



### One Time Around Paul Clipper

I did something different with my summer vacation this year. Rather than head for the beach for a week or two, or spending the warm months doing all those chores needing attention, I got on my motorcycle and went for a ride. But instead of coming home at the end of the day, or at the end of the week, I made it a point to always head in the opposite direction. Following this method—and it’s something I recommend everyone try at least once—I wound up being gone for 67 days, rode through 37 states, and amassed a trip total of 14,390 miles.

How in the world could I do it? Well, early in the summer I signed papers to sell a business I’d owned for the past 24 years, and once that was gone I had time on my hands. Time that was never available before. I had a strong desire to do something epic, and though I’d never spent hours daydreaming about riding across the United States, I could admit that it was something I’d never done, and I was curious to find out what it would be like. I had a bike that could do it; a Suzuki 650 V-Strom, a 650cc twin cylinder machine already outfitted with luggage and other convenience options, and all I needed was the inclination. I’ll admit I spent very little time preparing the bike, or even planning what to pack. When it came time to go, I threw some things in the bags, locked the house, gave the keys to my neighbor, and left.

I thought it would be romantic in the classic sense to ride up to Burlington, Vermont, and cross over to the Adirondacks on a lake ferry, as a start to the trip, but weather almost chased me back home. Day one was one of those sweltering, humid 90+ days we suffered in early summer, and day two greeted me with pouring rain all day. Slogging through scenic Upstate New York with rain hammering a foot off the pavement made me seriously consider turning left on Route 90, but I didn’t. And I’m glad about that.

Instead I kept heading west, scooting through Buffalo,

Cleveland and Detroit, and running up to Bay City, Michigan before finally heading off into two-lane roads. Yep, once you leave peaceful old Richmond, I promise you won’t hit “country” again until you get to northern Michigan. I made it a point to stay on two-lane country roads, except where I couldn’t avoid the highways.

I rode up the northern half of that state across the Mackinac Bridge and into the Upper Peninsula, then across Wisconsin to Duluth, Minnesota, and the first of a few rest stops with friends. From Duluth I kept heading west, across Minnesota and into North Dakota on back roads. At the grasslands in western North Dakota I turned left and rode through South Dakota and Nebraska before stopping again for a week with friends in Colorado.

From there I picked up where I left off, and rode back up through Wyoming and Montana looking for cooler weather, taking in Yellowstone, the Tetons and Glacier National Park along the way. I bounced off Canada, turned left again through Idaho and into Washington state, looking for a town named “Clipper” in the far northwestern corner (wasn’t even a town sign along the road, darn). I took a ferry across to Port Townsend, Washington, and then rode down to Olympia for another

break, staying with a riding buddy and his wife. While there we rode to Mt. Saint Helens and Mt. Ranier, and spent a little time in the Olympic Mountains.

The Puget Sound area was suffering a rare heat wave, so I was eager to leave and get out to the coast, where the temperature dropped from the mid-90s to 55 degrees, damp and foggy, in a matter of 45 miles or so. I rode down the coast of Oregon, dipping inland to see Glacier Lake, then rushing back to the coast to escape the heat again.

Arriving at the redwood trees and the coast of California was quite a thrill, especially once I calculated that the last time I’d visited was 37 years ago. Where does the time go? Somewhere on the lonely, foggy coast of the



Golden State the thought finally hit me: "Man, you are a long, long way from home." I guess that was the turning point of the journey, though I did ride down through San Francisco and past Monterey Bay to Big Sur before I finally turned left for good, and started working on the return trip.

Across to Yosemite, then over the Sierras and into Nevada, one of my favorite states in the Union. Then into Utah, and down to Arizona for some more visiting and a couple needed rest days. I can tell you that at 107 degrees, on a motorcycle you feel like the ant at the end of the magnifying glass, and I left Arizona early in the morning at top speed to get out of the killing heat. I raced through New Mexico, Texas, and Oklahoma and took two weeks off with my girlfriend Jo Ann in her home state of Arkansas, then we visited Memphis, Tennessee, the land of Elvis, before I made the final push for home. But not before rolling my wheels through Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina and Virginia. I stopped to visit my parents in Maryland, my kids in New Jersey, and then rode through familiar highways to home here in Richmond.

I fielded the question many times: Is it fun? Well, sometimes. It's not a lot of fun when the temperature is near three digits, or when you're running for your life from a nasty thunderstorm high up in the Great Plains. But yeah, there is a joy that comes from the freedom you feel while traveling all these great distances right out in the elements. Like all traveling, there are also great rewards that you stumble on along the way; like unexpectedly coming across the Mississippi River at a point where you can easily jump across it, or discovering the town of Pie Town, New Mexico, at a perfect time of day for a slice of peach pie and a cup of coffee.

That was the big joy for me, finding new places and meeting people along the way, and the surprises that came up. Like, I really looked forward to seeing all of the Oregon coast but was disappointed at how built-up and touristy it is. And, I was not prepared for how every inch of Washington state just blew me away. I could see myself living there some day. As for food along the way, it's all a blur; but I will tell you that I never came across a breakfast place that had pancakes that are even remotely as good as the ones you can get at the Swanzy Diner. So I guess that means I'm glad to be home!

The other question I've fielded more than once is, Would

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you do it again? I don't know. During the trip, I would have said no way, once is enough for this sort of thing. But now, with a few weeks in retrospect, I could see that I might be persuaded to do it again if the stars lined up correctly. But I would do things differently. Maybe spend more time snooping around and less time in the saddle. Because it's not how many miles you rack up that matter, it's what you actually see and do along the way.

And, in the end, there is no place like home. Especially for pancakes.

**The Great Cookie Exchange Caper  
A Family Party  
Elaine Moriarty**

On Sunday, December 5, 2010, there will be a Library Patron Wide Affair. Children and Adult library users are invited to participate in a cookie exchange along with a gift-giving exchange. Each family will bring four dozen homemade cookies to exchange. You will have to bring a container to take home your share. There will also be (for those who wish to participate) a gift exchange. This need not be a new item, as we all have received a gift we have no use for, so this is your chance to trade it. Wrapping is optional. There will be volunteer awards, and a right/left game for the volunteers. There will be refreshments for all library patrons. So please join the fun from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Veterans' Hall on Sunday December 5th.

**Notes From Town Hall  
Selectboard**

**Neighbors.** Chief Wood met with the Selectmen last month and we discussed several recent daytime burglaries in Richmond. Richmond's Police Department is working hard to solve these crimes, but we asked how each of us can help keep our homes, neighbors and town safe? Wood suggested

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We are currently looking to purchase many different items, including but not limited to:  
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we all be more vigilant in noticing our surroundings, keeping that "neighbor's eye" open for anything that seems unusual as we're out walking. New Hampshire folks are a private people and mind our own business, but we can be aware of our surroundings without intruding. We can lock our own homes and cars every time we leave them unoccupied, making it less easy to enter and take property. We can talk with our neighbors and take the opportunity to find out if they have needs we can help meet. We could consider a voluntary neighborhood watch group if that seems appropriate. Rural Richmond's "neighborhoods" are the neighbors who live along your road and they are your best insurance when you're away from home. An observant neighbor is worth their weight in gold. And even better, they can report suspicious behavior to the police, unlike your cat or dog can do.

Let's see what we can do to help; help ourselves, our neighbors and our town. If you are interested in forming a neighborhood watch group, talk to your neighbors and do an internet search on 'neighborhood watch.' All the help you'll need is there. But even easier, introduce yourself to your neighborhood, keep your eyes open and take the initiative to tell the police if you see anything suspicious going on.

**Plowing Contracts Awarded.** The Selectmen opened bids from six different bidders this year. The following contracts were awarded for plowing the east and west sides of town, and the town buildings: Dan Firman was awarded the plowing contract for the east side of town; John Holman was awarded the plowing contract for the west side of town; Billy Hillock was awarded the plowing contract for the town buildings; and Darold Tanner and Rob Hart were awarded the contract for shoveling the town buildings.

**Dates to Remember  
Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk**

November 1, 2010  
Open until 5:00 p.m. for absentee ballots only  
November 2, 2010  
CLOSED for the General Election

Polling hours: 8 am - 7 pm at the Veteran's Hall  
November 11, 2010  
CLOSED for Veteran's Day  
Nov. 24 & 25, 2010  
CLOSED for Thanksgiving break

**Richmond Public Library  
Wendy O'Brien**

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH FOR THE BAKE SALE AT THE VETERANS' HALL.

**Story Times**  
We have three story time offerings in November: first, a brief story hour for younger elementary school-aged children on Tuesday, November 2nd at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome. Evelyn Pogorzelski will lead a pajama story time focusing on the popular story "The Magic Hat," on Tuesday, November 9th at 6:30 p.m. New this month, Wendy will lead a series of story hours on Wednesdays, November 3rd, 10th, and 17th at 10:00 a.m., featuring seasonal stories. All of these story times will have a craft and snack. We do ask that children come accompanied and be supervised by an adult.

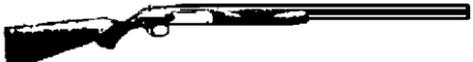
**Kodah the Library Dog**  
A visit from, Kodah, our official library dog, has been tentatively scheduled for November 20th at 11:00

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**Ongoing Book Sale**

We had such a great response of book donations that we have created a book sale area in the library's non-fiction room. Many of these books are brand new, and we would love for them to find good homes! Hardcover are just \$1.00, paperbacks \$0.50, and children's materials \$0.25. Drop by and find some quality books at just the right price!

**Pot Luck and NH History at Vet's Hall**

**Kandace Mattson & Jean Tandy**

On Wednesday, November 10, 5:30 pm a Pot Luck Dinner at Richmond's Veterans' Hall, will precede an evening with a very popular New Hampshire speaker, Steve Taylor. Steve will speak about: The Great Sheep Boom and its enduring legacy on the New Hampshire landscape.

Steve is an independent scholar, farmer, journalist and longtime public official. He operates a dairy and maple farm in Meriden Village, New Hampshire, and served a quarter century as NH's Commissioner of Agriculture. He has been a newspaper reporter and editor. He was also the first Executive Director of the NH Humanities Council and is a life long student of the state's rural culture.

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Come join us for an evening of entertainment and discover the impact sheep had in our state to create the landscape we now enjoy and admire. Steve's native New Hampshire slang makes him a very entertaining speaker.

Please join us on November 10. Bring a favorite country dish to share with neighbors of all ages. Tables will be set and ready, with fresh NH local cider and hot coffee provided. All ages will enjoy this evening with neighbors, good food and great stories about the history of the rural land we've made our home.

Steve Taylor is brought to Richmond through the NH Humanities Council. Hosting the evening event is a collaboration of the Richmond Conservation Committee, the Rural Preservation Committee, and the Richmond Historical Society.

The Richmond Conservation Committee with the Rural Preservation Committee is working as an exploratory committee to create interest in agriculture in Richmond and to promote interest in the establishment of an Agricultural Commission, to be presented as an article on the 2011 Town Warrant.

Please join with neighbors on November 10 for shared food, hot coffee & sweet cider, local chatter and great NH History.

**Richmond Holiday Fair**

**Alison VanBrocklin and Pam Goodell**

The annual Holiday Fair will be held at the Richmond Veterans Hall, Route 32, in Richmond, on Saturday, November 13th, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Anyone who has been to the Holiday Fair in past years will attest that it is a unique experience featuring local artisans offering a variety of hand-crafted gifts and confections!

Talented artists will present nature-based pen & ink prints, and horse-themed paintings and gifts. Antique crafts,

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The Richmond Community UM Church is delighted to sponsor the Holiday Fair. A luncheon is planned from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The menu includes sandwiches, chili, and corn chowder, and apple crisp. For more information or if you would like to rent a space (\$15.00), please call Alison, 239-4494.

**RPL Bake Sale and Raffle**

**Elaine Moriarty**

The volunteers of the Richmond Public Library, coordinated by Elaine Moriarty, will be holding a bake sale and raffle at the Annual Holiday Fair sponsored by the Richmond Community United Methodist Church. It will take place at the Veterans' Hall, Sat., November 13th, from 9:00 - 3:00 p.m. We have many new exciting raffle items this year, including a free Christmas tree donated by Windswept Mountains View Christmas Tree Farm, decorated wreaths, and fun gift baskets. Tickets are just \$1.00 each or 6 for



By November and December in New England we are sitting back and just waiting for the snow to cover our gardens and our walkways. But, in the early part of November, before the snow really hits hard, be sure that all of your herbs are covered heavy with leaves or straw, and whisper to each of them to have a good hibernation and that you will see them in the spring. It is always iffy whether these plants will awaken in the spring. As a gardener, my thoughts flee ahead to knowing that perhaps new plants will need to replace these no matter how careful I am. If we hit the right time after the

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**Missing Yellow Lab**  
**Donna Brewer**

Lost approximately three weeks ago. Five year old male yellow lab named Buddy. Last spotted off Bullock Road. Call Donna, 239-4514 or Gary, 313-1159.

**Richmond Christmas Tree Decorating**  
**Pam Goodell**

The Richmond Community United Methodist Church would like to invite everyone to take part in a community Christmas tree decorating day on Saturday December 11. There will be a craft time starting at 3:00 p.m. for making decorations to put on the large tree outside the church at 11 Fitzwilliam Road. Supplies will be provided and/or bring what you'd like, including already made decorations suitable for outdoors. The lights will be turned on at 5:00 p.m. followed by carol singing, hot chocolate and cookies. We hope you will come and join in this event for some community fun and friendship at this special time of year.

**Year's End In Gardening**  
**Judith M. Graves**

**6 About Town**

first hard frost, to cover them when the roots will be set into the soil, we have a good chance to save them.

Of course by now all the tender herbs have been taken inside so that they can sit in a window sill for ease of snipping for our dishes all winter, or they have been dried or frozen, been blended for great seasoning blends and of course, dried for our teas. Don't forget several with recipes for gifts!

The holidays ahead fill our planning now, and if we carefully thought ahead our tables are filled with squash, pumpkins, corn stalk tops and gourds for the Thanksgiving centerpieces. To me, this natural centerpiece beats some plastic turkey and pilgrims. Also, it does not need to be stored, and becomes compost for the garden next year.

I preserved several gourds by pounding a nail hole in the center of the bottom of them, and pulling it out so that they will have a place to dry from, and sitting them on a screen. This year we had some lovely swan neck gourds that are just marvelous. Can hardly wait to add bows for the Christmas holiday and set them in a proper spot on the side board or coffee table.

The woodland objects that we gathered on our many walks have landed into a box or basket by now and bring back the memories of the time it was found, and sits on a side table to look at all winter. The hydrangeas are dried and placed in crocks and ready to lay on the limbs of our Christmas tree. This year I made a hydrangea kissing ball for fun, and wound several vines into wreaths to be placed around the home. I love natural objects, as you all have seen by now. That is why I have my studio filled to the brim with all sorts of twigs, nests, dried flowers and such to work with.

If you don't have a dedicated space for your crafts, see what you can do to find one even if it is a corner with well organized containers piled high. Here at Periwinkle Cottage I am now working on items that will be at some craft fairs around the area. I will be at the Vet's hall on the 13th, so stop by and see what I have been talking about. Don't miss our town's holiday fair, and they have a great lunch as well.

Thanksgiving is perhaps my favorite holiday of the year. It is full of family, being thankful for another year, and

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never marred by presents to purchase. Just gathering around a table of great foods, laughing faces, children full of anticipation, and the smells of pies and turkey. This is the day that after our big meal, we go and gather greens and lug them back to the house to make wreaths and sprays to give to others and to fill our many spots to hang. The wires, greens, bows, are all lugged in on tarps and the mess begins. Mess that smells awesome and displays many gorgeous wreaths to take to our homes. A mere sweeping and shaking out of the tarp and all is done. The women and children do the work as the guys sleep off the turkey and watch football. Then we all gather together for pies and coffee.

The huge tree is lugged in and put into the stand ready for decorating and the smells are heavenly. I am fortunate that my son and daughter in law cut the tree, set it up in our great room (#5 Schoolhouse room c.1855) and the lights are all put on for me. Thankful for this as that is a job for me getting the lights even or close. Then in the next 2-3 days all the ornaments are covering the tree that is 10 feet tall.

What are your traditions for your family? Every family has them. Find something new each year to add memories. Try having each person no matter how small tell what they are thankful for, offer a thankful prayer before the meal, start some traditions for yourself. Share with someone else, push out of your comfort zone to help someone, to perhaps add an extra seat at your table and invite someone, carry a large box to the food pantry to place on the shelves for those less fortunate, call someone you know who may have had a hard year. There is always something everyone can do to help others in need. Bake an extra pie and take it to a friend, buy an extra poinsettia for someone, pile on love to those hard to love.

Yes, November is a particularly nice month of the year. This brings us up to December and to give you a peek

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Earth/Home

Dear Richmond and Fitzwilliam Voters,

As a child, the first chapter in my life took place on a farm. I adored Annie Oakley for her independence and her wonderful cowgirl costume. My first attachment was to the land, freedom, and being me. While my life expanded and deepened in beautiful and enriching ways, I have remained on a journey of discovery, devoted to the earth, and committed to people, especially their needs, their wonderful diversity, and the common bond we share as human beings.



Emma & I on the steps

In the picture to the left, I am hand in hand with my granddaughter, Emma, as we descend the stairs outside the home across from the County Farm in Westmoreland where my son, Chris who is a farmer, lives with his wife, Melissa. Whether you are a liberal or a conservative, I believe we all share a sense that local farms and the food they supply have become essential in our changing world. What we do to the earth, we do to ourselves. This will be a focus of mine if you elect me. Monkeying around with tax data propaganda during election cycles creates one of the biggest challenges to the voting public. Who is telling the truth? We often only see what we want to see. One basic historical fact to be aware of is that as corporate power has risen, the percentage of upper class and corporate wealth has increased, while the wealth of all other classes has decreased. The politics, lobbying, fraud, and unequal protection of middle and lower class wealth created the economic nightmare of the Bush presidency from which we are still slowly recovering. Under these circumstances, and relatively speaking, New Hampshire has cut general fund spending lower than has been recorded in the last 20 years, and is one of the top ten states in the economic recovery process with many challenges ahead.



Emma & the Cows

Furthermore, we are a country with a government of-by-and-for-the-people. The greatest example of this for me is FDR's 1944 "Economic Bill of Rights" which every American is entitled to: (1) useful and fair paying job; (2) enough food, clothing, and recreation; (3) ability of farmers to make a decent living; (4) all businesses, large or small, to be free from unfair competition and monopoly domination, i.e., corporate aggression; (5) a decent home; (6) adequate medical care and the chance to possess good health; (7) adequate protection from economic fears of old age, sickness, accident and unemployment; (8) a good education. This is at the heart of political life which will be center stage in my role as State Representative for District 5—Fitzwilliam & Richmond.

Since moving to Richmond in 1985, I have always loved and cherished its beautiful land, forests, water, and animal life. While teaching for the past 22 years at Emerson School in Fitzwilliam, I have been moved and motivated by the students and have always been focused on their learning and their needs as human beings. In both towns, I have come to know and enjoy many folk and am eternally grateful for their presence in my life.

I want especially to thank Barbara Hull Richardson, our incredibly gifted and hardworking state representative who is ending her 18 year career in politics, for encouraging me to run and endorsing me for your consideration as the next state rep.

Whether you vote for me or not, I urge you to vote. It is basic to a healthy democracy.

Respectfully,

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*"MAY I LIVE SIMPLY THAT OTHERS MAY SIMPLY LIVE." Ghandi*

into this fast energy-taking month, plan a bit ahead by starting some projects in November to help you enjoy this busy time of the year.

Here is a tip: Make a list of all the things you want to or hope to do this time of year. Could be baking cookies, delivering gifts, purchasing gifts, wrapping, time for family evening of mulled cider and cookies, whatever it is that you would like to do this year. Don't we always say that it went so fast we didn't have time to enjoy it? Okay, so start with the list. Now put down on the side of the paper numbers from 1-25. This is the time you have after Thanksgiving to enjoy this next month. Take the list of things you put down that you wanted to do and put one or two on each day. Example 1. Start my shopping buy 3-4 gifts. Stop at my friend's house and make a date to make cookies. 2. Today get out the ornaments from the attic and decorate the tree 3. Today put out some things around the house to decorate. Go to the market and buy my poinsettias. 4. Write out my cards. Go to the post office and on the way stop and say hi to someone who may be lonely 5. Call my friend and make cookies while we enjoy a mug of mulled cider and laugh. 6. Set up a time to gather friends together for a holiday time.

You get the idea. All of the things that you wrote down that overwhelm you, now all have a day to get them done. AND the best part is you can find the time to enjoy every single one of them without getting overwhelmed and lose the fun of the season.

Next month, my ideas on gift giving. Enjoy this joyous time of the year. Comfort foods, a warm jacket, and smile!

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*Jessica E. VanDerKern*

There is no denying that this had been a tough year for many, and the last thing we may want to do is think about spending our money on frivolous trinkets, do-dads, and thing-a-ma-jigs. So, this season, why not enjoy a FREE holiday experience that is reminiscent of those holiday memories from long ago?

Remember...saving up your pennies and going out in search of that perfect, meaningful gift? You stepped out of the cold into a store all decked out with holiday cheer. You felt that warm, pleasant glow just looking around. Then, you saw it! The perfect present! Once home, you carefully wrapped it and hid it. You waited. Then, at the perfect moment, you passed it over and watched someone's eyes light up. They probably still cherish it. These simple acts of love and family were enough to make the season bright.

So, this season, pull yourself away from the impersonal, flickering pulse of your computer screen and head away from the grating neon lights and crowds of the "big box" stores. Instead, explore a little store right around the corner. Who knows? You may actually enjoy your holiday shopping. It's your time and your money, after all. Make the most of it. Enjoy the whole experience.

From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on November 11, 12, 13, & 14, five local business are hosting the 23rd annual Round Robin Holiday Tour. This event is free and is designed to give holiday shoppers a chance to experience local shopping. Both Mary Ellen's and Webb Hill Farm of Fitzwilliam, Homeward Designs Cottage Style of Rindge, The Vintage Rose Boutique & Botanicals of Jaffrey, and Harvest Thyme Herbs of Dublin are all excited to be participating this year.

You can visit these shops in any order over the four

**23<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL ROUND ROBIN HOLIDAY SHOP TOUR**

*November 11, 12, 13, & 14*  
*10:00 am - 6:00 pm each day*

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When you visit any of the participating shops, you'll receive a tour map and a ticket to be stamped by each shop along the tour. Tickets stamped by all five shops will be entered to win one of TEN custom holiday gift baskets brimming with gifts from one of the shops.

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Mary Ellen's	Fitzwilliam, NH	585-6534
Homeward Designs Cottage Style	Rindge, NH	899-9545
Vintage Rose Boutique & Botanicals	Jaffrey, NH	593-3553
Harvest Thyme Herbs	Dublin, NH	563-7032

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days. While in these shops, you can talk with the owners. You can ask questions. You can get the help you're looking for. You can get an idea for something extraordinary. Above all, you can have an enjoyable experience and receive personal service.

These small businesses located right down the street pride themselves on providing an enjoyable shopping experience created in part by having unique items and personable employees who are actually excited to help patrons. These locally-owned and operated businesses help cycle your money back into your towns. In addition, these small businesses enhance your local main streets and communities.

So, slow down and remember what shopping used to be like. These stores offer something special. From local, to natural, to environmentally-friendly, to practical products: these stores may just have that perfect present that you've been looking for—something that will be treasured and cherished for years to come.

If that is not enough to entice you, during their 23rd annual Holiday Round Robin, you can also enjoy free refreshments, free gifts, and when you've finished the tour you could enter to win one of 10 holiday-themed gifts! Each gift is worth \$25.

**Things From the School District, October 2010**  
*Jim Carnie and Neil Moriarty*

The FY2011-2012 Budget Process started with the joint meeting (Bard and Budget Committee) kickoff on October 9, 2010 presentations by the administrators. With a 22% increase in health insurance premiums to deal with, this will be a tough budget to develop.

SAU Withdrawal — By the time you read this we should have our own SAU — starting July 1, 2011. Hinsdale should also be going to their own SAU; with Winchester in the process of presenting their SAU38 withdrawal plan to the state Dept. of Education. The Monadnock vote was taken on October 26, 2010.

Budget overrun and potential overrun — J. Fortson (our business manager) reported that the district is in shortfall of \$400,000 to \$500,000 in FY 2010-2011 and \$195,000 in

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FY 2009-2010. Some of the areas that caused the problems were the inaccurate tagging of employees with health insurance (employee tagged as not having insurance when the person did have insurance) and SPED costs. There is time to recover the FY 2010- 2011 overrun by conserving spending; however, that means some planned items will not happen this year. Without a lengthy discussion here — the Budget Committee has been the group that has caught health insurance errors in the past by reviewing each employee's individual health insurance premiums in the budget. The budget committee has been denied this tool in the last four or five years — no review equals overruns in health insurance premiums. I (Neil — with Jim's endorsement) partitioned our school board for going back to releasing to information to the budget committee so we can do our job. Release of the data to the Budget Committee is under review.

The school board will present a separate warrant article for All-Day Kindergarten in March 2011. It was agreed that this would be the best way to achieve all day kindergarten — in case the voters decided they did not support the concept — and voted down the operating budget warrant article because of it. While all day kindergarten has a cost — given that the State of New Hampshire continues with their current education-funding plan, this cost could be offset by increased state education funding in about five years. The catch is that it is hard to rely on the state of New Hampshire to stick to the same funding plan; especially, when you are asked to look out five years from now.

The Monadnock student population declined again this year for the 15th year in a row. More district statistics in the next report.

As always if you have comments, suggestions, or concerns, give Jim, 239-4948, or Neil 239-4031 a call.

**Branch River Theatre**  
*Sherman Morrison*

The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 - Directed by Lori Goldring

Written by John Bishop, this Broadway comedy is set in the library of an old mansion in Chappaqua, New York, in December of 1940. The story involves

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two different murder plots that get intertwined during an attempt to solve a three-year old investigation of the deaths of some of Broadway's chorus girls.

A feigned backer's audition is set up in the library in an attempt to lure the murderer. The owner of the mansion is a well-known supporter of theatre, but when the Broadway hopefuls appear at the mansion hoping to be backed, they soon find themselves watching their own backs ... because there's a murderer loose in the mansion. Dead bodies are showing up everywhere, and a blizzard has cut off all possible ways out! Accusing fingers point in all directions, but don't go jumping to conclusions in this fast-paced comedy—because nothing is as it appears.

Cast

- Helsa Wenzel- Laurie Meyerrose,
- Elsa Von Grossenknueten- M. Beverly Miller
- Michael Kelly- Wade Garrett
- Patrick O'Reilly- Bert Torsey
- Ken De La Maize- John Janston
- Nikki Crandall- Emma Seidler
- Eddie McCuen- Robert Alden

Marjorie Baverstock- CJ Cummings

Roger Hopewell- Brooks Campbell

Bernice Roth- Hallie Flower

Show Dates

Friday and Saturday, October 29 & 30 at 8:00 p.m.

Friday and Saturday, November 5 & 6 at 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 7 at 2:00 p.m.

\$12.00 General Admission, \$10.00 Seniors & Students.

Tickets are available at the door but we recommend reserving your seats by calling the BRT Ticket Line at 603-283-7538, or writing our ticket email address at gsh50@hotmail.com

**What's Next in Our 2010 – 2011 Season**

In March 2011 we'll be presenting Neil Simon's bitter-sweet comedy "The Gingerbread Lady" to be directed by Gail Connelly. Auditions will be in December 2010.

May 2011 we'll be bringing back the good old-fashioned (and fun!) variety show in the style of Ed Sullivan. This special presentation, Taste of Marlborough, Appetizers and a Show, will be directed by Debbie Pickering.

As yet to be scheduled, we are looking at the return of the "Improv Smackdown," where we invite other theatre groups in the area for a series of Improv shows where you

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the audience get to participate and vote the winners. More to come on that!

If you would like to advertise in our program, and/or become a 2010-11 season or show sponsor, please contact Heather Morrison, hmorrison@branchrivertheatre.com or Mia Moravis, mmoravis@branchrivertheatre.com.

Our new media kit has all the details for tailoring your advertising needs! See you at the Community House in Marlborough, New Hampshire!

**Creative Writing for All Ages**

**Bonnie McCarthy & Community Readers**

I often wonder how many people who read the Rooster would love to submit an article or piece of creative writing, but just don't get around to it. As an experiment in encouraging reader participation, it occurred to me to initiate a monthly column soliciting various kinds of creative writing endeavors. Each month I will suggest a form, give an example or two, and ask interested community readers of all ages to make submissions, directly to the Rooster, before the tenth of the next month. You must include your name with each submission; your age is most definitely optional. I will change the suggested genre often, but any and all submissions will be welcomed at any time. Please feel free to offer suggested genre and feedback by calling me at 239-4088 or email me:

Bonnie@CeremoniesFromTheHeart.ws.

For December let's begin with an American version of the Japanese poetry form Haiku, which translates as "playful verse." Haiku is a non-rhymed verse genre with five sounds in the first part, seven sounds in the second part, and five sounds in the third part, which are written in a single vertical line. To Americanize haiku, we will use syllables instead of sounds, and write the verse in three horizontal lines of five syllables, seven syllables, and five syllables, respectively. Haiku is often written about the seasons of

nature using objective sensory images, and always avoids subjective commentary. Haiku can be serious or light hearted, and need only spark the emotions instead of appeal to the realm of ideas. Herewith are two examples that were inspired by an early morning walk after our much needed late September/early October rainfall (sometimes haiku unintentionally rhyme).

Feel the gentle breeze  
Release last night's rain from the  
Water laden trees

Leaves washed in water  
From the grace of Father Sky  
A gift of pure love

**Thanks to All of our Supporters!**

**Michelle Connor**

The Connor Team of AdviCoach has been honored with the 2010 Franchisee of the Year Award and Ann Connor was also a nominee for AdviCoach 2010 Humanitarian of the Year Award. How did we get here? We cannot believe it has been over two years since the AdviCoach NH office opened its doors. What a great honor to receive Franchisee of the Year two years in a row! This is unprecedented in our organization!

We are proud to be part of the community, through the encouragement of great organizations like:

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- Greater Keene Chamber of Commerce
- Peterborough Chamber of Commerce
- Rindge Chamber of Commerce
- The Richmond Rooster
- MicroCredit NH
- Elm City BNI of Keene
- Key 4 Women in Brattleboro

And of course all of the business owners that have put their trust and support in us!

Ann is also a member of the board of directors for the Hannah Grimes Marketplace and a committee mem-

ber for both the Keene and Peterborough Chambers' Business to Business committees.

Through multiple seminars, workshops and our free coaching days, we have connected with so many business owners throughout Cheshire County, Worcester County and beyond. We look forward to creating more relationships and want to share this Great News with all of you! Thank you!

**Mailbox Tampering**

**Russ Provost, Retired Postmaster**

Mailbox tampering is any act that interferes with another person's letter box or receptacle. This can include: destruction of the mailbox itself, theft of the contents, the placement of items in a mail receptacle by persons other than postal employees, or any action intended to obstruct or damage mail or mailbox property. In short, anyone other than the mail recipients and postal employees should not touch a mailbox or its contents. Violators can serve a prison sentence up to three years or be fined up to \$250,000.

**Zoning Ordinance Defeated Vote on Sept. 14th**

**Kim Mattson**

John Bocalini requested feedback in the October issue of the Richmond Rooster on why residents voted the way they did on the ordinance for Richmond to provide a location for houses of worship. Many of you received a flyer asking you to vote no to this ordinance from myself and friends in Richmond. It was our

opinion that the ordinance lacked regulations for such a change. The Planning Board can not regulate a house of worship as a single family dwelling. At this time, all the criteria we have in our zoning is for a single family dwelling. There are no provisions set forth with this ordinance to protect and regulate the health and safety of our neighbors through site plan review. The house of worship would be treated as a single family home, which does not fall under the Planning Board criteria.

The Town of Richmond was asked to provide objective criteria by the courts. Objective criteria would be lighting,



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set backs, parking areas, size of usable space and etc., which would protect abutters and our town. It is my opinion this is an awesome start, but needs to have our Planning Board create an ordinance with objective criteria, definitions and address more than just houses of worship to help protect our rural setting and the peaceful living we all came to Richmond for.

Just a few questions for the Planning Board and the Richmond Selectmen: What is a house of worship? Could a resident on Route 32 and 119 start a prayer group in their home and in three months their group grows to 30 folks. Parking on the highway, traffic, and so on. Then they move to the garage in six months, they increase to 45 and they want to build an out-building for their group. Will the town refuse them? Do they become tax exempt? Can they pull the discrimination card?

Was it discriminatory to just address houses of worship? What about institutions (schools), corporations, industry, group living circumstances? Should this ordinance include more than just houses of worship? When a large building is constructed on a class 5 substandard dirt road (all of Richmond's roads) we all pay for the upgrade and maintenance to service one building's needs. The impact of such a building will continue in our tax bills.

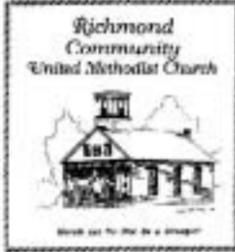
An interesting fact: Our VOTE NO flyer generated seven phone calls to me alone from residents living along Route 119 and Route 32 concerned that they didn't want a lighted parking lot, extra traffic, evening events, schools and etc. allowed near their residence. They didn't move to Richmond for that kind of intrusion.

### The Secrets to Success: Part Two

Peter W. Majoy

All and Nothing at All  
Swirling around our minds  
Energized by automatic habits  
And the biological DNA driven microcosm  
Are countless space particles  
Of thoughts and emotions  
Of every genre across the scale  
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### New Hampshire Broadband Mapping Program

Russ Provost

"The New Hampshire Broadband Mapping Program (NHBMP) is a multi-year, multi-agency effort to map areas in the state that are currently served by the state's 70+ broadband providers. The program, managed by the Complex Systems Research Center at the University of New Hampshire is a collaboration between UNH, the nine regional planning agencies in the state, and the NH Department of Resources and Economic Development/Division of Economic Development. The efforts of these organizations, other partners, and input from the public, will yield a mapped inventory of existing and planned broadband assets, as well as a view of locations in New Hampshire where there is either no or "inadequate coverage."

They encourage everyone in New Hampshire to support this program by conducting a speed test so they can use the information to validate service data provided by vendors. I did the test, I hope the readers who have computer access will take the test. All the information is at [www.iwant-broadbandnh.com](http://www.iwant-broadbandnh.com).

### Saving Energy, Saving Money

John Boccalini

As the days get shorter and the temperature goes lower we here in the Northeast find our energy needs, as well as our expenditures for them, ever increasing. Most all of us can save on what we are paying for the energy by evaluating what we are doing and how we can reduced the waste involved in fulfilling our needs.

Most of our energy usage currently creates a burden on the environment but also one on our pocket books. This article focuses on the ways we can save on our pocket books that would in turn reduce the burden to our environment.

Here is a list of some home energy saving ideas for saving energy in your home. Each will be covered in more detail below.

1. Understand your usage and how you can reduce what you are wasting. Teach your children early in life.
2. Learn your comfort zone with your energy usage by pushing the limits of your comfort zone to a point that you can find acceptable. You don't have to suffer to save.

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3. Make a commitment to creating new habits and following through with a plan.

4. Be creative with your ideas on saving energy and the money you spend on this. After you think you have done all you could do, think again.

In understanding your energy needs, think about what it costs now and multiply by five. There are predictions that the cost of energy may double over the next year. Over the next five years it will cost us much more than it does today and now is the time to evaluate how we can create habits that will reduce the waste.

Turn it off: Learn to turn off the lights and unneeded appliances when you leave a room unless there is a reason for them to be left on. Hi-def TVs use up to five times the energy as does a regular TV. Most appliances and electronics are still using electricity when shut off. To avoid this, all those home electronics like TVs, DVD players, computers and more can be plugged into power strips, and then turn the power strips off when the equipment is not in use.

When replacing light bulbs strongly consider compact fluorescent bulbs. Replacing 25% of the lights in outdoor and high traffic areas can save you about 50% on your lighting. Remember those night-lights. if you replace just one incandescent that is used at least two hours a day, with a CFL that produces the same amount of light, you'll save \$3.58 per year - enough to pay for that bulb within the first year, compared to the incandescent. If your electricity came entirely from coal generation, you would cut your CO2 emissions by 98 pounds or 44 kg per year, or 0.6 tons over the life of the bulb.

Rethink: When replacing appliances, think energy-saving appliances. With tax credits and cost savings the extra price paid for such appliances can be recovered quickly.

Recalibrate your automatic or regular thermostat to a lower temperature especially before bedtime or when the house is empty for a prolonged period of time.

Wear an extra sweater or article of clothing at home in the colder weather.

Know what you want in your refrigerator before you open that door. Standing in front of an open fridge uses up more energy and cools a room faster than you think.

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Get into the habit of closing exterior doors promptly as well as checking for leaks around doors and windows and DO something about it. Weather stripping alone can reduce your heating bill by ten percent.

An easy way to manage energy costs and save money year round is to turn your water heater down to 120 degrees.

Let us know what your saving energy ideas are. [richmondrooster@yahoo.com](mailto:richmondrooster@yahoo.com). More next time.

### Monadnock Transymposium

Sandra Gillis

The Monadnock Transymposium will be Wednesday, November 17, 2010 at the Courtyard Marriott, Keene, NH.

This program is designed to challenge our thinking about transportation and how it affects our personal, professional and community goals. Discover how to implement land use, economic development and environmental goals by considering changes to

how we create policy and plan for and invest in transportation. Of particular interest for Richmond is a workshop on Making a Community Walkable, Bikeable and Transit Friendly! The NH Charitable Foundation, the Endowment for Health and the Southwest Region Planning Commission are sponsoring the event. Registration is \$20.

To register go to [www.monadnockTMA.org](http://www.monadnockTMA.org) or call 357-0557 for more information.

### Cagney Acts on Both Sides of the Law

Frank Behrans

The Turner Classic Movies Greatest Gangster Films Collection continues to emerge from the Warner Bros. vaults in the form of boxed sets of two double-sided DVDs. The latest offering holds four James Cagney films, each of which has something special.

For starters, Cagney is not a subtle actor. No matter what role he plays, he is always Cagney. Even in the hilarious film "1-2-3," he is Cagney spoofing himself. Of course there also is the dancing Cagney of

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"Yankee Doodle Dandy," but none of his body movements and vocal inflections ever quite change from role to role. But Cagney as Cagney is quite enough to dominate the screen, which is what he does here.

"G Men" (1935) has him as a good guy lawyer who owes a bit of a debt to a gangster and who becomes a G Man when his friend is killed by the mob. His feud with his superior (played by Robert Armstrong) and attraction to the man's sister (played by Margaret Lindsay) are predictable in their outcome but still entertaining.

"Each Dawn I Die" (1939) has good guy Cagney, a reporter, framed and sent to a concentration camp-like prison, which quickly transforms him into a raving bad guy. It is only after the film is over that one wonders how it was all possible without a single obscenity from any inmate! George Raft as a cool crook gives the film some real class.

"City for Conquest" (1940) tries for something beyond the expected. Cagney is an honest prize fighter, whose brother (played by Arthur Kennedy) wants to become a symphonic composer. Ann Sheridan is the long-suffering girl in the middle, whose fortunes follow Cagney's—downward. An interesting experiment for 1940.

However, it is in "White Heat" (1949) that Cagney creates a memorable character. Cody Jarrett, a psychopathic killer (they say it was Cagney's own idea) is utterly devoted to his mother (no angel she, this time). Yes, this is the one that ends with Cagney sitting on top of the world.

Some of the films have English subtitles, all have voice-over commentaries if desired. They all have that wonderful Matinee at the Movies feature in which you can get a short subject, newsreel, and cartoon along with each feature. Great fun.

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**

**Richmond Selectboard**

**Date 13 Sept. 2010 Time: 7:00 p.m.**

Attending: JC Boudreau, Wes Vaughan, Sandra Gillis  
Read mail and signed checks.

Sandy Perry is in to observe.

Bruce Barlow, Neil Moriarty, James Carnie, Win Wright, David Hodgdon came in to discuss the SAU #38 withdrawal. Wes made a motion to support the withdrawal of SAU #38 from the Monadnock School District. JC seconded it. Selectmen Vaughan and Boudreau voted yes. Gillis abstained.

Bruce Barlow introduced the new interim Superintendent, David Hodgdon, to the Selectmen. Mr. Hodgdon discussed his plans for the future within the Monadnock District.

Pistol Permit R338528 was signed.

Intent to cut 409-083 was signed.

Annette Tokunaga addressed the Board about the upcoming school election. The Selectmen reserved the Vets Hall for October 26th. Sandra Gillis made a motion to adopt the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual for the Town of Richmond. Wes seconded. The Selectmen voted unanimously to adopt the new Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual which are attached to the minutes.

Donald Mueller came in to talk to the Selectmen about Taylor Hill road conditions. The Board notified the Road Agent.

Marsha Garone was in about a building permit for a barn. Map/lot 409-082. Permit 2010-015 was issued.

Pam Goodell came in to see the Selectmen about tree cutting on Lang Road. Note sent to the Road Agent.

John Wahl came in to see the Selectmen about a building permit for an addition on his present shed. He will return with measurements.

Bob Coy was in to discuss adopting the Town of Richmond Emergency Management Plan and National Incident Management System. JC moved, Wes seconded and the Selectmen voted to adopt this Plan. Plan included as an attachment.

The Selectmen adjourned to the Vets Hall at 10:00 p.m. to set up for tomorrow's elections. No decisions were made during this time.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Board adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

**Date: 27 Sept. 2010 Time: 7:00 p.m.**

Attending: JC Boudreau, Wes Vaughan, Sandra Gillis  
Read mail and signed checks.

Rick Lewis, Vice Chairman of the Planning Board and Dick Drew, Chairman of the Planning Board, addressed the Board regarding recent work completed on Fay Martin Rd. (see attached letter).

Sandy Perry addressed the Board regarding two potential members for the Zoning Board of Adjustment. She would like the Board to approve the appointment of Russ Provost and Jean C. Tandy. Sandra made a motion to appoint Russell Provost and Jean Tandy to the Zoning Board of Adjustments as alternate members. Wes seconded it. Discussion: JC acknowledged that these members were recommended by the ZBA chairman. Motion carried. Russell Provost is appointed through March of 2013 and Jean Tandy is appointed through March of 2012.

Bob Coy addressed the Board regarding adopting the Hazardous Mitigation plan. Sandra made a motion that the Richmond Board of Selectmen adopt the Richmond Hazardous Mitigation plan as outlined in the Prioritized Mitigation Projects. Wes seconded it. Motion carried.

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk, addressed the Board regarding an address that she is aware of that someone is living on the property without an occupancy permit. The Board will look into it.

The Board discussed the winter maintenance policy. The Board discussed the current policy and removed wording in the policy and revised parts of the policy.

David Gale addressed the Board and inquired as to how to get a fire inspection and how to get Matt Drew to inspect his house for a certificate of occupancy permit. Roberta will call Matt tomorrow and JC contacted Mike Pearsall.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Board adjourned at 9:45p.m.

**Date: 04 Oct. 2010 Time: 7:00 p.m.**

Attending: JC Boudreau, Wes Vaughan, Sandra Gillis  
Read mail and signed checks.

Steve Boscarino, Tax Collector, came in to discuss the Current Owner Balance Report Summary and other tax issues.

Andy Wood, Police Chief, came in to see the Selectmen regarding Police matters. Personnel, vandalism and equipment issues were discussed.

Russ Provost came in to inform the Board that the town has received 500 daffodil bulbs from the state for appreciation of the road cleanup and he discussed where they will be planted. He would like to plant on the front hill of the Town Hall and the Board gave the approval for that.

The Board opened the bids for winter maintenance:

John Holman Contracting- \$34,992.00 west side, \$29,992.00 east side.

E.W. Blood Construction- per hour basis, \$31,700.00 minimum, \$37,000.00 maximum; west side.

Dan Firmin- \$75.00 hour, \$27,200.00 minimum, \$37,000.00 maximum east side; \$34,000.00 minimum, \$40,000.00 maximum west side.

JM Construction- \$21,500.00 east side, \$24,500.00 west side, \$3000.00 town buildings.

E.Z. Plowing- \$23,000.00 east side, \$24,500.00 west side.

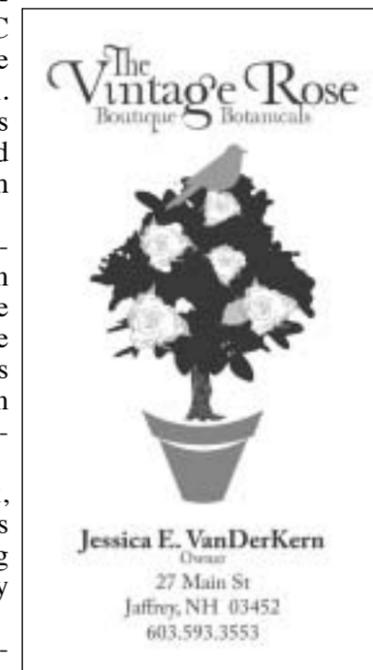
William Hillock- \$4975.00 town buildings.

Dana Taylor, road agent, addressed the Board and informed them that he took

Gus Laurando, Allstate Asphalt, around town looking at the roads and Gus gave him recommendations on what should be done on various roads. Dana will use this information for the Capital Improvement plan.

Pam Goodell addressed the Board with an offer from Rev. Shin of a donation of a used piano to the Veteran's Hall. The Board had questions and Pam will get back to them.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Board adjourned at 10:50 p.m.



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**Town Secretary:** Beverly Hart

- Mon. 6 p.m. —9 p.m.
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- Deputy: Pamela Goodell
- Mon. 9 a.m. —Noon, 1 —4 p.m., 6 —8 p.m.
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- Mon. 7 p.m. —8 p.m.
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- Sat. 8 a.m. —5 p.m.

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- Thurs. 4:30 —7 p.m.
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