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ANNUAL DINNER MEETING





The Pony Corral on Grant was the new venue for our dinner this year and was a good choice with more space for the 48 members present and good food ably served. Guests of honour for the evening were Niverville Town employees Donna and Robin, who have been so helpful in facilitating our rally over the past two years. President Ross handed over a commemorative trophy to Donna as a token of our club's appreciation. A fun evening was enjoyed by all.

President Ross





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EVENTS 2013

JANUARY

10	Bonhams Motorcycle Auction, Bally's Las Vegas Hotel
10,11,12	MidAmerican Motorcycle Auction, South Point Hotel Las Vegas, NV
22	Movie Nite, Ross Metcalfe's
APRIL	
5-7	World of Wheels, Winnipeg Convention Centre
30	AMCM meeting followed by coffee at David Pritchard's
JUNE	
1	Perimeteritis, Morden, MB
28-30	13th Annual Buffalo Classic Rally, Niverville, MB
JULY	
15-19	International Norton Rally, Buffalo, WY



Dick Klamfoth's 1952 Daytona winning Norton Manx

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AMCM REGALIA PRICE LIST

Please see Mike (the book) at the meetings for any Regalia you wish to purchase.		
2012 Bison Rally dark red T Shirts (all sizes)		
2012 Bison Rally Ladies Tank Tops (all sizes)		
2012 Bison Rally Sweat Shirts (all sizes)		
2012 Bison Rally Pins		
AMCM Black short sleeve Polo shirts ("go to meeting shirts" with collar)		
AMCM Black Polo shirts as above big sizes		
AMCM Black Polo shirts as above with long sleeves		
AMCM Black Polo shirts as above big sizes		
AMCM Gatsby caps		
AMCM Baseball caps		
AMCM Oval Windshield Sticker		
AMCM Pins (Keystone shape)		
AMCM / MMC 100 Year Commemorative Patch 10 inch	\$25.00	
AMCM / MMC 100 Year Patch as above but 4 inch	\$20.00	

Minutes of November 27, 2012 AMCM meeting

Peter O'Kane, Ian Furness, Dave Sauerberg passings by John Thompson. A donation will be made on behalf of the AMCM to the CPA for Peter O'Kane's memory.

48 attendees

4 guests, Paul Downey, Wayne Brown, S. Michael, Bill Watt Jr.

Registrations are encouraged and recommended before February. Forms are available on the website.

CVMG website has been revamped and is looking good!

Website is up to snuff and looks great, videos are on as well as the newsletters are posted.

Any 'ads' for the newsletter should be sent to David Pritchard.

Regalia report, t shirts, crests, pins, member's patch, Rick Peters showed the member's patch. We will go for an order of 50 at about the \$15 mark to cover our costs.

Xmas party dinner Dec. 11, cock tails @ 6:30 and we can order from the menu at Pony Corral, Grant Avenue.

Metcalfe movie night Jan 22. 8729 Roblin Blvd@ 7pm, BYOB and snacks are welcome. Main movie is a Russell Crowe film and John Choquette's 39 Norton is in the movie

Jim's Garage in Headingley display for the antique motorcycles. There are 7 bikes currently on display. Ross will take the long AMCM banner to display it as well. There is room for 12 more bikes. Membership is \$10! We will likely have a spring ride out there!

April meeting is HD Winnipeg at 7:30 and then we head to David Pritchard's place to view collection of bikes and Jags and coffee.

Mid-Canada motorsports show in January, we have nothing further regarding details. If we hear anything we will send it out to the membership.

Rusted restorations. Rick Warkentin talks about his 1942 HD 45, WLC which is converted to a civilian bike. See the video on AMCM.ca

Chas, rally update, 13th rally coming up! June 28-30th.

Meals will be provided by Betty and Marie! Yippee...how nice for us!

Saturday night meal is booked for dinner and evening in an air conditioned facility...within the town of Niverville. On Sunday, we will have a breakfast rather than a smorg. More to come! Come February the rally committee will be together and volunteer sheets will be handed out! Always on the need for donations....start collecting this stuff together so we have a great pile. This year is the year of the Norton...each Norton owner will receive a special trophy.

Fort la Reine museum is looking at having the group out - let's look for a Saturday that would work....we need to give them a couple of month's notice.

Elections:

Ross is standing for president, closed

Tom is standing for secretary, closed

Greg is standing for treasurer, closed

Rick, Mike, David are all re-appointed in their roles

THANKS all



Norton's Racing Heritage-Part 1

Of all the racing marques one name dominates the early years of motorcycle racing - Norton. Nortons took all but five podium positions in the Isle of Man Senior TT between 1931 and 1938, taking over from Rudge (1st and 2nd in 1930), and relinquishing reluctantly to BMW in 1939 just before the war - very propitious?. Other winners in that period were Velocette (three 2nd places and one third) and Moto Guzzi (1st in 1935), but Norton certainly dominated the prewar TT scene. Moto Guzzi's 1935 win was with Irishman, fellow Dubliner and former Norton rider Stanley Woods, so that's excusable. By the way, my grandmother slept in Stanley Woods' bed, but never (she swore) while he was in it! She bought it from him years ago, and I still have it.

After World War II Norton again dominated the Senior TT scene, taking first and second place in 1947, and all three podium places in 1948. In 1950 Geoff Duke won his first Senior TT with a lap record of 93.33 mph on the first of the new featherbed Manx Nortons, followed by Artie Bell and Johnny Lockett also on Nortons. Norton won all Senior TTs until 1954, after which Gilera (Geoff Duke in 1955 and Bob McIntyre in 1957) and MV Augusta (John Surtees in 1956, 1958, 1959 and 1960) took the lead. Norton still took a respectable number of 2nd, 3rd and 4th places in those years, fighting hard and refusing to give up. Norton's swan song year, however, was 1961 when the great Mike Hailwood won with Norton's first over-100 mph average, the Norton team also taking 2nd, 3rd and 4th places! Norton still managed 2nd, 3rd and 4th places in 1962, but the reign was over with Gary Hocking on an MV Augusta taking first.

Matchless and Norton managed to show a few respectable places in the top four until 1968, but British domination of the TT was over. The Italians did very well up until 1965 with John Surtees, Gary Hocking and then Mike Hailwood winning on MV Augustas from 1962 to 1965. Then Hailwood moved to Honda, winning in 1966 and 1967, after which he was eclipsed by Giacomo Agostini who took firsts for MV Augusta every year from 1968 to 1972. After that the Japanese takeover was inevitable, with Suzuki taking 1st and 3rd in 1973, then Yamaha taking the first eight positions in 1974.... And the rest, as they say, is history.

Between 1931 and 1962 Norton managed fifty-one out of a total of seventy-five podium places, more than twice all other makes combined! And on single-cylinder machines!

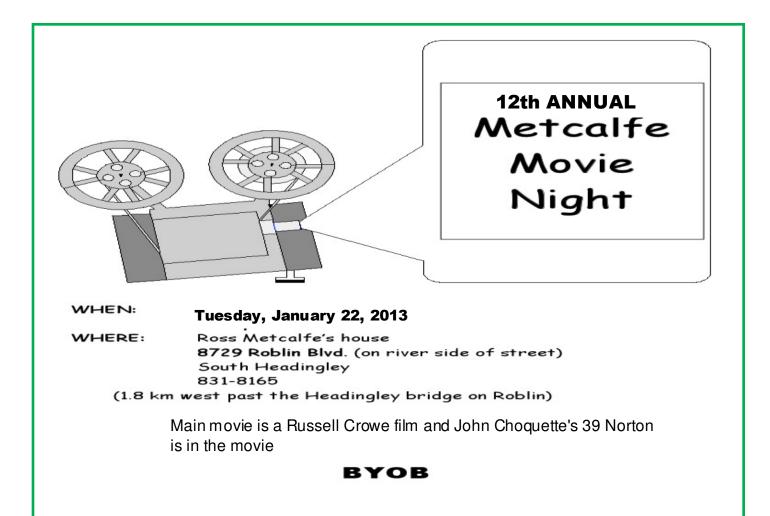
Until the German Senior TT victory in 1939 Norton took all pre-war podium positions except five - three second places to Stanley Woods on Velocettes, one to Ulsterman Walter Rusk, also on a Velocette, and of course Woods on the Moto Guzzi in 1935. Irish riders played an important role in Norton's TT history, and early motorcycle racing in the British Isles and Europe generally, with riders such as Stanley Woods, Ernie Lyons, Reg Armstrong, Artie Bell, Walter Rusk and Cromie McCandless. Between them Woods and Rusk took nine of the twenty-four podium places between 1931 and 1938. Cromie McCandless and his brother Rex developed the famous featherbed frame for Norton in their Belfast workshop, assembling the first eight frames by hand. The brothers had been contracted by Peter Norton in 1949 to design and build a new frame to improve handling on the twisting and very demanding Isle of Man course. After testing the new frame in 1950 Harold Daniell declared it was like 'riding on a b----y featherbed' compared to the previous plunger 'garden gate' type. The new frame gave Geoff Duke, Daniell and other Norton riders a distinct advantage over other machines, and contributed significantly to Norton's racing success on the Island and elsewhere in Europe in the 1950s. Artie Bell getting airborne in 1950, chasing Geoff Duke (note the shamrock on his helmet!)



So, although she has acquired a patina of age, my old Irish Norton (a pre-featherbed 1956 ES2 500) has something to be proud of when she's sitting beside admirable Arial Square Fours, very fine Vincents, beautiful Brough-Superiors and BSA Gold Stars and ravishing Velocettes. Ride on, old girl!

- John E. Pepper –

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1981 Honda CB750-4

Custom Blue in color approx 30,000 kms and was re-painted in 2006 by Michelle. Bike has been sitting for 4 yrs. Price ??? \$1500.00

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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

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