

# BOXER SHORTS

**Yankee Beemers Motorcycle Club News**

**July 2015 Summer Sizzler**



July 23- 26

**BMW MOA National Rally Billings Mt.**

## **Cover : David Gamari's touring rig looks road ready for 2015**

"Hats off to Vanson Leathers for being such gracious hosts for the Yankee Beemers monthly breakfast meeting. Thank you Kim and Mike, and the caterers for an excellent breakfast, and for taking such good care of us. If you ever come off your bike, you'd want to be wearing their motorcycle apparel and leathers. I'm picky about the real estate on my hardcases, and Vanson truly earns a spot. I do need to add more travel destinations there however." D.G.

## **Next and below >> BMW and other brands as seen at Tumbleweeds MC show , Myrics Ma 8/21/2015**



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# Tumbleweeds 2015



# Prez Says

By Ken Springhetti

Greetings YB Nation! It has been a heck of a month for riding. I've already worn off a set of tires. I would like to thank everyone who came out to all of the YB Events we've had since I last wrote my monthly column. The **2015 Pemi River Rally and Pig Roast** was a blast. We had about 80 folks, and a lot of new faces. The weather was beautiful and nobody's bike got buried in tree pollen. I want to thank **Dowco Power Sports** for their generous donation of a motorcycle cover to our event. They also donated a tank bag which we will be raffling at the **Damn Yankees Rally**, which I will write more about in a minute.

My inspiration to volunteer as YB Prez comes from my love of the YB Campouts. I want to thank everyone who has in the past, and in the present, worked so hard to make the Pemi Weekend so great. I could list all the names, but you know who you are. I enjoy this particular event more than nearly any other trip I take, and I am thrilled to have been this years Rally Chair again with **Bob Blethen** and **Roy Bertalotto**. Please come again next year and bring your friends. We had a great mountain ride, a pig roast, and one of the best impromptu jam sessions I've been to. Where else but YB Land can you hear a *campfire melodica solo? Thanks to all the musicians who passed the guitar around, played the spoons, and sang along. It was awesome.*

**Vanson Leathers** hosted our first Roving Breakfast last weekend. While the weather was a little wet, 30 YB's rode in and had a blast. Vanson wowed the crowd with their race gear, Portuguese fare, and custom made YB T Shirts. If you have not had the chance to visit the **Vanson Leather Factory in Fall River**, you should go. Its a great ride destination on the south coast, you can hit Newport , Cape Cod, or any of the Buzzards Bay oceanside restaurants, coastal rides or just bum around Fall River. I've said this before, I have a lot of gear, but if I were to fall off my bike I would hope to be wearing my Vanson Leather Jacket. The thing weighs a ton, and it takes a beating. If you want the best possible protection in a crash, go to Fall River and get fitted.

I rode to the **Tumbleweed Vintage Bike Show** at the Star Drive In with a bunch of other YB's and we had a great time. Lots of old Triumphs, BSAs, a gang of scooters, a group of mean lookin, scowlin, tattoood Sons of Anarchy types, with equally as menacing patches on their backs, and a whole lot of hipster-fried CB500 Fours, CB 350s, KZs, SVs, FJRs , KTM's, Ducatis, Bultacos, Fish Tacos, Trail 90s, bicycles with motors bungeed on and other whacked out home made contraptions.

While we are definitely the world's coolest "Beemer Gang" I encourage all of you to invite your friends, relatives, co workers, and anyone else you think is "like us" to come out and play. As Dwight Nevins so eloquently put it "I like the YB Lifestyle". Riding fast, sleeping out under the stars, fixing our own bikes, riding track days, promoting ATGATT, motorcycle safety and camaraderie on the road. This is who I think we are, and I hope you'll all help keep it fresh by bringing in new people. We'll scare them away mostly, but it will be fun...

So in the spirit of keeping it fresh, coming up is the **20th Annual Damn Yankees Rally**. **Dana Lewis**, our very own "Savant of the Pavement" is retiring from his long held post as pied piper of the YB's, and we are going to send him off in a blaze of glory. For your entertainment we will have 3 nights of camping at the Heath Fair-grounds, hot food, pancake breakfast, live music, impromptu tent-side jam sessions, church lady pies, sunny weather, twisty roads and a **Magical Mystery Tour**. This "MMT" is an all new event that we are putting together in the style of a traditional Road Rally. We will be handing out location sheets at the **July 19th Roving Breakfast at the Fairview Inn in Brant Rock** so that you can plan your route ahead of time, and the night of the rally we will hand out a second set of locations and scavenger hunt goals. On Saturday from the time we put the coffee on, until 3pm, you will jump on your bikes, your cars, your bicycles or into your running shoes and go take pictures of your bike (or yourself) at the locations, and find the goals!. Each location has a point value and the point winner will take home the big prize. Each participant will be asked to bring certain items back, which will be raffled in a drawing that all players can enter. Locations will include scenic overlooks, shopping, breweries and vineyards, cultural and technological marvels. All the details will be posted July 19th at the breakfast , and then on the **YB Forum** at <http://www.YankeeBeemers.org>.

If you are not camping at the rally and still want to do the MMT, you can still play and have the chicken dinner with us after for \$20, watch the band, and hang out by the fire as long as you like.

**If it rains, you can optionally wimp out and run the rally in cars, so come on out!**





It is a **YB Double Header** and the following weekend is the **Lime Rockz Rally** hosted by **Jack Phelps and John Shields**. Camp in the infield, watch the race cars go fast, watch auto cross, ride twisty western **Connecticut**, and take a lap around the track. Hot showers, camping, good cheer and all that a speed-freak could want are right there. Get your permission slip signed or bring em with you, cuz we're going riding!

I would like to thank everyone who has come out to the events and volunteered, mention our new members **Bill, Thru, Rodney, Sam, Rick Bruce** and any others who have come to our events. I would like to congratulate YB **Rick Muhr** on his long distance ride achievements this month. He rode far, and fast, and is an inspiration to us who love the sport. Honorable mention to **Colin Samuel** who rode fast, took chances and went out in a blaze of glory at the **2015 Louden Classic**. Support your local fast guy, check him out at the next LRRS Race Series at New Hampshire Motor Speedway

This past month I have enjoyed the **YB Track Day at Thompson Speedway**, the Pemi River Rally, Breakfast at Vanson, a vintage motorcycle show, ridden the twisties, planned two upcoming rallies and worked on bikes with many of you. This is a great club and I am looking forward to the upcoming **Lime Rockz Rally, The Breakfast at the Fairview Inn, The Damn Yankees Rally** and the weekly **YB rides to eat at Lowell Bike Night**.

Thanks to **Gary Nelson** for keeping our interwebz werkin and the calendar updated!

See you July 19th at the Fairview, **Marc Waegemann** is leading a ride from Exit 14 off Route 3 South. Meet at 7:00 Home Depot Parking Lot, 1149 Hingham Street, Rockland, MA. Gas up at the nearby Sunoco. We leave at 7:15 sharp!

No Bag Pipes, No Loud Pipes, Just Bob Pipes....

Ride to Eat, Eat to Ride, YB Normal?



## **Editors View** By Dwight Nevins

Hot fun in the Summer Time—OOOOH YEAH

**I'll be there in the Countryside ! Where EVERYTHING is COO-OOL !**

Slyvester Stone was right , even though I sweat more easily than most , and I may never choose to move to Florida on a permanent basis, I enjoy the hot weather—IF there is relief available. We had just the perfect venue for some HOT FUN the first weekend of Summer 2015 in Campton NH . Pemi River campground (as the name implies ) is on the banks of the beautiful Pemigawaset River. There's a railroad bridge passing over the river at the very back of the campground , about 18-20 foot drop to the deep hole on the far side , Just about perfect for an exciting plunge into the cool clear water !

We had a WONDERFUL ride on Saturday morning, where we followed our newest member Rick Owen from Littleton NH , up through his favorite local roads. Out of the campground we rode #3 north to Woodstock, hooked a left onto 112 into Bath NH and then Rt302 to Wells River Vermont for breakfast at the P&H Truck stop for a HEARTY truckers breakfast. Biscuits n gravy hit the spot, and the price was right !

Rick led at a spirited pace on his brand new R12 Roadster up to the featured piece of pavement , Peacham Road from 302 up to Rt2 .

Our five bikes were clipping along , maybe SLIGHTLY above the posted speed on 302. I was in the rear on my Wing , son Robert in front of me on a DL650 , the McDonnoughs FLH was in the middle with Don

Kent's R12RT and Rick's roadster in the lead . OH OH ! **BLUE LIGHTS** , and one quick blip of the siren had me and Robert move over to the shoulder as one of Vermont's Super -Troopers blasted past and into the oncoming lane on a decreasing radius lefthanded sweeper.



She's overtaking the McD's when she finally sees the oncoming Subaru, and nearly forced the McD's into the shoulder. SO CLOSE that she clipped the Subaru's mirror with hers. I ran through the smashed glass left in the road. Kevin had pulled over to contemplate a change of shorts after the trooper's surprise pass. At that point , the SP banged a U-Turn and sped back past us in the opposite direction after the Subie ( For what reason this all happened , we will NEVER KNOW ) . Pfew .... We caught up with Rick and Don waiting at the turnoff onto Peacham Rd . They had no idea of the drama that had just unfolded in front of us. I guess you NEVER know when your # is gonna be called , Do ya ?

Peacham Road was a good way to calm down after that, bucolic farms and beautiful old homes lined the road , a dozen or so miles north we stopped at a beautiful lookout on Rt2 with a panoramic view southeast to Littleton and Franconia notch.



Rick and Nancy Owen are the proprietors of the Maple Leaf Motel in Littleton, and we stopped in to see the property, a very tidy little 13 unit right on the main road , a PERFECT place to base from on a trip to the Northern Whites , Look for a mini Rally later this fall . Before they head south !

[www.mapleleafmotel.com](http://www.mapleleafmotel.com)

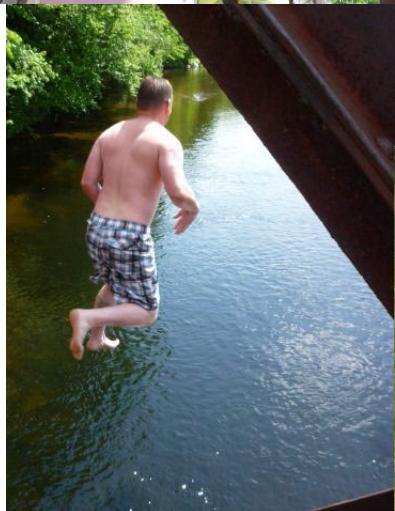


## **Editors View (cont.)**

After returning to the Pemi Rally sight, the Heat was ON !

So Take me to the River, and wash-ah me down!

We had tons of fun soaking in the cool waters, some of us jumping the bridge and watching Tobi the Wonderdog performing his aquatic show for us. That puppy is really something else ! We also had a Border Collie back in the 70's, but 'Oreo' barely understood the concept of "LAY". Nurture not Nature I guess , huh ?





The HEAT was on back at camp too, as a bad "misfire " had befallen the YB Grill. Aren't FLAMES supposed to be in the Firebox - Not the BASE ?

Thankfully no FLAMING-Os were burned in the incident .



EXTREMELY HIGH TEMPERATURES effected Daisy the Pig far more than any of the rest of us :

RIP Daisy :  
You were a True and Tasty Meal .

## **Editors View (cont.)**

Saturday evening was a BLAST ?

After dinner we had a 50/50 raffle for the Door Prizes and Awards  
Kevin Grovoni was in the GREEN, lucky Winner of Beaucoups Bucks !



The Long Distance award was hotly contested between two OHIO plates, until Mike and Jillian's GS from NEW SOUTH WALES Australia arrived , grabbing the Glory and the rewards . Glad they made our Pemi Rally a stop on their USA tour !





Melodica player extrodinaire Paul Provost, found time to explore the gravel roads of Grafton and Carroll Counties on his new DR650 before wowing the crowd at the Saturday Nite Hootenany.

Thanks to all that came , and  
Condolences to those who missed Pemi 2015 !



# **Secretary's Report** By Marc Waegemann

## Roving Breakfast Meeting Vansons Leathers

The first of three 2015 roving breakfasts was held at Vanson Leathers. Catering was provided by Viva Comida, a Portuguese restaurant with a fusion edge, known for chorizo, potato pancakes, bacon, green hollandaise sauce; a breakfast burrito with eggs, vinegar pepper, cheese, salsa fresca and a choice of steak or burrito; and The "Manny Silva" with french toast and Mozambique sauce on chorizo potato pancakes. This morning was going to be something different.



### **Ken welcomes new member Bill C(2) from Middleboro !**

Once the number of meetings in the room was reduced to one, Ken thanked all attendees and promoted the upcoming 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Damn Yankees Rally being held August 7, 8, and 9. Please see details of our hallmark event on our poster and calendar found a few pages from here. Ken thanked the attendees for their support. The flood warning-inducing rain caused many of the membership to not attend, we still had a half dozen riders and several times that show up in their cages. Our Vice-President who lives 13 miles away, was noticeably absent. Ken confirmed that he was safe and that he was merely feeling under the weather. Ken did a fine recap of the successful Pemi River Campout which surprisingly was drier than past years.



## **SECRETARY SEZ (cont.)**

The reward for our breakfast attendees was a delicious meal, amusing banter and for two members the winning Vanson's \$350 in gift certificates. Members were offered deep discounts and several walked away with new riding gear. One new member Bill C ( BillC2) will need to be separated out from our already beloved BillC (Cusack). The fact that as time rolls on, things become more difficult, may be evidenced by this particular consternation, perhaps a Shibboleth of our particular organization?

(ed: **shib bo leth** *noun A custom, principle, or belief distinguishing a particular class or group of people, especially a long-standing one regarded as outmoded or no longer important.*)

In addition to the hospitality, Vanson was extremely generous in presenting all attendees with a one-off Vanson Leathers T-Shirt commemorating the Father's Day Yankee Beemer breakfast on the summer solstice, June 21. All who attended were appreciative of this thoughtful parting gift. Thank you again Vanson Leathers for your continued support!



## **July Roving Breakfast – Fairview Inn—Marshfield July 19**



Originally built in 1874, The Fairview Inn ushered in the era of summer respites by the sea. With a large deck overlooking the ocean this is a fantastic place for watching the sun come up over the water, while enjoying your first meal of the day. What sealed the deal for us was that the family that owns this fine establishment is named Disch. What could go wrong? See you at 133 Ocean Street, Marshfield, MA, 8:30 for coffee and 9:00 for breakfast. [www.thefairviewinn.com](http://www.thefairviewinn.com)

We have three \$100 Max BMW gift cards we will be raffling off. I am leading a ride to the Roving Breakfast #2 from Exit 14 off Route 3 South. Meet me at 7:00 Home Depot Parking Lot, 1149 Hingham Street, Rockland, MA. Gas up at the nearby Sunoco.

**We leave at 7:15 sharp!   Coffee at 8:30   Breakfast at 09:00.**

For those riding on their own, when you arrive at Brant Rock, please keep the ocean on your left, pass the 70 foot WWII Submarine tower, and look for the Fairview!

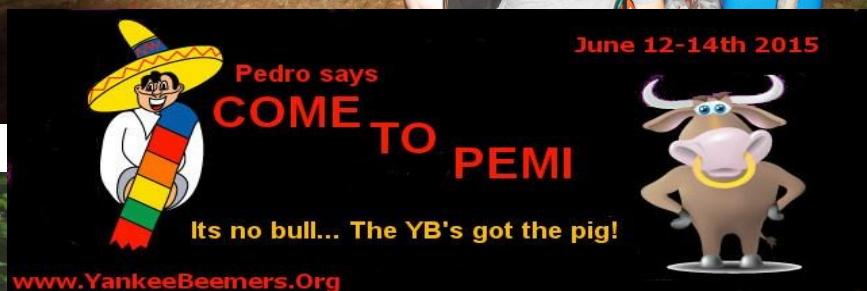
After breakfast , all are invited to follow a ride led by Dwight, Riding the best roads in Plymouth County back to the Nevins Ranch in Holbrook for a Weenie-Roast and Marshmallows on the Bonfire !





## YANKEE BEEEMERS







**2015 MEMBERSHIP renewals due**

**Or pay via PayPal at :**

**<http://www.yankeebeemers.org/membership.html>**

**Sundays 8:30 AM    16 Hastings St   Mendon, Ma.**

**Oct 18, 2015**

**Nov 15, 2015**

**Dec 20, 2015**

**June - July - Aug—Sept will be Roving Breakfasts**



*Dwight caught Slash  
Five Fever at Vanson's  
on Fathers Day , This  
Curry colored /5 Toaster  
was Mikes roommates  
bike back in 1974 when  
Vansons was founded !*

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<b>August 23, 2015</b>	<b>Roving Breakfast      Quaker Tavern</b>

<b>September 13</b>	<b>European Motorcycle Day Larz Anderson</b>
<b>Sept (TBD )</b>	<b>Foodies In The Foothills</b>
<b>Sept (TBD )</b>	<b>The Whacky Hat Rally</b>

<b>October 1-4, 2015</b>	<b>BMWRA Harrison Arkansas</b>
<b>October 31, 2015</b>	<b>Gould's Sugar House by Dana Lewis</b>

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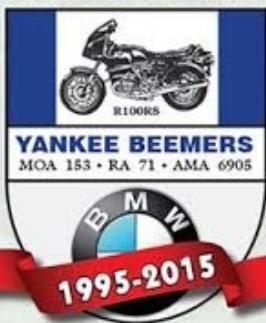
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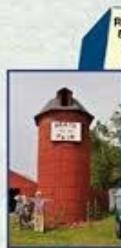
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# 20th Anniversary!

# DAMN YANKEES RALLY

AUGUST 7, 8 & 9 2015



RTE 5  
RTE 8A  
HEATH FAIRGROUNDS  
RTE 2



Rally Pins  
1st 200 People

## HEATH FAIRGROUNDS

Rte 2 West in Charlemont, MA to Rte 8a N  
8 miles north to Branch Hill Road on your right.  
2 miles up on your left.  
GPS coordinates: 42.681330 - 72.816137



**PRE-REGISTER by JULY 14, 2015 \$45 p.p.**

**GATE FEE: \$55p.p. Children under 13yrs. \$15**

- Thursday, Friday & Saturday night camping
- Saturday BBQ Chicken Dinner
- Saturday Magical Mystery Tour
- Saturday guided rides, Paved or Dirt
- Saturday Night Live Entertainment
- Saturday Night Awards Ceremony
- Church Ladies Home Made Pie

**GATES OPEN  
THURSDAY, 2:00PM  
AUGUST 6TH**

All Brand Riders and Guests Welcome!

Thursday Campers add \$5 per person.

Please, No Loud Pipes

Leashed Pets Allowed



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