restored Sprint H is advertised which is said to run perfectly. The seller is the second owner, has the original bill of sale, all documentation, etc. I swallow hard and pay the price. The bike arrives on a pallet from Tennessee, and..... it is in fine shape. Not perfect.....the area around the tank petcock was leaking and had to be welded and repainted, there are minor imperfections in the tank decals and cylinder paint, and the front fork springs need to be replaced. That said.....after more than a thousand miles of my riding, the bike runs strong, straight, reliably, and can be started with one or few kicks – a blessing! The installation of a NOS centerstand (the finding of which was another small miracle) made wrenching on the bike even easier.

It occurs to me that the Sprint is, truly, a *motor-cycle*, to be ridden and not driven, with muscle power still bringing the machine to life. Underway the rider can feel each pulse of the engine, and see the wheels turning. Easy to keep running properly with minimal tools and knowledge, the Sprint is light in weight and a snap to move around in the garage. Insurance is moderate, fuel costs economical (50+ mpg, as if that were important), and the Sprint has classic European good looks. And guess what? It is more fun carving corners with the Sprint at 45 mph on country roads than with my BMW R1100 RS at twice the speed. All in all, after nearly 40 yrs..... It is better this time around.



**Mohawk Camp and Ride .....2010**  
**photos by Jim Seidell**



**Early morning campfire**



**Battery Bill's 1951 Chief**  
**1979 FL belongs to Dave Berard...first meet as a Yank.**



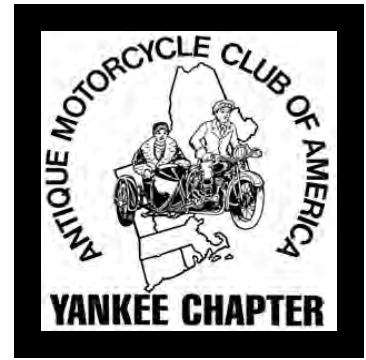
**1937 Indian 4 police Bike**



**Mark Bernards 1948 Chief**



**John Patterson's 1926 Chief w/sidecar**



**Marty Hanson's 1939 Chief  
"Ready for the Ride"**

**Mohawk Meet  
2010**



**Gathering for the afternoon run**



**Group stop @ the Hossic Tunnel**



**Rte 2 overlook above hairpin turn Florida, MA**

## A MESSAGE ABOUT MEMBERSHIP

Hello Yankees and welcome to a new year of antique motorcycling!

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Dana Faucher and I have been elected as the club membership chairman, taking over the reins from Sandy Gallo, who served the post brilliantly for the last 11 years. I'm sure I am not the only one who would like to say "Thank You" to Sandy for all her hard work.

I have some new ideas with regard to our roster numbers and am excited to serve the club in this new capacity. I have already taken steps to contact inactive members and invite their return to the AMCA and the Yankee chapter. As of this writing, I have been successful with approximately 20% of the people I've been able to reach. This is tremendously encouraging to me. Our membership is not the backbone of the club, or the heart of the club. Our membership, simply, IS the club. If our membership wanes, we will cease to exist as an organization.

Some of those that I spoke to gave me reasons for their desire not to return, or reasons they may have left in the first place. I am keeping notes of my conversations and I will bring up these points to the club directorship in an effort to try to make improvements and hopefully prevent other members from departing. If anyone has issues that they would like to air, let me know and I will confidentially include them in my communiqués. This is OUR club and your opinion counts.

This issue of Chatter includes a copy of the membership renewal form for those of you who have not yet renewed and the form is also available online at the chapter website; [www.yankeechapter.org](http://www.yankeechapter.org). This issue's roster gives everyone the benefit of the doubt regarding renewal, so it includes members inactive through '09 and some as far back as '00 if they had indicated interest. The next Chatter will only list active members.

Sorry if this sounds harsh but, my goal is to have as complete a roster as possible to be included in the spring issue of Chatter.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments about membership, I can be reached at 860-481-9139 after 3:30 PM on weekdays, or any reasonable hour on weekends. You can also contact me via email at [yankeemembership@yahoo.com](mailto:yankeemembership@yahoo.com) .

See you this summer,  
Dana

Ride 'em, don't hide 'em

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Coleman	Bob	01
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