



RUST 'N PIECES

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From Ross Metcalfe



Prez. Sez. By now most will have heard about Art Kroeker's untimely passing. Our thoughts are with Art's family at this time. Hard to talk about fun when others are going through such pain but in the spirit of the man Art was, he would want me to keep the hobby rolling. I will not be at the meeting on Tuesday as I will be at my last School Board meeting. However Chaz will run us through the last minute Rally stuff and Tommy will pinch hit for Kimmme who is also working that night. I do want to be clear about the Teulon show and shine where we are being featured from 12 until 2 on July 1st at the Green Acres park at the south end of town.(All part of a big Canada Day celebration) All club members will be fed and watered in appreciation for coming out. Many of our members are meeting at our favourite Salisbury House on route 90 by Red River College. We will be leaving the Sals at 11 am so plan your time according for gas up and eating or drinking at the Sals. See you in Niverville. Rally Ho. Ross

The Great 2nd Annual Tiddler Run



It turned out to be a great day weather wise for the 2014 Muddy water run . We had 9 under 305 cc bikes. And a few more larger bikes. The weather was great. The route was gorgeous with cruising speeds between 40 to 50 mph. Only a couple of hiccups concerning bike troubles. A big difference from last year. I would do another one next year. wine bottles were given to all small bike with the extra bottles sold off for 8 dollars. The price I paid. Special thanks to my girlfriend Tiana for bottling the wine and designing the labels. There was a BBQ after the run where burgers and beverages were enjoyed by all. Thanks Rob Braun for BBQ duties. My collection of bikes were on display in the garage and basement for all to enjoy. Hope all that attended had as much fun as I did. Keith Blais





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EVENTS 2014

JUNE 27, 28, 29

14th ANNUAL BISON RALLY, Niverville, MB

July 1

Teulon—from 12- 2, lunch and a drink included
Sals on Route 90, leaving there @ 10:30. Also, corner of highways 67
and 7 has an old gas station site where folks could meet at too.

HD Winnipeg holds their annual poker run
for the HIG chapter.

**July
15—18**

International Norton Owners Association Rally
Ashland, OR

August 23

AMCM Corn Roast

August 28 - 30

43rd Davenport Fall International Swap Meet

**September 6
for**

Gimli Fishing Trip, ride to Gimli to Chris's shop
eating tons of fish...pledges raised for SBH

RALLY !

Let the Fun and Games Begin

Our committee has been working hard and the plans are laid for another great rally. Let's hope the weather cooperates.

DOOR PRIZES: Tim Klassen is still accepting donations of door prizes. In past years virtually everyone has received a door prize.

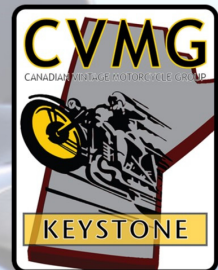
VOLUNTEERS: Always need and appreciated. A great way to get to know everyone. Many helpers make light work.



14th Annual Bison Classic Motorcycle Rally



**June
27,28,29
2014**



The Antique Motorcycle Club of Manitoba & the Keystone Section of the CVMG combine to showcase the finest display of Antique, Vintage & Classic motorcycles

- Location, the Friendly Country town of Niverville MB
- Parade through town then Show 'N' Shine with custom trophies
- Scenic River Ride, Poker Derby, Bonfire and Sing-Along
- Motorcycle Games, Door Prizes
- Fabulous Menu included with full registration.
- Free Camping, Hot Showers,
- T-Shirts available (must be ordered @ time of pre-registration)
- All Makes/Models of Motorcycles Welcome
- Special trophies awarded to Honda Motorcycles*(1984 and older entered in show n shine)

**This year's
featured
Marque is
Honda**



Rally REGISTRATION FEE: \$45.00 * (*booked before June 1st, \$55 after June1)

Daily registration available: Fri \$15 Sat \$25 Sun \$15 see Registration form on website

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Registration numbers may be limited so get yours in early.

Show 'N' Shine @ Niverville Credit Union parking
lot, 62 Main Street

Sat June 28th

11:30 am - 2:30pm

Open to All Motorcycles * must be registered with event.

Viewing Free, open to the public

PERIMETERITIS 2014

We are starting to believe Barry Smith who claims, for the third consecutive year, that he "has influence" and is responsible for organizing the perfect weather once again! Thanks Barry for a perfect Saturday afternoon which saw no less than 50 motorcycles and seven cars out this year.

CVMG President Terry Neustater and about eight of his members were the first to arrive at the meeting place in Carman, soon to be joined by a whack of AMCM guys from inside the perimeter and further north. A couple of casualties (inevitable on old motorcycles) had some being picked up by car and one: said to be a 450cc Honda hooked up to a sidecar with passenger, overheated. Once it had been left to cool down and having shed the passenger we believe it made it the rest of the way. Rumour has it that there were many offers to pillion the female passenger!



The Bob Diemert visit was interesting as were Bob's stories of classic cars and aircraft. Then Greg and Marie led off for the trip to Morden with a guarantee of getting there after Tom's offer of leading was turned down by popular vote! Chas' lawn and shady backyard was again the perfect venue for homemade burgers, chili and dessert. Over 80 hungry motorcyclists sat down to enjoy the barbecue and there was plenty of food for even the most voracious appetite. Tom's burgers fell apart AGAIN much to master barbequer Terence's displeasure. Too spicy perhaps. The dis-



tinctive roar of V8 engine heralded the arrival of the "Black Widow"; a trike with a motorcycle front end built in Morden by students of a local welding school.

The helmet was passed and an amount of \$260 was donated to our Spina Bifida charity after expenses.

President Ross gave thanks to the organizers, family members and helpers of this 7th Conquering Perimeteritis Run; perhaps the most successful yet.



Minutes of April 29, 2014 – AMCM Meeting

Meeting started at 7:30 with president Ross Metcalfe calling all to order. Largest group to date!:

18 bikes 77 attendees
Guests:

Connie, Terrance, Darren and Evan were here to teach us about our club charity of choice Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus (SBH). Evan plays sledge hockey and enjoys gym, music, colouring, and drawing. He has been learning about standing and balancing using the various equipment thru the SBH support. He does have his own bicycle that has been modified so he can operate it himself. He recently had surgery on his right foot, which allows him to use his walker in his walking boot. He uses the wheelchair to get around and be a part of his friends and all the goings on. The family recently went to Disney World and saw all of the favourites in Disney like Mickey Mouse and friends. Connie helped us understand the trials and challenges with SBH - many items are covered by health coverage and insurance, but there are so many things that are not covered by any plans as they are "considered not an essential"...so the fund raising is for the medical supplies for families managing SBH in their homes. Many of these items are indeed part of a daily normal life, so these fund raisers are so important and thank you. The events we have like Perimeteritis, the corn roast, fish run, and memorial fund raisers have raised over \$5,000 for SBH – well done team!

Mystery part was sent along with Evan to ensure folks were not cheating and peaking! It was a crank case cover from Ray's whizzer!

Gerry Spindler spoke about the Rotary Club of Winnipeg to sell tickets for the annual chicken festival: \$15 for a chicken dinner with the funds raised going to the children's rehabilitation program. Vintage plates can be used! This event is May 13th.

HD swap meet: Saturday May 10th 9-3

Secretary report: Minutes are posted on our fabulous website: amcm.ca and were also in the latest "Rust and Pieces" newsletter – printed copies available at the meeting. Kim will be out of town for the first day of the Bison Rally – Friday, June 27, so volunteers were asked to set up the registration table: everything will be ready...just needs setting up and manning! (Thanks to those who volunteered...we'll get all names down at the May meeting and chat a bit more about it! –K)

Treasury report: \$10,150 with 84 paid members. Please chat with Greg or send him an email if you still need to pay your membership for 2014.

Newsletter was issued from David...next roster will be issued in May meeting, some 2013 rosters were available for those who needed them. Please be sure we have your email address, otherwise they will be mailed to you. No dues, no roster!

Mike the Book: 50/50 draw tonight...for those who are wearing a badge, there is a draw for the AMC of America calendar. Various badges and patches are here for sale, and folks are welcome to borrow some books.

Rick Peters: regalia...some patches and pins are here. Sold out of the large AMCM patches. If we get enough numbers we can order some more large patches.

Upcoming AMCM and "Vintage plate sanctioned" events – update your calendars!:

Other Items Discussed:

The group discussed an 'Easy up' tent with our logo on it to help us keep cooler at the events. Rick Peters is the property manager and would manage the storage and "loaning" of this item. Cost is just under \$1k. After further discussion, it was agreed that we'll start with a loaner from David P. for the year. We will then revisit whether we want to do this going forward.

Webmaster Greg H: Garage hop: meet at various folks' garage throughout the day...let's see if we can't arrange this for a day. Folks can also send in pictures from their garage that can be featured on the website. Send any ideas to Greg Hygaard. Website has had 150,000 hits! Open for any for sale items and want ads...let's use our website!

Scott was here with the MMC Canadian Motorcycle Hall of Fame entry....it will be entered for the September Hall of Fame meeting. The data and the documents that Scott has accumulated is all in is submission package....fantastic! The meeting is in Edmonton on September 27th at the Chateau Lacombe.

Ted Hector and Gary McDonald have been contacted by SportsNet regarding Bonneville....Ted is going back to Bonneville and will beef up the 48 Harley flathead to 1000 CC!!! Request to the AMCM team is for sponsoring Ted...it is \$750 for him to register alone, and all other costs above that. He will take the banner down with him. Check out Mcflathead World's Fastest Harley 45 on You Tube has the previous video...another one would be made for this year. August 23-28th is the bike week in Utah. Canadian Biker is writing an article on this. Ted will present to us at a fall meeting. Move to sponsor him for \$1000, which was seconded. Motion carried.

Rally update: Chas provided an update:

Registrations are starting to come in. Vendors can show up and put up a display...they just need to pay a registration fee only!

Posters are encouraged to be out up a few weeks before the event. Year of the Honda with a special trophy for the Honda owner.

There will be a group photo after the games and before the dinner. We need some more volunteers so please let us know where you can help us out.

Rusted Restoration featuring Ray Houde....chatting about his first bike, his Whizzer from 1947 and he still has it! Purchased from North West Cycle in Winnipeg. The bike's been sitting for a while, but still has spark! He chatted about his 64 Harley....panhead that went to Sturgis 27 times, let alone both coasts of Canada! Over 100,000 miles on the panhead and many more miles on many more bikes! Ray was a fabulous racer and his legacy is carried on with his son and granddaughter who are fabulous racers in their own right! Check out the video on the AMCM.ca! Meeting adjourned at 9:00!

Minutes of May 27, 2014

AMCM meeting start Guests – 3 Bank balance is \$10,850.30 Membership is 94

David – Roster is out – thanks David! Half of them were available tonight – the next meeting and rally David will have more. Mail outs will still go. Any questions about membership should be directed to Greg O'Kane. Would like to see some more input on your stories...don't have to be long, but fun for the club...everyone has a story! Wants ads too – let's use this format!

Web page: 150K hits – list of qualified events for the antique plate will be up on our site shortly.

Vintage plate clarification: Ross will get a copy of the legislation along with all of the events and have it all shown on the website. Simply put, all of the rides that are sanctioned are okay for use for the vintage plate. Make sure that you take the printed copy of all of the rides along with you – MPI outlets may not be clear on this process, however, we will state the process which is the right thing to do. Liability coverage coverage is a basic of \$200,000, however, you can bump that up as you think is right...it is fairly reasonably. "Typically" all of the service centres will have the vintage plates available, and they tend to be more knowledgeable about the process. Please note that there is no requirement for a safety test/report for your motorcycle.

Perimeteritis: leaving 1pm @ Tim Horton's @ Oak Bluff Saturday, June 7th. Visiting aircraft restorer Bob Diemert – Friendship Field – lots of stories to be told.: restoration of Zeros, endless fun! Meet at Carmen to Volks airfield and then to Mor-den. We will have a beautiful pair of bikes on display that have been restored by our own members of the AMCM. The hat will be passed to help cover the costs, with any extra profits going to SBH. Let's get out there – awesome! Look for the link on the internet! Google "The Defender"

Mike the book: 50/50 prize and a lovely book for those wearing name tags

Regalia: prices, pins, t-shirts...let's buy 'em!

June meeting: Ross and Kim will be preempted by Chas and Tommy! No rusted restoration, but lots of chat about the rally and hopefully riding.

Bud, Spud and Steak event for SBH at CanadInn, Polo Park on June 30th 6-9pm

Parker Fillmore donated his time for the vintage plates efforts - thanks Parker!

Rally pins are in!

All good to go – let's keep the volunteering

Rally update: looking for those volunteering the day of the rally to show up by 10am.

Door prizes have been coming in, we are looking for some more so that everyone will go home with a prize.

July 1st – Teulon from 12- 2, lunch and a drink included – we'll have some more details later...including a meeting spot. Sals on Route 90, leaving there @ 10:30. Also, corner of highways 67 and 7 has an old gas station site where folks could meet at too.

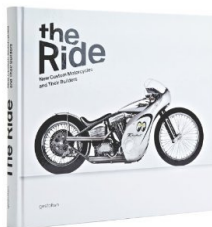
Rusted Restoration: John Choquette talking about the Norton 16H: 1939, 500cc flat head. This was the bike featured in the movie "For the Moment"....Russell Crowe's bum was on that bike! It was also featured in the series "Jake and the Kid". It was in rough shape after its Hollywood time, but she is back in shape and around for the riding!

Mystery Part: timing side pinion gear puller for AJS/Matchless

Eye of the eagle:

1 BMW 2 – HD 3 – Honda 1 – Kawasaki 2 – Triumph 2 -Yamaha 2 – Minis! 1





Stopped in at my favourite bike-shop the other day, and one of the topics discussed, Panic Stop-ping... That's an experience no one in their career wants to ever have to do; in your car or on your bike. One should be prepared for the worst, right? Be a good boy

scout and be prepared for the worst. On a ride, or your first ride, find a road with no traffic and start at a low speed and work up in speed. We all get our licences to propel a 2000 lb car or 500 lb 2 wheeler with a little theory application and not much more practical knowledge. The Europeans have a much better handle on this, I believe. We now have cars that park themselves, because we can't??? Is our skill level that poor? How about the M/C Safety Driving Course? It would be a good idea if we all had to participate once a year or even every second year.. On another topic, how about the difference in steering input at low speed versus high speed?

Did you notice that at a crawl you can actually steer to the right by steering right. At high speed with any sort of lean required, you push left to lean and go right. Think about how second nature 2 wheeling is once you get the knack. It usually starts when you learn to ride a bicycle. Low speed riding is something most riders do not do enough of. Frequently a fall occurs at a crawl because you leaned over too far instead of using "Body English" like the trialers do. That's my rant this time. Be careful out there.

Mike the Book.....

More Tiddler Pictures



Paris , ON Rally Pictures



Part of the parking lot!



Tom Wilcox with his 1915 Indian Model K

The feature bike at this years Rally



*"For I know the plans I have,
to give you a future and a hope."*

Jeremiah 29:11

*In Loving Memory
Of a Husband, Father, Son & Brother*

Art Kroeker

Aged 52 years

March 16, 2014 ~ June 18, 2014

Of Morden, MB

Beloved husband of Lucy Kroeker (nee Wiebe)

Memorial Service

Sunday, June 22, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Access Event Centre

Morden, MB

Clergy

Pastor Tom Baker

Pianist
Cara Baker

Soloist
Steven Baker

Song Leader
Dwayne Krashel

*All of Art's friend in attendance today are considered
Honorary Pallbearers*

Ushers (Christ Lutheran Church)

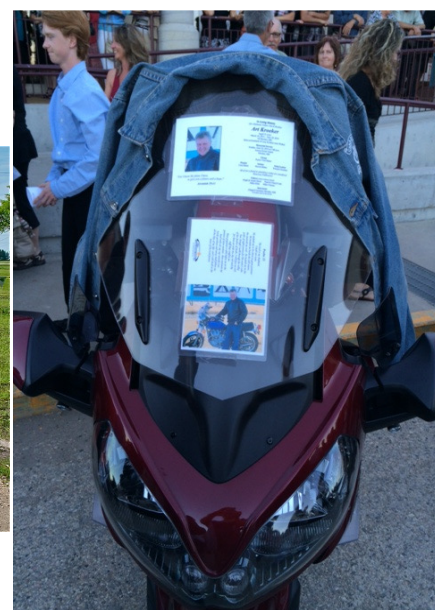
Hugh & Jessie Dyck Paul & Cheryl Link
Mike Elias Mike Friesen

Interment

Chapel Cemetery Morden, MB

Took place prior to the service

Arthur John Kroeker's funeral was very well attended by about 40 AMCM and CVMG members with 22 motorcycles lining the designated parking area at the entrance to the Community Hall. There was standing room only in the huge hall and we believe the family had prepared refreshments and seating for 800 people. President Ross gave a fitting tribute on behalf of all Art's motorcycling buddies and ended his address with a very apt motorcycling poem. Art's little homemade "A J K" motorcycle was on display on the stage. Art was a driller/pile driver by trade and a reference to Sir Arthur John Kroeker Ph.D, was made on the overhead screen with Ph.D being explained as standing for "Post Hole Digger!" No less than 7 heartfelt tributes were paid to this very popular biker, church and family man.





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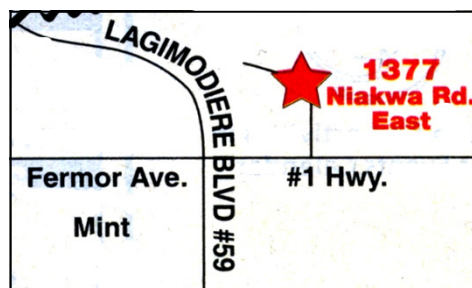
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