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Priorities! I reside in Durham, Connecticut, home of the world famous Durham Fair, which recently celebrated it's 100th anniversary. Terry and I haven't been there since 2007 when my son was playing there in the Coginchaug High School Jazz Band, as we're just not large crowd fans. Just south is the small town of Northford, and about five minutes south of us on Route 17 is the town's Volunteer Fire Department station house. Each summer, they have three fund raising events, selling fried dough (either as "pizza" with tomato sauce and "sprinkle cheese" or simply with some powdered sugar - a familiar treat for most any New Englander!). This year's first event was on Friday, June 7th, which coincided with Jim Gorman's Maine Camp & Ride and that, I happily attended - please see the write up that follows. Strike one for summer fried dough!

I just rode by the station house again, and the sign posted out front was advertising the next fried dough event, and it's on Friday July 12th. Strike two - NO FRIED DOUGH FOR YOU! The reason why is that I'll be flying out to Columbus Ohio to help out Mark Hunnibell's epic Across America By Motorcycle event, which is a celebration of the 100th anniversary of CK Shepard's cross country trip on a then new 1919 Henderson Four that started at Coney Island, New York and ended in San Francisco. CK wrote a book about it that became Mark's guide - he's attempting to retrace the route as accurately as possible. Mark is embarking on this on a 1919 Henderson Four that he restored, and was given to him as a basket case by his father many years ago.

My contribution is to be the service van driver between Ohio and Colorado from July 11th to the 19th, so therefore, no fried dough! Debbie Faucher, Dana's wife, will be providing service van support for the Colorado to San Francisco leg. Mark is a current AMCA member and he's still on our roster, having lived in Massachusetts for a time. I'm looking forward to what promises to be a very interesting adventure, and I plan to have an article about the experience in the Fall edition of the Chatter. You can see more at Mark's site, acrossamericabymotorcycle.com. There you can get the backstories on Mark, his 1919 Henderson, and of course CK Shepard's book upon which Mark's dream adventure is based.

I won't know when the third fried dough event will be, but my guess it's going to be on August 16th, which would coincide with Doc George's South Coast C&R (the first of many!) - see the notice below. Oh well, I may have to go to the Durham Fair this year just to get some fried dough!

It is summer, and though I still have issues with my clutch hand, I've installed a "clutch pull reduction device" on my CB500T and Vision XZ550 that has helped tremendously to keep riding. It's basically a small box with an internal lever that goes between the clutch cable and the clutch lever, and it reduces pull by about half! I've seen other devices using similar techniques, including the Harley solution that mounts internally inside the clutch cover, and another for BMWs (and can be adapted to other models) that introduce the lever where the clutch cable enters the cover. The good news is that I'm able to ride!

That's it for now! Please send along your stories and photos over the summer so that we can make the Fall edition of the Chatter a good one!

Greg

*Mark Hunnibell on his 1919
Henderson Four*

