

BOXER SHORTS

**Yankee Beemers Motorcycle Club
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Membership renewals OVER DUE NOW !**

YB Ashland Winter Party Coverage !



On the COVER :
2017 Winter Gathering GROUP SHOT—I hope you are in it

President Ken Springhetti and **DIRECTOR Todd Truex**,
Planning some more Interesting challenges for 2017



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Prez Says @ Ken Springhetti

Greetings YB Nation!

I hope all of you were out riding these past few 65 degree days. As winter fades and spring begins, I wish all of you the smell of fresh gas, exhaust fumes, and rides to eat with your pals. It was a great day to play hooky from work on Thursday, and then Friday was even better. Carl, Catfish, John Shields, Paul Provost, Nelson and a few others rde over at the Vanilla Bean in Pomfret CT for an impromptu YB luncheon. It was nice to see Todd's GS parked in the motorcycle spot at the 'office'.



On Saturday some of our members picked up new bikes and were rewarded with an even warmer day than many in late April. Life is good!



We had a great turnout At MAX BMW's first annual motorcycle expo. It was nice to see the Vermont and Granite State BMW riders there as well. Doug Mo cooked me a perfect cheeseburger, and I enjoyed the tech sessions. Thanks to the crew that manned the booth, **Bill Cusack, Duncan Cooper, John Gamel, and Karl Renneker** were there bright and early to set up, and despite the foot of snow that fell, it was well attended event. There are some great pictures on the YB Forum.



Yesterday I replaced the rear caliper on my ZRX, bled the brakes, changed the oil on my RT, and went for a great lunch ride to Old School Bar and Grill in Windham NH with Steve and Laurie Thomas. This is a nice little bike friendly eatery. We took a nice twisty loop around Sandown, Hampstead, Atkinson and Plais-tow. The ponds are still frozen, and we marvelled at the steam coming up off the snowbanks.. I hope this respite lasts, because now I'm ready for spring!

GOLD CARD MEETING IS MAR 19

The next breakfast is **March 19th**, and this is our **Gold Card breakfast**. If you are a member in good standing you can purchase a "Season Ticket" to all the YB Events for \$65 at the breakfast. You must be there to get one. This helps get us rolling for the 2017 season.



Although Paul Provost rides every day , and has already demonstrated his camping prowess, we will be having our first campout of 2017, **The Frosty Nutz Campout, on April 28**. I will bring pasta and sauce to share with everyone Friday night at 5pm, please bring wine, cheese, bread, a pot luck dish or a dessert to share with your fellow nuts!



Just a couple of weeks ago we gathered in Ashland Mass for our annual Winter Bash. It was a cold and crisp evening full of hope for a short winter. I would say our prayers have been answered.



I really get a kick out of the fact that one of our biggest, best attended events is in the dead of winter. What a great time. 120ish folks turned on the defroster and drove down to Ashland to hang out, talk motorbikes, and stuff their pie hole. There were awards, door prizes, fancy new motorcycles, lots of posing for pictures, and a good time was had by all.

Special thanks to **Minna Case** who delighted the crowd with tales of a cross country adventure (49 hours and 49 minutes!!!) **Frank Florio**, MOA Ambassador came out from New York and gave a great overview of what the MOA is and does for us, and I really look forward to hitting up the Utah MOA Rally. The Warren Inn and Conference center is a charming and idyllic venue, I think we have found and kept a winner.





“IT WASN’T US !!!” Don’t know who else it could have been ...but NOT us .

Bill Cusack worked tirelessly to make this happen. He called vendors, he followed up on meal planning, he arranged for a **Ducati 1200R** This party is the culmination of a couple of months of planning and fitting the pieces together and Bill really goes the extra mile to get things right.



Us YB's are a really diverse group of riders, wrenchers, campers, musicians, foodies, home brewers, off rodents, fast guys and freaks (you know who you are) >>>

This event is a rare opportunity for all of those folks to get together and relax. I really enjoyed it.



Paul and Elise Provost win the "Best Dressed" Award. Thanks to both of them for entertaining the after party with music and , I apologize for pretty much passing out as soon as the event was over. I was at the gym early that morning, and by 11 or so I went back to get my guitar out of the room, sat down for a second, and it was all over..



Thanks to **Max BMW, Wagners BMW/KTM , BMW of Cambridge, Franks BMW of Essex Vt, Kermit Chairs, White Horse Press, Twisted Throttle, Vanson Leathers, Dunbar Eurosports, Doug Danger, The Willowbrook Restaurant, and every member who brought prizes.**

Thanks to **Alyssa Grabowski** for again acting as our faithful and fair prize ticket picker.

Secretary's Notes

Karl Renneker

I think I speak for all riders in saying that “Spring in February” was a raging success! I vote we do it again next year. Call your representatives and tell them to vote YES on early spring. It’s almost unbelievable that February has been marked by all sorts of club gatherings: mid-week lunches at the Vanilla Bean, Thursday beers at Medusa Brewing, rides along the coast, off-road rides in the woods, and even 20+ bikes at the February monthly breakfast gathering! I’m sure there are some skiers and snow mobile riders in the club who may be a little disappointed by this winter. But for the sake of this article, we are a Motorcycle Club and it has been a fine winter for riding a motorcycle in New England.

The annual post-holiday, winter bash is always the highlight of the “off season” and this year was no exception. The Warren Conference Center in Ashland once again graciously hosted the club for our party. It’s proven to be an excellent location and I’m sure we will continue to have our bash there for many years. This year we had well over 100 members, guests, spouses, and friends celebrating 2016 and looking forward to 2017. The exact headcount was lost to the effects of whiskey – we are, after all, a “motorcycle club” right?

We always appreciate our sponsors and please keep them in mind throughout the year: BMWMOA, Dunbar BMW, Frank’s Motorcycles, Great Boston Motorsports, Kermit Chair, MAX BMW, Razez Motorcycle Center, Twisted Throttle, Vanson

Leathers, White Horse Gear, Wagner Motorsports, & Willowbrook Restaurant.



PLUS The Hospitality Suite was stocked and unlocked !
GO PATS !

Official business – as your dutiful secretary I have updated our filings with the illustrious Commonwealth of Massachusetts so that we can continue to enjoy or freedom of assembly. I've also updated our charter memberships with the BMWMOA, BMWRA, and AMA. Don't forget to renew your tax stamps (registrations and inspections) and let's have a great 2017 !



Editors View Dwight Nevins

WHAT NOW ?

“ It’s HELL to get old” my mother, A. Mildred Nevins used to tell me , Well, I think I’m beginning to understand what she meant . Seems like I have been to as many medical visits since October (when I turned 60) , As I had been to in the previous 10 years ... So : WHAT NOW?

MY APOLOGIES , Dear Readers for the gaps in the Boxer Shorts issues recently. But I think I’m ready to get back on the road , which will refuel my creative juices . If worse comes to worse, I’ll have to ride a bike with no clutch. Meanwhile in the garage :

Much like the USS Constitution in Charlestown , my R100 project has been turned around in it’s berth , Exhaust, Seating, and luggage done.

Front brakes are disassembled and waiting new steel lines for completion this week. NOT so sure I’ll get an EYEPOPPING paint job like I was hoping for , But maybe try the removable paint, or a chrome wrap ?

Hopefully she’ll be ready for Frosty Nutz rally the last weekend in April. I have not had 100% success getting there for various reasons... But I have a feeling I’ll be lucky this year, as Tim Hille Airmarshall for Massachusetts is hosting the AIRHEADS TECH DAY the previous weekend 4/22 . Check for Tim’s contact info on the airheads website.



Sorry, No Kbikes Gbikes Fbombs or Oilheads on the lift ;-(>



The Nevins family had a wonderful night in Ashland, last month.
Hobb Knobbing with YB Aristocracy
Telling lies and finally hiking the beautiful trails around Ashland SP Where we met a 150 lb Pig/Dog (NOT LYING)

Thanks to all the YB's who attended for the laughs and good times



MIDDLE-AGED CHOPPER

AND THIS ONE HAS
EXTRA LUMBAR SUPPORT,
A BIFOCAL WINDSHIELD,
AND A BUILT-IN PILL
DISPENSER.



**Thanks Fred Kolak for listening
to my Health Complaints !**

SAD news from Redstone NH

Many of you may have received this email also , Looks like our friends at WHITEHORSE PRESS are taking retirement, We'll miss visiting here when in the Mount Washington Valley . Good luck to all :

It's Been a Great Ride!

Since Judy and I founded Whitehorse in 1989, we have had the privilege of serving hundreds of thousands of motorcyclists, helping them find the best information and equipment to make their riding more comfortable and fun. We've had a wonderful experience, filled with friendship and adventure stretching from those early days before cell phones and the Internet. And while the essentials of two-wheeled travel have really changed very little over the years, enthusiasm for things like dual-sport riding, metric cruisers, and even heated gear has woven its way into the motorcycling mainstream -- and we've greatly enjoyed being a part of it all.



It is with mixed feelings then that we have reached a decision to close our Warehouse Store in Conway later this spring and retire from day-to-day business to spend more time enjoying the sort of life that drew us all together in the first place.

So what does this mean for you? For the next couple of months we'll be offering some outstanding values on our remaining inventory, just in time for you to get well geared up for the riding season ahead. As always, we intend to give you the same great customer service of which we have long been proud. And while the best deals will be found early among our discontinued merchandise, we are willing to special order any items we can for you. Unredeemed gift certificates will, of course, be honored in whatever manner best suits your needs. Give us a call.

Keep an eye out for upcoming marketing emails giving you first crack at the savings. If you happen to be in the area, stop by and give us a chance to help you find what you're looking for, and let us thank you personally for the many years we've shared the road.

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**LESS IS MORE ?
More or less I guess**

Y B EVENTS Calendar 2017 Dates :

March 19, 2017	<u>Gold Card Breakfast at The Willowbrook Restaurant</u> Coffee at 8, breakfast at 8:30 AM 16 Hastings St, Mendon, MA It can get nice and warm in March.. spring is coming. Gold cards available to members only at the breakfast. Frosty Nutz, Pemi River, Damn Yankees, Fall Jamaica Campout.
April TBD, 2017	<u>Goulds Sugar House Ride</u> Savant's ride to <u>Goulds Sugar House</u> We meet up at the Shell Gas station at Rt. 2 (exit 16) in Orange, MA. at the Rt. 2/202 junction. Arrive by 9:30am. Leaving at 10:00am sharp for a guided back road barn storm of scenic farm roads, shaded canopies of trees and twisted roads. Arriving at Gould's Sugar House, Rt. 2 in Shelburne Falls by approx. 11:00am for the BEST Waffles, Pancakes, Corn Fritters, Hot Coffee and pickles. Weather is always unpredictable. We've ridden in sun, rain, sleet and even snow so dress accordingly. BE There!
April 23, 2017	<u>Breakfast at The Willowbrook Restaurant</u> Coffee at 8, breakfast at 8:30 AM 16 Hastings St, Mendon, MA April showers bring May Flowers. We will have a brief Board meeting
April, 28 - 30, 2017	<u>The Frosty Nuts Campout</u> Camp with the YB's at Wilgus State Park in Ascutney Vermont! Bring a sweater. <u>Event details</u>
May 13, 2017	<u>YB Tech Day - Location to be announced</u> 9AM until whenever people go home. This event may occur at more than one location in 2017. We are trying to have a north and south regional event. Stay tuned.. Hot Dogs, soda's and snacks will be provided. We will help you learn to do your own maintenance. Bring oil, farkles, spark plugs, whatever We can help everyone do the basic fluid changes, install GPS mounts, adjust things, touch up boo boo's replace parts and help you learn to do more on your own. Its also a great social event. There is a garage, lift, and some tools. We have lots of BMW special tools too.
May 21, 2017	<u>Breakfast at The Willowbrook Restaurant</u> 8am coffee, 8:30 AM breakfast 16 Hastings St, Mendon, MA
June 9-11 , 2017	<u>The Pemi River Rally, Thornton NH</u> Join us for 2 nights at the Pemi River Campground in Thornton, located in New Hampshire's beautiful White Mountains. Our Toy Box will be there, a blazing campfire, a pig roast on Saturday night, and of course some of the finest BMW riders in the land. Friday night burgers and dogs and all-day coffee are included in the rally fee. Gold cards must also pre-register for an accurate food count. Participation in the Saturday night feast is by pre-registration only. Note: Pemi Rover Cabins can be rented thru the campground and are not part of the YB Rally This is a great way to make the most of Laconia Bike week far from the noise and traffic of Wiers Beach.

Find dates online at :

<http://www.yankeebeemers.org/events.html>

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Upcoming Events 2017 Dates :

MAR 19 GOLD CARD Breakfast meeting @ Willowbrook

APR 23 Board Meeting Breakfast meeting @ Willowbrook

APR 28,29,20 FROSTY NUTZ RALLY,Ascutney, VT

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