



RUST 'N PIECES

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President's Message

I was away last meeting on a short vacation to the Napa valley. Chris and I did some serious wine tasting. But the big news is the Rally is shaping up quite nicely. Two fellows known to a few of us are coming up on their Vincents from Minneapolis. Won't that be a site. Hope you can make the upcoming meeting as we can still use a bit of help in a few areas. Talk to Tom and Chas if you can spare a bit of time. Perimeteritis is fast approaching and the stop in Carmen to see Heamans car collection will be something you will never forget. This may be the last time to ever view this amazing collection of Manitoba brass era cars. Also HD Winnipeg's swap meet is also on the horizon so get out to the meeting and catch up on all the activities planned. Riding time is here!



Polaris, the Medina-based company also announced it was adding to its motorcycle business by acquiring 110-year-old Indian Motorcycle of Kings Mountain, N.C. Terms of the acquisition from British investment firms Stellican Ltd. and Novator Partners LLP were not disclosed.



Polaris began laying off workers at the Osceola facility in March. It announced the shutdown last year as a part of a reorganization of manufacturing operations that includes opening a new plant this year in Monterrey, Mexico.

Wine said the acquisition of Indian Motorcycle builds Polaris' presence in the \$4 billion heavyweight motorcycle market. Polaris entered the motorcycle market about 13 years ago, and the business last year accounted for about \$82 million of the company's total \$2 billion in sales.

Wine said the modern styling of Polaris' Victory brand appeals to performance enthusiasts. Indian is a heritage brand with classic styling that appeals to a different market segment, he said.

Wine said Indian will be operated as an autonomous unit and will continue to build at its Kings Mountain plant. Some manufacturing may also be done at Polaris' plant in Spirit Lake, Iowa, but Wine said, Polaris "will be protective of the Indian brand."

Polaris brings world-class engineering, manufacturing and distribution to Indian's rich American heritage and historic brand



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IN THE GARAGE

by Tom Hesom



My latest project sees the light of day out of my basement workshop. All it needs now is a safety and transfer of my Vintage plate. Goes like the clappers! Oil pumping and ampmeter moving to the plus side. One small chain-case oil leak but it wouldn't be a BSA without an oil leak! looking for a L/H mirror. Hope to ride it to the May meeting and certainly to Perimeteritis and the Rally. See you-all Tuesday

A mechanic was removing a cylinder-head from the motor of a Harley motorcycle when he spotted a well-known cardiologist in his shop. The cardiologist was there waiting for the service manager to come and take a look at his bike when the mechanic shouted across the garage.

"Hey, Doc, want to take a look at this?" The cardiologist, a bit surprised, walked over to where the mechanic was working on the motorcycle. The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and ask, "So Doc, look at this engine. I open its' heart, take the valves out, repair any damage, and then put them back in, and when I finish, it works just like new. So how come I make \$39,675 a year and you get the really big bucks (\$1,695,759) when you and I are doing basically the same work?"

The cardiologist paused, smiled and leaned over, then whispered to the mechanic.....

**TRY DOING IT WITH THE
ENGINE RUNNING**

Arizona Motorcycle Seat

Ever see anything like this???

These are big sellers in Arizona right now!!!



WHAT HAPPENED LAST SUMMER

By Tom Hesom

The day dawned dark, cold and cloudy with 40 kph winds gusting up to 70 kph. Rain was falling steadily as we set off from Morden to ride to Moose Jaw IN ONE HIT! - I kid you not! Five intrepid motorcyclists from the Southern Contingent of the AMCM, some of us in make-shift rain gear, left after noon for this 700 plus km ride. Not having waterproof boots I had prevailed upon the local veterinarians and obtained some clear plastic disposable covers for my boots, much to the amusement of my companions.

Being used to the metric system I remain mystified why Manitobans talk in miles and miles per gallon when the road signs are in kilometres and petrol (gas) is sold by the litre. So when I'm told that "it's only 400 odd miles," it sound like a piece of cake for an over-confident 73 year old! On enquiring "why Moose Jaw?" I had to be content with "to see the jaw of the moose!"

By the time we reached Carman (all of 40 km) I was wondering why I was doing this for fun or what! Only my ego kept me from turning around and going home. The buffeting side wind, driving rain and virtual wipe-out every time one of the seemingly endless stream of semi's

passed, was exhausting for my old bones. I soldiered on - - - at least my boots were dry! Chas and my BMW's have a 24 litre tank and at 18 odd km per litre we have a potential distance of over 400 km before we have to re-fuel. The others were riding a Harley and a Gold Wing which could probably do the same. Fortunately for me the fifth bike was a Yamaha Virago with a tiny "peanut" tank and he had to fill up every 150 km, thus giving me a much-needed break and stretch opportunity.

As the afternoon wore on the wind gradually lessened and the rain stopped. By the time we reached Moosamin it had warmed up and by the time we reached our motel in Moose Jaw it was very warm indeed in our layered clothing and rain gear. Chas said "I've got to get these long-johns off" and as soon as we got into our shared room he removed his jeans and was working on his long-johns when the door opened and a head popped around. Quickly taking in the scene he said, "can't you two old buggers wait?!!".

The next day was spent helping a widowed relation of Chas' whose biker husband had passed away recently, leaving many unfinished motorcycle projects, and lots of household ones. While two guys finished off a shower/ tub unit entailing plumbing and sticking a shower back to the dry wall, others re-screened the back screen door, while others fitted new brake rotors and pads to her old car. We were rewarded that evening with a tasty barbecue and beer, after checking out Al Capone's interesting underground likker store and hideout.

The ride home proved uneventful and a vast improvement on the ride there. Leaving after a good breakfast and with bright sunlight and almost no wind, I began to remember why we do this for fun! While enjoying a late lunch in Brandon, Chas' cell phone rang and it was one of our number who couldn't join us on the trip, but wanted to ride out to meet us and then ride home together. After describing our route home we set off and sure enough we met him somewhere on the #2. He was on another Yamaha and - - - yes, you guessed it! He was nearly out of gas! So there we were "gob smacked", late on a Sunday afternoon, dog tired, looking for gas in those tiny towns and villages. Glenborough closed, Cypress River no gas station, Holland closed. On the verge of trying to syphon some out of our bikes without a hose, we found an open gas station in Treherne. As a result one guy has since sold his Verago and bought a Harley and the other one is building a flat-shaped extra fuel tank to strap on to his rear carrier!

A number of conclusions were reached last summer - - - I realized that I am not up to a 700 plus km trip in one hit anymore, - - - The "thank you" note from the widow-lady made it all worth while - - - Chas doesn't snore half as much as I do! - - - I will never buy a Yamaha Virago - - - and, - - - there is no jaw of the moose in Moose Jaw!!



BISON CLASSIC MOTORCYCLE RALLY



11th ANNUAL
July 1st, 2nd, 3rd,
2011



The Antique Motorcycle Club of Manitoba and the Keystone Section of the CVMG combine to showcase the finest display of rare vintage and classic motorcycles in Manitoba

- New Location - The country town of Niverville, MB
- 20 minutes South of Winnipeg on two major highways
- Free camping with hot showers - hook-ups available
- Large indoor dining / conference room with comfortable seating
- Secure under-cover parking for valuable classics
- Parade through town then Show n' Shine on main street - Nice Trophies
- Motorcycle games, Motorcycle Jeopardy - Door Prizes
- River Ride and Poker Derby
- T-Shirts available (Must be ordered at Registration)
- Fabulous Menu :
 - Friday Evening - Chili and Buns , coffee, etc.
 - Saturday Breakfast - Muffins, Cereal, Fruit, Coffee, etc.
 - Saturday Dinner - Pork Steaks, Baked Potatoes, Pork and Beans, Dinner Roll, Salads, Black Forest Cake, Coffee, etc.
 - Sunday Brunch - Pancakes, Sausage, Hashbrown Bake, Quiche, Coffee, etc.

Registration Fee : \$40 (for booking prior to June 1st)

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Bison Classic Bike Rally

RALLY REGISTRATION July 1 to 3, 2011
Arena Road, Country town of Niverville, Manitoba

Name _____ Registration No _____
 Address _____

_____ Postal Code _____
 Telephone _____ Cell _____ E-Mail _____

Motorcycle Make _____ Year _____ Model _____ (Use other side for more bikes)

Do you need a campsite? ☐ Yes ☐ No Tent or RV? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 Electrical hook-up? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Full 3 days Early Registration before May 31, 2011
 Full 3 days Registration after May 31, 2011
 Full 3 days Children under 8 Free, Children under 15
 Camping, Tents, RV's, Hot showers
 Electrical 15 amp hook-up
 Friday evening only with Chili supper (Registration)
 Saturday only, Breakfast, Games, Parade, Show 'n Shine,
 Pork steak dinner, Motorcycle Quiz, etc
 Sunday only, Brunch, Poker Derby and Scenic Ride
 2011 Bison Rally T Shirt Size _____
 2011 Bison Rally Sweat Shirt Size _____

\$40 per person \$ _____
 \$50 per person \$ _____
 Half Price \$ _____
 Free
 \$5 per night \$ _____
 \$15 per person \$ _____
 \$30 per person \$ _____
 \$15 per person \$ _____
 \$20 each \$ _____
 \$30 each \$ _____
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Please make cheques payable to the Antique Motorcycle Club of Manitoba

Please mail cheques to Kim Robinson, PO Box 155 Grp 326 RR3, Selkirk, MB. R1A 2A8

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I the undersigned agree to hold blameless the hosts, organizers and promoters of the event who will not be held responsible for any loss, damage or injury for whatever reason. Entry is entirely at participants own risk.

Signature _____ Date _____ Directional maps available - Just ask



BISON RALLY RECEIPT

Date _____

Received From _____

Amount \$ _____

Cash ☐ Cheque ☐ Other ☐ Registration Form No. _____

ANTIQUÉ MOTORCYCLE CLUB of MANITOBA Inc.

4th Annual "CONQUERING PERIMETERITIS" Run

SATURDAY JUNE 4 2011



Meet at the Oak Bluff Tim Horton's on the perimeter (new Esso Service Station) to leave together at 12 noon for Carman (Oldest bike leads). As you enter Carman on Hwy #3 visit the **Haeman Antique Autorama** on your left. A truly unique collection of over 30, mostly unrestored 1920's automobiles, including the only surviving CASE car in the world. Yes; tractor giants Case DID make a very small number of cars. A 1926 rare Star auto which had the audacity to challenge Ford's all-conquering model T (and lost!) A Canadian made 1926 Brooks Steam Car, 1926 Erskine, later to become Studebaker. A 1928 Willys-Overland Whippet. A 1930 Elcar and many more.

Then all leave together to Chas' house, 790 Gilmour street in Morden where the usual scrumptious homemade hamburgers, beans and chili, ice-cream and fixin's await. Don't have too much lunch!

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MINUTES OF FEBRUARY MEETING 22/02/2011

PRESENT; 26 members and one guest from CVMG. President Ross welcomed everybody to the meeting especially the Secretary of the Keystone Section of the CVMG viz; Chris Ford. Some members were present who we had not seen for many a year.

Treasurer Siggy reported a bank balance of \$2111-80 after receiving a contribution of \$225 from the CVMG; being their portion of the rally rental, paying out \$472.50 to the Niverville Town Council for the hire of their arena & grounds. (\$450 + tax) and \$138.60 to MAAC for membership plus \$85 for insurance.

The extra **storage cupboard** was still under discussion. Mike had regalia on display for sale

The date for the annual **H/D Winnipeg Swap Meet** was announced as May 7 and all members were encouraged to attend. As in the past the club would pay for a communal table for any members wishing to display parts.

Date for the Fourth Annual **"Conquering Perimeteritis"** Run was reiterated as Saturday June 4. All to meet at Tim Hortons/Esso station in Oak Bluff on the perimeter to leave together at 12 noon.

MMC Anniversary news was that Winnipeg H/D were "in" and a **Commemorative Run** was being planned for September. President Ross asked for volunteers to step up with help and ideas.

The 35th **Annual Corn Roast** was set for Saturday August 27, at the usual venue. AMC of M is 35 years old and the corn roast has taken place every year since inception. Quite the record and our thanks go to John and Pat Choquette for their hospitality.

The usual **Davenport, Iowa Swap Meet** is scheduled for September Long with quite a few AMCM members going. Crafty Craig Kraft invited all to attend his **"Retirement Bash"** to happen this Friday.

The **up-dating of the club's web site** came up for discussion with Dave P undertaking to see what could be done and to liaise with Bob C who had offered to assist. It was felt that this was particularly important now to publicize the Bison Rally, and with out-of-province people looking for more information

Rally discussion then ensued with the announcement that the CVMG are "on board" as full partners having paid half the initial arena hire and would thus be involved in the final decisions and responsibility regarding any profit or loss. A separate entry in AMCM's ledger as "Rally" would be maintained to keep these transactions separate from the club's normal books.

It was unanimously agreed that Chas go ahead and **order 40** (minimum order) of the **steel laser-cut motorcycle trophies @ \$10-00** each. A small oblong sticker with "Bison Rally 2011", plus category etc, would have to be made. Leftovers will be kept for future rallies or could maybe be sold at a profit

A question arose about the **availability of fire pits** in the campground and an answer to this would be available at the next meeting.

Ross M reported that Ted Hector of Bonneville Indian Record-holder fame, was building a **"very cool" custom motorcycle** which he will bring to the rally as an interest item.

Chas put forward a motion that "should there be any monies remaining after all rally expenses have been met and a float for next years rally has been provided, and at the discretion of the rally committee, **a donation** of an amount to be agreed upon, be given to a **worthy charity** to be named by the Niverville Town Council." The motion was seconded by Bob C and carried. It was further agreed that the handing over of the donation should be done at the prize giving ceremony at the conclusion of the rally

Ross M reported that the **AMCM entry** would now appear in the CMMG booklet and also with MAAC and that we are covered insurance-wise with them.

It was decided that there would be **no refunds of Rally Fees after registration.**

Rally posters, Registration forms, Donations letters were distributed. It was suggested that we would like to get at least 5 firms signed up at \$100 each to display at the Show n' Shine on the Saturday. A further \$40 would be required if they wanted to have the meals at the arena.

Discussion took place on the advisability of having **non-paying public** entering the arena area. This was decided against for security and other reasons

Rick Warkentien reported good progress on the **games** and had a comprehensive list of proposed games. He could do with a few more helpers and if you can help please email Rick at rickaw@hotmail.com

Bob C has been very active with collecting/arm twisting **prizes and donations**. He already has some very worthwhile prizes like a Beach Casino weekend, Hotel stays, Restaurant meals etc, . Bob's wife Roseanne Sutton has taken charge of prizes and will coordinate all gifts and prizes. She has already organized bags for door prizes and would appreciate any further gifts, so go for it guys!

Bob C reported that the **Rally Poster would appear in the next three CVMG newsletters** (2000 members) and he has personally sent posters to CVMG Sections, coast to coast.

A suggestion that we should appoint an **official photographer** to video and photograph proceedings was well received and we would be pleased if someone could step up for this duty.

Dave P handed out **News letters for March/Feb** and again asked those without email to "get with it!" If everyone had email it would save the club on postage.

Two **mystery parts** were circulated and one was guessed correctly as being an Indian sprocket drive gear. The other one stumped

AMCM Meeting March 29, 2011

19:35 start - Ross in California. Tom chairing meeting. Kim acting secretary.

34 in attendance including 3 guests

1. Siggie – Treasurer report: current bank balance = \$3,021.87 not including today's take
2. Larry – advised that the Grand Forks, Northern Plains Riders Assoc., is listing our Bison Rally in their Events! They are holding the Red River Valley Motorcycle Show at the Alerus Centre in Grand Forks April 15-17th. Facebook page is "Northern plains RAT"
3. Mike's Library update – MMC belt buckle and "mystery box of magazines" for the 50/50 draw. There is still some regalia available – Mike will list it out with the prices for placement on the back of the newsletter.
4. 2011 Roster will be issued likely next month. Please send any changes to Tom ASAP.
5. Website is not updated and likely won't be until the end of April.
6. Suggestion to place a plug in Kijiji: approved.
7. Perimeteritis Ride Saturday June 4th: brochure is available. The ride will include a visit to the George Haemon car museum in Carmen – collection of 1920's cars including a 1929 Case!
8. Rally Update – Ask for copy !
9. Question: Jim was approached by someone who may want to produce a video on the 100th anniversary of the MMC. Will pass this along to Ross for further investigation/consideration.
10. Mystery part was passed around: fork cap cover for a BMW was guessed by a few!
11. Meeting adjourned @ 20:25



UPCOMING EVENTS

May 7, 2011	SWAP MEET HD WPG
May 21, 2011	Mid-Americian Auction, St. Paul MN
June 4, 2011	Perimeteritis (see display)
June 10-12, 2011	Viking Chapter Meet, St. Paul, MN
July 1, 2, 3, 2011	11th Annual Bison Rally, Niverville, MB
July 18-23, 2011	The Norton Empire Rally At Blackthorne Resort, Catskill, NY
August 27, 2011	35th Annual Corn Roast, at Coquettes
September 1, 2, 3, 4, 2011	AMCA Swap Meet Davenport, IA

WANTED: the following items for a 1950 18/s. Rear section of rear fender, chainguard, tool boxes, battery carrier, generator, headlight

mounting brackets, fork tube covers, seat or usable pan, side stand, front fender, inner primary cover. As you can see what I have is a real

basket case and may end up selling to look for a more complete project. If you would pass this along I would appreciate

WANTED: Toy motorcycles, any age or condition. Tin, lead, cast iron, plastic or rubber, windup, friction, battery operated, etc. Craig 669-6047 or kraftycraig@hotmail.com

WANTED: Old oil cans, tins, advertising, etc. Harley, Indian, Triumph, etc. Craig 669-6047 or kraftycraig@hotmail.com

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For Sale: Rare Find - 2 Collector 1979 "Kawasaki 1000" Police Motorcycles. Original Condition. One safetied last year (43,000 km.) other requires some repair (57,000 km.). Sold as a pair. Asking \$4,000.00. Ph. (204)268-3052. Beausejour, Mb. Pictures available upon request.

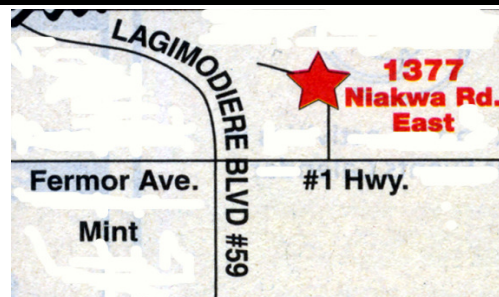
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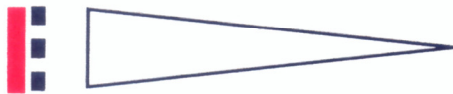
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