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# GREETINGS!

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**Laconia - Where Rallies were Invented!**



**Past, Present, and Full Throttle Ahead** - One of the most cherished aspects of Laconia Motorcycle Week is hearing the incredible stories from riders—whether they're experiencing the rally for the first

time or have made it a long-standing tradition. As we put together the 2025 Laconia Rally News, we have the honor of sorting through HUNDREDS of stunning images taken by our dedicated volunteer photographers, including Micheal Frederic, John Bielawski, Steve Loughlin, Bob Stegmaier, the legendary Micheal Lichter, and of course - captured by visitors like YOU! This year, we were especially amazed by the unique moments these images reveal—scenes we don't always see firsthand but that truly define the spirit of the rally. A picture really IS worth a thousand words.

**A New Century, A Timeless Ride** - Together, with YOU, the next chapter of the ride begins as we shape the future of motorcycle rallies. We couldn't be more excited to continue this incredible journey with you. Cheers to the 102nd Anniversary of Laconia Motorcycle Week - 2025!

This year's Rally brings back all your favorite events and traditions. The excitement kicks off on Saturday, June 14th, with the **Peter Makris Memorial Ride (PMMR)**. After an exhilarating ride around Lake Winnepesaukee, join the lakeside celebration at the Naswa. During the first weekend of the Rally, The **Loudon Classic Super Bike races** kick off the week-long action at NH Motor Speedway—where you can even CAMP right by the action!

On Monday, June 16th, the **Mae West Memorial Ride for Pets** marks its 12th year, supporting local animal welfare organizations and this year, the party culminates at a new location- the Notch Biergarten by Beans & Greens Farm!

For those who crave more action, Laconia delivers! The **Tower Street Hill Climb Exposition** returns on Tuesday at 1 PM, setting the stage for Wednesday's **AMA-Sanctioned PRO-AMATEUR Hill Climb** at Gunstock Mountain Resort.

Rounding out the weekend is the **FIM North American Vintage Road Races** at NH Motor Speedway. Be sure to join the Gypsy Tour from Lakeside Avenue in Weirs Beach to the speedway for a VIP entrance!

Take in the breathtaking scenery of the Lakes Region from the water with the **ONLY Motorcycle Week Cruise** aboard the M/S Mount Washington. This exclusive event happens only on Tuesday, so secure your tickets early at CruiseNH.com or call 603-366-5531.

If you love the street scene, Lakeside Avenue is the place to be! Marvel at the endless lineup of motorcycles, soak in the vibrant atmosphere, and enjoy **bike shows, swap meets, poker runs, gypsy tours, contests, vendors, and live music**. After a day of riding, hot spots like the **Naswa Resort, the Looney Bin, Tower Hill Tavern, the Big House, Weirs Beach Drive-In, Notch Biergarten by Beans & Greens Farm, and High Octane Saloon** will keep the party going.

Looking to test ride a new bike? Head to **New Hampshire Motor Speedway**, the demo-fleet capital of the rally! Major motorcycle brands, including Harley-Davidson, will be on-site with specialty vendors, live entertainment, and affordable camping options. NHMS is truly **motorcycle nirvana!**

Lock in the Laconia Legacy with Official souvenirs! Souvenirs are available at **Rally Headquarters**, located on the boardwalk of Lakeside Avenue in Weirs Beach. Stop by for event updates, maps, and exclusive memorabilia to commemorate this historic ride.

See you in Laconia—where the legacy of motorcycle rallies continues to roar into the future!



**Get ready to ride** - All OFFICIAL information for Laconia Motorcycle Week® can be found on the one and only **Official Website for the rally: [www.LaconiaMCWeek.com](http://www.LaconiaMCWeek.com)** all year long. Sign-up online to receive the Laconia Riding Times, our e-newsletter, and the Laconia Rally News magazine, mailed Free to motorcycle enthusiasts living in the continental U.S.

Got a great photo, tag us on social media **#LaconiaMCWeek** and maybe you'll see your name in a future Rally News!

There is a lot to look forward to in 2025 and we are blessed to share it with our friends in the riding community, our business partners, Rally Patrons, and our sponsors, including Progressive Insurance, AMSOIL, American Iron, the Bank of NH, Budweiser, the Naswa Resort, Russ Brown Motorcycle Attorneys®, Coca-Cola & Dr. Pepper, 104.9 the Hawk, Twisted Tea, Truly Hard Seltzer, Captain Morgan, and the Weirs Beach Drive-In. Here's to a safe and successful 2025 for all!

**We will see YOU in 2025 as we Ride Full Throttle Ahead with the 102nd Anniversary | June 14th-22nd!**

With deepest appreciation,

Charlie St. Clair & Jennifer Anderson



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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the citizens of New Hampshire, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 103rd Laconia Motorcycle Week!

This iconic event has a special place in our hearts, and we are thrilled to once again host motorcycle enthusiasts from across the country for this remarkable week. The scenic roads, fresh mountain air, and welcoming spirit of the Granite State have made it the perfect place for riders to gather, share stories, and experience the thrill of the open road. Whether you are riding through our picturesque towns, along breathtaking lakes, or across our beautiful mountain landscapes, New Hampshire offers something truly unique for every rider.

To all the riders who've come to be a part of this historic event — and especially to those joining us for the first time — thank you for choosing New Hampshire as your destination.

Thank you to Mayor Andrew Hosmer, the City of Laconia, the staff and board of the Laconia Motorcycle Week Association, the sponsors, volunteers, and participants who make this event possible. Your contributions ensure that Laconia Motorcycle Week continues to be a success.

Please ride safely, enjoy the festivities, and know that we are honored to have you here in New Hampshire. We hope you make unforgettable memories and that you'll return soon to experience more of what our beautiful state has to offer.

Sincerely,

Kelly A. Ayotte, Governor

 **WELCOME FROM THE MAYOR OF LAGONIA**

Dear Motorcycle Enthusiast,

Welcome to the heart of motorcycle passion, the City of Laconia! It's with great excitement and pride that I extend a warm invitation to you for the upcoming 102nd Laconia Motorcycle Week, set to roar to life from June 14th to 22nd, 2025.

As we gear up for this monumental event, I reflect on the rich history of Laconia Motorcycle Week, the oldest motorcycle rally in the world. This year marks our 102nd Anniversary, a testament to the enduring spirit of camaraderie and adventure that unites riders from around the world. We eagerly anticipate welcoming enthusiasts from every corner of the globe to join us in celebrating our shared love for motorcycles.

While our riding season may be shorter than that of our friends in warmer climates, New Hampshire is undeniably a rider's paradise. Nestled in the heart of Laconia and surrounded by the stunning landscapes of the Granite State, we take pride in our motorcycle heritage, and during Motorcycle Week, we roll out the red carpet for riders near and far.

Prepare to be captivated by the winding roads that wind through picturesque lakes and hills, offering breathtaking views at every turn. All roads will inevitably lead you to the iconic Weirs Beach, the heart of Motorcycle Week. Lakeside Avenue, the Hub of the rally, stretches along the west shore of Lake Winnepesaukee, the largest lake in the state. Whether you're here for the scenic routes, the vibrant atmosphere, or the camaraderie, there's something for everyone.

I encourage you to take full advantage of the incredible amenities around the area, including local resorts, restaurants, bars, and a variety of merchants and exhibitors. It's truly an honor and a privilege to serve you, our esteemed guests, in the great Granite State.

I look forward to sharing this unforgettable week with you as we rev our engines, swap stories, and strengthen the bonds of brotherhood that only motorcycle enthusiasts understand.

Warm regards,

Andrew J. Hosmer - Mayor of Laconia





# THANK YOU FOR 102 YEARS DOWN & ENDLESS ROADS AHEAD!!

**Charlie St. Clair, Executive Director & Jennifer Anderson, Deputy Director**



**PROGRESSIVE®** Each year, we strive to put our immense gratitude into words, and it is no easy task! So many dedicated individuals, businesses, and organizations come together to make this event a success. Their hard work and collaboration have helped shape an unforgettable 101-year legacy—and for that, we can't thank them enough!

The Laconia Motorcycle Week Association is a non-profit organization with a board of directors including: **The Naswa Resort** with Cynthia Makris serving as our President, **Half Moon Enterprises**, the **Town of Meredith**, **NH Motor Speedway**, the **Weirs Action Committee**, **Nick Tamposi**, **Jack Handley**, and our rally's hometown host and epicenter, the **City of Laconia**. Our sincerest gratitude is extended to our board of directors for their active participation and support through the thrilling and often surprising rollercoaster ride that is Laconia Motorcycle Week.

We are now Revving into the Future and as we look back at where we've come from, we are reminded that we could not have come this far without the help of many. On behalf of the Laconia Motorcycle Week Association, we say, "Thank you!" to all of the riders and rally enthusiasts who have made Laconia Motorcycle Week 'their rally' over the years. Of course, all great legacies are a continued work in progress, but it is our hope that visitors and residents alike will work with us, more than ever before to keep Laconia Motorcycle Week the world class event that it is. Keep posting those selfies and scenic photos when you're in town - we love seeing what you've been up to! #LaconiaMCWeek!

The challenge to meet our visitors with the same kind of support they give us, takes a year-round effort with many businesses, organizations, and partners throughout the Lakes Region, the State of NH, and beyond. A special **Thank You to Laconia Mayor Andrew Hosmer, City Manager Kirk Beattie, our Laconia City Council, Laconia Police Department, Laconia Fire Department, and Laconia Public Works Department**. It is through continued effort that we are able to provide so many motorcycle-related events in our rally schedule, entertainment, and vendor options that help keep our visitors coming back. **Thank you to Dick Cartier** for organizing our Official Bike Shows, Motorcycle Rodeo Games, Tattoo Contests and more throughout the week. Though we cannot control

every element of the rally, it is with best intentions and the truest of hopes that when you, our visitor, arrives for the rally, that you feel welcomed and wanted - because you are. We thank you - our visitors, our riders, for helping to make Laconia Motorcycle Week a rally that we are all proud to pass on to future generations.



Another 'thank you' is extended to the **State of New Hampshire and our local and state representatives**. **The State of NH's Department of Business and Economic Affairs** gives a large financial contribution to this Rally through a JPP matching-tourism grant because they recognize that supporting the efforts of the Rally in turn, supports the foundation and value of the State of New Hampshire. Thank you!

A HUGE THANK YOU to our creative genius, **Luke Bouley of Pinion Designs** - his design of this Rally News and all of our advertising continues to impress us! Our Rally News is coveted by visitors all year-long and it's no secret why - it's the most valuable resource for planning your rally trip. Thank you, Luke for, once again, enabling us to provide our visitors with the nation's best Motorcycle Rally News magazine!

Laconia Motorcycle Week began in 1916 with a group of people riding to the area to enjoy the beautiful scenery and riding. What has evolved over the years is truly a phenomenon to behold. Continuing our 'roots of riding' is at the foundation of what this Rally is. **A HUGE thank you to the dedicated tour guides, including our volunteer leaders and officers from the motorcycle units of the Laconia Police Department and NH State Troopers**, for assisting with the numerous charity rides throughout the State of NH and the daily Gypsy Tours leaving from Weirs Beach. The evolution that this Rally has undergone is tremendous, but it couldn't have happened without all of the people and organizations involved.

**To all of you - our visitors - thank you!** We know that there are hundreds of rallies to choose from for your vacation and we thank you for picking New Hampshire. You are the reason this rally has been a success - because you know that what it's really about is the riding and the great people you meet and ride with.

**Enjoy New Hampshire and Ride Safely!**



## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Celebrating 102 Years of Riding Tradition -  
into another century!

Photo Credit: Michael Sparks Keegan



**Cynthis Makris,  
Association President**

The 102nd anniversary of Laconia Motorcycle Week is a testament to the enduring passion of the riding community. For more than a century, riders from across the globe have converged on Laconia to share their love of the open road. The rally's rich history is interwoven with the stories of countless enthusiasts who have found freedom and friendship in the journey. My family joins with the riders and the Rally in that passion, as we have welcomed you for 90 years at The NASWA Resort.

This year's rally promises to be unforgettable, with a lineup of events that honor the traditions of the past while embracing the spirit of the future. From hill climbs and gypsy tours to live music and bike shows, there's something for everyone. And through it all, The NASWA Resort stands as a steadfast partner in

the celebration as the Official Hotel of Laconia Motorcycle Week, offering a welcoming embrace to all who arrive on two wheels.

As The NASWA celebrates its 90th anniversary, it's impossible not to reflect on the remarkable life of Hope Makris.

Her journey from a young girl helping her parents at the resort to a centenarian whose legacy continues to inspire is nothing short of extraordinary. Her dedication to The NASWA and her community has left an indelible mark, and her story serves as a reminder of the power of perseverance and love--it is indeed a Century of Inspiration. As riders gather to celebrate Laconia Motorcycle Week, they also become part of Hope's legacy—and part of the entire Makris family. Our legacy now includes the Official Kickoff to Laconia Motorcycle Week, The Peter Makris Memorial Run, in memory of my late father. His is indeed a memory built on connection, adventure, and the joy of living life to the fullest.

Welcome to Laconia, New Hampshire! Live Free or Die may be our state's motto, but we invite you to Live and Ride Free--and ENJOY! 🇺🇸



## WELCOME FROM THE LACONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT



is truly my honor and pleasure to once again support this event!

I welcome everyone who attends this year's rally, whether you are a local or have traveled from far across the world, you are welcome here! If you see me or our officers out and about, please don't hesitate to say hello!

We are very proud to serve and protect our great city and fully embrace policing this large event. It is my hope that everyone has a chance to enjoy all that the City of Laconia has to offer, albeit, in a safe and responsible manner. The Laconia Police Department will be working hard to ensure the safety and security of all of our residents and visitors throughout the week. We will be working with a number of our law enforcement partners to further our mission of providing for a safe and enjoyable event for all. Please drink responsibly, refrain from driving after consuming alcoholic beverages, and be safe! I wish you all safe travels and hope you enjoy your stay in Laconia! 🇺🇸



**Matthew J. Canfield  
Chief of Police  
LACONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT**



## WELCOME TO LACONIA AND THE 102<sup>ND</sup> LACONIA MOTORCYCLE WEEK!



**Kirk Beattie,**  
**Laconia City Manager**



Laconia is proud to host the world’s oldest motorcycle rally and pleased to welcome visitors from all over the world to our wonderful City, and State. Laconia is centrally located in New Hampshire and is part of the beautiful Lakes Region. With easy access to multiple lakes and mountains, as well as being the home for this amazing event, Laconia is the perfect place to begin experiencing Motorcycle Week and all it has to offer.

Whether you are joining us for Motorcycle Week for the first time, or are a regular attendee, there are many new and exciting attractions to enjoy. This year’s Laconia Motorcycle Week, June 14-22, 2025, provides riders and non-riders alike nine days of events sure to please.

The City of Laconia and all its departments are here to make sure all residents, businesses, and visitors have a safe, and enjoyable week. If you have any questions, or if we can be of assistance in any way, please feel free to reach out at any time to the Laconia City Manager’s Office at 603-527-1270.

We are excited to have you here!

Sincerely,

Kirk Beattie, Laconia City Manager

## WELCOME FROM THE TOWN OF MEREDITH

**Phillip L. Warren, Jr.**  
**Meredith’s representative to**  
**the Motorcycle Week**  
**Rally Association**



**W**elcome to Meredith and the 102nd Motorcycle Week. Our community looks forward to the Rally each year and hopes that you will enjoy the many restaurants and shops throughout our town. Be sure to make time for a walk along the inviting boardwalk following the shores of Meredith Bay on Lake Winnepesaukee. Our Main Street has many new dining and shopping opportunities!

We hope you will join us for the memorable and moving ride to Meredith on the annual POW/MIA Freedom Ride on Thursday, where guest speakers will honor the longest running POW/MIA vigil in the United States.

Enjoy your visit and welcome back if you have joined us before. Have a very safe time while here. We look forward to seeing you back for a future Rally! Sincerely,

Phillip L. Warren, Jr.  
Meredith’s representative to the Motorcycle Week Rally Association





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Looking for that Parking spot on Lakeside Avenue.



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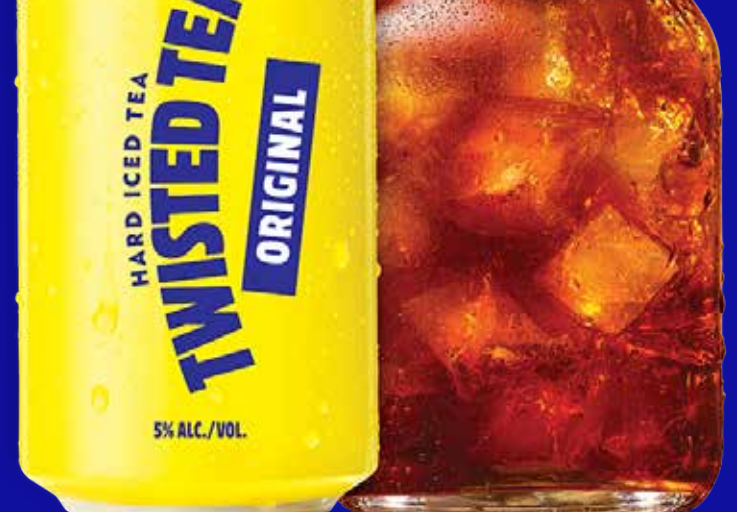
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## LACONIA 2025: TALKIN 'BOUT TRADITION!

As I write this article, there's snow in the Florida panhandle and it's 47 degrees in South Florida where I live...I left the northeast to escape the winter but today it looks like it has found me...

Humans and animals alike are creatures of habit; just ask Tank why he's always chasing cats. To me, habits are things we do, sometimes subconsciously (nail biting, double checking for our phone we leave the house, washing our hands before we eat, you get the picture). Traditions on the other hand, are things we have and share with one another. Meeting with people we care about and share common interests at a specific time and place on a consistent basis is a prime example of this. Sporting events, festivals, concerts, holidays and on and on. In the American west, fur trappers had an annual rendezvous to trade goods and share stories. Mystics have been gathering at Stonehenge for the summer and winter solstice to witness the sun's changing position for over 5,000 years.

What's the point of all this? The point is that coming to Laconia year after year, rain or shine, anniversary year or not, in sickness and in health is our tradition. To us, Laconia is more than just a party, more than just a rally and more than just a getaway. Laconia is a time-honored tradition that must be maintained for it to survive. When you come to Laconia bring a friend,



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bring someone who's never been here, and bring the young because we ain't gettin any younger!

A tradition here at Twisted Tea, besides coming to Laconia and spending time with our brothers and sisters, is our annual bike sweepstakes. As of this printing we have given away 9 bad ass bikes all free of charge, no strings attached-our way of saying thank you and giving back to the motorcycle community. Once again, we teamed up with our friends at Cycle Source Magazine and Flat Broke Chops and Rods for a one of a kind bike...It's an FXRT. But not just any 'ol FXRT...It's an FXR-TEA!!! (see what I did there??)

The sweepstakes runs until 11/9/25 and you can check out the bike in this issue of Rally News. When you're there, scan the QR code to enter for a chance to win or visit [www.KeepYourRideTwisted25Sweeps.com](http://www.KeepYourRideTwisted25Sweeps.com)

We'll see you in June!

Keep it Twisted! 🦋



The Twisted Team.



# THE NASWA RESORT – A HISTORIC DESTINATION FOR MOTORCYCLE ENTHUSIASTS – AND THE OFFICIAL HOTEL OF LACONIA MOTORCYCLE WEEK®



As the engines roar and the sound of freedom fills the air, Laconia Motorcycle Week returns to celebrate its 102nd anniversary—a testament to the enduring legacy of one of the world’s oldest motorcycle rallies. Nestled in the heart of this celebration is a gem that has been welcoming riders and travelers alike for generations: The NASWA Resort—the Official Hotel of Laconia Motorcycle Week. Situated on the scenic shores of Lake Winnepesaukee in Laconia, New Hampshire, “The NAZ” is a haven for motorcycle enthusiasts seeking adventure, camaraderie, and relaxation.

This year, The NASWA Resort marks its own milestone—90 years of Heart and Soul Hospitality—a trademark of excellence. The anniversary is made all the more special as it follows the 100th birthday of the resort’s matriarch, Hope Makris. A vibrant and cherished figure, whose “Hope Made” desserts have delighted dining guests of The NASWA for decades, Hope has been the heartbeat of The NASWA, embodying the spirit of dedication and warmth that has defined the resort since its inception. Her story—woven into the very fabric of the resort’s history—echoes the values of tradition and perseverance that resonate so strongly with the motorcycle community.

### A Legacy of Hospitality

The NASWA Resort was founded by Hope’s parents, who envisioned a welcoming retreat, centered around a Natural Spring Water source—hence its name—for visitors to enjoy the natural beauty of the Lakes Region. Over the decades, Hope and her late husband, Peter, poured their hearts into the business, transforming it into an iconic destination. Today, their youngest daughter, Cynthia Makris, carries the torch, ensuring that The NASWA remains a cherished part of the Laconia community and a beloved home base for rally-goers.

For riders, The NASWA is more than a resort, it’s a place where lifelong memories are made. Whether cruising the winding roads of the White Mountains, exploring the quaint charm of New Hampshire’s small towns, or relaxing by the lake, The NASWA offers a perfect blend of adventure and comfort.

### Outstanding Amenities

The NASWA Resort boasts a variety of amenities designed to enhance every guest’s stay. From its cozy cottages and waterfront rooms to its private sandy beach, there’s something for everyone. Guests can enjoy live entertainment at the vibrant NazBar & Grill, savor delectable dining options with breathtaking lake views, or unwind with a refreshing drink complemented by live music or a lively DJ, while soaking in the natural beauty of the Lakes Region. Alternatively or additionally, visit the Blue Bistro for casual fine dining, for breakfast or dinner. After feasting on a broad variety of menu items from fine Angus beef to fresh seafood and cultural cuisine, enjoy the nightclub atmosphere through the evening, with live music to keep the celebration going! The resort’s

commitment to exceptional service and comfort ensures that every visitor feels right at home—with your bike and cleaning amenities all close by.

### The Heart of Motorcycle Heaven

Laconia Motorcycle Week is a celebration of the open road, and there’s no better place to experience it than in the Lakes Region. With its stunning vistas, curving roads, and the majestic White Mountains as a backdrop, the area offers an unparalleled riding experience. From the thrill of navigating the Kancamagus Highway and Mt. Washington, to the serenity of a lakeside cruise, every ride is an invitation to connect with nature, the road and friends.

The NASWA Resort serves as an ideal hub for these adventures. Located just minutes from Weirs Beach, the heart of the rally, it provides easy access to the week’s events while offering a tranquil retreat to recharge. Riders can park their bikes at the resort and relax with a cold drink on the beach or enjoy the spectacular lake views from their rooms. The NASWA’s warm hospitality and welcoming atmosphere make it a “home away from home.”

### Dedication to the Community

The NASWA Resort’s commitment to giving back to the community is at the core of its mission. The resort proudly supports numerous local initiatives and charities, fostering a spirit of generosity and connection. Among its most cherished contributions is its dedication to The Peter Makris Memorial Run, the Official Kickoff of Laconia Motorcycle Week. This annual event honors the legacy of Peter Makris, who was a driving force behind the community, a participant in the rally’s growth and a passionate advocate for riders as well as the Laconia Fire Department. As a proud U.S. Marine Corps veteran he was also an enthusiastic member of the Leathernecks. Proceeds from the run benefit local charities and first responders, reflecting The NASWA’s deep ties to the community it calls home.

As the Official Hotel of Laconia Motorcycle Week, The NASWA Resort proudly welcomes bikers into its family. As a biker-owned and operated resort, it understands the unique needs and spirit of the riding community. From secure bike parking to its biker-friendly atmosphere, all walking distance of The Weirs, The NASWA goes above and beyond to ensure that every rider’s experience is unforgettable.

### Your Home Away from Home

Whether you’re a first-time visitor or a seasoned rally veteran, The NASWA Resort invites you to experience the magic of Laconia Motorcycle Week in style. With its prime location, outstanding amenities, and decades of history, it’s the perfect place to call home during the rally.

Come for the riding, stay for the hospitality, and leave with memories that will last a lifetime. As the engines rev and the rally spirit fills the air, The NASWA Resort is ready to welcome you with open arms. Here’s to the thrill of the ride, the beauty of the journey, and the friendships that make it all worthwhile. See you on the road! 🏍️





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**19<sup>th</sup> Annual**  
**PETER MAKRIS**  
**MEMORIAL RUN**  
Saturday - June 14<sup>th</sup>  
The **BEST PARTY** of the Rally!

Join us for a BEAUTIFUL ride around the Lake Winnepesaukee! Benefits Veterans Count Program and the Laconia Fire Department's Water Rescue Unit. Over \$600,000 raised for local charities so far!  
Sign up at [naswa.com/PMMR](http://naswa.com/PMMR)

**Wednesday - June 18<sup>th</sup> @ 5<sup>PM</sup>**  
**102<sup>ND</sup> BIRTHDAY PARTY**  
Official Laconia Rally 102<sup>ND</sup> Birthday Celebration w/Governor Ayotte and LOTS of CAKE!  
**Thursday - June 19<sup>th</sup> @ 5<sup>PM</sup>**  
**NAZBAR TATTOO CONTEST!**  
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# THE PETER MAKRIS MEMORIAL RUN – CELEBRATING 19 YEARS OF GIVING BACK

The 19th Peter Makris Memorial Run, The Official Kickoff for Laconia Motorcycle Week® - Saturday, June 14



**PETER MAKRIS**

Laconia Motorcycle Week has always been a celebration of tradition, community, and the open road, and one event that embodies these values like no other, the Official Kickoff of the Rally, The Peter Makris Memorial Run. This year marks the 19th anniversary of this iconic ride, an event that started as an ember of an idea at Peter's funeral and has become a burning passion for many who return annually to Laconia Motorcycle Week. The Peter Makris Memorial Run, which starts and ends at The NASWA Resort, the Official Hotel of Laconia Motorcycle Week, is a cornerstone of the legacy of the man, his standing in the community, his service as a U.S. Marine and founding member of the Leatherneck Motorcycle Club. The Peter Makris Memorial Run is a day to honor the past, celebrate the present, and give back to the community.

## Honoring a Legacy of Leadership and Community

The run is named in honor of Peter Makris, the late patriarch of The NASWA Resort and a cherished member of the Lakes Region community. Peter, alongside his wife, Hope, helped transform The NASWA into the iconic destination it is today, after Hope's parents founded the resort 90 years ago, starting as cottages around a spring that supplied fresh, natural water--hence its name. His love for motorcycles and his commitment to community inspired the creation of this annual event, which continues to reflect his passion and generosity.

Over nearly two decades, the Peter Makris Memorial Run has raised \$600,000 for local causes, making a lasting impact on the community Peter held so dear. Among

its primary beneficiaries are the Laconia Fire Department, which uses the funds to enhance safety and water rescue operations, and Easter Seals NH Veterans Count program, which provides critical support to veterans and their families and the area Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program. Other local charities also benefit, extending the run's reach far beyond its starting point at The NASWA Resort.



## A Day to Remember

The day begins with registration at The NASWA Resort, starting with a continental breakfast that fuels participants for the ride ahead. The atmosphere buzzes with excitement as riders gear up to hit the road with a Blessing of the Bikes and kick-off ceremonies at the parking lot across Weirs Boulevard.

The ride is a scenic journey through the stunning landscapes of New Hampshire, showcasing the winding roads, picturesque towns, and breathtaking views that make this region a motorcyclist's paradise. And of course, the highly anticipated laps around NH Motor Speedway! Participants enjoy the camaraderie of fellow riders while honoring Peter's memory and the causes he supported.



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## The Peter Makris Memorial Run – Celebrating 19 Years of Giving Back (cont.)

The success of the Peter Makris Memorial Run is a testament to the riding community’s generosity and The NASWA Resort’s dedication to giving back. The funds raised over the years have made a tangible difference, supporting essential services and enriching lives across the Lakes Region. This commitment to community is at the heart of The NASWA’s mission and a legacy that continues to grow with each passing year.

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### Schedule

**8:00-9:30 AM** - Registration - NASWA Big Parking Lot- Pick up your 19th Anniversary collector T-shirt, with artwork by renowned Harley Davidson artist, David Uhl’s Uhl Studios design group, a chip for a beer “on Peter.” \$50 registration - \$75 VIP, Front-of-the-Pack.

**10:00 AM** - Inspirational opening ceremonies and Blessing of the Bikes across the street at The NASWA parking lot on Weirs Boulevard.

**10:30 AM** - Sharp! Kickstands UP for a no-traffic, “feet up” cruise, thanks to the escort of the State and Local Police. Breezing by other bikers, cruise around gorgeous Lake Winnepesaukee in style and ending up at NH Motor Speedway for thrilling laps around the track!

**1:00 PM** - After the ride, the celebration continues back at the **NAZBar & Grill for the After-Ride Party**. A gourmet lunch that surpasses any other bike event, with a beer “On Peter,” participation in the 50/50 raffle and live music from the resort’s ever popular **The James Montgomery Band**, rounds out the day. An escorted ride, partying with friends, dancing to rock, rhythm and blues at The NAZBar & Grill all afternoon—all for a great cause! What a way to kick off Laconia Motorcycle Week!

**REGISTER NOW**—early registrants want to make sure they get their correct size T-shirt!

<http://bit.ly/PMMR2025>

**Join the Ride--and the fun!**

Whether you’re a longtime participant or a first-time visitor, the 19th Annual Peter Makris Memorial Run promises to be an unforgettable experience. Join us at The NASWA Resort to honor Peter’s legacy, celebrate the spirit of Laconia Motorcycle Week, and make a difference in the community.

Mark your calendar, rev your engine, and prepare for a day of riding, connection, and celebration. Together, we’ll carry forward the legacy of Peter Makris and the values he cherished. 🍀

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## **PROGRESSIVE® TIP#2**

**Inspect your motorcycle.**

Use the Motorcycle Safety Foundation’s TCLOCS method to inspect your bike: Check Tires, Controls, Lights, Oils and fluids, chassis and Stand to make sure everything is working properly before you hit the road. Check on these things regularly during your trip, too.



# 2025 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

NEW events will be added to the Rally this year. Events are subject to change - be sure to check with individual event holder and the Official Website for updates! Event holders are fully responsible for their listings and any changes. At press time, several events were still pending, and are subject to change at any time. Check [www.laconiamcweek.com](http://www.laconiamcweek.com) for updates!

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- RHQs, Gypsy Tours & Rides**
- Races & Stunts**
- Rider Appreciation**
- Demos**
- Entertainment & Music**
- Bike Shows & Contests**

**Rally Headquarters Open Every Day:** On the Weirs Beach Boardwalk, **8am-9pm.**

## SATURDAY, JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup>



**19th Annual Peter Makris Memorial Ride:** Naswa Resort, Join us for a ride around Lake Winnepesaukee. Kickstands up at 10:30 SHARP. 1pm party at the NazBar. Benefits Veteran's Count Program and Laconia Fire Department's Water Rescue Unit. Over \$600,000 raised for local charities so far! Sign up at [naswa.com/PMMR](http://naswa.com/PMMR).

**Motorcycle Events All Week at Makris Steak House** visit <https://www.eatalobster.com/> for info.



**Top Cop for Kids Motorcycle Skills Challenge, presented by Whelen:** To benefit the New Hampshire Chapter of Speedway Children's Charities. NH Motor Speedway, (S2 Lot).

**Northeast Motorcycle Road Racing at New Hampshire Motor Speedway:** ASRA Team Challenge and Supermoto Practice. Mixing the speed of road racing with the aerial intensity of dirt racing, Supermoto should provide some of the most jaw - dropping and edge-of-your-seat experiences: June 13th -15th. Visit [NHMS.com](http://NHMS.com) for more info.

**102<sup>nd</sup> Annual Loudon Classic Middleweight Grand Prix:** which has been held on site since long before the speedway was built, when it was simply a road course named Bryar Motorsports Park. Record breaking \$400k purse! Known as the longest-running motorcycle race in America Visit [NHMS.com](http://NHMS.com) for more info.

**Stunt riders Sick Nick & Joey Bananas:** show times noon, 2 & 4 pm. Free Event at Bentleys Saloon



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## COMING EARLY?

### MVTR Adventure Rally for CF

You are invited to attend the MVTR Adventure Rally for CF held June 7 & 8, 2025 at the Lakes Region Casino in Belmont, New Hampshire.

There is no registration fee, however there is a \$100 fundraising minimum that must be met by all riders.



### Bike Show: Sport Bikes Only.

Notch Biergarten by Beans & Greens Farm from 11-3pm. Contact Dick: 603-455-0458.

**T-Shirt Contests daily** at the High Octane Saloon @ 3:00, 5:00 & 7:00 pm - See our website for updates.

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### H.O.G. Pin Stop at NH Motor Speedway:

June 14th -21st from 10am to 5pm.

### Winnepesaukee Scenic Railroad Train

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**New England Racing Museum:** OPEN from 10am to 4pm on weekends. [www.NEMSMUSEUM.com](http://www.NEMSMUSEUM.com)

**Cornerstone Outreach Ministries:** Safety food stop. Route 9, 24hr/8 days, 603-352-2616

**Free Coffee House:** White Church, Tower St., Weirs Beach. 9am-8pm.

**Shuttle Service:** Between Weirs Beach and Meredith Bay \$25 Round Trip, [cruisenh.com](http://cruisenh.com)



### Live Music ALL WEEK!

The NazBar & Grill at Naswa Resort, The Looney Bin Bar & Grill, Tower Hill Tavern, The Big House, Sucker Punch Saloon behind Tower Hill Tavern, Notch Biergarten & High Octane Saloon.

**SCHEDULE UPDATES WILL BE POSTED THROUGHOUT THE RALLY VIA FACEBOOK**





**SUNDAY, JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup>**



**Laconia HD H.O.G. Ride to Bentley's Saloon.** - Registration at Laconia HD at 9am, KSU at 10am. 82-mile one-way ride with no stops. Arrives at 12pm. All riders welcome. Please drink responsibly!



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**Top Picks**



for the first weekend!

- 1: 19th Annual Peter Makris Memorial Ride: Naswa Resort, Sat, June 14.
- 2: FIM North American Vintage Championships & Harley vs. Indian Wars: Sat & Sun, June 21 & 22.
- 3: Sport Bike Show: Notch Biergarten, Sat, June 14.
- 4: AMA Gypsy Tour to NHMS for USCRA Vintage Races: Sun, June 22.



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**Bentleys ride-in bike show** is being moved to sunday.regis 11 am to 1 pm winners announced by 3 pm. cash & trophy prizes. **NEW 2025 AWARD: BEST OF SHOW SHOVELHEAD**

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**High Octane Saloon:** Live music & events all week!

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**MONDAY, JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup>**

**Mae-West Memorial 'for the love of pets' Ride:** Leaves Rally Headquarters at 10:30am

for a ride through local scenic towns to Notch Biergarten by Beans & Greens. Cash food & bar available & entertainment. Benefits a local animal support shelter. Line-ups may begin at 8:30am. Riders receive a custom t-shirt for their donation while they last.

**\$25/rider & \$20/passenger.**

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**“Check Twice” Tribute to Longtime Motorcyclists:**

**The Looney Bin from 7:00pm - 10:00pm.** Join Paul Cote & Sue Hart from Check Twice Signs for “Check Twice Night” for a reunion with some of the long-time local Gatekeepers and Club Members working for our Rights to Ride, in Bob Doiron’s and Billy Gannon’s memory.

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**Tower Street Hill Climb Expo** presented by United States Classic Racing Association, 1pm – 3pm. Watch vintage motorcycles race for time up the ‘original’ hill climb!



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**Antique Motorcycle Show during the Tower Street Hill Climb Expo,** 1pm-3pm. Lakeside Avenue.

**Biker Build-Off at the High Octane Saloon.** Each day starting at 12pm.

**FXR & DYNA Bike Show at High Octane Saloon.** Registration begins at 10am.

**All Bikes Show at High Octane Saloon.** Registration begins at 3pm.

**Contests daily at High Octane Saloon** at 3pm, 5pm, & 7pm.



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**M/S Mount Washington Cruise around Lake Winnepesaukee.** Join us for this cruise departing promptly at 4:30pm from the docks at Weirs Beach and arrives back by 7pm. Food & Drink available for purchase. Get your tickets at [www.CruiseNH.com](http://www.CruiseNH.com).

**Shuttle Service:** Between Weirs Beach and Meredith Bay \$25 Round Trip, [cruisenh.com](http://cruisenh.com)

## TUESDAY, JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup>



**Gypsy Tour - 70+ mile Scenic Ride:**

To Bentley’s Saloon in Arundel, Maine. Ride is escorted by Bentley, himself! Leaves from Rally Headquarters at 11am. Rain Date: Thursday. **Party with Jasmine Cain!**

**Jasmine performs again on Thursday!**

**Ride to the Racetrack!** Help New England children in need by joining this motorcycle ride from Laconia Harley-Davidson to NH Motor Speedway for laps around the 1.6-mile full road course! Registration is \$20 per rider or passenger & ALL proceeds benefit the NH Chapter of Speedway Children’s Charities, the official charity of NHMS. Registration at Laconia Harley -Davidson at 9am, and Kickstands up at 10am! [www.nhms.com/events/motorcycle-week/charity-rides/](http://www.nhms.com/events/motorcycle-week/charity-rides/)



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**Rider Appreciation**

**Demos**



**Entertainment  
& Music  
Bike Shows  
& Contests**



**Rally Headquarters Open Every Day:** On the Weirs Beach Boardwalk, **8am-9pm.**

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup> (CONT.)



**Covered Bridge Gypsy Tour:** 170+ mile guided tour including up to 6 covered bridges throughout scenic NH. Tour leaves Rally Headquarters at 10:30am.

**Laconia HD H.O.G. Scenic Ride.** Registration at 9am, KSU at 10am. Leaves from Laconia Harley in Meredith.



**Demo Rides at NHMS:** Katancha & Harley-Davidson host the largest demo ride course in the area (**S1 Lot**) along with a vendor mall & food court (**S2 Lot**), **14th - 21st from 10am to 5pm.** Demo ride registration ends at 4:30pm daily. Check out the top manufacturers in the world such as Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Yamaha, BMW, & Indian!



**Gunstock AMATEUR Hillclimb is back!** Staged by Ridge Runner Promotions and presented by Eastcoastin' Enterprises. Admission is \$30 (cash only!) and FREE for children 10 and under. Event is from 9am to 5pm, BYOB and vended beverage & food options will be available. On site camping by tent, RV, or cabin is available for this event in Gunstock's award winning campground, but sells out very quickly! Reserve camping at: <https://www.gunstock.com/camping/summer-camping/bike-week-camping/> or by calling 603-737-4355



**Bagger, Vintage & Trike Motorcycle Show:** Location: Notch Biergarten by Beans & Greens Farm, 11-3pm, 603-455-0458.

**Après Hill Climb Party** at Notch Biergarten by Beans & Greens Farm from 5pm to 8pm with live music!

**Deadbeat Customs Bike Show at the Gunstock Hill Climb!** 15 Choppers and 15 Performance Harleys. Vote for the best!

**Tommy Tattoo Contest at Bentley's Saloon in Arundel, Maine.** Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd in color, black & gray. Guest judge: Tom Ringwalt of Tommy's Supplies.

**32nd Best of the Bikers Pool Tournament at Winni, Bar & Billiards.** Qualifying Monday-Thursdays at 7pm. Finals on Friday at 6pm. Sponsored in part by Twisted Tea!



**Biker Build-Off at the High Octane Saloon.** Each day starting at 12pm.

**Sportster Bike Show at High Octane Saloon.** Registration begins at 10am.

**T-Shirt Contests daily at High Octane Saloon** at 3pm, 5pm, & 7pm.



**H.O.G. Pin Stop at NH Motor Speedway:** June 14th -21st from 10am to 5pm.

**102nd Rally Anniversary Celebration with Governor Kelly Ayotte:** Right on the beach at the Naswa Resort: 5pm.

**Cornerstone Outreach Ministries:** Safety food stop. Route 9, 24hr/8 days, 603-352-2616

**Free Coffee House:** White Church, Tower St., Weirs Beach. 9am-8pm.

**FIREWORKS!** Sponsored by Atlas Fireworks & Progressive Insurance at 10pm at Weirs Beach. Rain date: Thursday

**Shuttle Service:** Between Weirs Beach and Meredith Bay \$25 Round Trip, [cruisenh.com](http://cruisenh.com)



**Live Music at the NazBar & Grill:** Naswa Resort, Open 11am-close.

**Live Music daily at the Looney Bin Bar & Grill!**

**Tower Hill Tavern:**

Live Music & Special Events all week!

**The Big House:** Live Music and events all week

**Sucker Punch Saloon behind Tower Hill Tavern:** Live music all week!

**Notch Biergarten:**

Music & Entertainment ALL WEEK!

**High Octane Saloon:** Live music & events all week!

## THURSDAY, JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup>



**32nd Annual POW/MIA Freedom Ride... "THE RIDE TO THE ROCK"**

**& 37th Anniversary of the Vigil:** Meet at Winnepesaukee Crossing (Lowe's) at 5pm and Kickstands up at 6pm sharp. In honor of POW/MIAs and families. This year looks to break all years in participation as the Northeast POW/MIA Network has joined forces with Blue and Gold Star families of N.H.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup> (CONT)**



**Laconia HD H.O.G Ride to the Sky:**

Register at LHD at 7am. KSU at 9am. This is a 90-mile one-way ride with 1 stop planned. NH State Park Fee to ascend the Auto Road is \$25, weather permitted.



**Demo Rides at NHMS:** Katancha & Harley-Davidson host the largest demo ride course in the area along with a vendor mall & food court, 8th-14th from 10am to 5pm. Demo ride registration ends at 4:30pm daily. Check out the top manufacturers in the world such as, Harley-Davidson Motor Company Kawasaki, BMW, & Indian!



**Custom Bike Show** at the Historic Train Station in downtown Laconia next to Burrito Me. People's Choice! \$100 Cash Prize! Slow Race at 1pm in the parking lot of the train station! \$100 Cash Prize!

**Burrito Eating Contest:** Historic Train Station at Burrito Me, 1:30pm.

**Antique Bike Show** from 4pm to 7pm at Mystic Meadows (next to Tavern 27). 2075 Parade Road | Laconia. Live music and fun events during the show!

**32nd Best of the Bikers Pool Tournament at Winni, Bar & Billiards.** Qualifying Monday-Thursday at 7pm. Finals on Friday at 6pm. Sponsored in part by Twisted Tea!

**NazBar Tattoo Contest!** \$500 cash prizes and trophies. Sponsored by Budweiser!

**Biker Build-Off at the High Octane Saloon.** Each day starting at 12pm.

**Vintage, Antique, Trikes & Sidecars Show at High Octane Saloon.** Registration begins at 10am.

**All Bikes Show at High Octane Saloon.** Registration begins at 3pm.

**T-Shirt Contests daily at High Octane Saloon** at 3pm, 5pm, & 7pm.



**H.O.G. Pin Stop at NH Motor Speedway:** June 14th -21st from 10am to 5pm.

**Cornerstone Outreach Ministries:** Safety food stop. Route 9, 24hr/8 days, 603-352-2616

**Free Coffee House:** White Church, Tower St., Weirs Beach. 9am-8pm.

**Jasmine Cain performs at Bentley's Saloon** in Arundel, Maine!

**Shuttle Service:** Between Weirs Beach and Meredith Bay \$25 Round Trip, [cruisenh.com](http://cruisenh.com)

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**Top Picks**  
through the week!

- 1: Demo Rides at NH Motor Speedway Monday -Saturday
- 2: Tower Hill Street Climb & Expo Tuesday, 1:00 -3:00 pm

3: M/S Mount Washington Cruise Tuesday @ 4:30pm

4: **FIREWORKS!**  
Wednesday @ 10:00 pm

5: NazBar Tattoo Contest at the Naswa Resort Thursday @ 6:00pm





**LEGEND**

**RHQs, Gypsy Tours & Rides** 

**Races & Stunts** 

**Rider Appreciation** 

**Demos** 

**Entertainment & Music** 

**Bike Shows & Contests** 

**Rally Headquarters Open Every Day:** On the Weirs Beach Boardwalk, **8am-9pm.**

## THURSDAY, JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup> (CONT.)



**Live Music at the NazBar & Grill:**  
Naswa Resort, Open 11am-close.

**Live Music daily at the Looney Bin Bar & Grill!**

**Tower Hill Tavern:**

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**The Big House:** Live Music and events all week

**Sucker Punch Saloon behind Tower Hill Tavern:** Live music all week!

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Music & Entertainment ALL WEEK!

**High Octane Saloon:** Live music & events all week!



**Hot Pepper Eating Contest, Bar Sport Olympics, & Beer Pong Challenge** at Notch Biergarten by Beans & Greens Farm from 5pm-8pm.

**3rd Annual Proper Baggers Performance Meet & Show at Laconia Harley-Davidson.**

Registration begins at 7PM and judging begins at 8:15pm. Prize give-away of a Stinger Trailer!

**T-Shirt Contests daily at High Octane Saloon** at 3pm, 5pm, & 7pm.



**H.O.G. Pin Stop at NH Motor Speedway:**  
June 14th -21st from 10am to 5pm.

**Winnepesaukee Scenic Railroad Train Service** between downtown Laconia, Weirs Beach and Meredith. Tickets are \$30 (kids \$20) at [www.gsscenic.com](http://www.gsscenic.com) or call 603-279-5253.

**Cornerstone Outreach Ministries:** Safety food stop. Route 9, 24hr/8 days, 603-352-2616

**Bike Blessing:** By the Christian Motorcyclist Association at 11am at the City of Laconia Bike Show at Opechee Park. All are welcome.

**Free Coffee House:** White Church, Tower St., Weirs Beach. 9am-8pm.

**Swap Meet:** At the City of Laconia Bike Show. Opechee Park, 8:00-1:00pm. 603-455-0458

**Belknap County Nursing Home Welcomes Motorcycle Week!** Please ride by and beep and wave to the residents or stop by to meet them! They will be sitting outside watching the motorcycles ride by! 11am - 2pm. SR 106, North Main Street.

**Shuttle Service:** Between Weirs Beach and Meredith Bay \$25 Round Trip, [cruisenh.com](http://cruisenh.com)

## FRIDAY, JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup>



**Demo Rides at NHMS:** Katancha & Harley-Davidson host the largest demo ride course in the area(S1 Lot) along with a vendor mall & food court (S2 Lot), 14th - 21st from 10am to 5pm. Demo ride registration ends at 4:30pm daily. Check out the top manufacturers in the world such as Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Yamaha, BMW, & Indian!



**20th Annual City of Laconia Bike Show:** Opechee Park, 11-1pm. Benefits City of Laconia, 603-455-0458. Swap Meet! Opechee Park, 8am-1pm. Benefits City of Laconia. Vendors, call Dick 603-455-0458.

**Motorcycle Rodeo Games and Skill Contests!**

During the City of Laconia Bike Show at Opechee Park from 11am to 1pm. Trophies awarded for top place in each game! Call Dick for more info: 603-455-0458.

**Tattoo Contest at Bentley's Saloon** with guest judge, Tom Ringwalt of Tommy's Supplies! From 3pm-6pm.

**32nd Annual Championship Best of the Bikers Pool Tournament:** Winni, Bar & Billiards. Finals on Friday at 6pm. Sponsored in part by Twisted Tea!

**Biker Build-Off at the High Octane Saloon.** Each day starting at 12pm.

**Shovelhead Bike Show** All Bikes Show at High Octane Saloon. Registration begins at 10am.



**Live Music ALL WEEK!**

The NazBar & Grill at Naswa Resort, The Looney Bin Bar & Grill, Tower Hill Tavern, The Big House, Sucker Punch Saloon behind Tower Hill Tavern, Notch Biergarten & High Octane Saloon. **The M/S Mount Washington will be dockside!** Live Music, Food & Bev, No Cover!

## SATURDAY, JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup>



**Demo Rides at NHMS:** Katancha & Harley-Davidson host the largest demo ride course in the area(S1 Lot) along with a vendor mall & food court (S2 Lot), 14th - 21st from 10am to 5pm. Demo ride registration ends at 4:30pm daily.



**SATURDAY, JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup> (CONT.)**



**USCRA FIM North American Vintage Championships & Harley vs. Indian Wars.** Check out the vintage racing action at speeds exceeding 130mph! Races are rain or shine! NHMS. [www.race-uscra.com](http://www.race-uscra.com) for more info.

**12th Annual Miss Bentley's Pin-Up Contest.** Bentley's Saloon in Arundel, Maine from 1-6pm with live entertainment all day! All girls welcome to pose in RETRO 40's, 50's or 60's eras. Winner receives \$1000 cash, prizes and picture on a Bentley's T-Shirt posing on a motorcycle! Check [www.bentleyssaloon.com](http://www.bentleyssaloon.com) for updates.

**11th Annual Burnout Competition at Iron Tails Saloon in Acton, ME.** Registrations begins at 11:30AM. Sponsored by Forever Two Wheels.

**Biker Build-Off at the High Octane Saloon.** Each day starting at 12pm.

**Women's Kickstart Competition** at All Bikes Show at High Octane Saloon. Registration begins at 2pm.

**Chopper Bike Show All Bikes Show** at High Octane Saloon. Registration begins at 3pm.

**T-Shirt Contests daily** at High Octane Saloon at 3pm, 5pm, & 7pm.

**MISS HIGH OCTANE SALOON** Contest at 7pm - High Octane Saloon.

**Top Picks**

for the last weekend!



- 1: Annual City of Laconia Bike Show:** Opechee Park, Fri Jun 20.
- 2: Annual Miss Bentley's Pin-Up Contest:** Arundel, ME. Sat June 21.
- 3: Chopper Bike Show:** Notch Biergarten, Sat, June 21.
- 4: Gypsy Tour to the USCRA FIM North American Vintage Races.** Sunday, June 22.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup>**



**USCRA FIM North American Vintage Championships & Harley vs. Indian Wars.** Check out the vintage racing action at speeds exceeding 130mph! Races are rain or shine! NHMS. [www.race-uscra.com](http://www.race-uscra.com) for more info.



**AMA Gypsy Tour to the NH Motor Speedway** for the USCRA FIM North American Vintage Races at NH Motor speedway. Leaves Rally Headquarters on Lakeside Ave., 10:30am.



**New England Racing Museum:** OPEN from 10am to 4pm on weekends. [www.NEMSMUSEUM.com](http://www.NEMSMUSEUM.com)

**Cornerstone Outreach Ministries:** Safety food stop. Route 9, 24hr/8 days, 603-352-2616

**Free Coffee House:** White Church, Tower St., Weirs Beach. 9am-8pm.



**Live Music at the NazBar & Grill:** Naswa Resort, Open 11am-close.

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**Newfound Country Store Rider Appreciation Day:** Live music, sales, and beer tastings from 11am to 3pm. 408 Mayhew Turnpike, Bridgewater.

**Shuttle Service:** Between Weirs Beach and Meredith Bay \$25 Round Trip, [cruisenh.com](http://cruisenh.com)



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## WHAT IS A RALLY PATRON?

We always tell all of our visitors and locals to watch for the Rally Patron stickers on the doors or windows of local businesses around the state of New Hampshire.



Being a Rally Patron shows the holder of the title both supports Laconia Motorcycle Week and welcomes all of the visitors the Rally brings into their business. And that welcome mat is out all year long.

What does not being a Rally Patron show? Good question. We have asked that question often. Perhaps a “who cares attitude”, maybe not thrilled seeing motorcyclist coming into their businesses or maybe it’s just “I don’t need to lift a finger” - Hard to say.

Either way we encourage all riders and supporters of Laconia Motorcycle Week to patronize all Rally Patrons! Look for the list of this year’s Rally Patrons in the Rally News, on our Web site, and the updated Rally Patrons stickers wherever they are posted. For more information, contact the LACONIA Motorcycle Week Association at 603-366-2000. Remember.....

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NH Governor Kelly Ayotte catches a ride with Cynthia Makris for the Peter Makris Ride.

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**Have a backup plan.** - Consider getting Roadside Assistance coverage so that help is just a phone call away in case you break down. You might also want insurance coverage that will pay up to \$500 for lodging, transportation and food if your bike breaks down or if you have an accident more than 100 miles from home. Most Progressive Insurance customers can get both kinds of coverage for just \$15 a year.



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Russ Brown Motorcycle Attorneys®  
A Story of Riders Helping Riders



By: Lewis Googly



The Russ Brown team has helped countless riders over the past 44 years. By attending major motorcycle events, the Riders Helping Riders® program has grown to over 2 million bikers, and because of Russ Brown, it's a free volunteer-based service. They have been a part of the historic Laconia Rally for decades!

I will admit that when I filled out the form at IMS I thought I had more chances at winning the free bike drawing than ever being called upon for roadside assistance. I didn't win the drawing but a few weeks later I did get a call...

I was just chilling Saturday afternoon when someone from Russ Brown Motorcycle Attorneys® called me to ask if I could help out. Since I didn't have any plans, I said sure. Turns out that @ciscomatic9 had just bought a Harley and the back tire went flat while riding it home... He was safe in a parking lot with his buddy, and although they had a pick up truck, they had no means of getting the bike in it. I grabbed my ramp, some straps and the canyon dancers and headed out their way. A passerby even helped us push the bike up the ramp and offered us beers (but we saved them for later as we don't drink and drive). All in all, it only took a couple hours, and everything was right! @ciscomatic9 even promptly drove to my house the next day to return the straps that I let him keep for the rest of the trip like a proper dude!

With the free Riders Helping Riders® program that they operate, any rider with a roadside emergency can call 1-800-4-BIKERS and be connected to a willing volunteer. Bikes have very small margins of errors, all it takes is one flat tire, or a fluid leak and the ride is over... so save that number in case you ever need it! And if you have a truck, or trailer, a ramp or gas can and straps, and a helpful attitude, please consider signing up into the program. It's no obligations and you can always turn down a request for help. They also provide FREE legal advice across the U.S. Their nationwide legal team of experienced local motorcycle lawyers are ready to help you if you are involved in a crash.

Since 1975 the Russ Brown team, led by Chuck Koro & Jim Romag, have been representing riders injured in motorcycle accidents. They are premier motorcycle attorneys and advocates for fellow bikers. Join the Riders Helping Riders® network now by visiting [www.russbrown.com](http://www.russbrown.com) or calling 1-800-4-BIKERS.

**Watch for our booths in Daytona & Sturgis!**

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- Fresh, on the Board Walk, Weirs Beach
- Giuseppe's Pizzeria & Ristorante
- Hart's Turkey Farm Restaurant
- Hector's Fine Food & Spirits
- O Steak & Seafood
- Patrick's Pub & Eatery
- The Looney Bin Bar And Grill
- The Naswa Resort
- Tower Hill Tavern
- Union Diner

**AND NATIONWIDE:**

- Bassett Range Lodge Hotel, Bassett, NE
- Chris's Chuck Wagon Diner, Duanesburg, NY
- Country View Diner, Brunswick, NY
- Dottie's Cafe, Dubuque, IA
- Kay's Place, Kingsville, OH
- Leanh's Chinese Restaurant, S. Daytona
- Metro 7 Diner, Latham, NY
- Millstone Restaurant, Spearfish, SD
- Milwaukee Weiner House, Sioux City, IA
- Peppermints Restaurant, Avon, NY
- Red Apple Family Restaurant, Princeton, IL
- Simply Gina's Restaurant, Holly Hill, FL
- Speed Trap Diner, Woodville, OH
- Steve's Famous Diner, Daytona Beach, FL
- Tally-Ho Restaurant, Richfield Springs, NY
- The Villager Restaurant, Sac City, IA
- Tick Tock Diner, NYC
- Town And Country Diner, Bordentown, NJ
- Uncle Joe's Diner, Hamburg, NY

**K. Peddlar Bridges - a.k.a the Roadpoet**  
**Laconia Motorcycle Week's Poet Laureate and Historian**

Old Wild Bill,  
Santa Claus  
Opened the Garage  
Door  
It was a Righteous Day  
It was a Fine Day  
To head for Laconia  
  
But it wouldn't be the  
same  
now  
without Gracy

Over his work bench  
Hung  
a photo  
of Laconia 59 ... His first

Laconia 59 ... he was there  
Laconia 69 ... he was there  
Laconia 79 ... it seemed  
like yesterday.

He remembered Gracy young  
He remembered Gracy older  
He remembered  
when Gracy began to hobble a bit  
and he mentioned buying a sidecar

He remembered her ire  
"You ain't putting me in no Baby Carriage!"  
"I'll ride behind you, as I always have!"

And now Gracy was gone.

He remembered the kick they got  
about 15 years back  
the first time they ever won  
the Oldest Riders' Trophy Award.

And now he seemed to win it  
every time out  
and he would bring it back  
and set it on that lonely shelf  
with all the rest.

He thought about the other men  
He watched win that trophy.

Gunner, Tuffy, Old Man Dan Webber.

He pushed the new Sporty  
out of the garage  
and thought about his old FLH ...

"They call it, down sizing," he told himself,  
"Just another word for getting old."

But, it was a Fine Day  
A Righteous Day  
and who was he  
to break faith  
with tradition

He decided to ride up 107  
stop along the way  
for a bite to eat.  
hit 106 and cruise by the track  
on his way to the Weirs

Because, Gracy always liked that way  
and so did he.

( In loving memory of those who taught me how to follow ...  
Peddlar. )



**PEDDLAR ON HIS RIDE**

Photo by Shelly Meeks

## \$400,000 LOUDON CLASSIC® PURSE, VINTAGE RACING RETURNS TO NEW HAMPSHIRE MOTOR SPEEDWAY DURING LACONIA MOTORCYCLE WEEK

New Hampshire Motor Speedway is a must-stop destination with racing, demo rides, vendors, camping and more for riders during Laconia Motorcycle Week, June 14-22.

**L** OUDON, N.H. – New Hampshire Motor Speedway (NHMS) is a top destination for riders visiting the area during Laconia Motorcycle Week, June 14-22, with on- and off-track events throughout nine days of motorcycle mayhem. The 102nd Annual Loudon Classic® headlines a week-long motorcycle celebration that features racing, demo rides, vendors, camping and more.

“Motorcycle Week is one of our favorite times of the year when we get to showcase all the beauty of the Granite State to riders,” said New Hampshire Motor Speedway Executive Vice President and General Manager David McGrath. “This event is a great way to kick off the summer season, and we love opening our gates to riders from all over the country. The two-wheeled, road-course racing is wild, and we’re proud to offer riders the opportunity to test out the latest bikes as well as do some shopping for some new gear to upgrade their ride.”



Courtesy of NHMS & Jill Torress

NHMS is home to the best racing action in the region, and there will be no shortage of action on the 1.6-mile full road course June 13-15 when Northeast Motorcycle Road Racing (NEMRR) competes in round three of racing. The weekend will be highlighted by the 102nd Annual Loudon Classic® on June 14, which has been held on site since long before the speedway was built, when it was simply a road course named Bryar Motorsports Park. Known as the longest-running motorcycle race in America, this year’s Loudon Classic® returns with a record-breaking \$400,000 purse.

The United States Classic Racing Association returns to NHMS this year closing out the two-wheeled on-track action with the FIM North American Vintage Championships, June 21-22. A variety of classes, ranging from 1950s tank shifters to modern small bike twins provide a wide range of vintage racing action.

Katancha and Harley-Davidson will host the largest demo ride course in the area along with a vendor mall and food court June 14-21. Riders will feel the excitement as they hit the open road on a nearly nine-mile route that will take riders through an off-property



experience with a unique chance to demo the power, performance and innovation of the latest models from Harley-Davidson and other manufacturers. Riders should prepare for the ultimate Harley-Davidson experience at NHMS with exclusive merchandise and special perks and rewards. Members of Harley Owners Group, the official riding club of Harley-Davidson, can pick up their commemorative rally pin. There will also

be a plethora of vendors on site with gear, accessories, sound systems and more for bikers.

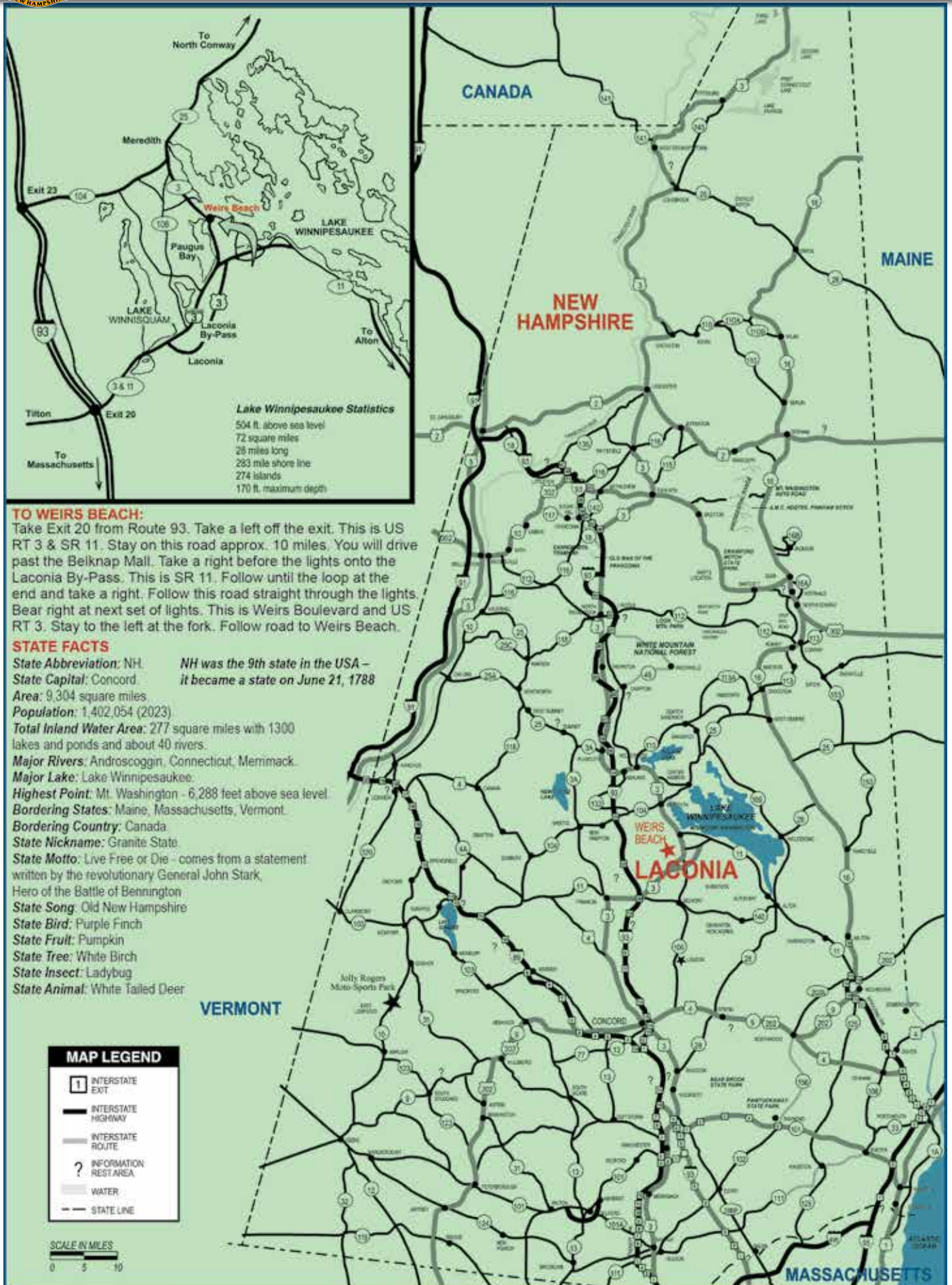
Riders can support children in need throughout New England by participating in events that will benefit the New Hampshire Chapter of Speedway Children’s Charities (SCCNH), the official charity of NHMS.

NHMS and ProRider 603 are joining forces again to host the third annual Top Cop for Kids Motorcycle

Skills Challenge presented by Whelen, which will put the region’s finest motorcycle riders to the test to see who has what it takes to be named Top Cop. ProRider 603 will set up two timed courses, designed to test accuracy and speed, for three divisions of riders – police, expert civilian and novice civilian. One course will be designated for police and expert riders while the second course will be for novice riders. The timed courses will be open Friday and Saturday, June 13-14 for practice with the timed challenge and trophy presentation taking place on Sunday, June 15. Riders are strongly encouraged to register in advance, as spots are limited.

Riders looking to improve their skills prior to the Top Cop for Kids Motorcycle Skills Challenge can participate in a clinic hosted by Quinn Redeker who spent many years as a Police Motor Officer and instructor in California. Redeker is the current National Brand Ambassador for the BMW Motorrad Authority Division and travels the world competing in motorcycle competitions, providing demonstrations and offering clinics to police agencies and civilians. Redeker will

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**Lake Winnepesaukee Statistics**  
 504 ft. above sea level  
 72 square miles  
 28 miles long  
 283 mile shore line  
 274 islands  
 170 ft. maximum depth

**TO WEIRS BEACH:**

Take Exit 20 from Route 93. Take a left off the exit. This is US RT 3 & SR 11. Stay on this road approx. 10 miles. You will drive past the Belknap Mall. Take a right before the lights onto the Laconia By-Pass. This is SR 11. Follow until the loop at the end and take a right. Follow this road straight through the lights. Bear right at next set of lights. This is Weirs Boulevard and US RT 3. Stay to the left at the fork. Follow road to Weirs Beach.

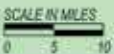
**STATE FACTS**

- State Abbreviation:** NH
- State Capital:** Concord
- Area:** 9,304 square miles
- Population:** 1,402,054 (2023)
- Total Inland Water Area:** 277 square miles with 1300 lakes and ponds and about 40 rivers.
- Major Rivers:** Androskoggin, Connecticut, Memmack.
- Major Lake:** Lake Winnepesaukee
- Highest Point:** Mt. Washington - 6,288 feet above sea level.
- Bordering States:** Maine, Massachusetts, Vermont.
- Bordering Country:** Canada
- State Nickname:** Granite State
- State Motto:** Live Free or Die - comes from a statement written by the revolutionary General John Stark, Hero of the Battle of Bennington
- State Song:** Old New Hampshire
- State Bird:** Purple Finch
- State Fruit:** Pumpkin
- State Tree:** White Birch
- State Insect:** Ladybug
- State Animal:** White Tailed Deer

*NH was the 9th state in the USA - it became a state on June 21, 1788*

**MAP LEGEND**

- INTERSTATE EXIT
- INTERSTATE HIGHWAY
- INTERSTATE ROUTE
- INFORMATION REST AREA
- WATER
- STATE LINE





## VINTAGE RACING RETURNS...

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be hosting a clinic for expert and police riders at NHMS on Friday, June 13 at 9 a.m. and for novice riders on Saturday, June 14 at 10 a.m.

With the speedway centrally-located on Route 106, the main corridor to Laconia and just 20 minutes south of Rally Headquarters, it has become the perfect home-away-from-home during Motorcycle Week. Dry and full hookup spots are available with amazing views of the racetrack.

### Schedule:

- June 11-23: Camping available (NHMS)
- June 13-15: Top Cop for Kids Motorcycle Skills Challenge presented by Whelen to benefit the New Hampshire Chapter of Speedway Children's Charities (S3 Lot)
- June 13-15: Northeast Motorcycle Road Racing (1.6-mile full road course)
- June 13: Expert/Police Clinic hosted by Quinn Redeker (S3 Lot)
- June 14: Novice Clinic hosted by Quinn Redeker (S3 Lot)
- June 14: 102nd Annual Loudon Classic® (1.6-mile full road course)
- June 14-21: Demo rides (S2 Lot) and vendors and food court open (S1 Lot)
- June 21-22: United States Classic Racing Association FIM North American Vintage Championships (1.6-mile full road course)

Riders are encouraged to check the speedway website ([NHMS.com](http://NHMS.com)) and social channels for the most up-to-date information regarding events happening as a part of Motorcycle Week at NHMS.

Keep track of all of New Hampshire Motor Speedway's events by following on Facebook (@[NHMotorSpeedway](https://www.facebook.com/NHMotorSpeedway)), Twitter (@[NHMS](https://twitter.com/NHMS)) and Instagram (@[NHMS](https://www.instagram.com/NHMS)). Keep up with all the latest information on the speedway website ([NHMS.com](http://NHMS.com)) and mobile app.



Courtesy of NHMS & Jill Torress

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Buffalo, NY . . . . .	547
Chicago, IL . . . . .	1,050
Cincinnati, OH . . . . .	974
Cleveland, OH . . . . .	643
Dallas, TX . . . . .	1,917
Daytona Beach, FL . . . . .	1,337
Denver, CO . . . . .	2,087
Halifax, Nova Scotia . . . . .	652
Hartford, CT . . . . .	167
Kansas City, MO . . . . .	1,554
Los Angeles, CA . . . . .	3,150
Memphis, TN . . . . .	953
Miami, FL . . . . .	1,640
Minneapolis . . . . .	1,300
Montreal, PQ . . . . .	223
New Orleans, LA . . . . .	1,634
New York, NY . . . . .	276
Norfolk, VA . . . . .	630
Omaha, NE . . . . .	1,558
Philadelphia, PA . . . . .	372
Phoenix, AZ . . . . .	2,780
Pittsburgh, PA . . . . .	620
Portland, ME . . . . .	76
Quebec City, PQ . . . . .	292
St. Louis, MO . . . . .	1,276
San Francisco, CA . . . . .	3,262
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#### **EVL CYCLES**

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#### **HK Powersports**

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#### **Laconia Harley-Davidson**

239 DW Highway, Meredith – 603-279-4526

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## 2025 GYPSY TOUR TO SUPPORT THE NEW ENGLAND RACING MUSEUM

**Doug Donelan**

Join us for the AMA-sanctioned Gypsy Tour during Laconia Motorcycle Week as we embark on an unforgettable ride to benefit the New England Racing Museum! The tour will start at the Rally Headquarters on Lakeshore Avenue in the Weirs and travel to the 2025 FIM North America Vintage Road Race Championships at New Hampshire Motor Speedway, all while raising funds for this iconic motor sports museum.

### **Details:**

- Sign-up: Starts at 9:00 AM
- Departure: 10:30 AM
- Route: The ride kicks off with a police escort from the Rally Headquarters in Laconia (Weirs) to the New England Racing Museum on Route 106. From there, we'll continue to New Hampshire Motor Speedway for a thrilling finish.
- Museum Support: All proceeds from the Gypsy Tour directly benefit the New England Racing Museum, located just south of the Speedway.

### **Once at the Speedway, Gypsy Tour participants will enjoy:**

- 50% off admission to the races
- Escorted parade laps around the track
- VIP parking inside the Speedway
- Full access to garages, grandstands, and pits

2025 Grand Marshal: This year's Grand Marshal will lead the Gypsy Tour parade laps, accompanied by the legendary Harley and Indian tank-shifter racers. Don't miss this unique chance to follow in the tracks of motorcycling history!

All proceeds from the Gypsy Tour go directly to the museum, supporting its ongoing mission to preserve New England's racing heritage. 🏍️

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**Renting a bike?** You might already be covered. If you're planning to rent a bike for your road trip instead of riding your own, your current motorcycle insurance might already protect your rental. Ask your agent or log in to your policy online to find out if coverage for rental bikes is provided under your current policy. If your rental isn't covered, you may want to get insurance from the rental company.

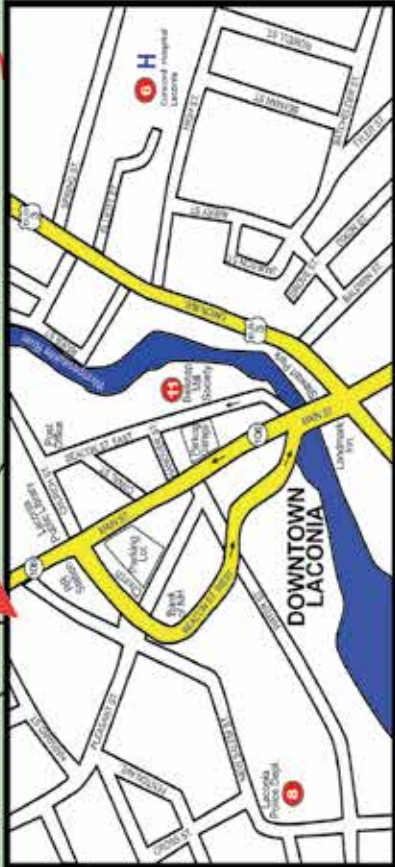


**LEGEND**

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- 2 Lakeside Ave., Weirs Beach
- 3 **LACONIA AIRPORT**  
65 Aviation Dr.  
Gilford 603-324-7301
- 4 **NEW HAMPSHIRE MOTOR SPEEDWAY**  
Rt. 106 Loudon  
603-783-4931
- 5 **CONCORD HOSPITAL LACONIA**  
Highland St., Laconia  
603-524-3211
- 6 **WEIRS FIRE STATION**  
Lucerne Ave., Weirs Beach  
603-366-2229
- 7 **LACONIA POLICE DEPT.**  
126 N. Salem St.  
Laconia 603-534-9252
- 8 **PARKING LOT**  
Winnepesaukee Crossing
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- 10 **Belknap Mill**  
Downtown Laconia
- 11 **Opeechee Park**
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"Winnepesaukee" is a native Indian name that means "Smile of the Great Spirit." Lake Winnepesaukee has a volume of 625 billion gallons of water and is surrounded by the foothills of three mountain ranges: The Ossipee Range, The Belknap Range, and The White Mountains. The Laconia Motorcycle Association invites you to come and discover quaint New England towns where you can enjoy many events or relax in the peaceful country atmosphere.



**Quick NH Lake Facts:**

- Five biggest lakes – Winnepesaukee, Squam, Winnisquam, Newfound, Sunapee
- Belknap County has the most amount of water area in NH – 42,200 acres
- The deepest Lakes are: Winnepesaukee – 187 feet Newfound – 168 feet
- Best Canoeing – Squam Lake
- Highest Elevation – Lake of the Clouds – 5060 ft. above sea level.
- Northernmost Lake – Mountain Pond.

**Quick Laconia, NH Facts**

- Laconia was originally inhabited by the Abenaki Indians.
- Incorporated as a town in 1855
- Home of the oldest Motorcycle Rally in the USA - Laconia Motorcycle Week® since 1916
- Home of World Championship Sled Dog Derby since 1929
- County: Belknap
- Square miles: 27.243
- of which 6.117 sq. miles is water
- Population: 16,055 (2014)
- Recreational: 20 Parks, 4 Public Beaches

# NEW HAMPSHIRE MOTOR SPEEDWAY HOSTS THE 24TH FIM NORTH AMERICA VINTAGE ROAD RACE CHAMPIONSHIPS, JUNE 21 & 22, 2025

Doug Donelan

New Hampshire Motor Speedway will once again serve as the backdrop for the 24th running of the FIM North America Vintage Road Race Championships, presented by the United States Classic Racing Association ([www.race-uscra.com](http://www.race-uscra.com)). The event takes place on the 1.6-mile road course. Vintage racers from across the United States and Canada will gather for this internationally recognized event, showcasing a thrilling mix of history and speed.

## What Makes a "Vintage" Race Bike?

For this event, "vintage" means race machines manufactured before the year 2000, with some of the oldest bikes dating back as far as the 1930s. But don't be fooled—these aren't just parades of old motorcycles. The races are high-speed, flat-out battles, with some of the fastest machines reaching speeds over 130 mph.

## A Glimpse into the Past: Early Racing Machines

One of the highlights of the event is the chance to see legendary, rigid-frame Indian and Harley-Davidson tank-shifter race machines from the 1930s and 1940s.

These classic bikes, which lack rear suspension, require an old-school riding style that sees riders sliding through corners on the pavement, using their skill to maintain control at speed. It's a throwback to an era when racing was raw, dangerous, and purely mechanical—a spectacle that must be seen to be appreciated.



Photo Credit: Scott Hussey.

# 712 Mack Bove, #67 Isaac DiGeronimo

## Vintage Sidecar Racing: Thrills and Balance

Adding to the excitement are the vintage sidecar races, where the "monkey"—the passenger—leans off the sidecar platform, scraping their shoulder on the ground to help balance the machine through the corners. Without this counterweight, the sidecar would flip over. Most of the passengers are women—some are wives or girlfriends, while others are adrenaline junkies seeking the ultimate thrill. In these races, the driver not only controls the bike but must also throttle-steer the outfit through a controlled slide, making for a truly unique racing experience. The Heart of the Vintage Action: 1960s to 1980s Machines

The real heart of the vintage racing action lies in the machines from the 1960s through the mid-1980s. Classic British bikes like Triumph and BSA continue to battle it out on track against the more modern Japanese multi-cylinder bikes of the 1970s. The competition is fierce, as these machines are finely tuned and as competitive as ever.

## Spectator Experience: Access to the Action

Spectators can enjoy an up-close experience, with access to the NASCAR oval, garage areas, and grandstands. Whether rain or shine, the races will go on, ensuring a weekend full of action-packed racing and the chance to immerse yourself in the history of motorcycle racing. Gates open at 8am each day and admission is only \$20 for the weekend. For more information, visit [www.race-uscra.com](http://www.race-uscra.com).



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**Motorcycle Events**

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LIVE MUSIC 5PM - 8PM



**MONDAY, JUNE 16TH**  
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**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18TH**  
BAGGER, VINTAGE & TRIKE BIKE SHOW 11AM - 3PM  
AND  
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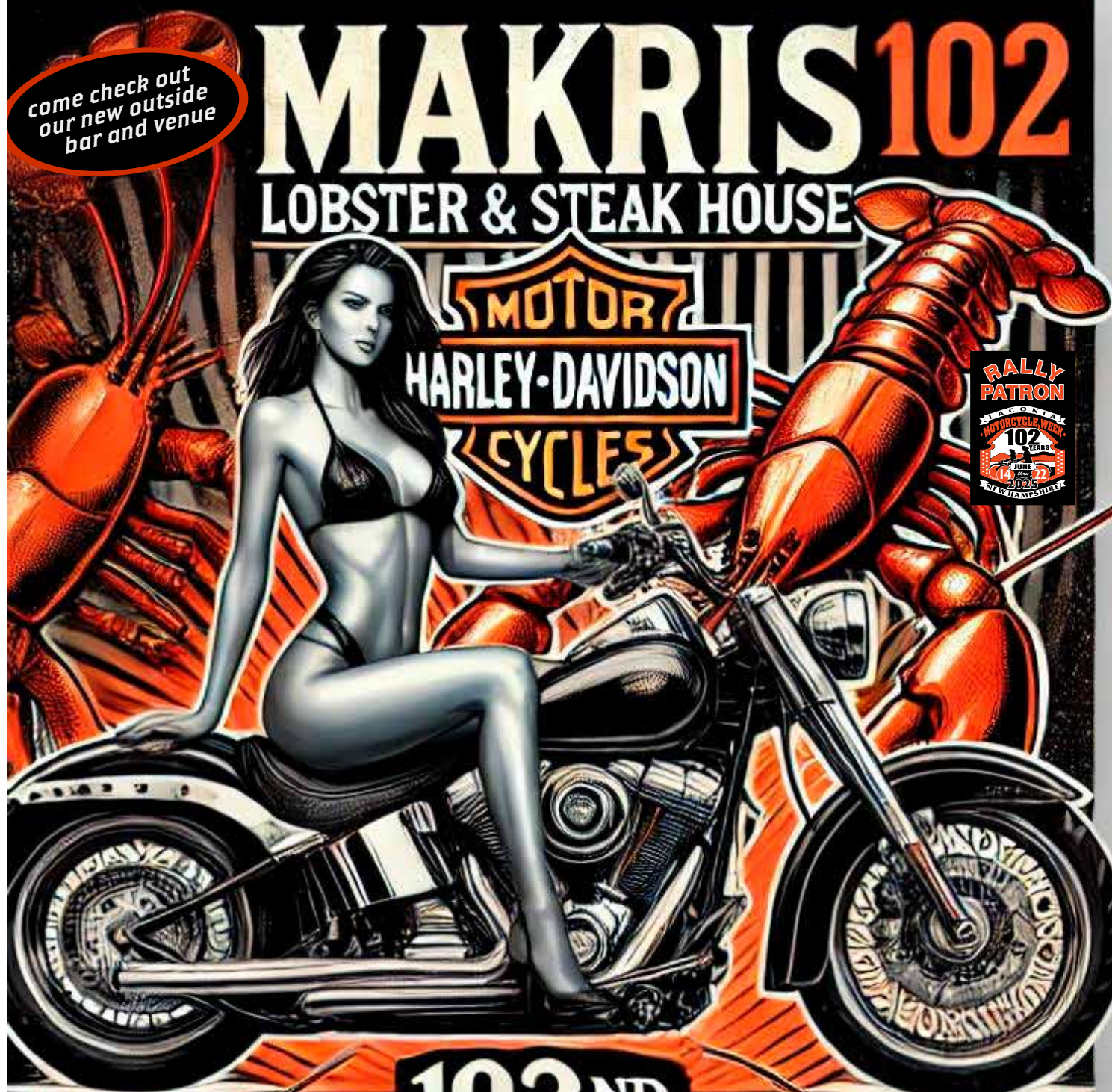




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## NEW HAMPSHIRE MOTOR SPEEDWAY HEADLINES MOTORCYCLE WEEK

Doug Donelan

Located on scenic Route 106 in Loudon, NH, New Hampshire Motor Speedway is the place to be during Laconia Bike Week! The action-packed schedule is headlined by the 102nd running of the iconic Loudon Classic on Saturday, June 14th presented by NEMRR ([www.nemrr.com](http://www.nemrr.com)), followed by the FIM North America Vintage Road Race Championships on June 21st & 22nd, presented by the US CRA ([www.race-uscra.com](http://www.race-uscra.com)) to wrap up Bike Week.

Just a short walk from the south end of the Speedway property is the New England Racing Museum, a must-visit for racing enthusiasts. The museum boasts an impressive collection of racing motorcycles, sidecars, and racecars, as well as New England's largest motorsports library. Among its many treasures are helmets worn by top racers and a massive array of trophies won by New England-based drivers.

One highlight of the museum's collection is a home-built drag bike powered by a 405-CID Buick engine, and there's also a BSA Goldstar, famously ridden by Jody Nicholas to victory at the 1963 Laconia National despite an epic last-lap tumble at the old Belknap track. You'll find a one-of-a-kind ROKON "works" flat track bike, one of fewer than ten ever made, and a rare Honda "works" flat tracker, of which only four were produced. Also on display is the TZ500 Yamaha, ridden by the first woman to complete the Daytona 200, and the MSDS 175 Parilla racer, a veteran of two Motogiro d'Italias.

This year, the museum is featuring two exciting new additions: the AMA Laconia National-winning Suzuki ridden by John Bettencourt and a historic BMW racing



Photo Credit: Scott Hussey.

### # 712 Mack Bove, #67 Isaac DiGeronimo

sidecar that has been competing since the 1960s and has racked up numerous championships. Every bike and vehicle in the museum has a rich history in New England's racing scene.

Museum admission is free for members, and just \$10 for non-members. The museum is open Fridays through Sundays from 10am-4pm, with extended hours during Bike Week. For more information, visit [www.nemsmuseum.com](http://www.nemsmuseum.com).

At the Speedway, there's more than just racing to enjoy. Vendors, manufacturers, and demo rides are all part of the excitement. And for those looking to stay close to the action, camping options are available with or without water and power hookups.

There's so much to experience at the Speedway, you won't want to miss a moment of the fun. See you there! 🏍️

## RACING SIDECARS RETURN FOR FIM ROAD RACE CHAMPIONSHIPS: JUNE 21/22ND

Doug Donelan

Get ready for one of the most thrilling spectacles in motorsport as vintage road racing sidecars make their highly anticipated return to the FIM North America Vintage Road Race Championships, on June 21st & 22nd, 2025 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway.

Vintage sidecar racing is a heart-pounding blend of skill, bravery, and raw speed. Imagine a three-wheeled machine, powered by high horsepower and gripping narrow tires, speeding inches above the asphalt with two riders in a constant battle to stay in control. The driver drifts through corners, fighting for every inch, while the passenger—who acts as the ballast—shifts their weight from side to side on a tiny platform to keep the sidecar from flipping.

This is a sport that's not for the faint of heart. The intense focus required by the driver means that when a passenger inevitably falls off (sometimes at high speeds), the driver often doesn't notice until it's far too late, resulting in a hair-raising, dramatic spectacle. It's the kind of danger and excitement that feels like

something straight out of ancient gladiator battles, reminiscent of Roman chariot races.

Don't miss the chance to witness these daring athletes push the limits of man, woman and machine at one of the most exciting races of the season. For more information, visit the United States Classic Racing Association at [www.race-uscra.com](http://www.race-uscra.com). 🏍️



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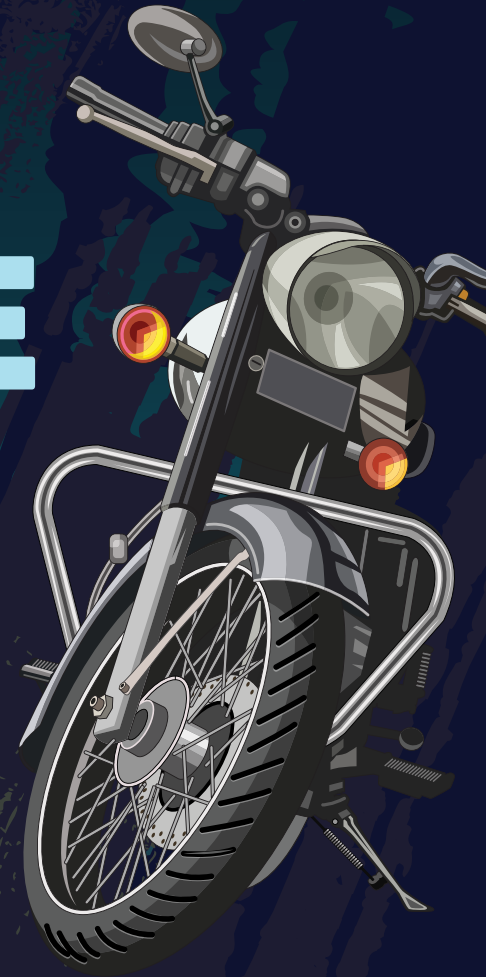




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## FREE VINTAGE HILL CLIMB AT THE WEIRS – JUNE 17, 2025

Doug Donelan

Did you know that the original “Laconia” Hill Climb was held on Tower Street, just off Lakeside Avenue in the Weirs? The first hill climb took place in 1916, marking the beginning of the Gypsy Tour and the area's rich racing history. Back then, Tower Street was just a dirt road. Fast forward to today, and Tower Street is paved, but the steep challenge it presents remains just as thrilling—an exciting showcase of motorcycles roaring up the hill.

After 1924, the AMA Sanctioned Hill Climb moved to Gunstock Mountain Resort, where the iconic 70-meter ski jump now hosts modern hill climbs. But on **Tuesday, June 17th, 2025**, the **Vintage Tower Hill Climb** will bring us back to where it all started, at the Weirs.

This exclusive **Vintage Hill Climb Exhibition** will run from 1pm to 3pm, featuring classic motorcycles from 1916 through the mid-1970s. Hosted by the **United States Classic Racing Association** ([www.race-uscra.com](http://www.race-uscra.com)), this event is sure to bring a rush of nostalgia. From the very first machines to more recent vintage bikes, this exhibition will showcase the history of hill climbing in all its glory.



Photo Credit: Scott Hussey.

**Mike Corcoran, 1969 Kawasaki H1 500**

You'll see incredible machines like the 1917 Indian with a sidecar and a 1916 Excelsior. One of the highlights in past years was a 1960 Triumph that took home the “King of the Hill” title, with a young woman rider!

Make sure to arrive early to secure a good spot along the hill to catch all the action. And the best part? **IT'S COMPLETELY FREE FOR SPECTATORS!** Don't miss out on this fantastic blast from the past! 🏍️

## ARCHIVES: THE ORIGINS OF THE LACONIA CLASSIC

Doug Donelan

The Laconia (NH) Classic was once the second biggest motorcycle race in America, second only to Daytona. The race had origins that pre-dated even Daytona. What's interesting about Laconia, is that unlike Sturgis, which originated as a motorcycle race later to become a much more famous as an annual motorcyclist rally, Laconia actually started as an annual Gypsy Tour dating back to 1917 and was a well-established gathering, years later that spawned a national race.

Motorcycling, which thrived for the first half of the 1910s as a major mode of transportation, began to slip by the mid-decade with Ford's continuous improvements to its mass production techniques and the resultant low-cost Model T. In 1917 America's motorcycle industry body, the Federation of American Motorcyclists (FAM) was looking for ways to stimulate motorcycle ridership and sales and came up with a series of tours they dubbed Gypsy Tours. These tours would take place across the country, but almost immediately the tour held in New England became the biggest. It made sense, in that the bulk of motorcycle makers during the early year of the industry were in New England. Indian, the biggest motorcycle manufacturer in the world at that point, was in Springfield, Massachusetts.

And the Laconia Gypsy Tour had the major population base of Boston and New York City from which to draw. The rally grew rapidly and would hold the honor as the biggest annual gathering of motorcyclists until it was overtaken by Sturgis probably sometime in the 1970s.

Big-time national racing came to the New England Gypsy Tour with the advent of AMA's then new Class C (production based) racing category. Swanzey, New Hampshire hosted AMA 200-Mile TT Nationals starting in 1934. A local hero Babe Tancrede won that first 200-Mile TT National on a Harley-Davidson. Then another local, the relatively unheralded Hanford Marshall won the big TT event in '36. The '36 race was dubbed “The Derby of Death”. Racer Richard Ashbrook died when he ran off the course into a tree and a spectator was killed when he was hit attempting to cross the track.

The Swanzey TT course was 3.3 miles long over rough roads, up and down hills and many turns. A newspaper estimated the crowds at the Swanzey TT at 10,000, a massive gathering during the Great Depression.

Old Orchard Beach, Maine, hosted the New England Gypsy Tour in 1937 and a 100-mile National was held. The race was won by Indian-backed rider Lester

The start of the Laconia TT National in 1939 before the Belknap Park course was paved.

Photo Credit: NHMS Archive



from being classified a TT national to a road race national in 1940.

The race grew steadily, but then absolutely exploded in popularity after it resumed after World War II. Look at images of the race in the 1940s and '50s and you'll see just massive crowds of fans crowded around the length of the wooded circuit. Word of the race spread and CBS made Laconia one its earliest annual sporting events covered.

Laconia went along fine until the early 1960s when unruly attendees starting drawing strong complaints from local residents. It reached a breaking point and in 1964 the New England Dealer Association announced it could not come to an agreement with local officials to host the rally and the race.

Hillbush, who actually had to borrow a motorcycle from a spectator at the last minute, when his bike quit running. Hillbush was offered the bike by motorcycle dealer Horace Fritz, from Hillbush's hometown of Reading, PA. Hillbush won the 100-miler, not only having to make an extra stop owing to a stock tank, but it was especially notable since, Fritz had ridden the motorcycle 500 miles to the race! The fans, made aware of Hillbush's situation, went nuts when he took the checkered flag a lap ahead of Ben Campanale, who would go on to win the Daytona 200 in 1938 and '39.

Springfield (MA) Indian Motorcycle Dealer Fritzie Baer was instrumental in bringing the New England Gypsy Tour races to the Belknap Recreational Area in Laconia, New Hampshire. Interestingly Baer later left Indian to become managing director of the park. In that capacity, he promoted the Laconia Classic (now called the Loudon Classic) road races through 1963. In spite of being called the Laconia Classic, the Belknap Park circuit was actually located in neighboring Gilford.


The first national at Belknap in 1938 was a 200-miler won by Daytona winner Iron Man Ed Kretz on an Indian. That gave Kretz several distinctions – he was the first rider to win the what would become known as the Laconia Classic, he was the first rider outside of the Northeastern part of the country to win the national race associated with the New England Gypsy Tour, and finally he was the only 200-mile winner of the Laconia Classic. In 1939 the race at Belknap would become a 100 miler.

With the scenic environment and exciting course at Belknap, the New England Tour had found a permanent home for its big race. The races throughout the years would see improvement to the one-mile course, going from all dirt or gravel, to being paved. It went

The answer to renew the race was to build a specially built road course and Bryar Motorsports Park was completed at nearby Loudon in time for the renewal of what would now become the Loudon Classic. Unfortunately, in order to satisfy complaints by locals citizens, local officials went way too heavy handed in '65. They enacted unreasonable local ordinances that basically allowed police to arrest groups of three or more people who were "loitering". In order to enforce these stringent rules with 20,000 motorcyclists, a large group of National Guardsmen were station in place at Weirs Beach setting the stage for over-policing resulting in an outbreak of violence now called the Weir's Beach Riot. Thousands of Laconia attendees threw rocks, burned cars and damaged buildings during night of rioting in this resort area. More than 100 persons were arrested and more than 60 persons were treated at hospitals.

The '65 riots marked a turning point for the rally. It gradually diminished in numbers, though the national races went on at Loudon through 2002. Incidentally, the nighttime partying at the new track became both legendary and infamous with the view from Animal Hill looking like something out of Apocalypse Now on particularly crazy evenings.

The rally continues today and races are still held during Laconia Bike Week, but have been club events now since 2002, but for an amazing stretch from the late 1930s to the early 2000s, the Laconia/Loudon Classic was one of the truly elite motorcycle racing events in America, and attracted massive crowds.

You can read about the Loudon Classic by subscribing to the Cycle News Archives at: <https://www.cycle-news.com/cycle-news-archives/> 



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Doug Donelan

Get ready for an unforgettable weekend of vintage racing history as the legendary grudge match between the iconic Harley-Davidson and Indian motorcycles returns to the New Hampshire Motor Speedway! On June 21st and 22nd, the roar of old tank-shifter Harleys and Indians from the 1930s and 40s will fill the air during the FIM North America Vintage Road Racing Championships. This thrilling race has become a staple of the event, drawing competitors from across the country to settle the age-old debate: which brand will take home the coveted win?

The "Laconia" races, dating back to the 1930s and '40s, were a battleground where Harley and Indian fought for supremacy in American motorcycle racing. Today, that historic rivalry lives on, with these vintage machines once again battling it out for glory. It's an all-out war of speed, skill, and nostalgia, as the racers push their ancient machines to the limit on the track.

One of the most anticipated faces in the event is veteran racer Doc Batsleer from Daytona, Florida, who brings a collection of classic bikes that provide a unique opportunity for younger riders to test their mettle against the old guard. While the "young guns"

may have the speed, it's often the seasoned veterans—those who have spent years mastering these mechanical beasts—who show them how it's done.

The spectacle of smoke, noise, and the distinct scent of these machines will transport you back in time to an era when racing was raw, unfiltered, and full of passion. Don't miss the chance to witness this epic clash of motorcycle history up close!



#35 Doc Batsleer

Photo Credit: Scott Hussey.



## DIRT TRACK RACING ROARS BACK TO ROCHESTER NH HALF MILE

Jennifer Anderson

**R**ochester, NH – In an electrifying development for motorsports enthusiasts and the local community, the legendary Rochester Fairgrounds, established in the late 1800's by the Rochester Agricultural and Mechanical Association as Cold Spring Park and now the home of the NH State Fair, is set to host the highly anticipated return of AMA District 1 Dirt Track Racing on June 21st, 2025. This marks the first event in over 15 years, and it's happening during the 102nd famed Laconia Motorcycle Rally, promising a day full of high-speed action, community spirit, and New England tradition.

The revived dirt track race is spearheaded by SOS Racing Promotions, a women-owned business, and will be a historic AMA



Vintage National Event featuring riders from all over the world as the region welcomes back racing to one of its most cherished venues. The event will honor the legacy of Pete Giammalvo, the original promoter at the fairgrounds for dirt track racing and feature a 'John "Zeke" O'Connell Dash for Cash' in the Expert Class and a 'Giuseppe Bonanno Dash for Cash' for the Open Amateur Class. Gates will open at 11:00 AM for spectators, with bikes hitting the half mile cushion track for practice at noon with a series of thrilling races that are bound to captivate audiences to follow. We are also featuring a short track for some of the support classes,

adding even more variety and excitement to the event.

Adding to the excitement, attendees will have the option to enjoy a signature 'Taste of New England' with a Lobster Fest taking place on race day. Lunch will be served from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM and dinner from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Attendees can choose between either, and limited tickets are available, priced at \$60 which includes admission to the race and must be purchased in advance. This special feature will showcase the area's famous seafood and local flavors, ensuring fans have a full New England experience alongside the high-octane racing.

### Free Admission for Veterans

SOS Racing Promotions is proud to support and honor those who have served. As part of our commitment to the community, we are offering free admission to all veterans at our events, including this landmark return to the Rochester Fairgrounds.

### Contact and Ticket Information

For more details and tickets, please visit <https://www.superovalracing.com>, follow us on Facebook (SOS Racing Promotions Inc.) or contact [sosracingpromotions@gmail.com](mailto:sosracingpromotions@gmail.com) or call 978-798-2889.



Don't miss this epic return to Dirt Track Racing at Rochester's historic venue. Join us for a day filled with roaring engines, competitive racing, and New England's finest seafood as we celebrate the start of a new chapter in District 1 Dirt Track history! 🏁

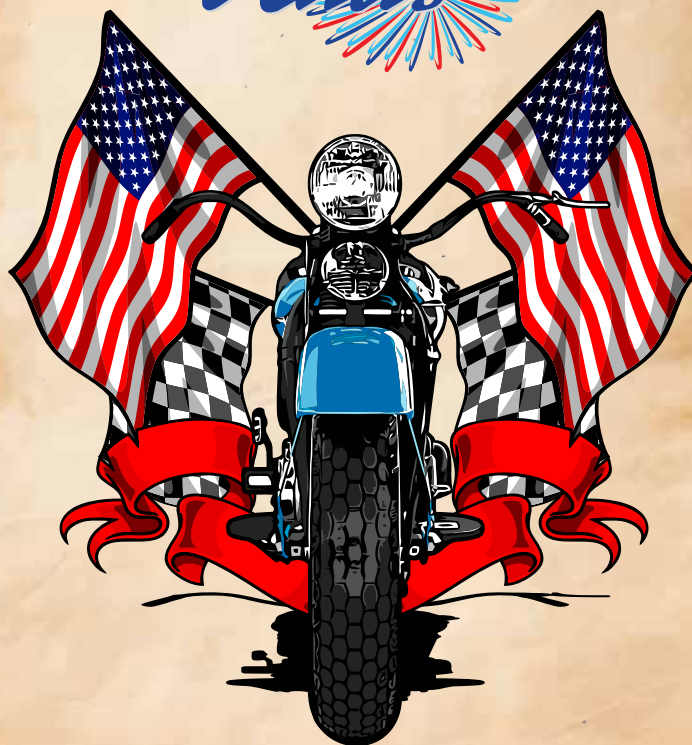


Great Views at the Gunstock Hill Climb

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## **RIDING FULL THROTTLE AHEAD! | COME ALONG FOR THE RIDE!**

### **Information on Gypsy Tours, Poker Runs and great Charity Rides...**

**Jennifer Anderson**

Laconia Motorcycle Week is now charging into its 102nd year, thanks to riders like YOU! Year after year, you've joined us for incredible rides across New Hampshire (and beyond!), and we couldn't be more grateful. Let's hit the road again and make this year even more unforgettable! Take part in one—or all—of the gypsy tours and charity rides throughout the rally. You'll meet fellow riders, explore scenic routes, and maybe even support a great local cause while clocking in those miles. See you on the road!

### **Official Daily Gypsy Tours from Rally Headquarters:**

These rides leave from Rally Headquarters on Lakeside Ave. in front of the Boardwalk, at 10:30AM (unless otherwise noted). Register for these rides on the day of departure at Rally Headquarters.

**Monday:** Join the Mae-West Memorial 'for the love of pets' Ride and then a party at the Notch Biergarten by Beans & Greens Farm. Live music, cash food & bar available. Donations benefit local animal shelters. Receive a custom Mae West t-shirt for your donation!

**Tuesday,** leaves at 11AM: Set your sights a little further away with a scenic guided tour from Rally Headquarters to Arundel, Maine to Bentley's Saloon. The crew from Bentley's will take you on this beautiful 70-mile ride to the Saloon and you can stay and hang or continue on your own – most likely you won't want to leave Bentley's though – it's always a great time. Just be sure to safely return to us in Laconia! (Schedule to change, check [www.bentleysaloon.com](http://www.bentleysaloon.com) for updates).

**Wednesday:** Get your iron-a\*\* ready for this one! Our friend, Ron Dunn, guides you on this 100+ mile tour of NH's Covered Bridges!

**Sunday 6/ 22:** Join the United States Classic Racing Association for a tour to the 2025 FIM North American Vintage Road Races at NH Motor Speedway. Racing action is on Saturday with finals on Sunday.

For all tours, poker runs and charity rides, keep checking the Official Website of Laconia Motorcycle Week®, [www.laconiamcweek.com](http://www.laconiamcweek.com) for updates. We'll be adding events and making changes right up to the Rally. Please check with individual event holder for any changes, updates and participant pricing.

### **Charity Rides & Special Event Ride throughout the area:**

#### **Saturday June 14th:**

- Official Motorcycle Week Kick-Off event: The Peter Makris Memorial Ride from the Naswa Resort: Join a few hundred of your fellow riders with the Official kickoff to the Rally with the 19th Annual Peter Makris Memorial Ride from 10:30AM-1:00PM at the Naswa Resort. This ride raises money for the Easter Seals NH and Laconia Fire Department's Veterans Count program and the Community Emergency Response Teams

(CERT). For more information, see the article on this ride in this Rally News and check out [www.naswa.com](http://www.naswa.com).

#### **Thursday June 19th: AMERICAN MOTORCYCLIST ASSOCIATION**

- The POW/MIA & Freedom Ride: Join us at the Winnepesaukee Crossing by 5pm to line-up with 1000s other motorcyclists for the 32nd Anniversary of the Freedom Ride and 37th Anniversary of the Vigil, in honor of POW/MIAs and their families.

#### **Saturday June 21st:**

- The Annual "Jesus Ride". Leaves L o w e ' s Parking lot at 11AM for a ride through Weirs Beach.



Photo Credit: Shultz

Five riders from Australia with their copy of the Rally News that they picked up at the Millstone Restaurant in Spearfish.

## **LAGONIA MOTORCYCLE WEEK MONUMENT**

Plans are underway for the creation of a monument in honor of Laconia Motorcycle Week which as we all know is the oldest Motorcycle Rally in the world. The effort to accomplish this is being spearheaded by The Weirs Action Committee. One way they are raising funds to make this happen is by the monies raised at the Weirs Beach parking lot during Motorcycle Week. The location for the monument will be by the rotary just before the bridge on US Route 3. Watch for more information in the near future.

[weirsbeach.org](http://weirsbeach.org) [weirsbeach.org/bike-week-lot.html](http://weirsbeach.org/bike-week-lot.html)

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# Fireworks!

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18TH**

**LIGHT UP A NEW CENTURY OF RIDING – WITH FIREWORKS!**

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Kick off a New Century of Riding with a Spectacular Fireworks Show, presented by Progressive Insurance & Atlas Fireworks! Join a few thousand of your riding friends from the bird’s eye view of Lakeside Avenue for fireworks on Wednesday, June 18th (with a rain date of Thursday).

Lakeside Avenue provides all of the best vantage points for a spectacular view! We thank Progressive Motorcycle Insurance and Atlas Fireworks for providing this fantastic fireworks show as a way to say, “thank you!” to all of our visitors! Let’s light up the night!

Atlas Fireworks & Progressive have been proud sponsors of Laconia Motorcycle Week fireworks for 37Years!

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By Train or Motorcycle, Motorcycle week participants begin to fill the Avenue.

## **PROGRESSIVE® TIP#5**

**Find an insurer who’s ready to help you in the event of an accident.** A company that truly serves bikers has claims representatives who are trained to accurately assess motorcycle damage—including your custom parts. They will have steps in place to get bikes back to their previous condition and on the road as soon as possible. Ask if they have 24/7 claims assistance and a network of approved repair centers that will guarantee the repairs on your bike.



# NHMRO – EDUCATING AND PROTECTING MOTORCYCLISTS’ RIGHTS FOR 50 YEARS!

## The Board and Officers

New Hampshire Motorcyclists’ Rights Organization

New Hampshire Motorcyclists’ Rights Organization welcomes all motorcyclists to the 102nd Celebration of the Oldest Motorcycle Rally and our Great State!

NHMRO represents all types of riders from all walks of life. We are a non-profit, volunteer organization, dedicated to educating riders and protecting the freedoms that are important to all motorcyclists. We are committed to our Motto “Let Those Who Ride Decide” and are passionate about giving motorcyclists a voice here in New Hampshire.

NHMRO is celebrating our 50th year this year and we are so proud of all that we have accomplished and continue to accomplish for the riders in this state. We could not do it without the support of our members and sponsors. We are well received and respected in our state as the representative for motorcyclists. If you ride in NH, then you need to be a member of NHMRO. Help us continue the fight that is ahead of us!

NHMRO represents motorcyclists on the NH Traffic and Safety Commission and is proud to be the voice on that commission for all motorcyclists.

NHMRO was instrumental in Anti-Profilng legislation



in 2022, which lead to NH becoming the fifth state with a law prohibiting motorcycle profiling!

The NH Motorcycle Safety Task Force that NHMRO started along with the NH Department of Safety has grown and continues to work on motorcycle awareness. Working with the National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration using our #RideSMART2Laconia campaign has brought about other rallies and states joining us to promote this message across the country.

We are a proud supporter of our national counterpart, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) our motorcycle voice in Washington DC. The President of our organization is now a board member of the MRF as the Representative to the other states leadership. To grow our strength in our nation’s capital, we need to be heard and that comes from numbers. Now more than ever we need you. Please join MRF and help keep our voice strong in Washington!

Enjoy the beautiful riding New Hampshire has to offer and remember when you ride, RideSMART (Safely, Maturely, Aware, Respectfully and Trained.) A Knowledgeable rider is a SMART rider!

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**SHOW YOUR RIDE & YOUR PRIDE!**

Be proud – show off your pride and joy at the Laconia Motorcycle Week Bike Shows  
Jennifer Anderson

If you're anything like us, your phone is probably packed with photos of incredible bikes spotted in Laconia. The creativity, craftsmanship, and pure passion that go into these machines never fail to impress—it's nothing short of amazing! What better way to get the recognition your ride deserves than at an official Rally Bike Show? Whether you've got a custom chopper, a one-of-a-kind paint job, or a classic rat bike, we want to see you show it off! Instead of just turning heads on the streets, enter one of the bike shows below for your shot at taking home a trophy!

**Official Bike Show Series Dates and Locations.**

Each of these shows run from 11AM-3PM unless otherwise specified. Trophies for winners! For more information on these shows, please contact Dick Cartier at 603-455-0458.

**Saturday, June 14th:** Sport Bikes Show! Location: Notch Biergarten by Beans & Greens Farm.

**Wednesday, June 18th:** Bagger, Trike, and Vintage Motorcycle Show at the Notch Biergarten by Beans & Greens Farm.

**Thursday, June 19th:** The Historic Train Station in downtown Laconia next to Burrito Me. People's Choice! \$100 Cash Prize! Slow Race at 1pm in the parking lot of the train station! \$100 Cash Prize!

**Thursday, June 19th:** NazBar Tattoo Contest at the Naswa Resort on the beach at 6pm. Call Dick for more info at 603-455-0458. Winners receive a trophy for each category (male & female) and Best of Show.

**Friday, June 20th:** The Grand Finale with the City of Laconia Bike Show and Swap Meet | 11am-3pm. Many different categories, and of course Best in Show! Registration is only \$20! All of the proceeds go to the City of Laconia to help offset the costs of hosting Motorcycle Week. As if the cool bikes weren't enough, there will also be a swap meet at Opechee Park during the City of Laconia Bike Show on Friday, so you'll definitely want to check this event out! This is a great way to save tons of cash on new/used & custom bike parts and accessories to complete the special look of your ride! The swap meet will begin at 8AM (set-up at 7AM), so get there early!

**MC Rodeo:** During the City of Laconia Bike Show, there will also be a motorcycle rodeo

and games of skills. Trophies will be awarded.

**Saturday, June 21st:** 3rd Annual Chopper Bike Show at the Notch Biergarten by Beans & Greens Farm from 11am to 3pm. Trophies awarded.

For more info on any of the bike shows or swap meet, please call Dick Cartier at 603-455-0458. A special thanks to Dick Cartier for working hard all year-long promoting these shows!

**4th Annual Gunstock Hill Climb Bike Show | Wednesday, June 18th:** Bike Show at the Gunstock Hill Climb! Details will be announced in the Laconia Riding Times e-newsletter. Sign up at LaconiaMCWeek.com 🦅

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Keep an eye out for the Hawk crew all around around the Lakes Region and be sure to stop by the Hawk's Rockin' RV as we broadcast live from North Water Marine in Weirs Beach. We'll have all the inside information on the Rally and all the details about the Laconia Motorcycle Week ©.

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## 32<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL POW/MIA FREEDOM RIDE... "THE RIDE TO THE ROCK"

**JUNE 19, 2025 ~ THURSDAY @ 7:00 PM  
HESKY PARK MEREDITH**

**37th Anniversary of the Vigil - 32nd Anniversary of the Freedom Ride**

*"As an American asked to serve, I was prepared to fight, to be wounded, to be captured and even prepared to die, but I was not prepared to be abandoned."*

*—Former POW Eugene "Red" McDaniel*

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This year will be the 37th year of the Meredith POW/MIA Awareness Vigil in Hesky Park and the 32nd year of the Freedom Ride. As "Doc" stated all those years ago, "The Vigil was to simply bring awareness to this American issue, not just a veteran issue. Were live Americans left behind knowingly? All evidence stated and continue to states,...Yes! You may believe what you will, because it has been 36 years and this issue should have be handled by now. But in time "all would forget"...But, Not here in New Hampshire, the HUB of POW/MIA activity and awareness standing Vigils in Hesky Park, Manchester Veterans Park, and in Portsmouth! When we stop, we guarantee the Government stops looking.



For those who have yet to participate in the **Freedom Ride**, the real focus of the ride is to bring into light an issue that affects hundreds of Americans and their families, those men and women missing in action or held prisoner during times of war and/or conflict.

For the past 32 years, bikers, attending Laconia Motorcycle Week, have joined forces on Thursday



evening and made history in the Northeast. Over the past several years, over two thousand motorcyclists have ridden their motorcycles in the Northeast POW/MIA Network® Freedom Ride. This year join us for the ride from all points in Country to "The Rock" Hesky Park, Meredith "The States Original POW/MIA Memorial".

The **Northeast POW/MIA Network Vigil** in Meredith gained nationwide attention some 37 years ago when a small group of veterans began holding weekly Thursday night vigils to bring to light the nation's lack of effort to account for all service men and women missing from Vietnam. Through times of basking heat, frigid rainstorms and mid-winter snows, this small group of people held vigils to gain people's attention to the fact that members of our armed forces were unaccounted for and forgotten.

The **Freedom Ride** is slated to begin at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 19, 2025, with line up beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the Route 11 ~ 1407 Lakeshore Road, Gilford, NH 03249 (Lowe's parking). This year looks to break all years in participation as the Northeast POW/MIA Network has joined forces with Blue and Gold Star families of N.H., all veterans and veteran organizations, together with all bikers and biker organizations, followed with the **Northeast POW/MIA Network Vigil**.

The Northeast POW/MIA Network continues to fight for **Capt. Ike Camacho**.

The Green Beret, Ike Camacho issue continues! Why??? Good question! The Northeast POW/MIA Network is getting closer to an answer. As last reported to you, we were working with Military Staffing DC and with Boards who were Vetting Ike?? After more than a year, we learned that was all false! Seems anything to stop this American Hero from receiving the Medal of Honor he was put in for back in 1965 has been done. We recently learned that his records were classified! Imagine that, longer than President Kennedys. Why? Maybe because Ike's military record is more than 2000 pages long. What could be in there?

**Captain Ike Camacho**, was given the Bronze Star, That's a Bronze Star for being held for 18 months and



**32<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL POW/MIA FREEDOM RIDE (cont)**

having courage to escape which was his duty as he saw it and gets a Bronze Star!

The Second Person to escape from a Camp was Nick Rowe a true Hero, received a Silver Star! So, what did the Army have to do? Go back and Update Ike's Bronze to a Silver Star! Why was that held from him in first place? Maybe it would prove an embarrassment that an Mexican/Native American to be first anything, especially Medal of Honor.



A few years ago, Ike's Silver Star was upgraded to the Distinguished Service Cross by George W. Bush. This sounds fine. However, Ike was put up for the Medal of Honor, so why not? Could it have been because they were held by not only North Vietnamese Army but "Cubans". After Ike's escape and his return to the United States, he was debriefed for weeks, in Hawaii.

Would that fact, along with the fact that Ike was Mexican/Native American, have anything to do with him not receiving the Medal of Honor as he was put in for?

So, here we are, 68 years later and an 88-year-old Green Beret still fighting for what is his. Actually, he's not fighting at all. He says," Guys, it's ok! I appreciate everything y'all, especially your Senator Hassan has done



on my behalf and Gracie but if the Good Lord wanted it to happen then it would happen. I was told way back, as a Mexican/Native American, I was never going to see the Medal of Honor no matter how many speak your name, I believed them"!

The Network, along with Senator Hassan's offices, continues working on this matter. With the effort of Sen. Maggie Hassan and her staff we are pleased to announce that Ike's progress has been sent to the Honor Board which is made up of three 1 Star Generals and 1 Ex-POW. From there if positive goes to the Secretary of Defense and then onto the President of the United States. This has been a three-year effort by the advocate of the Northeast POW/MIA Network and all of those who stand the vigils.

For those who have yet to participate in the **Freedom Ride**, the real focus of the ride is to bring into light an issue that affects hundreds of Americans and their families, those men and women missing in action or held prisoner during times of war and/or conflict.

If you are unable to participate in the **Freedom Ride**, please make time to be at Hesky Park for the "Northeast POW/MIA Network Vigil" that begins at 7:00 p.m. Let your voice be heard.

If you or your group are interested in riding in the **Freedom Ride** and need more information, please contact Bob Jones through email at [Contact@northeastpowmianetwork.org](mailto:Contact@northeastpowmianetwork.org). Visit our website: [www.northeastpowmianetwork.org](http://www.northeastpowmianetwork.org) or see us on Facebook.

Let this be the best year that all bikers, veterans, and people come together for this "AMERICAN POW/MIA ISSUE".

Pease don't just say "I'll be there!" Bring a group with you. At least 1, 2 or 3. We can't let up now! Can we have Bikes stretched out from Gilford to Meredith Challenge!!! Mission, WE HERE IN NH GOT THIS!! 🇺🇸

Semper FI, Robert "Doc" Jones,  
President, Northeast POW/MIA Network

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## A TRIBUTE TO MOTORCYCLISTS WITH CHECK TWICE SIGNS!

Paul W. Cote

Join us Monday night, June 16, 2025 from 7:00ish pm to 9:09 ish pm at the Looney Bin Bar and Grill, for a Reunion with some of the longtime local Gatekeepers and Club Members working for our Rights to Ride, and keeping us safe on the road, where we will flock to recognize and honor a few. **FREE ENTRY!** Great food and beverages served up by the always friendly Looney Bin crew!

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For more info information – email Paul W. Cote at [ClaimsCote@aol.com](mailto:ClaimsCote@aol.com). Charlie and Paul were long-time



Charlie Snow, Paul honoring Jimi Ricci, 2024



Jimi Ricci, Dave Elias & Paul honoring Joe Proia 2021



Check Twice "creator" Bob Doiron in 2015 with Charlie & Paul

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## **NEW HAMPSHIRE SCENIC RIDES – MT WASHINGTON AUTO ROAD**

**Laura Jean**

*Rt 16 Gorham, NH*

**This scenic drive is not for the faint of heart!**

The Auto Road road is 7.6 (12.23 km) miles of steep narrow mountain road without guardrails. The average grade is 12%, which is great fun on a motorcycle!

Whatever vehicle you are driving, you will need good brakes, confidence, and courage. If you doubt your transportation, do not attempt this road.

If you make the journey and the weather is good, you could be rewarded with exquisite views of the mountains all around the Presidential range. On your way to the summit, near the top you might encounter fog and overcast skies. Not to worry, though, just head over to the museum and commissary for snacks and some history about the Mt Washington Weather Observatory, where the highest ever wind speed in the world was recorded. If your timing is good, you might catch sight of the Cog Railroad Train, which makes its stop at the top. As you head back down from the summit of Mount Washington (6,288 feet, or 1917 m), the sky might clear to reveal beautiful views of the mountains below you. be sure to stop at the overlooks throughout.

Happy Riding 🍀




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"Blast from the past with the "Bi\*ches Ride" and friends of Meghan and her daughter Ashley (middle & front) and Mama T Taylor (purple bandana).

## **PROGRESSIVE® TIP# 6**

**Ask about discounts.**

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With a donation of 25.00 per rider and 20.00 per passenger you will receive a custom T-Shirt along with the opportunity to take part in an organized ride. The ride will end at Notch Biergartetn at Beans and Greens which is a new destination for us.



Mae West

You may register for the Ride at Rally Headquarters located on the boardwalk on Lakeside Ave. Kickstands up will be at 10:30am. Don't miss out this chance to show your caring support! We thank you in advance. 🍀



Lining Up For The Mae West Pet Run ride



No cap on the Participants at the Pet Run.

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## CELEBRATING THE LEGACY WITH THE VFW FOR 125 YEARS

Corey Hunt

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is a nonprofit veterans service organization comprised of eligible veterans and military service members from the active, guard and reserve forces.

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In their misery, some of these veterans banded together and formed organizations that would eventually band together and become known as the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. After chapters were formed in Ohio, Colorado and Pennsylvania, the movement quickly gained momentum. Today, membership stands at more than 1.4 million members of the VFW and its Auxiliary.

Our voice was instrumental in establishing the Veterans Administration, development of the national cemetery system, in the fight for compensation for Vietnam vets exposed to Agent Orange and for veterans diagnosed with Gulf War Syndrome. In 2008, we won a long-fought victory with the passing of a GI Bill for the 21st Century, giving expanded educational benefits to America's active duty service members, and members of the guard and reserves, fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan. We were the driving force behind the Veterans Access and Accountability Act of 2014, and continually fight for improved VA medical centers services for women veterans. The VFW's legislative advocacy efforts were also the driving force behind the passage of the 2019 Blue Water Navy Veteran Act, and the passage of the 2022 Honoring Our PACT Act, which the VFW considers one of the most significant pieces of veterans legislation in history.

Besides helping fund the creation of the Vietnam, Korean War, World War II and Women in Military Service memorials, in 2005 the VFW became the first veterans' organization to contribute to building the new Disabled Veterans for Life Memorial, which opened in November 2010. And in 2015, we became the first supporter of the Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial which broke ground in July of 2022.

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## MOTORCYCLE WEEK FUTURE DATES

- 103rd | 2026: June 13th – 21st
- 104th | 2027: June 12th – 20th
- 105th | 2028: June 10th – 18th
- 106th | 2029: June 9th – 17th
- 107th | 2030: June 8th – 16th
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# HISTORY OF LACONIA MOTORCYCLE WEEK'S GYPSY TOUR

Robert Ames

For a comprehensive look at the history of Laconia Motorcycle Week, from its beginnings in 1916 to the present, please visit our site at:



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[weirsbeach.com/mcweekhistory](http://weirsbeach.com/mcweekhistory)

The webpage features photos, advertisements and articles from the earliest publications for the Motorcycle "Enthusiast" through to the 1960's. The origins of the words "Gypsy Tour" are explored in depth. There are photos of the awards, pins, patches, banners, and other merchandise and souvenirs that accompanied each yearly rally. Finally, there is a complete list of rally dates and lengths, explaining how a rally that began in 1916 is only now celebrating its 102<sup>nd</sup> in 2025!

This online exhibition of the Rally's history was created by Robert Ames, a board member of the Laconia Motorcycle Week Association. 🦅



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Riders on main street in downtown laconia in the mid 1930's during Motorcycle week



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The crowd waits in anticipation for the Hill Climb on Tower Hill.

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## Thoughts ON DAYTONA BIKE WEEK

By Schultz

Congratulations. You've arrived in Daytona maybe even for the first time, and hopefully some of these pointers will help you.

No matter why you came to Daytona, at some point you need to eat and there certainly are different options if you are going to eat out. New this year is the Monkey Morning Cafe located on US Route 1 (Ridgewood Ave). For old time favorites there is H. O. P. On International Boulevard and the Denny's on Atlantic north of Main st. Also Simply Gina's is located on US Route 1 (Ridge Wood) in Holly Hill on the northbound side. Steve's Famous Diner is on Atlantic Ave also north of Main Street on the southbound side. Quick doughnut and coffee?, obviously Krispy Kreme at the corner of international Boulevard and Nova. For dinner; Leanh's Chinese Restaurant is five stars for sure and is located on Nova south of International Boulevard. Another popular spot for seafood is Hull's in Ormond Beach located on W. Granada Boulevard. Not to be left out, our Italian restaurant , Anna's Trattoria located on Seabreeze. Obviously this is such a small selection compared to what's out there, but I stand by them.

Entertainment complexes and watering holes; located along all of Main St., on US Route one south of Daytona and of course on US Route one north of Daytona in Ormond Beach. So many.

Now, for the real reason we all come to Daytona; Motorcycle events. The track, of course, will have events all week. Racing,



demos, and lots of vendors. Be prepared to walk. Destinations Daytona in Ormond Beach has the Harley dealership, JP cycles, and a ton of vendors all week. Willie's Tropical Tattoo located on Youge St in Ormond Beach will have their famous bike and tattoo show on Thursday both in March and also in October during Biketoberfest. Lots to see.

The Antique bike show and swap meet will be held during the first weekend at the Daytona Beach Stadium, which is located at 3719 LPGA. There will be a motorcycle swap meet happening at the Daytona Beach flea market all week further west on international Boulevard.

A lot of work was put into the now historical monument celebrating motorcycle racers and motorcycle enthusiast. It is located on the beach near the Hilton Hotel. Well worth taking the time to visit it.

Like everywhere, riding can be hazardous to your health due to poor drivers on the road. Pay attention, don't get stupid and drink too much and watch your speed. Want a quick ticket? speed over the many bridges, real sucker's play. Do I even have to mention animals?

If your not able to ride your motorcycle to Daytona and can't bring it yourself, the Auto Train from the northeast is a great option! [1-800-USARAIL](http://1-800-USARAIL). Also from the northeast is Bernard's Transport which can be reached at [603-893-5291](tel:603-893-5291). Remember , all of this information also applies to Biketoberfest to be held October 16-19, 2025. Please ride safe and smart. Happy Trails! 🦋





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Above: Typical heavy traffic backed up in the left-hand turn into the track in Daytona.



All over Daytona daily breakfast get togethers are held between friends who only gather once a year at one of the big three national rallies, and it's a joy to all.

Photo Credit: #LaconiaMCWeek

# DAYTONA

**LIVE FREE & SHARE THE ROAD!**

Jennifer Tramp, Public Information Officer  
NH Office of Highway Safety

**M**otorcycle Safety is about Sharing the Road: As the weather warms this spring, hundreds of thousands of motorcyclists will be on the roads, ready to ride. One way we can reduce traffic fatalities and keep our roads safe is for drivers to understand motorcycle safety challenges such as size and visibility, and riding practices like downshifting and weaving to be able to anticipate and respond to motorcyclists' behavior. Motorcycles are among the smallest and most vulnerable vehicles on the road, putting riders at greater risk of death and serious injury in a crash. In fact, research and state-level data consistently identifies motorists as being at-fault in more than half of all multivehicle motorcycle-involved collisions.

**Older Riders:** According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, Riders 50 and older made up 36% of all motorcycle fatalities in 2017. So-called "re-entry riders," who rode in their 20s and decided to take it up again in their late 40s to 60s face additional challenges today: more traffic, more powerful bikes, more distracted drivers and diminished physical skills. If you're going to ride a motorcycle, it's important to commit to a lifetime of learning new skills and brushing up on the old ones.

**Protect Yourself and Others:** A helmet is the most important equipment a rider can use. In 2018, 75% of motorcyclists in NH were not wearing a helmet.



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Helmets are estimated to be 37% effective in preventing fatal injuries.

**Here are some more helpful safety tips:**

- As a new rider, choose a bike that fits you. Many inexperienced riders tend to choose a motorcycle above their skill level "supersport bikes" have driver death rates about four times that of cruisers or standard bikes, according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.
- New riders should take a motorcycle safety course, and experienced riders should take refresher courses after being off their bikes for a while. You can find out more about the New Hampshire Motorcycle Rider Training Program offered through the Division of Motor Vehicles.
- Know the rules of the road.
- Be aware that riding with a passenger requires more skill.
- Never drink and ride.
- Drive defensively, especially at intersections, where half of all collisions occur.
- Watch for hazards on the roads.
- Assume you are invisible to other motorists and position yourself to be seen.
- Use headlights day and night
- Be courteous; don't weave in and out of lanes, or ride on the shoulder or between lanes.
- Don't speed.
- Wear bright and/or reflective clothing that is durable and boots that cover the ankles.
- Wear goggles, glasses or use a face shield that's ventilated to prevent fogging, make sure it's clear if riding at night.

2018 Helmet statistic – NH FARS 2018 Annual Report.  
Helmet statistic – National Safety Council. 🦺

**NEW HAMPSHIRE MOTORCYCLE LAWS & HAND SIGNALS**

- Helmets are required under age 18.
- Protective eye cover required unless you have a full windshield.
- Mufflers and baffles required. Decibel below 100.
- Modification of stock exhaust system to increase noise level is a violation of the law.
- Burnouts or wheel stands are not allowed on any public highway.
- Passing another vehicle in the same lane is a violation.
- There must be a seat and footrests for a passenger.
- Every motorcycle must have a rear view mirror.
- NH open container law will be strongly enforced.
- Walking in the road and interfering with motorcycle traffic is not allowed.



# THE WORLD'S OLDEST MOTORCYCLE RALLY



The Lakeside Sharks T-shirt Stand on Lakeside Avenue. late 1970's  
Photo Credit: Schultz



Happy Winner at the NEMPCO Bike Show at Funspot - 2005  
Photo Credit: Mike Neider

## BLAST FROM THE PAST



Tough landing at the ten mile race @ belknap - early 1950's  
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Lakeside Ave 2005 - Looking towards the former Smokehouse  
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Racers line up before the 100 mile race Early 1950's  
Photo Credit: Eric Sanford



Sam and Bryan Boyd take a ride on Union Ave  
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Overlooking the Parking Lot at Gunstock During the Hill Climb.  
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Everyone Remembers the Lobster Pound.  
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Always take advantage of the opportunity to see a large thunderstorm looming in the direction you are riding.

## DRIVE SAFE

### HALF MOON ENTERPRISES – PROUD LACONIA MC WEEK® BOARD MEMBER!

The Half Moon, the block at the very center of Weirs Beach, has been at the heart of Motorcycle Week action since the early 1950's, when the business was established by Sidney Ames. The very symbol of Weirs Beach, the iconic, neon Weirs Beach arrow sign, built in 1956, was a result of Sidney's efforts. His three sons have carried on with the business, now known officially as the Half Moon Enterprises. They have also carried on with promoting Weirs Beach, in 1998 establishing the website [WeirsBeach.com](http://WeirsBeach.com), the best source for general information about the area.

The Half Moon block begins at the corner of New Hampshire Avenue and extends down Lakeside Avenue to Tower Street. On the left corner, Lakeside View Pizza sells the freshest, tastiest pizza in town. Next door, there are many exciting vendors located in the Half Moon Penny Arcade and Bumper Cars buildings, including American Iron Outfitters, Tennessee Leather, Joe's Steel, and the tattoo artistry of Mr. Bill's Roadhouse. At the center of the block, the Half Moon Gift Shop has a great selection of Motorcycle Week T-Shirts, jewelry, and accessories. On the right corner, you'll find Hot Leathers located in the Half Moon Family Fun Center building.

Tucked behind all the Lakeside Avenue action is the Half Moon Motel & Cottages, the most convenient lodging location in the area, within very close walking distance of all the Motorcycle Week activities. The Half Moon Motel & Cottages features a beautiful scenic view of the lake from every unit; a king-size, solar-warmed pool; modern motel rooms; and comfortable cottages with kitchenettes and private, screened-in porches. Reserving a room at the Half Moon for Motorcycle Week is easy; just visit them online, at [www.halfmoonmotel.com](http://www.halfmoonmotel.com).

Over the years, the original Half Moon has expanded to include the Beachview Bazaar and Castle Rest. The Beachview Bazaar, just a short stroll down Lakeside Avenue from the Weirs Beach arrow sign, is a biker shopping favorite, with many fine vendors, including Bear Hollow Trading Post, American Iron Outfitters, Motorcycle Rally USA, George Dyer Leather, Sunglass Connection, and CBD American Shaman. Located right next to the Beachview Bazaar, at the purple house called Castle Rest, you'll find vendors Hot Leathers, Joe's Steel, and Boston Green Health.

For more info about the vendors at the Half Moon, the Beachview Bazaar, and Castle Rest, please go to [weirs-beach.com/motorcycle-week-vendors](http://weirs-beach.com/motorcycle-week-vendors). 🍷

**STURGIS TO CELEBRATE 85TH ANNIVERSARY IN 2025**

*The City of Sturgis  
Motorcycle Rally*

It's been called the "Black Hills Motor Classic," "Sturgis Rally & Races," "The Rally" and even "The Granddaddy of 'em all," but most know it simply as "Sturgis."

This is more than any event; it's a pilgrimage for motorcycle riders and fans from around the globe. They gather with like-minded individuals for a week of awe-inspiring activities, scenic rides, and a stroll down legendary Main Street Sturgis.

**WELCOME RIDERS**



Photo Credit: Sturgis Rally

Those who journey to Sturgis, whether for the first time or the 50th, share a common spirit. They are passionate about gathering in a location with those who love the adrenaline-pumping experience of leaning into a curve in Vancocker Canyon and catching a glimpse of Mount Rushmore between the aspen along Iron Mountain Road.

The Sturgis Rally is a family reunion of sorts for many who come to the town of 7,000 in the Black Hills of South Dakota. They meet old friends at familiar locations and forge new friendships as well.

The Rally has changed over the years, but the core of the Rally spirit hasn't, said Sturgis Mayor Kevin Forrester who grew up in Sturgis and understands why riders come back year after year.

"The backdrop of the rally in the beautiful Black Hills which opens up a world of unparalleled motorcycle riding," Forrester said. "Iconic routes like the Needles Highway, Iron Mountain Road, and the Wildlife Loop present riders with breathtaking views and exhilarating experiences."

The City of Sturgis' heritage runs deep. It was founded as an old Cavalry outpost in 1878, and as of last year, the Rally celebrated 84 years of helping riders (of



"steel horses" in modern times) uncover, revisit and participate in the thrills of the Sturgis and the Rally experience.

The event that is the City of Sturgis Motorcycle Rally began in 1938, when Clarence "Pappy" Hoel, his wife, Pearl, and his newly founded Jackpine Gypsies Motorcycle Club decided to host a race in Sturgis. Nine participants and a mere 200 spectators attended.

Today the City of Sturgis Motorcycle Rally is one of, if not "the" largest gatherings of motorcycle enthusiasts in the world. The 2025 City of Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, Aug. 1-10, celebrates the 85th Anniversary of the event that has become known to motorcycle enthusiasts throughout the world.

Two-wheelers travel from around the globe to enjoy rock concerts, motorcycle racing, hill climbs, and scenic highways.

Again, this year, the American Flat Track will host a race through the streets of downtown Sturgis on Sunday, Aug. 10. In addition, the AFT plans races at the historic Jackpine Gypsies short track on Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 4 and 5 which will feature classes for Adventure Trackers, Mission SuperTwins and Parts Unlimited AFT Singles.

Rally attendance hovers around a half a million with participants from all 50 states as well as Canada and dozens of other international communities including Japan, Australia, Germany, and England.

If you haven't been to the City of Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, you simply must come experience it, Forrester said.

"Those who attend soon realize that they want to make plans to return," he said. 🇺🇸



Photo Credit: Sturgis Rally



**JACKPINE GYPSIES MOTORCYCLE CLUB**

Some of the best Motorcycle events at the Sturgis Rally are organized and put on by the Jackpine Gypsies motorcycle club. They have great hill climbs, flat track racing, and motocross and other special events all during the Sturgis Rally. For more information on the 2025 schedule check out; <https://jackpinegypsies.com/>. Their welcome Tent will again be located at the entrance to their flat track. Check it out. 🦋



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A moment of reflection around the campfire at Chris' Campground in Spearfish.



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For great home-cooked meals you can't lose with the Millstone in Spearfish. And for what I think is the best pancake breakfast at the Rally, that is the Lutheran Church on Sherman Street in Sturgis.

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Grocery Mart on Junction Avenue in Sturgis cannot be topped for service. Great prices and a big welcome to all of us riders. Always a good shopping experience. Camping at Chris' campground in Spearfish is great. Campfires allowed!!

Have a great experience and please ride smart. It can all end in a second if you don't use your head. Watch your surroundings and the weather while riding. And stay away from that center line with traffic. 🦋

*Thoughts* ON STURGIS

By Schultz

The Sturgis Rally encompasses so much over such a wide geographical area that it is literally impossible to be covered in one article. There is information all over the place, including in this edition of the Rally news on what's happening.

Now I get to throw out some things for reinforcement. Just like LACONIA and Daytona the rides you take during your stay are the memories you will continue to enjoy for the rest of the year. Taking a ride to the Badlands, Custer State Park, the Crazy Horse Monument, Spearfish Canyon, and my favorite Devils Tower are all winners.

Be sure to visit Deadwood and Keystone if you have

## REVVING UP HISTORY: A JOURNEY THROUGH THE STURGIS MOTORCYCLE MUSEUM AND HALL OF FAME

Nestled in the heart of South Dakota’s legendary Black Hills, the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum and Hall of Fame is more than just a building—it’s a shrine to the spirit of motorcycling. For riders and enthusiasts alike, it’s a place where stories roar to life, where the evolution of two-wheeled adventure unfolds, and where the heartbeats of American motorcycling echo through time.

From the earliest days of the founding motorcycles to the cutting-edge machines of today, the museum captures over a century of innovation and passion. Imagine stepping back to the dawn of the 20th century, when motorcycles were just beginning to replace horse-drawn carriages. Here, you’ll see how those humble beginnings grew into the high-octane culture we know and love today.



Photo Courtesy: Sturgis Motorcycle Museum

### A Collection Like No Other

The museum boasts over 80 motorcycles, some dating back to 1914. These aren’t just showroom pieces—they’re living history, accessorized and personalized by their original owners. From sleek customs and iconic choppers to championship-winning race bikes, the collection spans every notable American, Asian, and European brand.

But it’s not just about the bikes. The museum overflows with memorabilia: leather jackets that have weathered countless miles, vintage rally badges that tell tales of camaraderie, and photographs that capture the freedom of the open road. Every item invites visitors to relive their own motorcycle memories or imagine the adventures of those who came before.

### Art, Innovation, and Legends

The Sturgis Museum isn’t just about machines—it’s also a celebration of artistry. Paintings by renowned artists find a home here, elevating motorcycles from transportation to cultural icons.

With top of the tier events like Scott Jacobs painting reveal with Jared Mees and Scotty Parker to their end

of year Golden Hour with live performances, the museum is the place to be to feel the heart beat of motorcycle world and the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally.



PC: Sturgis Motorcycle Museum

And then there’s the Hall of Fame, a tribute to the trailblazers of motorcycling. Each plaque tells the story of someone who made the ride better, safer, or simply more thrilling. It’s a testament to the individuals who shaped the culture and continue to inspire the next generation of riders.

### A Year-Round Destination

While the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally might draw the biggest crowds, the museum is a year-round gem. Executive Director Heidi Haro invites visitors to discover its treasures anytime: “The museum is not only a must-see during the rally but a perfect addition to any Black Hills vacation. Riders often stop by for a quick visit, only to find themselves immersed in the experience.”



PC: Sturgis Motorcycle Museum

Whether you’re a lifelong rider or just curious about the culture, the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum and Hall of Fame offers something unforgettable. Plan your visit at [www.sturgismuseum.com](http://www.sturgismuseum.com) and let the stories of the open road inspire your next adventure.

Here, history isn’t just displayed—it’s alive, roaring with the passion and spirit of motorcycling. 🦋



Some of the TOMA crowd gathers for their yearly photo at Chris’ campground in Spearfish.

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**CHECKING IN WITH THE OTHER RALLY**

**Keith Ball -Bandit**

The 85th Anniversary of the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally is happening this year. Wait a minute. The first Sturgis Motorcycle rally kicked up in the dusty streets of Sturgis, South Dakota and on the Jack Pine Gypsie's rolling racetracks in 1938. That doesn't jive with 2025 being the 85th. Maybe a conflict surfaced with another major rally. Laconia is the first rally, Sturgis in the biggest and Daytona hit the beach. Who knows? Let's ride...

If you want to find the truth out about anything two-wheeled, motor into the state of South Dakota, roll west towards the Black hills and storm in the doors of the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum. It was built in and around the historic Sturgis Post Office brick-shit-house-tough building in 1937 as Hitler stormed into Poland. Everything was built tough during the era or not built at all. Motorcycle construction slowed to build more tanks.

Currently the active, Board of directors dream of expanding the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum from a tight 10,000 square foot unit to a multi-storied, world class museum at the epicenter of the Sturgis Rally.

The staff are actively preserving the Legacy of Motorcycling and celebrating the legends of the Freedom Fighters, Industry giants, motorcycling veterans and racing legends through the Sturgis Motorcycle Hall of Fame. Last year the induction breakfast introduced greats including Pete and Jackie Hill, James Gregory, Roger Goldammer, Ed Kerr, Christine and Bob LePera, Bud Ekins, Jiggs Cressy and David Uhl. The presence of the governor of South Dakota, Kristi Noem



helped make the event top of the line. Museum staff through high technology made it state of the art.

Last year the board of directors expanded with active Hall of Fame members. The first Giving Tuesday Fund Raising Program sparked. The staff and board members created a kick-ass Sturgis Rally Magazine. They added new exhibits including a giant Michael Lichter photographic display and a massive timeline to allow spectators to check the history at a glance.

Over 80 antique, flat track, Bonneville record holding bikes adorn the historic decks. A fantastic array of Art from many of the motorcycling greats glow from the walls including Eric Herrmann, Scott Jacobs, David Uhl and we're proud to be working with another master Danial James who designed T-shirt art for H-D, Indian and Triumph.

Make a point to stop by. Learn, experience, smell and feel the history of the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, two-wheeled memories and the folks behind the legends. When you do, we are sure you will be inspired to become involved, donate and share our devotion to the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum and Hall of Fame. See you there. 🍷

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## LET'S GO PARKING!

Don't give tow companies your hard-earned money! Parking restrictions are strictly enforced! There are lots of great parking lots and FREE motorcycle parking on Lakeside Avenue – don't park in "No Parking" areas – the signs mean what they say! Don't block travel lanes, don't park on private property without permission and the #1 NO-NO – don't park in a handicap accessible spot without the proper license plate or placard. These laws are strictly enforced. Here's our Parking Recommendations:



**Park for FREE on Lakeside Avenue but be sure to follow the one-way travel and don't have your tire over the line.**

Parking at the following locations is typically \$10/ bike and car parking may also be available.

- **Endicott Park:** This is the lot right at the beach. The Weirs Action Committee is a non-profit organization, and the parking lot is their biggest fundraiser of the year. Net proceeds are for the beautification and benefit of Weirs Beach.
- **Weirs Beach Community Park Association:** This lot is located behind the Weirs Beach Fire Station on Lucern Avenue and is an easy walk to Lakeside Avenue.
- **Foster Avenue:** This lot is at the corner of the street and is run by a trusted Motorcycle Week business owner and resident. 🇺🇸



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Buffalo in South Dakota, moose in New Hampshire, and alligators in Florida. There is always something to keep a safe distance from.

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**Shop around.** Talk to your agent or insurer about Total Prices can vary from company to company, so shop around. Make sure you're buying from a national carrier who offers specialized motorcycle insurance. Don't just add your bike to your car policy.

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48 States in 23 Days is pretty impressive.

## M/S MT WASHINGTON BOAT RIDE

All of us are here to ride our motorcycles and enjoy everything that goes along with Motorcycle Week. We get to ride in the mountains, on winding roads, to the coast and around the lakes.

But why not enjoy a ride on the lake. On Tuesday afternoon you can board the MS Mount Washington and take a two and a half hour cruise with Motorcycle enthusiasts from around the world. There is music, beverages, food, great company and one large cake. It is one of the most laid back two plus hours you will get to spend with your friends anywhere. The boat leaves at 4:30pm sharp and is back at 7 pm. Check it out.



The M/S Mount Washington sits Dockside waiting for it's first set of passengers.

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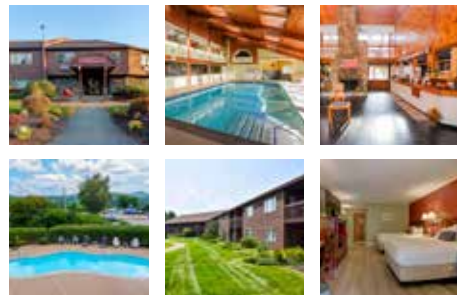


If you plan it right, you can hit great events riding your motorcycle across country in any direction. This photo is from a high school rodeo in Bassett Nebraska.

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## MERRIMACK VALLEY TRAIL RIDERS ANNOUNCE ADVENTURE BIKE RALLY BENEFITING THE CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION



**B**elmont, NH – The Merrimack Valley Trail Riders (MVTR) are excited to announce the annual Adventure Bike Rally, an American Motorcyclist Association (AMA)-sanctioned event, taking place on June 7 and 8, 2025. This two-day non-competitive motorcycle rally will benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, continuing a 40+ year legacy of raising over \$2 million for cystic fibrosis research.

“This event is not only an incredible adventure for motorcycle enthusiasts but also a vital fundraiser in the fight against cystic fibrosis,” said Lisa O’Connor, Executive Director, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Northern New England Chapter. “By participating, you’ll help move us closer to a future where CF stands for Cure Found.”



Cystic fibrosis is a genetic disorder affecting nearly 40,000 people in the U.S., primarily impacting the lungs, pancreas, and other organs. Thanks to advancements supported by the CF Foundation, life expectancy for those with CF has improved dramatically, but the work is far from over.

Whether you’re a seasoned rider or new to the sport, this event promises adventure, camaraderie, and the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of those living with cystic fibrosis.

For more information and to register, visit: <http://rideforcf.org>

Starting and finishing at the Lakes Region Casino in Belmont, NH, the rally offers an unforgettable journey for licensed riders on fully street-legal, registered motorcycles. Participants will explore scenic public roads—paved and dirt—across 100-150 miles each day. Riders can choose from GPX tracks featuring multiple routes or join expert-guided rides for an immersive experience.

### Event Highlights:

- Dates: Saturday, June 7 & Sunday, June 8, 2025
- Start/Finish: Lakes Region Casino, Belmont, NH
- Routes: 100-150 miles/day (GPX tracks provided or guided rides available)
- Camping: Primitive camping on-site (June 6–7 only; no RV hook-ups or Sunday camping)
- Registration: No fee; \$100 fundraising minimum required for participation
- Event Perks: Official event T-shirt and snack bag at check-in

Upon registering, participants will receive a personalized online fundraising page to share with friends and family, making it easy to meet and exceed their fundraising goals.



# In Passing

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The "In Passing" page continues to be an important part of the Laconia Rally News for two reasons: First, it offers us space to remember those who are no longer here by placing a name and face with the statistics that are so often quoted by the media, and second; reminds all of us to take the precautions that have the impact to change many lives forever. There are sobriety check-points during Laconia are at the Daytona and Sturgis Rallies, and on many weekends and holidays. These check-points serve an important purpose; If you've had too much, park it and feel free to call us at 603-366-2000 and we will help you find a reliable ride.



## Sam Boyd

If you grew up in the Lakeport section of Laconia you probably knew Sam. If you like motorcycles and Laconia Motorcycle Week you probably knew Sam. While Sam had many aspects in his life, Motorcycle Week was an event he loved a hundred percent. The parties he hosted during the Rally are famous to those who were lucky enough to attend. One might remember when he lived across the road from Funspot seeing the large welcome signs he would put up along US Route 3 during Motorcycle Week. We lost Sam this past year, but for a lot of us, we can still see him grinning as he enjoyed the action of being part of Motorcycle Week in Laconia. Ride on Sam.

Always ride smart and responsible.

Bill Bish, name sound familiar? If you ever read a motorcycle publication anywhere around the country chances are you read an article written by Bill. His articles covered news topics important to most riders. From new laws, events and personalities, Bill was always on top of the story. Bill and his wife, Darlene, also published *Ridin On* in Ohio for a number of years and was a very popular magazine with riders. We lost Bill way too soon due to illness, but happily his name will live a long time in the motorcycling world. Thanks Bill.

## Bill Bish



## Brenda Baer

We lost our friend Brenda Baer this past year. I have met a lot of people over my life time and especially with my job with Laconia Motorcycle Week. And it is very easy to say that I feel so fortunate that I got to know Brenda over the last 34 years. Brenda was married to Bobby Baer who was the son of Fritzie Baer who ran Laconia over 30 years.

Brenda was a huge supporter of the Rally and continued that support while she was a Laconia City Councilor for many years. We could never thank her enough and will continue to do so in the coming years. I will always remember her for all of her help. Thank you Brenda.

## John Ganong

We recently lost John Ganong, a true friend to Motorcycle Week due to health issues. John was always going in different directions with the activities that filled his life. I am sure that I am not aware of all of his passions. But many of us, knew John, as a performer, realtor, salesman, restaurant, owner, and fundraiser for many great causes to name a few. And of course, he was a true motorcycle enthusiast. He and his wife Brenda organized Brenda's ride which raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for cancer research and prevention. This ride will undoubtedly continue in into the future so watch for it. We will miss the enthusiastic thought conversations that John was always willing to engage in concerning important issues to the area. Thanks for all you did John and the positive influence you had on others.



## Elaine "Mama T" Taylor

Elaine was a free spirit who was always down for a good time. Whether she was out on the boat, laughing and playing guitar by the fire, or riding her Harley in turquoise and leather with her "Bitch ride" friends, Lake Winni has always been a special place for Mama T. Weirs Beach and Bike week especially hold a lot of memories. She loved going with family and friends, shopping the gypsy tents, visiting friends at Tower Hill, and most of all, the live music. She would always be singing along and definitely one of the loudest fans. You could always pick out her whistle! If we could all live our lives with as much charisma as her, the world would be a much cooler place. We love you Mama T. Forever in our hearts.

Gregor was one of a kind. You could always count on him for a laugh, a positive attitude and a great time. He always had a saying, a quote, and everyone's favorite were his nicknames. Always the life of the party at Grizz rides, a memorial ride for his brother. He loved riding with his bro and going to bike week. He was first to buy a round for the group at the road house tent and had some eccentric toasts to go with it, "here's to the girl in the high heeled shoes". Gregor had the ability to turn any everyday interaction into a great moment between strangers, with his infectious personality he made friends every place he went into. He made rides around the lake, nights in the cove, and trips to The Mug more than memorable. We're glad we finally got that trip in to Bentleys. Have one rolled for us and ride on in the sky until we meet again, we love you Gregor

## Gregory Taylor



## Paul Cotton

Another rider who I was fortunate enough to get to know at the Laconia Kiwanis club is Paul Cotton. A man of brass I would say. After age 70, jumping out a plane at 12,000 for a long free fall, going up in a World War II fighter plane (P-51 Mustang) for a spin around the area and numerous other cool things that most only dare dream about. At age 50 Paul had the time after working and raising a family while always on the run to buy his first motorcycle. That in a way was the reason our paths crossed more and more. He joined H. O. G. and organized many rides, many for charity. Made it out to Sturgis and torn up the asphalt around the west. Put on a lot of miles on two wheels and all the time being as nice a person you would ever meet. I know a lot of people probably say "thanks Paul" for something he did for them along the way. And I will say it now, Thanks Paul, for all you did.

Fatal accidents in the state during the rally: **Anthony Caton**





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## HOW TO AVOID ANIMAL COLLISIONS ON THE ROADS

As you enjoy the scenic views that New Hampshire has to offer This motorcycle season, keep in mind that wildlife can pop up when you least expect it. Here are some useful tips to avoid animal encounters of the third kind!



- One important way to avoid messy encounters is to never drive drunk or high. Be sure to lock up and leave the bike, or call a cab or a friend for a ride home. Don't let your friends ride drunk. Remember, Ride Sober or Get Pulled Over.
- Always use an aggressive visual search pattern when riding. By looking far and near and side to side you will see animals and other roadway users before they enter your path of travel. This will give you time to avoid collision in a more controlled manner.
- Deer are not solitary animals, they travel with their herd. Slow down if you see a deer. It's likely there are more close behind.
- Don't challenge large animals – it's a safer bet to turn around and seek an alternative route if possible.
- Always slow down and use your high beams in all animal crossing areas.
- If you often ride the roads at night, invest in powerful headlights.
- Do not override your headlight. At higher speeds, it can take more distance to stop than your headlight reaches. By the time you see something in your path it is already too late. Slow down at night!
- If you're riding in a group – spread out. If there's a collision, it will prevent one rider from taking out the whole group.
- As always, don't forget to wear protective gear – you never know who or what you will encounter on the open road.
- Take training that will assist you in honing skills needed when that animal encounter does happen. Information on training is available at [nh.gov/dmv](http://nh.gov/dmv).

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**PROGRESSIVE LACONIA MOTORCYCLE WEEK 102 YEARS**

**Laconia RALLY HEADQUARTERS**

**VISIT US ON THE BOARDWALK ON LAKESIDE AVE.**

**SUPPORT THE RALLY - BUY OFFICIAL PRODUCTS**

No visit or vacation is complete without buying gifts to bring back home. Some of you have a list of requests, others think they know the perfect gift for each person, and then the rest have no idea what to do or what to bring home. Luckily, there is **Rally Headquarters** to the rescue! Laconia Motorcycle Week® features many vendors from all around the country and maybe even further. We would like to take this opportunity to also encourage you to buy souvenirs from **Rally Headquarters**, the home of the **Official Products of Motorcycle Week!** When you buy Official Products at Rally Headquarters on the boardwalk of Lakeside Ave., a portion of those proceeds goes right back to the Motorcycle Week Association.

In 2025, we've made your shopping even easier – American Iron Outfitters, the Official Merchandiser of the Rally, will be all over the place also selling new designs of Official shirts – look for the logo!



We at the Association work all year long to ensure the longevity and successfulness of the Rally and we would like your help. Go ahead and shop our website for souvenir from previous years while they last! 🇺🇸



Photographer Michael Frederic, Tiffany and Fran Helping us in the Headquarters.

Photo Credit: W. Stephen Loughlin

Photo Credit: John Bielawski

**HEY, FRIENDS! STOP BY AND SEE US!**

Visit us at Rally Headquarters – on the boardwalk of Lakeside Ave.

Charlie & Jennifer

Who knows what's going on?? We do!! Rally Headquarters is the official – the **ONLY** official – place where you will find the most up to date information for the Rally. We work hard to bring you minute-by-minute updates from event holders around the state. Rally Headquarters is also where you will find the **Official 2025 – 102nd Anniversary Laconia Motorcycle Week Souvenirs** including t-shirts, sweatshirts, pins, patches, hats, and more! We have limited edition 100th Anniversary souvenirs. Previously released items include denim button-down shirts, embroidered crew sweatshirts, and cloth backpacks. Stay tuned for what will be released this year! All proceeds from Official souvenir sales go directly back to the Laconia MC

Association's marketing promotion budget. The 100-foot long tent housing Rally Headquarters is filled with maps, riding information, giveaways and resources from other rally partners and official sponsors.



Rally HQ, on the boardwalk of Lakeside Ave, is open daily from 8am-9pm or later. Stake your place at the Rally and put your pin in the giant map to say you were here!! Tiffany, Fran, Mike and all of our staff work diligently to answer all of your questions but if they're unable to help, tell them to call Charlie or Jenn and we'll make sure to find what you need! Be sure to join us, right from Lakeside Avenue for any of the Official Gypsy Tours, with different destinations daily! For more info, please call us at 603-366-2000 or check out updated information on our website:

[LaconiaMCWeek.com](http://LaconiaMCWeek.com) and FaceBook! 🇺🇸

**13<sup>th</sup> Annual** Miss Bentley's  
**PIN-UP**

Contest Saturday | 1-6pm **JUNE 21**



**Tiana**  
Miss Bentley's 2024  
Pin-Up Girl!

Photo shoots with  
**PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER**  
**Kaylee Cohen**

Photos taken on  
Stunt Rider  
**SICK NICK'S BIKE!**

**WIN**  
**\$1,000 CASH**

And have  
your picture on a  
**BENTLEY'S SALOON T-SHIRT!**

SWAG & TICKETS TO THE  
13<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TOMMY'S  
TATTOO CONVENTION!

\*ALL CONTESTANTS RECEIVE AN EXCLUSIVE GIFT!

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**What to Wear?**  
Theme: Shades of Blue  
(Patriotic, Sailor or Sports)

**Need Hair Help?**  
Hair stylist Rachel and her stylists  
will be at the show! FMI, email her:  
the\_hairlady@yahoo.com

**Age Requirements?**  
19 years of age and beyond

**How is Winner Determined?**  
Panel of Judges and crowd participation

**PRE-REGISTRATION**  
Forms Available on our Website!  
[WWW.BENTLEYSSALOON.COM](http://WWW.BENTLEYSSALOON.COM)  
- Capped at 50 Contestants -

Photo shoot ends by 5pm  
Winner announced by 6pm

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**BIKER RALLY**  
**RIDE-IN BIKE SHOW**

**SUNDAY | JUNE 15 |** MOVED FROM THURSDAY

**BENTLEY'S 15th ANNUAL BIKER RALLY** June 14-22

**NEW 2025 AWARD!** **Best of Show Shovelhead**  
**\$100 CASH + TROPHY**

**\$100 CASH & TROPHY**  
for All 1st Place Winners in Each Class

**\$50 CASH & TROPHY**  
for All 2nd Place Winners in Each Class

Awards for Best Handmade Parts, Best Paint,  
Best Theme, Spectator's Choice,  
Furthest Away & Oldest Running Bike

**REGISTRATION** Day of show 11am-1pm  
**WINNERS** Announced by 3pm

Pre-Registration forms at [bentleyssaloon.com](http://bentleyssaloon.com)



- SHOW CLASSES**
1. Antique - 1965 & before
  2. Vintage - 1966-1990
  3. Manufactured Custom
  4. Radical Custom
  5. Race/Sport Bike does NOT need to be street legal
  6. Bagger
  7. Big Wheel Bagger
  8. Sidecar & Trike

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**Welcome Back!**

Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Northern New England started out as a single bottling operation in Laconia in 1977. That small operation has grown into one of the nation's largest Coca-Cola bottlers.

Coca-Cola of Northern New England operates dozens of facilities, including the state-of-the-art production center in New Hampshire, as well as in Connecticut. They serve thousands of customers throughout all of New England, as well as through New York State and some of Pennsylvania. The folks at Coca-Cola have long supported Motorcycle Week as a Rally Patron and advertiser and in 2025, they once again are the official soft-drinks of the 102nd Anniversary of Laconia Motorcycle Week.

Coca-Cola of Northern New England's mission is to refresh northern New England and to inspire optimism through their brands and actions of their people while also creating value and making a different with consumers and customers alike. Be sure to ask for Coca-Cola and Dr Pepper at many of the fine establishments you visit during the rally and of course, stock up your supplies at your local grocery and convenience stores. If the dont carry them, Encourage them to. 🦋



**Support Rally Patrons**

**For a complete list,  
See pages 58 & 59**

**LIKE US!**

Like us on FaceBook, Instagram, and check us out online at [LaconiaMCWeek.com](http://LaconiaMCWeek.com).  
Use #LaconiaMCWeek in social Media!



**Jennifer Anderson**

Things can change FAST (a lesson learned the hard way since 2020)- Make sure you have the most up to date information from [LaconiaMCWeek.com](http://LaconiaMCWeek.com) and through our e-newsletter, the Laconia Riding Times.



Thank YOU for helping us achieve such great success in our digital and social media marketing efforts! Over the last couple of years, the Laconia Motorcycle Week Association has substantially increased its online and social media presence in order to get you all of the Rally information you crave! Browse through our photos on the Official Rally Website at [LaconiaMCWeek.com](http://LaconiaMCWeek.com) and see if you see yourself through our vast collection of Motorcycle Week photos! LaconiaMCWeek is also where you'll find the official schedule of events, lodging information, official souvenirs and more!

We are proud to assist visitors year-round with building their rally plans and now, [LaconiaMCWeek.com](http://LaconiaMCWeek.com) stands strong as the foundation of that effort. Be sure to "Hit" us up online and Like us on FaceBook and follow us Twitter, and Instagram: @LaconiaMCWeek, #LaconiaMCWeek 🦋

**Share on social Media!**

Use Hashtag  
**#LaconiaMCWeek**



Our Escorts for the Bentley Run, Officers Mike, Richard, Jared and Ryan. We thank them for a job always well done!

Photo Credit: John Bielawski

## HAVE YOU BEEN TO BENTLEY'S SALOON YET?

Why not? Bentley's is unique compared to other Biker Rallies. Why? Bentley's is a seasonal destination hot spot in New England for bikers EVERY weekend! It's home to legendary super-modified race car driver, and two-time Indy 500 race car veteran, Bentley Warren.

Bentley's Saloon and Campground are only 70 scenic miles from Laconia, headed east toward the Atlantic Ocean, only 10 minutes from the beaches and historical Kennebunkport, Maine. Bentley's offers a saloon with indoor and outdoor bars, live bands, bike shows, car shows, and a campground that has 100 full-service sites (extended length sites so you don't have to unhitch your trailer). Campground is stumbling distance from the saloon! Don't have a camper, riding cross country on a bike, we have affordable park models, a few motel rooms, and areas for tenters on bikes.

Our 15th Annual Biker Rally is June 14 through 22, kicking off with Motorcycle Stunt Rider Shows with Sick Nick and Joey Bananas. Shows are free and times are noon, 2 and 4 pm on Saturday, June 14th. Our 14th Annual Ride-In Bike Show is on Sunday, June 15th, registration from 11 am til 1 pm with winners announced by 3 pm. Cash and trophy awards for all first and second place categories which are antique, vintage, manufactured custom, radical custom, race/sport, bagger, big wheel bagger, sidecar and trike. Awards for best of show shovelhead, best in show, best handmade parts, best paint, best theme, spectator's choice, furthest away and oldest running bike!

All participants get a Bentley's 20 Year Anniversary Pint Glass! Join our ride leaving from Laconia Rally Headquarters on Tuesday, June 17th, ksu 11 am. Enter Loud Proud American and Tommy Tattoo Contest on June 20th, Friday, 3 til 6 pm! Awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for color or black and grey tattoos! Ladies, enter our 13th Annual Miss Bentley's Pin-Up Contest on Saturday June 21st, 1 til 6 pm for a chance to win \$1000 cash and have your favorite picture posing on Stunt Rider Sick Nick's bike on a Bentley's T-Shirt!! Exclusive for all contestants. Pre-registration available on our website at [bentleypassaloon.com](http://bentleypassaloon.com). The contest is capped at 50 ladies, and it's popular!! Live bands all week including rally rockers Jasmine Cain on Tuesday and Thursday, and Shovelhead on Friday and Saturday. These bands' show times are 1 til 5 pm.

So why haven't you been to Bentley's yet? Our motto is "Who has more fun than us? .... We do!" Whether on two wheels or four wheels, come find out why! 🏍️

For more information on Bentley's 15th Annual Biker Rally, visit [bentleypassaloon.com](http://bentleypassaloon.com)

# PROGRESSIVE® TIP#10

**Plan your route.** Although it can be tempting to hit the road without a destination in mind, planning a route will ensure you'll stay well fed and gassed up. If you don't have a GPS, get up-to-date maps and go online to get a list of hotels and campgrounds near your route so you can find a place to rest for the night.



**"Who has more fun than us?  
....We do!"**



Bentley's Saloon is proud to be known as a premier biker destination located in Arundel, Maine (southeast coast, just north of Kennebunkport). The Saloon is not only popular for motorcyclists, patrons from all over the country come in on four wheels and in campers for the Bentley's experience!!



Some come hoping to meet the legendary race car driver and fearless motorcycle rider Bentley Warren, owner of the "compound"!



Bentley also has a museum aka "Toyhouse" showcasing his private collection of motorcycles, race cars & memorabilia.

**What happens at the Saloon other than eating and drinking?**

- Car Shows
- Live Music
- Charity Bike Runs
- Motorcycle Shows
- Karaoke
- Costume Parties
- Truck & Tractor Shows
- Fundraisers
- Cornhole Tournaments

**...EVEN HOG RIDING!!**

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**"Who has more fun than us?  
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**COME BY AND FIND OUT WHY!**

Some say if you can't have fun at Bentley's, you don't know how to have fun!



- 100 Full-Service RV Sites
- Campground is stumbling distance to saloon, walking distance to antique flea markets, minutes away from the beaches, grocery stores and the historic district of Kennebunkport, known for its fine shopping, dining and fishing charters!
- 50/30/20 AMP, water, sewage, fire pit & picnic table
- Pull-thru sites up to 100' (open for the weekend)
- Shaded and non-shaded sites
- Washers & dryers

Guests say one of the BEST Bath Houses in the Country!



Park Models available in campground and motel rooms available by Saloon!

Just look for the old camper on Route 1 by Bentley's Saloon  
World Famous friendly biker destination that welcomes everyone!



**CAMPGROUND OPEN TO RESERVE CALL 207-985-8966**

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## FALL RALLY

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**BLOCK PARTY!**  
RALLY BARTENDERS  
BANDS ALL WEEKEND  
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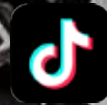
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**RALLY GIRLS  
5 STAGES  
LIVE MUSIC**



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