



Yankee Beemers News June July '18



Pemi River Rally * YB Tech Day * Vanson Open House
Coming up : **YB Damn Yankee** * MOA National * RA National
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23rd annual
Damn Yankees Rally
and
MotoGymkhana
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Mike and Kim Vandersleeson invited us in to enjoy the SAVINGS at their Vanson Leathers Spring Open House. Stay tuned for details on the "Beemer Brunch" and a Southcoast Tour coming up this fall!



2018 Yankee Beemers Calendar

As Found on the official YB page

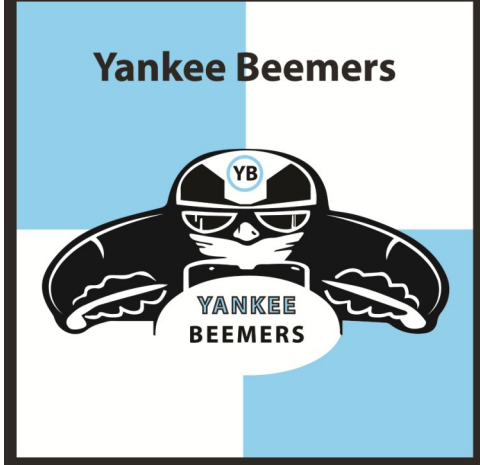
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- July 12-15, 2018 **BMW MOA National Rally in Des Moines, Iowa**
We are looking for a 2018 MOA Rally Coordinator. If you want to volunteer let us know!
- July 19-22, 2018
Join us July 19, 20 & 21st, 2018 at the Tioga County Fairgrounds in Wellsboro, Pennsylvania for 3 days of camping, vendor shopping, seminars and door prizes. Cool nights, great riding, plenty of other lodging in the area and many great roads to explore.
<http://bmwra.org/national-rally>
We are looking for a 2018 RA Rally Coordinator. If you want to volunteer let us know!
- July 15, 2018
Breakfast at the **Dream Diner** in Tyngsboro Massachusetts
Phil Foster has arranged a Ride To Eat Breakfast at the Dream Diner in Tyngsboro Ma on July 15th at 8am.
<http://www.dreamdiner.com/>
- August 3-5, 2018
The 23rd Damn Yankees Rally
Join us for our annual flagship event, where all proceeds are donated to local charities. Located in beautiful Heath Ma, the Damn Yankees Rally is rustic camping at one of New England's oldest operating fairgrounds, The Heath Fairground. Rustic, outdoor showers. Saturday evening chicken BBQ by the Heath Volunteer Fire Department is included. Legendary Church Ladies home made Pies and baked goods. (Free Coffee if you bring your own mug) Saturday night "burn it all" bonfire is always a good time. Saturday activities often include a guided rides, a visit to a legendary ISDT Spanish Motorcycle museum, A Magical Mystery Tour, Moto GymKhana and more!
All Bikes Welcome!
Hot Showers (now with real privacy doors!)
Rally Fee: Pre-Reg \$65 (by July 21) \$75 at the gate. Children under 13 yrs, \$15. Add \$5 for Thursday night Aug 3 camping.
- August 19, 2018
Roving Breakfast at **The Jetty**, in Marshfield
Dwight Nevins is coordinating this event on the South Shore and will lead a ride afterwards.
- September 9, 2018
European Motorcycle Day at Larz Anderson
15 Newton St Brookline, MA 02445
- September 14-16, 2018
Gathering Of The Clams hosted by the Ocean State BMW Riders
Our good friends in Rhode Island are hosting their annual Clambake and Campout!
[Click here for more information](#)
- September 14-16, 2018
Back To Jamaica Campout!
We are going Back to Jamaica!
Join us at **Jamaica State Park** in Jamaica, Vermont. The Fall Campout at Jamaica is the last official YB campout of the season. This is the finest time of year to ride Vermont! This campout has moved around over the years, and we like to keep it fresh. This year we go back to Jamaica for some twisty roads, fall foliage, real maple syrup, and all that is the essence of riding Vermont in the fall. Join us for a great weekend of riding, camping, and camaraderie. All bikes welcome, bring your friends. Saturday morning "Breakfast in Canada" is also a favorite, so bring your passports! Please check the YB Forum for updates

Fee is \$35 by PayPal on www.yankeebeemers.org or mail check to:
Yankee Beemers, P.O. Box 2151 Fitchburg, MA 01420, re: Whackey Hat.
Rally chairs:
Bill Cusack (bcusack@comast.net)
Ken Springhetti (kz1000@hotmail.com)

If you haven't
joined yet for
2018

Please
RENEW NOW



MOA #153 BMWRA # 71

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

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Prez Sez

Greetings YB Nation!

What a glorious summer it has been so far. We had an epic weekend at the Pemi River Rally!

The YB Pemi River Rally has been my favorite event at Bike Week since as long as I can remember.. at least 20 years now.. I am always impressed with the enthusiasm and the creativity displayed by the Yankee Beemers volunteers. I have always believed we put on the best event at Bike Week. Thank you Duncan for stepping up, taking ownership and enthusiastically playing center field. It's a big job with a lot of moving parts. Many hands make light work and when the YB's have an energetic leader with a todo list it's easy for folks wanting to volunteer to just say "put me to work boss". It really warmed my heart to show up Friday morning with the tents already set up, the Toy box unloaded, punk-rock on the stereo and everyone enjoying a sunny day. Duncan, Dan, Eric, and Steve and all the usual suspects did a great job representing the club while carrying on a long tradition.



We spent Saturday talking about motorcycles and enjoyed meeting new people. It was like family. Some clear liquid in an unmarked Mason jar was passed around the campfire that evening. At the closing ceremony, the major award went to Chris "Redbeard" Sutton who received the wet rat (a taxidermy muskrat).



Later on, we heard an owl hooting and a reveler doing his best imitation of a tropical bird. Sunday's ride home was made longer by a GPS which seemed to find every red light in Pennsylvania and even detoured us off the highway to take the slow business route through town. We resorted to a simple AAA map and some basic orienteering to find our way home. "Redbeard" passed us north of Allentown; after about five hours on the road. In spite of this and some added watery adversity, it was a most excellent adventure.



Tales from the Road = The Tent Float

B-Radd Barrus



John Van Hook and myself departed Dighton, MA for the Marie Antoinette Overlook in Wyalusing, PA to attend Dead Horse MC Spring Bash. 360 miles later, we arrived at our destination and saw not one other motorcycle! The overlook affords a beautiful view of the French Asylum. We briefly took in the view of the French Asylum then made a command decision to ride south to the Maryland border (another 160 miles) to attend the PA Airhead's Tent Float.

It always rains at the tent float and this year was no exception. As legend has it, the event got its name when someone pitched their tent on the hillside and didn't stake it down. The rains came and water run-off carried away the tent. It was nearly dark when we arrived tired and wet. The PA Airheads were very hospitable and gave us bread, hot soup and offered their camaraderie (beer). John pitched his tipi tent over a stony area on the hillside and laid down a sheet of Tyvek and his bedding over the stony ground. This spot was actually a water runoff area which resulted in a watery evening. In the morning, the Airheads presented John with the trolling motor award and lots of good-natured joking and laughter.



Coming up the first weekend in August we have the 23rd annual Damn Yankees Rally in Heath Massachusetts. We'll have a great weekend of riding, camping, BBQ, pancake breakfast and Church Lady Pie. Roy Bertalotto and his band of merry men will once again delight you with their grilling prowess. The Heath Fire Department cooks up a terrific BBQ on Saturday evening. We'll be running the MotoGymkhana Saturday all day. Join us on the field and show off your skills! All bikes are welcome and it's more fun than you can shake a dipstick at. Referees Todd Truex and Patrick Mullen will be on the course to help you and keep you honest.



July 15th we are having a ride to eat breakfast at the Dream Diner in Tyngsboro Mass at 8am. We will be having our August breakfast at the Jetty in Marshfield. Keep your eyes on the YB forum for up to the minute event info, ride to eat, and the latest new from the road.
<https://www.dreamdiner.com/>



We'll be at the RA Rally in Wellsboro PA, the MOA Rally, the Gathering of the Clams in Rhode Island and the Green Mountain Rally in Vermont. The Rhode Island Club meeting at Richards Pub is July 9th, I'm hoping to make the ride down from New Hampshire if anyone else is planning on heading down from these northern parts.

Lately I have been enjoying rides along the New Hampshire Coast. It's great to cool off along the rocks in Rye, ride the twisty New England shore up thru New Castle and on to Portsmouth. There are always a ton of bikes parked downtown and there is a great little outdoor coffee shop there. I've seen a lot of YB stickers on every kind of bike you can imagine up there. Today the street was lined on both sides with bikes new and old, lots of riders chatting and sharing routes.

I'm glad to see so many great pics on social media from YB's riding all over the place. Karl Renneker did a mad dash to Georgia for some new suspension. Riley, Patrick Mullen, and myself enjoyed 5 days riding around the hills of North Carolina and West Virginia. The Cass rally was cancelled this year but that didn't stop us. Duncan Cooper and Dan Walton are down there now for the Moto Guzzi Rally. Minna is off in Canada, Ken Struble rode to Texas for BBQ, Former Prez Bob, Lisa, Magilla and Steve are out west tearing up the Rockies.



Sunday was pack out day. I'll point out to all of the TRAILER QUEEN HATERS, that it's MUCH easier to just chuck all your stuff back in a trailer than breaking down a tent camp , Just Sayin'



Sunday was Vintage Racing at the track , We rendezvoused with our HD Buddies at their Cottage on the back side of Lake Winnisquam. Like last year, we jumped onto the back of the Gypsy Tour from the Weirs to NHMS , When we made it down to the speedway, we were happy to pay the 10\$ for entrance to the races , The Motorsports Museum and 3 laps around the race track. The favorite matches were the old Hand Shifters .

Our old Hometown Favorite Racer Dale Quarterley was the Grand Marshall, we shared our memories of watching him SMOKE the field in the BOTT series on his Bimota DB1— Good luck DALE 2018 !



August 18 RTE The Jetty 278 Ocean St Marshfield, Ma

Happy first Anniversary to YB's Vaclav and Andrea Mottl who are keeping YB Eastern Europe riding. Vaclav rides an R1200RT and Andrea rides an XG750. It's been awesome watching the newlyweds tear up the Alps.

Once again Team YB is just killing it. Thanks to Gary Nelson for keeping the Forum up and running, Dana Lewis and Dwight Nevins for the great work on the Boxer Shorts. Catfish for keeping the store stocked with the latest YB Fashions. All the folks at the rally who volunteered. Riley Bush, Mariah Bush, Greg Wolodkin, Brian Fiske, James Sanders our tireless Treasurer, Karl Renneker, Bill Cusack, Lee Shepherd, Lou Busch, John Gilmore, and the whole tent crew at the Pemi River Campground. It was great to have John and Lorie take the Sunday morning coffee shift so I didn't get up at 4:30 am, you guys are awesome. Todd Truex and the YB Toybox Trucking Team, The gang from Vermont who never ever stop, Dan Walton and Muriel Farrington and everyone who comes to the rallies. We have such a vibrant core group!!

Let's make this years Damn Yankees Rally the best ever!

See you there August 3-5 at the Heath Fairgrounds. 7

Ken

Duncan experiences - YB Tech Day



Tech Day began early on May 13, 2018. John Van Hook, JVH, greeted me, Duncan Cooper with a cup of hot chocolate. Arriving at 9:00, suggested start time, I found JVH working on his new acquisition, BMW "Gold Wing" with a side car. He was doing a front end upgrade, and we thought BMW's were complicated. John is slowly removing all the "Farkels" that came with the bike to make it look like a K1600, converted.



Brad arrived with his white BMW "Gold Wing". There are some serious upgrades coming, stay tuned at future rallies. John is thinking of taking the trailer body replacing the side car shell, with the trailer body. Ken Strubel arrived on HIS BMW "Gold Wing" and is serving as consulting engineer.

As usual the BBQ pigroast and accoutrements was delightful (delightful for everyone except the PIG of course that is)



Riders headed North South East and West Some so far north that they may have bumped into that drunk Biker from '83 We stayed local and took advantage of the BEAUTIFUL weather and took a dip in the Pemigawaysett. Anna's daddy took his annual leap from the Railroad Bridge. I made friends with the Campground owner . No charges were filed !



Editors View

LACOOOONIA !

The first time we went to the Laconia Motorcycle rally was in 1983. That was what we heard—a drunk French Canada Biker in a sidecar SCREAMING over and over and over beside the boulevard at the Naswa resort :

“LAAAACCOOOOONNNNNNEEEEEYYYYYAAAAAAHHAHAHA”



This year's YB Pemi River rally was a little tamer than I remember But we still managed to have a FABULOUS time, I tried out my new transport solution (Thanks again Lee Shepherd), Sleeping

with my son side by side in the trailer was a little cramped , But it worked :



We still heard screaming from some maniacs in Sidecars, But this year it was a 15 month baby screaming with delight at a ride in a chair, with her GRAMMY !



Tech Day was a great event. People from CT, RI and MA showed up during the day. As the day progressed BMW's of all vintages arrived. Andre Hoffman, Lincoln, RI arrived on his 1982 R100/7, imported from Germany, owned by his Grandmother. The bike only had 32,000 miles on it. It's speedo is in Kilometers. The motorcycle is in beautiful condition. Much time was spent with Andre, by JVH, discussion the track days. He is definitely coming to future rallies and may carry dual citizenship, Ocean State BMW and Yankee Beemers. By the way, Andre won the Max Gift Card for \$50.00,



Other Notorious Yankee Beemers that showed up on their new bikes was Richard G., Esq. on his new bike Just 165 miles. Nice ride Dick G!. Difficult technical issues were solved on several BMW motorcycles. JVH and Brad helped

a visitor from CT to balance the carbs on a 2000 R1100 RT. The Carbortomy was successful.

JVH, his family and a special shout out to Laurie Were gracious host. She rescued us coffee drinkers for a quick run to Dunkin Donuts for a "Jug of Joe". More food than you can believe, Donuts, Coffee, for all of on a diet crowd. Lunch was burgers, cheese burgers, Ball Park Franks, potato salad, lobster salad. Many satisfied customers



Next on the docket for the afternoon was Todd Truex demoing how to change a tire with out a tire machine. Many good stories about trips planned, dreams of new motorcycles and other war stories. We did prove we are the club that Rides to eat and eats to ride, beyond a doubt. Our hat is off to all that came on "Mothers Day". Many of the participants indicated that Mom told them "get out of the house". Thank you JVH for another great Tech Day, BTW, John has one massive "Man Cave". He promised to write an article on how he pulled this one off! Tech Day with the YB is certainly an event on my calendar next year.

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BMW MOA International Rally 2018

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July 12 - 15, 2018



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AUGUST 3 TO 5, 2018
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Wellsboro, PA · July 19-22, 2018
Register at www.bmwra.org

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Photo of Gina De Pasquale by Will Guyen

BMW Motorcycle Owners of Vermont 36th Annual Green Mountain Rally 2018

September 7, 8, 9, 2018
Pre-registration discount until August 15
Attendance limited to first 250

Plenty of camping space, with limited cabin space available by the cabin; go to <http://vtbmwmov.org/rally/> for details



Come join us to carve the sweepers and streamside shaded twisties of Vermont. Enjoy cool mountain air as you soak up bluegrass Friday night. Dine comfortably on home-cooked meals in the screened hall, or fire lit pavilion. Self-guided gap rides and tons of gravel roads in and near National Forest. Free hot showers, bonfire, and great rally prizes from our sponsors: Max BMW Motorcycles, Frank's Motorcycle Sales, Aerostitch, BMW MOA, and BMW RA



* Green Mountain

- Door Prizes
- Sorry, No Pets
- Awards Ceremony
- Free Hot Showers
- Entertainment Fri / Sat
- Gap Rides and GS Rides
- Real Home-cooked Meals
- Vermont Mountain Touring
- Coffee, Tea, Soda + Popcorn
- Friday + Saturday Dinners
- Saturday + Sunday Breakfasts
- Indoor + Outdoor Camping Areas
- All for \$55.00 by 8/15; or pay \$65 after
- Limited Cabin Space by reservation; members have priority. Watch the website for pricing and other details.

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