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35th ANNUAL CORN ROAST



President
Ross

President's Message

Well folks our 35th anniversary corn roast is now history and once again Pat and John were superb hosts on a beautiful day. Also, many thanks to all the positive and insightful comments regarding the Rally to improve next year's event. Niverville is booked and as discussed at the last meeting we will begin planning in Feb/12 for the next great Rally. Think about what job (big or small) that you can sign up for. Ted Hector wanted everyone to know how much he appreciated the sponsorship by the club. Garry McDonald his partner in crime has produced a cool you tube video on this year's record breaking Bonneville trip (which mentions the club sponsorship). You can goggle Mc Flathead and see Garry's favourites and check out the 2012 trip. Ted has also agreed to come and present in person during the cold winter months. Hope to see you all out on Tuesday night as Greg Kendal has a little surprise in store for us.



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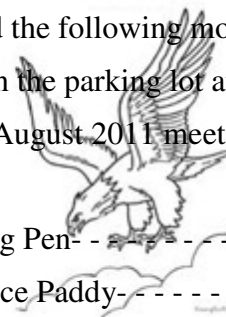
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The Eye of the Eagle

spotted the following motorcycles
in the parking lot at the
August 2011 meeting



In the Hog Pen- - - - - 10 Harleys

In the Rice Paddy- - - - - 5 Hondas

2 Yamahas

1 Kawasaki

In true Blue Park- - - - 3 Triumphs

1 Norton

In the Spaghetti Patch- - - 1 Moto Guzzi

In the Concentration Camp- - 6 BMW's

On the Reservation- - - - 1 Indian

TOTAL 30 Motorcycles.

Only 2 off the record

The Eye of the Eagle

spotted the following motorcycles lined up
at the September meeting.



In the (overcrowded) Hog Pen - - - 11 Harley's

1 Buell

In the Paddy Field- - - - - 5 Honda's

3 Yamaha's

In the True Blue Park - - - - - 2 Triumph's

1 Norton

In The Concentration Camp - - - 3 BMW's

On the Reservation - - - - - 1 Indian

In The Spaghetti Patch - - - - - 2 Guzzi's

TOTAL 28 motorcycles



ANNUAL DINNER MEETING 7pm Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Cocktails 6:30pm

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Pat and John Choquette receiving award for hosting the Corn Roast for 35 years from President Ross Metcalfe and Treasurer Siggy Klann, charter members.

My love for motorcycles—by Greg Kendall

When I retired from CN Rail in May of 2009, my co-workers and friends asked me what I was going to do with all the free time ahead me. Well, my answer was short and to the point, "bikes".... lots of bikes, to ride, to shine and to collect.

My love for motorcycles stretches back to when I first rode a Honda in 1967 at a friends farm, spending the entire day running up and down a country lane near Rosser, MB. Once I was old enough and financially better off, I purchased my first bike in 1972, a 1966 Bultaco Lobito, 100cc motocross model. My Mom and Dad were not very pleased, but whose parents truly embraced motorcycles, especially the bikes that had a loud pipe and leaked oil on Dad's driveway.

Anyway, moving on to the good stuff: the list of bikes I bought and sold and crashed grew with time, they were red, green, black even an orange one. Aside from the Bultaco and a BSA, all were Japanese, probably due to the affordability and dependability. It was not until 2009 when I strayed away from my comfort zone and purchased a yellow BMW, followed by a blue Harley in 2010, just to have something different, I suppose.



When retirement arrived I felt it was time to get a vintage bike, so off shopping I went, for one that I have had my eye on for years, an XS650 Yamaha. The year, the model, the colour was not as important, as the condition and cost which I used as a bench mark. My frustration level grew with each bike I checked out and I felt that maybe I had the bar set too high.

Remember this: "Beauty is in the eye of the beholder"... so true isn't it. Or how about "One man's pride and joy is another man's junk".

Oh well, the search continued, only I took it to the next level and decided to run an add on Kijiji across western Canada in early August, where there had seemed to be a number of XS's showing up from time to time.

Finally a response to my add in late September, from a lady in Medicine Hat. Well, the email address was from a "Betty", though I found out as I read on, it was the husband, Allan, selling the bike. A very well written and polite note offering a 1978 XS650 Special with 2197 kms for a price nowhere within my target range. We exchanged memos back a forth, along with a number of photos and eventually I succumbed to his final offer. A deal was struck, cash deposited in the mail and a pick up date was set. On a very cold January day, with the trailer hooked on the Pathfinder, Janis (my wife) and I let out for "the Hat".

Medicine Hat is a good 11 hour run and the anticipation of snagging a premium specimen was pushing me to shorten that time distance calculation provided by the Garmin GPS.

We decided to take a room when we arrived, that way we could pick up the bike first thing in the morn-

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ing and make tracks for Winnipeg early in the day. Of coarse, all good plans get way laid along the way. As it so happened the seller and his wife were absolutely charming, a retired farm couple, Allan and Betty, from Rocanville, Saskatchewan. We were not going to get away without morning toast and coffee before loading the bike.

Allan, who was probably 75ish, was a seasoned rider and a good judge of bikes from what I could see. His shop was home to an older Gold Wing, which he and Betty put on some 150,000 plus kms together, as well as his little blue Honda Twin Star, he so aptly referred to as the Daily Rider.

After a couple of hours of good old Saskatchewan hospitality, we managed to roll out of the driveway,

but not before a few photos and promises to return next time we pass through "the Hat". The trip home was uneventful, a good tail wind and clear weather.

To sum up the adventure, it was well worth the trip to pick up the bike and I made a new friend along with acquiring something very special....an XS Special.

Most of the club is familiar with the Vintage Burgundy Yamaha XS650 SE that I ride to the meetings and bring out to the Show 'n Shines; it's known to most as the "show girl".



condition, aside from an after market oil cooler, which I added during the cleaning and first servicing. It came complete with the original tools still in the pouch, the owners manual and all the registration information from the previous owner including the purchase agreement from Kane's of Medicine Hat. And not to mention two keys! Yes, that's right, two key's, rare find in it's self.

As it stands today there are 5 bikes in the stable, each with their own name:

2010 HD FLSTC, The Fat Girl. (the Blue Heritage Softail)

2009 BMW F800GS, The Real Ride. (the big yellow dirt bike)

2008 Honda CBR125, The Baby Girl. (the moped with crotch rocket insurance rates)

1978 Yamaha XS650 SE, The Show Girl. (the British Bike Killer, sorry guys and gals)

And the latest, a 1967 Honda CD125, The Old Girl. (which is a story for another day, maybe the next news letter)

Minutes of August Meeting 07/30/2011

Tom Hesom called meeting to order at 7:35. There were four new folks at tonight's meeting. Ross, Siggie, Dave B. and Dave P are away at Davenport, IA Swap meet. Tom brought a newspaper that had a write up about Niverville...nice to see Chris Ford has a nice write up in the CVMG news as well...thanks for that!

Rally debriefing meeting will officially be held at the September meeting. Think about what you would like to bring up: all constructive feedback is welcome as we want to make the Rally even better for 2012. FYI - the site has been booked for next year!

Webmaster update: Brian (our current webmaster) has stepped down. Ross has asked Greg H about it and he has agreed to take it on! THANKS!

Rally picture DVDs are here for sale \$35 each. Chas advised that Kathy Harder spent the 3 days at the show and the only money she will get is from the sales of these DVDs. Perhaps an opportunity is to send some of the profits for her.

Latest newsletter is out with a Rally edition and lots of pictures! Offered to email the newsletter to those who were new to the meeting.

K&N 161 filter was showed for the BMW fans....Wildwood sells them for about \$22. Napa ordered one in for about \$8!

Cathy Wilmott announced about a ride for Neil Klippenstein who has ended as a quadriplegic. There is a fund raising ride on Sept 24 with a run, silent auction, meal and entertainment.

Question: whether folks would like to order a golf shirt and a gatsby cap...contact Tom if you would like to order either. Sale price to be announced depending on number ordered. Caps should be around \$25 each.

Ted Hector is currently in Bonneville trying for another land speed record. The AMCM has sponsored him in the past and we should carry this on: he is flying our banner and has stickers on the bike. Last year we donated \$800 to him and we would like to donate \$1000. The decision was made to defer the decision to the September meeting.

Pat Choquette thanked everyone for the presentation of the plaque. Suggestion to scan the article in the Niverville newspaper and put it in the next newsletter. Harley Wide Open House is on Sept 17th 10-3...let's have a great showing from the Club!

Mike the book advised there is a lot of clothing available for sale. 50/50 draw will be held afterwards! The meeting was closed with one of Tom's bad jokes...much to the chagrin of all! :) Mystery part NR1 Lucas magneto housing - guessed by John T

Minutes of September Meeting 09/27/ 2011

Present 45 members and 1 guest

President Ross called the meeting to order at 7.30pm after allowing some tire-kicking time in the parking lot, where 28 motorcycles were parked in the gorgeous late fall evening.

The Choquettes were thanked once again for hosting the Corn Roast for 35 continuous years.

Corn Roast group pictures are available from Kim for \$5 each. Corn Roast 35th Commemorative surplus buttons are available at \$1 each.

Dave P reported that the Sept/ Oct newsletter would feature the Corn Roast. A new idea to feature a "Bike of the Month" was suggested and Dave P called for good pictures from members of them standing next to their pride and joy's.

Treasurer Siggie reported a bank balance at the end of Aug of \$5721.61. This included the Rally profit. Profit from the Corn Roast whip-around was \$137.47.

Membership fee was still \$25 per annum and it was agreed that anyone who joined and paid now would be good until fees were due again in Jan 2013.

The Collector Plate lobbying was officially dead and Ross M suggested a different tactic be pursued where the existing legislation be altered to include the clause "plus 500 personal miles," to the present restrictions.

The donation/sponsorship to Ted Hector/Thunder Road was discussed at length. A motion was put forward by Pat Choquette that, "An amount of \$500.00 be paid out of AMCM funds to Ted Hector for advertising support and promoting the club" This motion was seconded and carried.

A second motion was put forward by Jim Moore that, "In future any request for sponsorship or donations be brought to a meeting in the form of a motivational presentation, before agreement by members with a majority vote or show of hands" This motion was seconded and carried.

It was agreed to donate one of the bigger cut-out trophies to the town of Niverville in appreciation for their cooperation. Chas agreed to see to this.

Other smaller trophy cut-outs were for sale at \$20 each.

The BISON RALLY 2011 was discussed at length with the following points raised for consideration and action by the Rally Committee, who would meet at a venue already sussed out by Chas at Humpty's Restaurant on the Perimeter, on a date to be advised in February 2012.

1) Treasurer Siggie would prepare two ledgers separating AMCM and Bison Rally income and expenses.

This would be published in the AMCM newsletter for all members to read.

2) A donation to the town of Niverville would come out of Rally profit and Chas is investigating the cost of a concrete bench with the two club's logos displayed. This can be done at any time before next year's rally and can be discussed at future meetings before a final decision is made.

3) The Mayor of Niverville and partner be invited to our Christmas Dinner to be held at the usual venue on Dec 13th. Some felt that this should include contact person Donna and partner too.

4) There should be a bigger fireworks display. (Response was YEAH!!)

5) There should be more cold drinking water inside and outside. Also at the Show n' Shine.

6) There should be more garbage bins outside and visible at strategic points. Maybe Niverville could be asked to step up here? And to tidy toilets and washrooms and replenish paper etc. Perhaps a club member should be appointed to keep an eye on this?

7) There should be prizes or trophies for the Games and Jeopardy.

8) With over 120 bikes in the Show n' Shine our old Trophy List needs to be revised. Changes to the allocations should be made. eg more categories maybe, and 2nd and 3rd places?

9) The history behind the Bentley Trophy needs to be clarified in writing with a suitable preamble about who Bentley was and why he awarded the trophy. Club members only or open?

10) More advertising needs to be done especially in the town of Niverville. Posters and sandwich boards directing to Show n' Shine. Advertise more at the Niverville Fair that happens two weeks before the rally Advertise (posters) in nearby towns. Advertise "Buy and Sell" and "Travel Manitoba"

11) At the Feb meeting appoint someone in charge of Media Advertising

12) Many of us belong to other clubs. Make sure our advertising gets to them and in good time.

13) What about a Vintage Bus Tour of local bike collections for out-of Province rally-goers? Those that arrive early on the Friday? This to encourage more out-of province and US participation.

14) We should do more to recognize door prize donors. List on the web site? A big poster on the wall listing donors at the arena? Individual letters on club letterhead to all donors?

15) Ground rules on entry to the Show n' Shine should be more clear.

16) The Show n' Shine is too long. Shorten by 1 hour?

17) What about music during the Show n' Shine?

18) We should mail out Confirmation of Registration forms and include a Schedule of Events.

19) What about changing the Award Ceremonies to Saturday night instead of Sunday? Then those that want to get going home don't have to hang around.

20) What about a local Church group being invited to sell pop and water at the Show n' Shine?

21) We'll have to think again about the "honour system" sale of water and pop at the arena because of the loss of revenue there.

22) Ask Niverville to have picnic tables at the camp sites and near the bonfire area.

Two Mystery Parts were circulated and both correctly guessed as a chain splitter and a retaining ring from a Guzzi.

All descended on Robin's Donuts where as usual many points were aired that should have been brought up at the meeting!

CORN ROAST PICTURES



Finally, Rick on the straight and narrow



GAMES



Who was the oldest member there?

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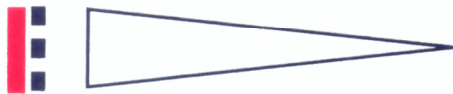
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Club Meeting October 25, 2011

Club Meeting November 29, 2011

Annual Dinner meeting December 13th at DJ's

MidAmerica Auction January 14, 2012 at South Point Hotel

(World's Largest Motorcycle Auction)

Movie Nite (in lieu of January meeting) at Ross Metcalfe's January 31, 2012



FOR SALE: 1977 Honda Trail 90 . Rebuilt engine by Honda expert. David 797-6698 or david@bardal.ca

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

WANTED: I need the following items for a 1950 18/s. Rear section of rear fender, chain guard, 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 it. Mike <mmrachek@centurytel.net>

For Sale: Rare Find - 2 Collector 1979 "Kawasaki 1000" Police Motorcycles. Original Condition. One safety 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.

For Sale 1985 Goldwing Aspencade, one owner, low kms (45,600) and in excellent condition.... \$5,000

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