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## President's Message

### AMCM PRESIDENT'S REPORT



By the time you read this, you are probably back on the road with your favourite ride. It looks like a great year for old motorcycles.

The Manitoba Motorcycle Club, which is Canada's oldest motorcycle club, founded in 1911, is in jeopardy of shutting down. Due to a recent fire at their club house, the membership (which is very small) is unsure what to do. I would like to talk to

our club members about helping the MMC to stay afloat - at least until the fall of 1911. It would be my hope that we could hold a 100th anniversary motorcycle ride to Winnipeg Beach as was done by the MMC in September of 1911. I am not sure how we would do this but maybe with our direction and run support from perhaps HD Winnipeg, for say... a local charity... this could happen. Only a club in Great Britain and New York City are older, making the MMC Canada's oldest club. I have been told it could be up for nomination into the Canadian Motorcycle Hall of Fame. Hope to see you out at the April meeting to discuss this issue and hear your thoughts.



Welcome new Members

Flo Poiron—Morden

Greg Kendall—Winnipeg

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### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP 2010 DUES

The annual membership fee is due January 1, 2010. **NO INCREASE.** Continuing to hold the fee at \$25.00 What a bargain. Membership deadline to be included in Roster is April 30. See the Treasurer!



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## Minutes of February 23 monthly meeting.

Meeting was called to order @ 19:45: 18 members in attendance and one guest

Ross brought to the meeting the original gavel from the first AMCM meeting held January 1977: 19 guys in attendance paid \$5 each for membership! Siggy was treasurer, Ross was president....hmmm – what goes around, comes around!

Reminder that membership renewals are due now

The Club currently has \$2,862.14 in the bank not counting those membership renewals received this evening.

Discussion about Ted Hector's Bonneville run:

AMCM will provide Ted with the old banner for display while he is at Bonneville

Ted's costs are \$800 for entries

AMCM has sponsored \$500 in the past

Motion carried: The Club will sponsor Ted's 2010 Bonneville run with \$500 and the "kitty" from the next two 50/50 draws.

Motion Carried: Perimeteritis Run scheduled for Saturday, June 5th: meet at Oakbluff, ride to Morden for BBQ: more details to follow

"Ride for Dad" May 29th, "Breast Cancer Pledge Ride" June 6th

Discussion on storage cupboard for manuals:

Mike suggested we use the library finds (\$250) toward a lockable, black, steel cabinet with shelving. Cost is \$355 + taxes for 36"W x 71"T x 18"D.

Craig will check with Cheryl if this is an acceptable solution

Motion Carried: If this cabinet is acceptable with HD, we will move ahead with the purchase. Mike will stock the cabinet over the next meetings. We can also keep club "paraphernalia" such as caps and pins in there!

Special guest Barry from "Corners Quickly" one of the AMCM sponsors: very interesting presentation and "lively" discussion around oils for your motorcycles, both new and old. Thanks Barry for a great discussion. For more information and pricing, please contact Barry @ Corners Quickly, 1151 Fife St. Winnipeg, 204.694.3115

"Vincent in the Barn" book up for raffle for a twoonie: \$44 raised for Ted's fund, book won by Dennis R.

Meeting adjourned @ 20:50



*A wife walked in on her husband making love to a large-breasted blond. "Thank goodness this is all you are up to" she said. "With all the money that's been going out of our bank account lately I thought you had bought another bloody motorcycle!!"*

## Minutes of March Meeting 30/03/2010

The muted purring of a six cylinder Wing announced the arrival of our Past President on THREE WHEELS! Last summer he was on his brand-new Winnebago, Oops! I mean Wing!, on two wheels! Finally acknowledging his ageing physique and his inability to get a leg over, he had it converted into a trike complete with cavernous trunk and double Mustang-like exhausts! Way to go Jerry! Also of note in the parking lot was a beautiful un-restored Vincent, meticulously restored R60/2 BMW, and a lovely XS 650 Yamaha.

With **35 members present** the meeting was called to order by President Ross using the long-lost gavel which has miraculously re-surfaced. Three guests were present who subsequently paid their dues and joined the club.

A very interesting and **informative talk** was given by Glen and Karen of D.I. Custom Coatings on powder coatings. Much discussion ensued with many questions from the floor answered by Glen. At the conclusion of the presentation Glen issued an invitation for the club to organize a run to see their coating operation and full body-shop in Tyndall. This invitation was duly noted for action later in the summer.

The **Club Treasurer** announced a bank balance of \$3466-14 as at end March, with a number of dues still to come in.

The President called for **articles and pictures** for the newsletter and encouraged members to let Dave or Jim have these by e-mail.

**Mike The Bike** reported that the long-awaited cabinet had been purchased and delivered and the first load of four boxes of books was in the cupboard. More books would follow as would the stock of badges and clothing etc. Mike suggested that there could be some “give-away” nights because of the huge number of magazines on hand. Jeff kindly offered to organize a display of our stuff for sale in the shop below. The cost of the steel, lockable cabinet was \$400-00 plus tax.

“**Conquering Perimeteritis 2010**” was set at June 5 and this would appear in the next newsletter. Ross had obtained special permission from Rudy Ens to visit his private collection of antique vehicles in Morden.

This years **Bison Rally** was the 10 Anniversary, and John handed out posters. Members were asked to pencil in the dates viz; July 2,3&4

Ross presented his **Show n’ Tell** which turned out to be an old “clinchier” wheel rim from an Indian. An explanation of the workings of this long-outmoded form of rim followed.

Tom presented his **Mystery Part** in an opaque bag so that members had to guess by feel! Not surprisingly John guessed correctly that it was a dashpot from an SU carburetor as fitted to Ariel Sq4’s and some Triumphs.

Ross **donated** a lovely model horizontally opposed Harley and a book, to be raffled for the Racing Fund. Over \$70-00 was raised.

**Property Manager** John said we were out of caps/hats and T shirts need to be ordered for the rally. Tom would bring his son Terence to the next meeting with prices.

The need for a **2010 Roster** was mentioned and it was agreed that Dave would see to this once all subs and details were in.

The **Antique Plate** question was again brought up and Ross reported that that the Manitoban Authorities were looking at the BC Collector plate and had promised that something along those lines would be in place next year. In the meantime our existing Vintage plate would remain as the status quo.

The position of the **Manitoba Motorcycle Club** was raised and Ross explained some of the history of this old club. Only about five stalwart members remained of this oldest motorcycle club in Canada and reputedly third oldest in the world. The unused clubhouse had burned down last fall with much of the memorabilia but Craig had managed to save some trophies. The club was still incorporated and would be 100 years old on September 11 this year. Ed proposed a motion that our club pay the approx \$250-00 one year fee to keep them afloat till after this date. The motion was seconded by John and carried. It was further mooted that we organize a commemorative run to Winnipeg Beach in September to honour the past.

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Greetings from Bill Snelling

Whilst browsing a photograph album, researching our revised book on J. Graham Oates, a trans-Canada pioneer motorcyclist, I came across this card which I thought you might like to see. Feel free to use it in your magazine or on the website. I tried to make contact with the Manitoba Motorcycle Club; their website appears to be dormant. If you have contact with them could you pass it along please.

My partner and I have spent many happy holidays in Canada. In 2000 we took the train up to Churchill, taking with us a bottle of water that Graham Oates collected in September 1932 when he was the first person to reach that town on a rubber-tired vehicle, he rode his Ariel and sidecar on the railway lines!

The book 'Aurora to Ariel' the motorcycling life of J. Graham Oates is due to be reprinted within a few months.

Best wishes

Bill Snelling

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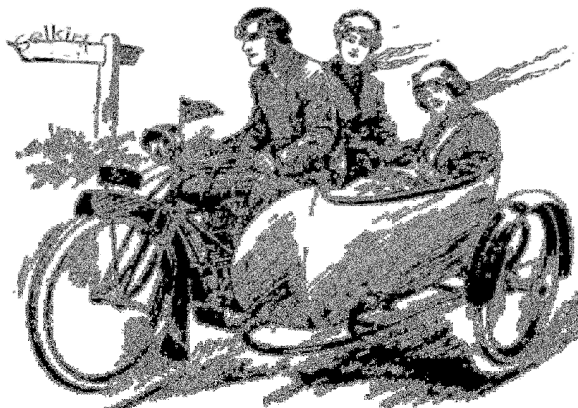
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Craig announced that the annual **Swap Meet** would take place on May 15. Table rentals were available at \$10-00 each.

The meeting closed at about 9.30 and the usual stalwarts descended on Robins Donuts for coffee, discussion and tall stories

# ***Bison Classic Bike Rally***

**10th Annual July 2 - 4, 2010**



**Registration includes**

**Camping for the weekend**

**Food:**

**Fri evening - irish stew  
Sat morning - breakfast  
Sat evening - supper  
Sun Morning - brunch**

**Activities:**

**Sat morning - scavenger hunt  
Sat afternoon - skills events  
Sat evening - campfire & yarns  
Sun morning - Show & shine & awards**

**\$35 registration fee (for bookings prior to 1st June )**

**Rally Tee shirts \$20 or Sweatshirts \$30 are available**

**-must be ordered at time of registration -  
individual event rates available**



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# 10th Annual BISON CLASSIC BIKE RALLY

## REGISTRATION FORM

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Saturday Scavenger Hunt \$5.00

Saturday Supper only \$15.00

Skills events \$5.00

Sunday Show & shine \$10.00

Breakfasts only each \$5.00

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## As The Wheels Turn

Chuck Murray

### Harley Davidson in Manitoba

So where and how did this all begin.

According to a letter dated January 19, 1980 written to Bill Watts former owner of Northwest Cycle by a previous owner of Northwest Cycle Joe Perkins. The whole Harley Davidson thing began around 1912.



Group of rides circa 1912

Joe's recollection was that the first owner of the shop was August Buchoski.

I did a little research and found out from the Winnipeg Free Press archives that in fact Northwest cycle was advertising new Harley-Davidson's in the Free Press in 1912. The Eaton's Company would have probably been digging their basement for the new Winnipeg store.

Just after World War I.

The shop was located at 519 Logan and east of the then Salter Street Bridge.

In approximately 1920 Minty Stonson bought the shop from August Buchoski.

After a period of time he bought out the Royal Bank building at 551 Logan Ave. In the mid-20s Northwest Cycle became an official Harley-Davidson agency. The bulk of their sales were made up primarily of Harley-Davidson and Henderson Motorcycles.



Northwest Cycle 1930's

In 1930 Henderson Motorcycle Company went out of business.

Northwest cycle then took on Triumph and Aerial motorcycles from England to supplement the line of Harley-Davidson's they were selling. According to Joe Perkins Harley-Davidson was not happy with them diversifying into the British lines. So Harley-Davidson decided to open a second dealer, Brown and Winters.

Brown and Winters made it quite clear that they were there to put Northwest cycle out of business. Minty let Harley-Davidson know that he was not happy about this. He made a deal that Harley-Davidson would take his stock back and he quit being a Harley-Davidson agency. In less than two

# Antique Motorcycle Club of Manitoba

Third Annual "CONQUERING PERIMETERITIS" Run  
SATURDAY 5th JUNE 2010



**Meet at Humpty's on the perimeter to leave together at 1pm. Join the Southern Contingent at Carman then ride together to Chas' house, 790 Gilmor St, Morden. Then go as a group to Rudy Ens' (Gaslight Harley) home to view his private collection of antique vehicles. A rare privilege indeed and not afforded to just anyone! Finish up at Chas' house for home-made burgers, fixings, salads, chilli and then ice cream.**

**Contacts: Chas' cell 823 0051, Tom's phone 325 6984**



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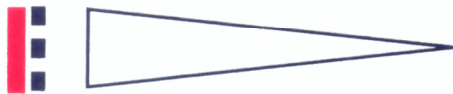
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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

<b>May 8</b>	<b>Minnesota Motorcycle Auction, Progress Centre Minnesota State Fairgrounds</b>
<b>May 15</b>	<b>Harley-Davidson Winnipegs' Annual Swap Meet</b>
<b>June 5, Sat.</b>	<b>Overcoming Perimeteritis, Morden</b>
<b>June 6, Sun.</b>	<b>Breast Cancer Pledge Ride, Assiniboia Downs</b>
<b>June 11-12</b>	<b>National Meet, Viking Chapter, MN State Fairgrounds</b>
<b>July 2-4</b>	<b>10th Bison Classic Bike Rally, East Selkirk, MB</b>
<b>August 9-15</b>	<b>70th Anniversary of Sturgis Bike Week, Sturgis, SD</b>

## **WANTED / FOR SALE**

**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](mailto:kraftycraig@hotmail.com)

**WANTED:** Old oil cans, tins, advertizing, etc. Harley, Indian, Triumph, etc. Craig 669-6047 or [kraftycraig@hotmail.com](mailto:kraftycraig@hotmail.com)

**FOR SALE :** 1970 Norton Commando Roadster, red low milage, excellent original, 1973 Norton Commando Interstate, black, low interstate mufflers, boyer, windscreen, craven panniers and top box excellent road machine.

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