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Yankee Beemers Motorcycle Club News

February 2016 — Calendar Issue



Seen on the Scene

Cover : Well Dressed Fun Loving , Prize Winning YB s
and our Well Dressed Fun Loving Prize Giving Sponsors !

Below: All that dancing even had the ever energetic Toby on the floor

Right: Your Welcome Committee





Prez Says Ken Springhetti

February 2016

The winter of 2016 has been pretty darn ok so far. It was a sunny 50 degree January day yesterday as a big group of YBs rode-to-eat at the Vanilla Bean. I think morale is about as high as can be for the season. I may even ride work tomorrow... The warm weather is supposed to keep up throughout the week. The days are getting longer and the season is almost here. **John Van Hook** reported that he has the contract signed for the **Frosty Nutz Campout**, and we'll be riding and camping out in Vermont before you can say frostbite.

I'd like to thank everyone who helped make the 2016 YB Holiday Bash so spectacular. We enjoyed a HUGE turnout. There were motorcycles from **Wagners BMW**, door prizes from **Dunbar Eurosports, Franks BMW, Kermit Chairs, Max BMW, Razez Motorcycle Center, Twisted Throttle, Vanson Leathers, Wagners BMW, and White Horse Press.** Thank you so much for all your support!!



The party was awesome! We had well over a hundred folks attend. Thanks to the Warren Inn for putting on such a great dinner, and for getting us a TV so that we could have the Patriots Game on. The game dominated the first 2/3 of the party, and after the game we were treated to a heck of a door prize raffle with the Victor and Moe Show. So many awesome prizes were handed out. Thanks to Alyssa Grabowski for pulling the 50-50 raffle tickets. There were two \$100 prizes

Rick Muhr provided inspiration with his speech about long distance riding. Good luck in 2016 Rick, you've got some *lofty goals!*

Many YB's were recognized for their service to the club.

Mallory Slate was awarded the prestigious **Steve Gooding Award**.



John & Lorie Van Hook were recognized as **Volunteers Of The Year**.
BTW :YB Tech Day is again in Dighton on May



A swingin' after party jam session rocked the hotel with **Paul Provost** on the piano, **Elise Provost** and **Kate Murphy** singing, and a lot of tasty treats. I played my guitar, there were fresh olives and shrimp cocktail and all sorts of sweet treats provided by **Craig Cleasby**, **Kurt Schmucki**, **Marc MaCrae**, **Tobi Holderbaum**, and many others.. We drank, we sang, we laughed ... *we had a great time. There was a big crowd back at the hotel and the fun went on into the early morning. The hotel even provided a grand piano. Can I just say that Paul is phreakin' amazing.*



*Sunday afternoon we were again treated to Paul and his band at **Dunny's Tavern Blues Jam** in North Brookfield Ma.*



This year the **YB's** and the **GS Giants** are planning to attend the 2nd annual **Northeast Adventure Rally** July 8,9, and 10th at the **Field and Forest Recreation Area** in New Hampshire. Its right on route 137 in Harrisville. **Bob and Liza Siwinski** are doing this for the second time at their campground. They are seasoned ADV Riders and are looking to offer the dirty bike folks a great campout and a dirt centered event for all riders. "**Bobnoxious**" was out ripping up the trails on his Husky with **studded tires**, and he gave us a tour of the facility. It's got class 6 roads, single track, maintained state dirt roads and **plenty of twisty pavement**. There are marked trails like a ski area, and many NEA off road rallies are held there. It's a perfect location for all riders. The **GS Giants** and the **YB's** are going to setup a central area to welcome our club members who are on the trail to the **MOA National Rally** in



Hamburg NY. Im hoping that many YB's and friends will support this rally as its a great new event and truly a dirty bike paradise. We have a lot of great street bike events, but nothing quite like this. Bob tells me there is a "**Big Bike Easy**" and a "**Big Bike Hard**" guided ride where you hero's can show us your stuff, or you can just cruise along scenic maintained state dirt roads. You **single-cylinder types** will have the best and most challenging trails to climb, and there is endless access to the **NH ORV** trails as well. Plated and not plated, this is the rally the **YB's are gonna to get our dirt fix** at! There is a huge camping area, hot showers, a BBQ dinner Saturday Night. Invite your friends and bring whatever you got. This is an all bike event. Bob and Liza both ride and are looking forward to hosting us at their rally.



It is noted that **Bill Cusack, Jim Sanders, Marc Waegemann, Dwight Nevins, John Shields, Gary Nelson, Roy Bertalotto** and **Dana Lewis** have been constant volunteers in the club for a very, very long time. These guys do the real heavy lifting event after event, year after year. Constantly helping us keep the YB Machine well oiled and moving forward. **Jim Sanders** is reaching his term limit in his 4th year as club treasurer. **John Shields** was editor for half a decade and has been director and rally chair for many years now. We would like to thank them for their years of dedicated service, and ask you all to consider stepping up to **volunteer as much as you can**. It is so often the work of the few that benefits so many.

We have a great team of Officers and Directors this season. I'd like to welcome **Karl Renneker** as the new Club Secretary. If you don't know **Rich "Catfish" Roy** has

*been our storekeeper, and has now stepped up to be the **Damn Yankees Rally Chair** as well. Lets try to help him as much as we can by volunteering to take a shift at the store, the kitchen, registration desk, field events, or lead a ride. The club really benefits by having the kitchen and the store open all the time, and one guy simply cannot do it*



If you are planning on attending the MOA National Rally please let **Dave Harmacek** know. Dave is the **YB MOA Rally Coordinator** and will be looking for folks who want to volunteer. If you want to host a ride to eat this year, please post on the **YB Forum**. the forum is a great resource for YB's to organize impromptu rides, campouts, tech days and barley therapy sessions. There are a lot of social media outlets these days, but the club forum is the best way to cut thru the noise and connect with fellow riders. If you have taken a ride, led an event, or just done something cool please consider posting a ride report with routes and good-eats-intel, or send **Dwight Nevins** an article for the Boxer Shorts send to : YBSHORTS@GMAIL.COM

2016 is going to be jam packed with action, adventure and good times. Come join us for **breakfast at the Willowbrook on February 21st**. There is a lot to talk about and we can plot world domination over bacon and eggs.. or just pig out on bacon...



Yo Dick WAKE UP!



The 2016 YB Calendar is now on line, and we have a great schedule of events in 2016. We are looking to collaborate with other **MOA chartered clubs** this year in a big way. I will be at the **Airhead BMW Club Tech Day** in Stowe Mass on April 23rd, and the **YB Tech Day** at John Van Hooks garage in Dighton as my bikes all need some love. If you are an **Airhead** owner, lets get them out and running! I know a lot of you have classic Airheads, and these 2 tech days are a great opportunity to take them out, show them off, and get them tuned up for the season. I ride the heck out of my 1983 R80RT . If you have a newer K or S bike, we can work on that too! Come out and meet the group, get to know your bike better and have a great time.





Secretary's Notations

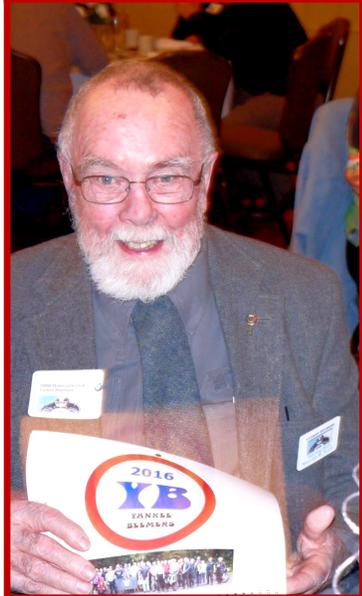
Karl Renneker



We pulled a ton at the holiday party this year! Not 100 MPH, but over 100 Yankee Beemers, guests, and friends gathered at the Warren Center in Ashland on January 16, 2016 to celebrate 2015 and welcome a 2016 filled with events. Even though there wasn't a campfire, the evening was filled with comradery, story-telling, and probably a few lies. And because at heart we are a motorcycle club, suit coats may or may not have smuggled in contraband flasks and cigars.



We did have some business to attend to – presenting awards and recognitions. First the club recognized and thanked the 2015 administration: President Ken Springhetti, Vice President John Van Hook, Secretary Marc Waegemann, Treasurer Jim Sanders, Editor Dwight Nevins, Forum Leader Gary Nelson, and Store Keeper Richard Roy. The club declared John Van Hook as Volunteer of the Year. You could tell by the look on his face that he was completely surprised! That kind of humility and dedication to the club is exactly why John deserves the award.



The Awards finished up with the presentation of the Steve Gooding Award. I don't have the space here to give a full history of the award. Ask Philip Rose about it one day; you'll enjoy the story. But suffice to say, the recipient is chosen by previous winners of the award and is given to an individual who possess the enthusiasm, friendliness, and courage that embody everything that it means to be a Yankee Beemer. This year's deserving winner is none other than Mallory Slate. Well deserved, Mallory!

Rick Muhr wrapped up the presentations with an inspiring talk about turning adversity his life into incredible athletic accomplishments and generous charitable contributions. Rick is an accomplished marathon runner and has used his endurance skills to achieve “marathon” motorcycling feats as well – such as the SCMA USA Four Corners Tour and the IBA 50CC.





The party wouldn't have been complete without door prizes provided by our generous friends and supporters. Nearly everyone went home with a shirt, hat, farkle or gift certificate. Thank you to Dunbar Eurosports, Greater Boston



Motorsports, Franks BMW, Kermit Chairs, Max BMW, Raze's Motorcycles, Vanson Leathers, Wagners BMW (who also brought a BMW and Indian motorcycle to decorate the room), White Horse Press, and Twisted Throttle. We can't thank you all enough for support.



Editors View Dwight Nevins

Blizzard of Twenty Sixteen

Snow has FINALLY fallen in Eastern Mass, The Dreaded Winter Moto-Doldrums are here ! Well you may not want to be out on the icy salty roads , But there is still plenty to do and see motorcycle wise during these dark days of winter, aside from working on your own projects .

#1 Visit a Motorcycle Shop

There's always been that one shop that you mean to visit, but just never found yourself there? Well make it happen ! A Non BMW buddy of mine wants some BMW GS gloves, He called BMWUSA to see who had them in stock– They didn't know??? Then he asks me, So I'm suggesting to him that we go out to Shrewsbury (for my own benefit) since Wagners has them in and I've never had the chance to see their other offerings... Returning from a ski trip we found ourselves passing by National Powersports Distributors in NH , So we stopped in there to view their 700 bike inventory , Think of a bike you'd like to own, They probably have seven to choose from . Search your bucket list for a shop you've never been to .





#2 Visit a Motorcycle Show—Maybe BUY A BIKE !

We didn't have the Hound Butt New York trip this year , But Ken and Marv will be happy to fill that gap . Take in one of the many shows from now thru April , I'm sure the dealers who drag their bikes out to these shoes would LOVE to make a WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY SALE , and not push that same bike back home , Show Specials MEANS DEALS DEALS DEALS !



#3 Bike Night—Cellar Dwellers UNITE !

Bike nights don't end when the weather turns cold and dark. They just move inside. Arrange with a buddy a mutually agreeable night to work on your bikes every week until the projects are ready to roll outside in the spring. You know you can always use an extra set of hands, and maybe like me someone to remind you of just how bad some of your ideas are. I have an old ATV project that I've been chizzeling away at with my son on Monday Nights. ... "No Dad, Working Brakes are more important than painting the frame", Sometimes he's right.



What's in YOUR GARAGE
Ken Strubel Sr ?

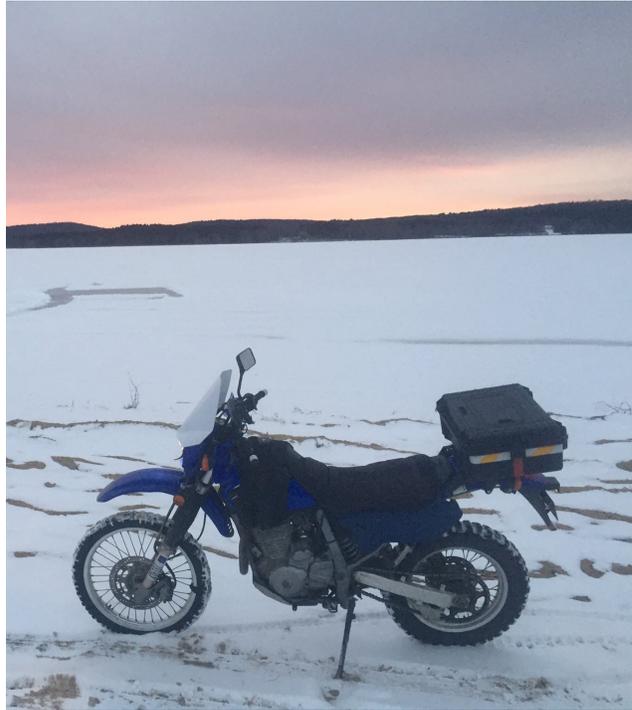


#4 Screw Winter Just ride!

Paul Provost? Are you sure that is your FINAL ANSWER ?

Some of us just won't take NO for an answer , and outfit their bikes for year round operations .

Hippo Hands , Heated Clothing , Spikes and maybe a side-car, Hey Could be worse, we could live in Canada , right ?



Of course there are SOME drawbacks ... But they are certainly outweighed by the plusses !



#5 ICE RACING — For the TRULY COMMITTED !

Ice Racers are committed , or at least they should be !

Complaining about the price of your K16 Tires ?

A pair of Fredette Canadian tires will cost over 500\$

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#6 — Motorcycle movies For the sedentary rider .

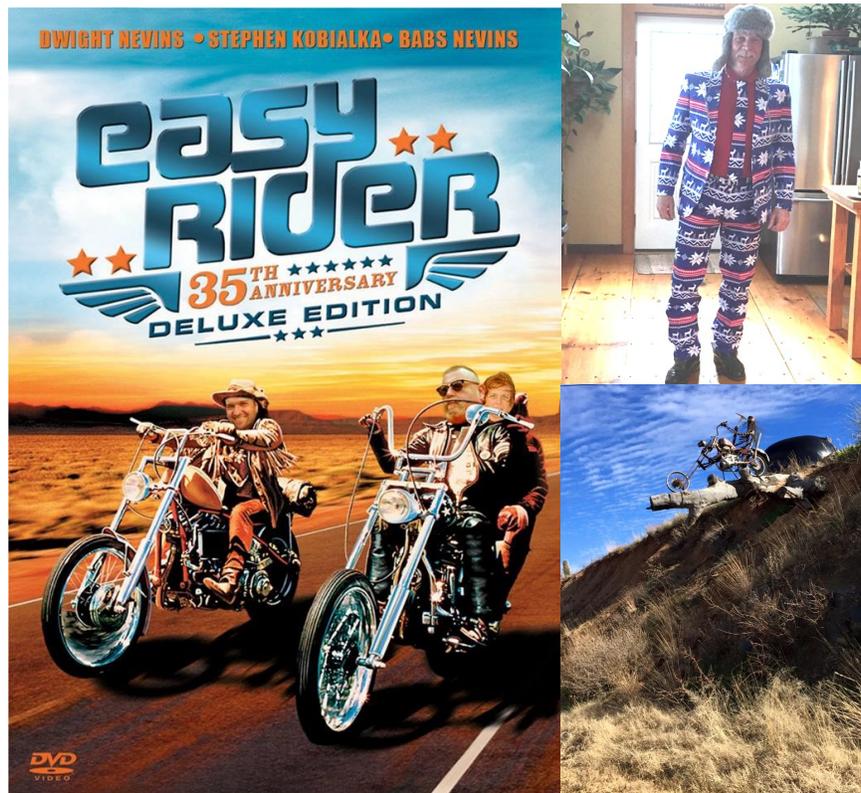
There are SOME (No Names here) that just want to stay inside,nice and warm and drink hot chocolate with mint all winter long . Well, we have you covered too Karl .oops .

Plenty of free content on You Tube and Vimeo :

Follow Ewean and Charlie as they go around and around and up and down : http://www.dailymotion.com/video/x10clzf_lond-way-round-episode-1_travel

The More OUTLAW TYPES among us may favor the Classics: Eazy Rider, The Wild Angels, White Horse Press has a bottomless supply of this Genre.

PayPerView features more favorites like On AnySunday : <http://www.hulu.com/watch/79438>



Quasi Official list of 2016 Dates :

February 21 Breakfast at Willowbrook
March 20 Breakfast at Willowbrook
April 17 Breakfast at Willowbrook
April 23 or 24th Goulds Ride
April 29-31 Frosty Nutz Wilgus VT

May 7 Tech Day John Van Hooks house Dighton
May 15 Breakfast at Willowbrook
May 15 Tech Day Rain Date after breakfast

June 4 Twisted Throttle Open House
June 10-12 Pemi River Rally
June 26 Roving Breakfast at Vanson

July 14-17 MOA Natioanal Rally
July 17 Roving Breakfast [TBD)

August 28 Roving Breakfast Quaker Tavern
August 4-7 Damn Yankees
August 18-21 Lime Rockz Rally
August 18-21 BMW 100 Years / RA Rally Laguna Seca

September MOV Green Mountain Rally
September 23 Jamaica Campout
September OSBMWR Rally
September 11 Larz Andersen

October Misery Campout
October 16 Breakfast at Willowbrook (nominations)
October 30 Goulds Ride

November 6 Carls Vanilla Bean
November 20 Breakfast
December 18 Breakfast



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