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## Iron Butt Association

### RoyJackson's Iron Butt Memorial 1000

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Back a few years while looking at the Iron Butt Web site I came across info on this ride. I had just done the MM 1K two years earlier and was feeling like it was time to do another Saddle Sore 1000. I contacted Howard Entman to get the info on doing this ride. The following is a brief note of the ride and its history.

Each year the lives of many fellow motorcycle riders and loved ones are cut short. In their memory, a group of the World's Toughest Riders will participate in a Saddle Sore 1000 on

one of three weekends, September 22-23, September 29-30, or October 6-7. We hope to have rider's participation in all 50 states, in all of the Canadian provinces, and in several countries around the world. These dates were selected because the weather across the world is generally good—not too hot and not too cold. The IBA (Iron Butt Association) will issue a special certificate for this event. To specially honor our fallen brethren, we're asking each of you to find one of your motorcycle friends who is not an IBA member to ride the Saddle Sore with you. This will give you the opportunity to mentor the 'newbie' in the skill of route planning, navigation, hydration, and ATGATT before and during the ride. The person for whom you're riding does not have to be a former IBA member, or even a former motorcycle rider. It can be anybody that is special to you; somebody that has had an impact on your life. What better way to honor our departed friends than to bring new members into the sport we all love. This will be a fun event! IBA will issue special certificates for the mentor and mentee, and a special patch for the event. A video of the event will be produced. A special website will list all the participants and for whom they're riding. This is my take on the above info.

I could only do one of the three weekends offered, September 29-30. And of course of the three this was the only rainy one, Lucky Me. When they said at least one person from each state, it also meant you ride the 1000 miles within that state. Being from Rhode Island I am thinking this ride just got a lot more interesting, as RI is approximately 48 long and 37 miles wide? I will have to plan this ride out very carefully. The day arrived, route in hand off I went. That lasted for a short time to do traffic, and weather. This led to me having a lot of splanning to do to the Iron Butt Association as my receipts were hard to make since of. I could make several trips up and down RI before needing gas, I did not eat so much, and a few coffee breaks were about the only stops I made. To get a receipt at every turn around seemed like too much overkill to me at the time. More on this later. I but the word out for someone to ride with me, and I called several people whom I

thought might be interested in this ride, as well as a letter in the OSBMWR newsletter. No takers, with most laughing at me and said I was crazy to ride 1000 miles in 24< hours, and all in RI. I wound up riding alone. Now for the hard part. Who do I dedicate this ride to? After much sole searching I chose a friend and mentor of mine. Retired BUC (SEAL) Dennis England, who passed away in 2011, was whom I decided to dedicate this ride to. When I was a young up and coming Navy Diver it was Dennis who took me under his wing, showing me not only about life in the Navy, but to being a man in life as well. I once read somewhere that most people, if lucky will meet 5 people like this in your life

Dennis was in my top 5. Now back to documentation for this ride. As anyone who has ever done an Iron Butt of any kind and distance knows that they are very, Very strict on the way the paper work that documents the ride is turned in. Months after the ride and many e-mails back and forth with me finally dealing with the one and only Mike Kneebone himself was I able to get this ride approved. All of the mistakes were made by me alone and though I was lax on receipts, I did keep a decent log of the ride. After answering many questions from the Iron Butt committee I was finally approved and received my award in April of 2013, seven months after the ride. That is one mistake I will never make again on future Iron Butt sanctioned rides.

Which brings me to 2016? There will be an Iron Butt Memorial ride this year. Too early for dates, and I'm not sure of the format for this year as it does change yearly, but I do know it will be sometime this fall. I have already decided who I am riding for. If you are looking to become an Iron Butt member this year and want to do this particular ride let me know. If you can't do this one, The MM1K held in June is also a good ride to become an Iron Butt member. That's it for now. I will post more info when it becomes available. Keep the rubber side down, and as

Dennis would often say to me, the only easy day was yesterday.

Roy Jackson



Roy : Roy? **ROY !**

**Wake Up!**

**It's OVER @**

# Prez Says Ken Springhetti

## March 2016

**Greetings YB Nation!** I hope you all rode to work today... or to wherever it is you go on weekdays! It's been a great month for riding and I'm happy to have ridden into the office nearly every day for the past few weeks. The old airhead is a fantastic 3 season bike, and I recently had **Duncan** give it a tune up. I'd like to take a moment to remind you to check your tire pressures, oil levels, and coolant levels. It's a good idea to give the bike a walk around before each ride, but after a long winter's nap, sometimes things need love....

It has been a busy month. We had more than 60 bikes at the Ride To Eat at the Willowbrook 2 weekends ago, and over 70 at the **Goulds Ride** on Sunday. **Dana "The Savant of the Pavement" Lewis** led the largest group ever from the Donut Dump to Gould's Sugar House. Helen Gould says hello to everyone who could not be there, and she appreciates us YBs coming year after year. I would like to thank everyone who brought out their Airheads. There was even an R27 in the crowd. While I do love the high-tech wizardry of the modern machines, it is the classics that really inspire me.



Speaking of classics... **Tim Hille** of the **Airhead Beemer Club** ran a tech day at his home in Stow last Saturday. More than 25 bikes showed up and were treated to personal attention by Duncan, of **Duncans Beemers in Maynard Mass**, Chip, and a few other legendary wizards.. Valves adjusted, splines lubed, brakes bled, rotors installed and all that other moto madness done, we



rode to Kimballs for an ice cream as big as my fist. It was a gorgeous day and I got a sunburn. Tim provided sausages with sauerkraut, and great homemade rice dish. I hope that those of you hiding the oldies will bring em out. They need love!!

One of the benefits of the **Ride Too Early breakfast Rides To Eat** is that you see your friends, stuff your face, win some cash and can be home by 10am if you so desire. I rode back from the breakfast with Steve Thomas and then Kate and I rode out to see **Paul Provost** and **Greg Wolodkin** play live music at **Dunny's Tavern in East Brookfield**. It was a hot sunny day and we stopped afterwards for BBQ at the Smokestack Urban BBQ in Worcester. A nice place with outside seating, it is on a row of lively bars and restaurants with live entertainment and a good street vibe. There were bikes of all flavors and colors zipping up and down the street all day.

As I pack up for the **Frosty Nutz Campout** I'm looking forward to our own **Tech Day** at **John Van Hooks** House next weekend **May 7th**. Last year we had a great time hanging out and talking bikes, changing oil, and meeting new people. If you have an interest in doing your own oil changes, or other maintenance tasks, come say hello at Johns. The address will be posted on the YB forum. You can reach him at [jvanhook@comcast.net](mailto:jvanhook@comcast.net)



That very same day, and only a few miles away **Vanson Leathers** is having their open house. I hear there will be an appearance by Doug Danger. Vanson Leathers is the best you can wear, and they have a very cool factory store in their mill on Broadway in Fall River. Their open house is always chock full of deals, food, entertainment and people ride in from all over the place. Tell em we sent ya!

When Kate, **Karen Salemi**, and I left the Goulds parking lot we took a nice ride down 112 to Bear Swamp Orchard. Owned and operated by YB Steve Gougeon it is a great stop to get some hard cider brewed right there. The ride through the orchards is really beautiful. We went back up 112 through Colrain and then over Hogback on route 100. Taking all back roads the whole way from Groton Mass to Goulds, and then from Goulds home via New Hampshire and Vermont. A stop at **Kimball Farm** on 124 for Ice Cream, and then Karen led us on her favorite twisty back roads.

**Bob Sliwinski** joined us at the breakfast to talk about his **Field And Forest Campground**. They are having their second annual Northeast Adventure Rally on July 8-10th. This is a great site with shaded camping, off-road trails, twisty roads and proximity to great eats. The YBs will be set up there and guiding rides. There will be a Saturday night BBQ. Please check it out, I think this place has the potential to be a great new rally site. Its owned and operated by riders. **Ken Struble, Steve Thomas, Rich Roy** and I rode up there to walk around the site on a 31 degree morning. The weather warmed up and we made a 200 mile back road loop. We enjoyed lunch at **Lab-N-Lager** in Jaffrey NH. Ken rode out from Port Jervis NY, and Rich rode up from Portsmouth RI. Its great to have such dedicated rally rats! Please register so Bob has a headcount for the food!

I would like to thank **John Shields, John Van Hook, Roy Bertalotto, Bob Blethen, Jesse Holderbaum, Steve Thomas, and Todd Truex** and for their hard work on the YB trailer committee. After a long and winding journey, we have arrived at a solution. We plan to get a smaller trailer that can be easily hauled with a Toyota Tacoma or other smaller vehicle. There is a strong interest in doing unsupported rallies, but I think in the end having a trailer to store our gear in and bring to events is worth the challenges it also brings. Thank you to everyone who chimed in with opinion, endured board meetings, and endless emails.



This is truly a creative and enthusiastic group.

Ride safe  
-Ken

Thank you to everyone who came to the April Breakfast with donations of 50/50 prizes. We appreciate it. We gave away two eighty dollar prizes and a bunch of great items. Thank you for the eyeglass cleaning kits, the books, and the firestarter. Thanks to **Alyssa Grabowski** for again drawing the tickets. Thanks to **Rich Roy** for running the **YB Store** and designing us some great new hats. If you are interested in attending the MOA Rally, please contact **Dave Harmacek**.

Please check out the **YB Forum** at [www.YankeeBeemers.org](http://www.YankeeBeemers.org). While we have many social media outlets like Facebook and Instagram, the **YB Web Site** and YB Forum are the official source of information, and you'll get up to the minute updates. Say hello, and take note of dates, times and locations that may have changed. I know that we all love to Facebook from our phones, but the forum is almost just as easy once you have registered, and your posts don't get lost in the noise.

**Happy Birthday to Alyssa Grabowski, Phil Martin and Ian Schmeisser!**

Off to Frosty Nutz I go.. See you there!!



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# Secretary's Notations

Karl Renneker



After a brief return to winter, including some unusual April snow, the April breakfast meeting was blessed with gorgeous spring sunshine! Over 60 bikes filled up the Willowbrook parking lot as we gathered to plan rallies, route rides and enjoy the camaraderie of like-minded riders.

**That makes me think about the phrase that is in our mission:  
*to promote camaraderie among our members...  
all bikes and like-minded riders are welcome.***

I clearly remember the first meeting I attended. Honestly, I was nervous.

I had just bought my first motorcycle – a venerable K75 (**K bikes suck!**) I first looked for an online community of BMW owners and I found there was a real life club right here in my own back yard. So I rode out to Southbridge for a meeting on a drizzly June morning. Was I welcome at a meeting for a club I hadn't joined?

Would I fit in with a crusty old K bike?

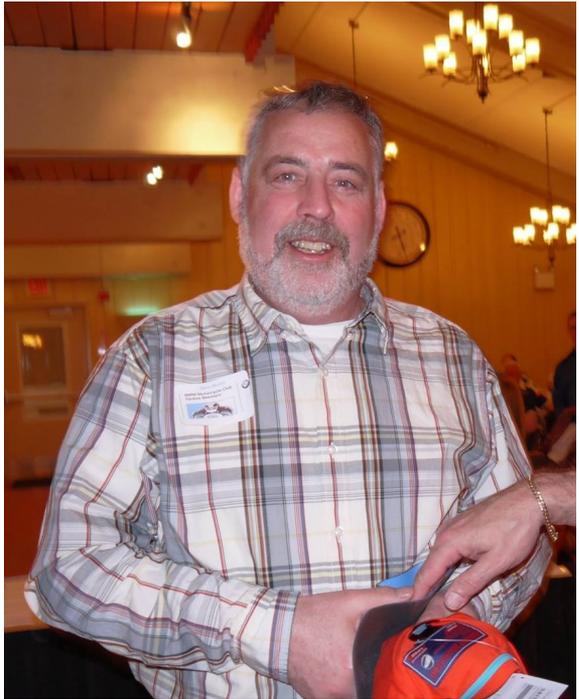


I stood in line to pay for breakfast and the rider in front of me, William Harris, noticed my LSU baseball cap. Turns out we both grew up in the same town in South Louisiana and even went to the same high school. Although we graduated about 20 years apart, we were instant friends. William introduced me to the President at the time, Roy Bertalotto, who in turn announced me to the whole club. I was given a rousing response of “K bikes sucks!” when I introduced myself and my bike. Luckily Roy clued me in that it’s a friendly jab. I even got a YB sticker that morning that I put on my top case before I even left the parking lot.



We’ve had new members at every meeting so far this year. I’m sure they felt as welcome as I did at my first meeting. If you run across any “like minded” riders while attending an open house, demo day, or motorcycle night, encourage them to check out the YBs!

Hello fellow Beemers! I will be heading out soon on another mission trip, this time to Costa Rica. We will be constructing a building to be used as a Church/school/refuge during storms. Last year we were in Haiti with the same goal in mind. We were able to take a barge of construction materials with us to help meet our goal. The building we worked on was partially constructed but the end walls were not done and they were using any scrap of tarp, canvas, fabric they



could string together to help protect them from sun, monsoon rains etc. The poverty was so great it made you want to cry. To get to the nearest fresh drinking water was a mere five and a half mile walk every day. People lived in tiny huts built with what ever materials they could gather. The people were wonderful and would do anything they could to help. I worked with this one young-man named Jackson. He was up walking in the rafters helping us barefoot the whole time, he had never owned a pair of shoes in his life. Needless to say when I left for home I gave him my work boots and all my socks. People were so grateful for our help. It is awesome to have this opportunity to give back and I am looking forward to doing this with my son Joshua as well. We will also be bringing school supplies to and orphanage we will visit. If anyone would like to donate to help further our cause it would be greatly appreciated! Thanks Steve Martin

WHOEVER left their bike at Van Hooks at last year's Dighton Tech Day ...bring your trailer and drag it home on May 7 this year please ?  
JvH has NEW projects and needs SPACE !





We crossed into Petersham,with Harvard Forest on one side,woods on the other,as we cross over the Swift River it source is on the right,Connor Pond(grey ghost),and we start the climb to the center,about a half mile after ,we turn south on 32A.

This section is mostly downhill,with the Eastern shore of the"Bin"on your right.It is mostly wooded with gates and service roads,crossing over another branch of the Swift(gold rib hares ear),near this area is part of one of the abandoned towns,Dana,only a short hike in from the gate,this area has historical importance,when the land was flooded to create the metro Boston water supply. We dip down and back up past Raccoon Hill W.M.A getting a short glimpse of some water,passing Eagle Hill School and into Hardwick Common #5,a great village with colonial history and a very famous native ,TimothyRuggles,his bio is worth looking up.

Staying the course we start another downhill run,through forest and farm,going from very rural to more populated,with some very nice antique houses,and into Gilbertville, Leaving the center of town,we start to see old factories and factory houses,situated along the river,and perhaps the best kept secret in central Ma,Rose32bread,fantastic breads,pastries,lunch.

Into New Braintree and quickly into Ware,an old factory town that time has not been kind to ,we just made the connection to Rte 9 W. Into the Pioneer Valley,past brick and stone factories.Passing through town,we start a long uphill pull(love the balls this 4 cylinder has),we are now at the south end of the reservoir,we are seeing signs for Windsor Dam,soon we go over the Swift River outlet(black gnat),past the state hatchery,visitor center,and park entrances.

The Visitor Center is worth taking in if you have the time,it explains the origin and construction of the reservoir.Still on 9W. It's getting a little denser,past rte 21 we continue to the jct. of 202,if you go south .6 mi.toBelchertown ctr.there is a great little motorcycle friendly pub,McCarthys,look for the green shamrock painted on the parking lot ,but alas no time today.

Turned north on 202,into Pelham,passing numerous small farms,fishing access gates and it is starting to get a little more woody,pass rte.116,the back way into Amherst,a quick stop at the Pelham Overlook and we get a brief glimpse of the Water still heading north through Shutesbury,past orchards and a small winery,into New Salem,and on to the jct. of 122e.where we can turn right go across the top and back to Petersham,instead we stay on 202 and hit rte 2 at the 202 Grille and the Shell sta.

We opt to slab it back on 2 jump off onto 190 s.then a short chunk of 140 and home.

You will really enjoy this ride,it's rich in Colonial history,tons of things to see,and some pissah freshly paved roads.

Remember the wild mouse!







# Editors View Dwight Nevins

Plan Z

Dang Missed the FROSTY NUTZ 2 years in a row now ,I'm slippin'



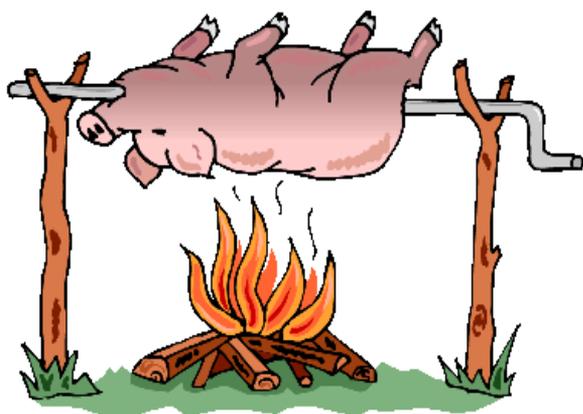
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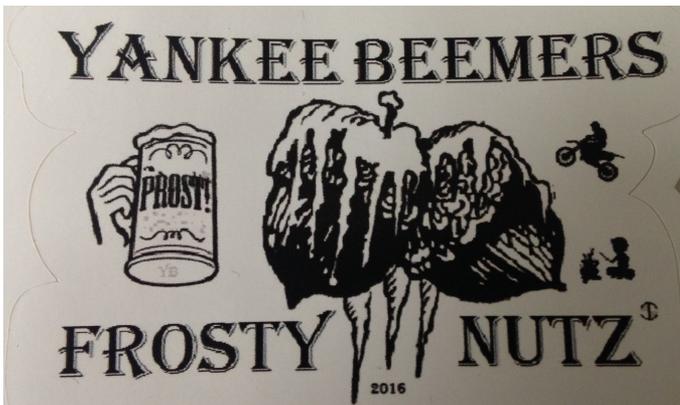


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## Quasi Official list of 2016 Dates :

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—RI500
June 10-12	Pemi River Rally
June ??	Roving Breakfast at Vanson
July 14-17	MOA National Rally Hamburg NY
July 17	Roving Breakfast [TBD]
August ??	oving 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 16	Breakfast at Willowbrook (nominations)
October 30	Goulds Ride
Nov 4-5	Misery Campout
Nov 6	Carls Vanilla Bean
Nov 20	Breakfast
Dec 18	Breakfast



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# BRIMMERS

May 7th - YB Tech Day in Dighton Ma

May 7&8 - Vanson Leather Open House  
Fall River Ma.

May 15 - Breakfast at the Willowbrook  
8am Mendon Ma

June 4th Twisted Throttle Open House  
Exeter Rhode Island

June 10-12 Pemi River Rally at  
Laconia Bike Week

July 8-10 Northeast Adventure Rally

# COMING EVENTS



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