



# RUST 'N PIECES

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## President Ross and Publisher David Pritchard attend Daytona Bike Week



President Ross and David attend Daytona March 4-9 for Antique Motorcycle Club of America Sunshine meet and Swap. Ross attended board meeting, both doing the swap program followed by assisting with judging at the motorcycle show.

Daytona Bike week was also enjoyed along with over 550,000 others, the worlds largest bike gathering. Indian had a large presence with their banners and bikes everywhere.



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# EVENTS 2015

<b>May 5</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b> HD Winnipeg
<b>May 9</b>	<b>HD Winnipeg Swap Meet &amp; Spring Open House</b>
<b>May 18th</b>	<b>Victoria Day Run to Half Moon in Lockport</b>
<b>May 26</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b> HD Winnipeg
<b>June 6</b>	<b>AMCM Perimeteritis Ride to Morden MB</b>
<b>June 13-14</b>	<b>National Meet Viking Chapter AMCA St. Paul MN</b>
<b>June 26th-28th</b>	<b>15th Annual Bison Classic Motorcycle Rally in Niverville MB.</b>
<b>June 30</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b> HD Winnipeg
<b>August ?</b>	<b>3rd Annual Tiddler Tour</b>
<b>August 16</b>	<b>South Beach Casino Show 'n Shine</b>

Every Sunday afternoon and evening Cruise Nite May until November at the Pony Corral, Grant and Wilton. Always riders out.

**DUES are now DUE**

Membership dues are \$25/ yr includes a bi-monthly newsletter and a host of other benefits!



In the garage!



## AMCM Meeting Minutes February 2015

- \*Several new guests were introduced & they were very active in the auction bidding. Welcome.
- \*There was no mystery part or Rusted Restorations because of the annual fundraising auction in support of Spina Bifida Association
- \*No secretary's report
- \*Treasurer's report by Greg; "there's lotsa cash on hand"
- \*No newsletter report but it was sent out via David Pritchard from Fountain Hills. He is always looking for stories, pictures, want ads, or whatever
- \*Webmaster Greg was on hand to answer any questions. Check out AMCM.ca. The webpage is awesome and very informative. Greg's da man!
- \*President Ross gave a short report on the Las Vegas auction which was also attended by AMCM members Scott Best, David Pritchard, John Thompson, David Gray
- \*Greg H. reported on our new run to Hunt's Roadhouse on July 4th in honour of Sadie Grim from the MMC who, in (actually) 1914 was the first person to ride a motorcycle to Gimli. Go Sadie Go! We will have a short article on Sadie for the May newsletter
- \*Those interested in attending World of Wheels with a motorcycle were to contact Rob Gray
- \*It was announced that there would be ice racing in Beausejour March 7 & 8. Some of our long time racer members plan on attending (i.e. the Charleton boys)
- \*An early plea for Rally prizes was announced
- \*Last call for dues was announced
- \*Then it was Auction time where President Ross ran through a wide range of motorcycle-related items. A fun time for all. And destined to be February's annual event. The final donation to the Spina Bifida Association will be announced at the upcoming meeting
- \*Somebody won the 50/50 draw by Mike the Book but we missed who it was
- \*See you at the March meeting chaired by V.P. Rick as Prez Ross will be away



Daytona





## AMCM Tec Forum submitted by Dan Catte

I joined the AMCM three years ago and have been thoroughly impressed with many aspects of the club. The AMCM has a long history and impressive pedigree confirmed by the club's recent induction to the Canadian Motorcycle Hall of Fame. Membership is a bargain and meetings are entertaining and educational with knowledgeable guest speakers, mystery part challenges, summer parking lot bike shows, rusted restoration presentations, and coffee sessions after the meeting. Most compelling are the characters who organize and attend the meetings. Members share a passion for motorcycles and welcome anyone to attend meetings, rides, and the annual rally.

My time in the club has helped me confirm and focus my passion for motorcycles and the culture that surrounds them. Those passions started at a very young age with a used 75cc Suzuki. I pushed that bike for miles through city streets to find open fields, dirt, hills, and other riders to ride with. I rode my little dirt bike and read every motocross magazine I could find. I admired the big road bikes of the 60's and 70's when they were new, but I was born too late to be of age to licence or afford a new bike of that time. I was still a very young lad when the Kawasaki Z1 appeared, and my older cousins rode Honda 550's and 750's that made a permanent impression on me. With apologies to the old guard in the club who have the most incredible Vincent's, Indian's, AJS's, Norton's etc., I have recognized my appreciation for the Japanese bikes of the 60's and 70's as well.

I learned the art of motorcycle maintenance on old Japanese bikes. Learning came through trial and error and too many stripped screws and bolts as I attempted to maintain and fix that first little Suzuki. Progress was slow as I was very young and self-taught with no mentors or internet videos to guide me. My pathetic tool sets and lack of work space left a lot to be desired. I pressed on past those less than desirable conditions and eventually progressed to finding out of favor and abandoned bikes like Honda Hawks and managed to bring them back to life with minimal expense and lots of my own labor and "creative" problem solving. Those experiences taught me value and problem solving skills that I may not have learned otherwise. Those skills allowed me to afford bikes and even score the occasional profit while owning and enjoying them through the years.

While we are now less likely to find affordable vintage British, American, and European motorcycles, time has created a new generation of "antique" bikes in Manitoba and they are waiting to be discovered and restored, and this brings me finally to the point of writing this piece. It has not escaped my observation that the AMCM has some truly talented members that possess encyclopedic like knowledge of vintage motorcycles and skills that are becoming scarce. John, Tom, Jim, and Siggi to name a few. I would like to contribute to the club by helping to create a forum that promotes the sharing of mechanical knowledge and skills of club members for all eras and models of bikes, and provide support to those members who wish to learn more and get their projects on the road.

Talk is cheap so I make the following offer to move this suggestion further. I would like to host a regular scheduled tech night at my garage beginning in the fall of 2015 for those who would like to learn or improve motorcycle maintenance and restoration skills. We can invite our more talented members to pass on skills or tech tips to us less talented members. We all have some knowledge, skill, or time to share and translate that into a few more "new" bikes in the parking lot, or maintain those old gems. Sessions on how to inspect and start bikes that have been stored or neglected for years would be a great place to begin. I welcome your ideas and input over the summer while I groom some workspace and find a large coffee maker for the garage.

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### Antique Motorcycle Club of Manitoba March 31, 2015 – Minutes of the Meeting

Vice-President Rick Poirier chairing - called the meeting to order at 19:30

42 in attendance

9 bikes – yippee, spring is here J

2 guests – welcome!

two mystery prizes tonight!

One from Gord Peters: BMW faring mount system

One from Sarah Strom: wrench extension for Asian bike

Approved list of sanctioned rides that are covered with the Vintage plate are now confirmed.

Includes our monthly meetings, and all AMCM-sponsored events, Sundays at the Pony Corral, HD Swap and Show n Shine, Morden Corn and Apple festival, South Beach Casino show n shine, etc.

The ride list is available on the AMCM website for your reference

You must carry a copy of the ride list with you when using the Vintage plates in the event you are asked to produce it

QUESTION FROM THE ATTENDEES: can we add the Ride for Dad, Breast Cancer Pledge Ride, Victoria Day Ride, Father's Day Show, CMMG Safety Ride? We will take this back to Ross for the possibility of adding.

Check other sites for other clubs that would classify as well

Secretary's Report: Nothing new!

Treasurer's report:

\$720 made from the auction. \$765 to SB including chain sales and a straight donation. NICE! Prizes sold for over \$20 from the auction will have a receipt issued.

78 members joined – anyone wanting to join, the membership form is on the website!

\$11,550.73 in the bank

Tom Hesom: on behalf of Spina Bifada, there is a fund raiser coming up on April 24<sup>th</sup> – Norvilla on Henderson @ 5:30pm. 50/50 and door prizes. Tickets are \$20 each for this bud, spud, steak night.

Gerry Spindler: The Rotary 2015 Signature Project to assist Children's Rehabilitation Foundation is being held on Tuesday May 12th, 2015. Dine-In or Take-Out Service is from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. the Canad Inns on St. Mathews (sort of behind/north of the defunct Target Store/Polo Park area) Tickets are \$15.00

The dinner choices are 3 pieces of Crispy Seasoned Chicken

French Fries, Roll and Soft Drink with Ice Cream dessert or

Grilled Chicken Garden Salad

with lightly seasoned grilled Chicken, roll and Soft Drink with Ice Cream dessert.

Table service, and if you take a table in the middle section of the banquet room I would gladly be your waiter.

If you don't like my Chef's outfit and you want to be served by a good looking friendly chick,

my dear wife Debbie will probably give you a friendlier smile than this grumpy old Chef/Motorcycle rider.

If you don't want to eat-in you are welcome to Take-Out but you may prefer Eat-In as entertainment will put a smile on your face.

As we have another AMC meeting on Tuesday April 28th I will gladly bring along tickets for sale that evening. Bring cash of \$15. or a cheque payable to Rotary Club of Wpg. West.

Newsletter update: Dave Pritchard is looking for any stories, pictures, want ads for the next newsletter, please email them to him!

WebMaster report – Greg Hygaard:

Website was purportedly hacked and sending out spam about a month'ish ago. The host shut it down, fixed "whatever" up and we are okay now

Rally documents are on the website

Garage tour site is online....please send some updates for the site!

Gauntlet thrown down....Greg H travel to Winkler for lunch and garage tours if he takes notes and provides commentary

Librarian Report: Mike the Book – group pictures from 2014 rally...pics are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Badges, caps, black polo shirts long and short sleeves available

#### Bison Rally Update: Chas

Meeting held last Sunday for the planning of the meeting.

Chas and Clarence are travelling to Niverville to straighten out a few things

Show n Shine will be shortened to 2.5 hours

All of the documents are available now at the amcm.ca website.

Rick W is managing the field events – this will be his last year, we will be looking for a new lead for the games.

Remind people that we need volunteers to sign up for various tasks including manning the registration table – there are sign-up sheets here tonight!

Remind people to bring in items to be used for door prizes and some for silent auction – “begging letters” are here tonight!

#### World of Wheels update: commentary from attendees

Bikes were still in the loading dock so the lighting wasn't great...there were cars in there too

Not many bikes – nothing new it seemed

Space was a bit squishy as construction was still underway – should be completed for 2016, so we expect a bigger and better show then!

Dan was talking about a tech group or a tech forum. How do we pass along this great knowledge that we have in this club? How do we share some ideas within the club?

Dan would like to offer his garage for a meeting and discussions – perhaps a regular meeting starting in the fall and continuing through the winter.

Dan will have an article in the upcoming newsletter with some further information

Perhaps we can alternate rusted restoration with a “Tech Talk”?

Greg Hygaard wanted to get an estimate for an “Easy Up” popup tent – 10' x 10' from Terence Hesom. Motion made, seconded by Kim R., carried.

There was some opposition to this: concerns about how this would be maintained.

Decided to gather the costs and then propose the process for handling this property.

Questions was raised about setting up the pop-up tents on the grass where we hold the games. While there was comment that the treelines provide some shade, it was agreed that “we can do whatever we want”! So, we can certainly set the tents up after the Show n Shine at the games site!

Greg Hygaard raised the topic of an AMCM bike build. There has not been further discussion about this so far:

Folks can reach out to Greg before the next meeting

Perhaps to mix with the Tech Talk nights (Item 12), but this would be a separate item

Rusted Restoration: Sarah Strome: Honda CM450E – has been riding for 3+ years. She saw her first bike at 5 and told her mom “she’s riding a bike and will have tattoos”, and she has been a fan of bikes ever since. At 11 she was in Nanaimo, BC, and saw a whack of bikes all lined up ready to go to Sturgis...and that was added to her goals. She got her first bike when she was in Northern Manitoba: a 1983 Honda CM450E. Heading to Sturgis again for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Started working on her bike with help from Joe...not much work to do ‘cuz it’s a Honda and they go forever! AWESOME!!!!

Reminder of the next meeting April 28<sup>th</sup>. Meeting adjourned 20:20

## Wall of Death Daytona



67 years old rider preparing to ride the Wall of Death  
Indian still the first choice for wall of death riders.

### \* BUY \* SELL \* WANTS \*

**WANTED!** Villiers powered motorcycles, parts, literature, advertising, projects. looking for barn fresh, rough projects or even the smallest parts for Villiers powered bikes. They include : Famous James, New Hudson, Dot, Greeves, Francis Barnetts, Cotton.... Villiers powered over a hundred different motorcycles in its history. am restoring and running various bikes and require parts for them all. Motor sizes include : 98 cc single speed and two speed, 122 cc 3 speed, 197cc 3 speed. no part too small. please call Keith Blais 204 226 2979 **SAVE THE RUST!**

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**Bike for sale.** 2010 Victory Corby Ness Jackpot, red with Multi graphics, 3000 Km+, Mint shape. Contact Neil Carlson at Carlson Engineered Composites 204 258-4000 or 204-941-1689 or 204-258-4029. E-mail contact at [ncarlson@carlsonpc.com](mailto:ncarlson@carlsonpc.com)

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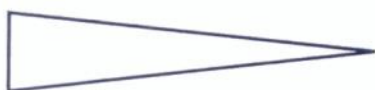
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