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Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on October 23rd, at the Rothman's Board Room, 816 St. James Street, at 7:30 p.m.

New Members

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1927 Harley-Davidson 2 cyl. 1200 CC Restorable
A big A.M.C.M. welcome to our new member.

Change of Address

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Corn Roast Run

by Siegi Klann

On Saturday, September 23rd, the members of the Antique Motorcycle Club and the Manitoba Motorcycle Club gathered at the Rothman's Centre parking lot at 2:00 p.m. We all left Rothman's toward the direction of John and Pat Choquette's farm in East Selkirk, with three antique motorcycles. These included Leonard Hardy on his 1953 Vincent Black Shadow, Ross Metcalfe on his 1943 Harley-Davidson, and Laddie Nos with his 1954 Triumph. The sounds of the three old motorcycles were music to our ears as the rest of us rode on modern motorcycles and cars. Ray Houde loaded his 1947 Whizzer on his car and Tiny Robins trucked his 1927 AJS.

The sun, grinning through the clear blue afternoon sky, promised to smile warmly for the rest of the day. When we all arrived at the farm, the lawn was freshly mowed and the grassy parking was perfect. This bike lover's rendezvous was an outstanding meet site because of its spacious area and breathtaking view.

Tiny unloaded his 1927 AJS and the fun began when anyone who wanted to, could ride the single around the farm. The sound of the exhaust, the grinding of the shifting of the gears brought back memories of the good old days when motorcycles were motorcycles. Thank you, Tiny, for letting us ride on your wonderful machine. I, for one, sure enjoyed it.

The barbeque was set up and the hamburgers and hotdogs were served. The corn was boiled in a large pot. It sure was delicious. Anyone who didn't eat anything, sure missed a great meal.

The sun disappeared and John Choquette lit the bonfire. We all gathered around the fire to keep warm and listen to Tiny Robins sing old motorcycle songs. We roasted marshmallows, shared jokes, and blew balloons up and tossed them over the

fire. We all had a great time and hope to do this again next year.

We would like to thank John and Pat Choquette for being great hosts, and also for the donation of their corn.

Greetings From the President

by Ross Metcalfe

We are now nearing the end of the second year of the Antique Motorcycle Club of Manitoba. We've come a long way in two years. Our first and second runs, corn roast, two shows, representation at an International Bike Show in Davenport, Iowa (Antique Motorcycle Club of America), crests and banner. All this and more to come in the future...with your help. I am very pleased with the keenness of the members of the club toward our hobby. If the club is to survive and grow, everyone must do his share. There are some in the club who do the work of many while others coast along. People, like the Smith's, who have spent many hours designing crests and who have stayed up all night to complete the banner for our last run are to be commended for their hard work. It is with devotion like this that will help to make our club strong.

Which leads me to what some of you other members can do. Come this fall, we will need a new executive, President, Secretary Treasurer. Siggie will continue to do the newsletter but its you cannot expect him to look after the minutes and money, as well as print our newsletter. The time has come now for the rest of you to come forward and apply for a position to help with in the club. Whether it be planning a run, a fund raising project, organizing club bylaws, financial, Secretary, President, or helping with the library etc. Even if it is simply writing out a story about motorcycles for the newsletter. Many of you have enough years of motorcycling experience to tell yarns to last a lifetime that we'd like to hear about. It doesn't take much to scratch out a story to submit to Siggie for the newsletter. Also, make use of the free For Sale or Wanted ads.

This little message is not directed at anyone person for his or her great work or lack of it. Certainly many others out there have done a lot of work. We know who you are. Also, we know many of you are very busy and are doing everything you can just to attend meetings. This we realize, but sometime you may have some free time and can consider a position or job. Attendance has been good at meetings so keep it up.

Remember- lets have a "for real" election this fall. Here's your chance to put your two cents in and help mold our club. So long for now and remember... "To own a completely restored antique motorcycle does not an A.M.C.M. member make."

Library News

by John and Pat Choquette

Well I'll start as usual, by thanking those who donated books. Brian Nazarke has donated Harley Enthusiast- Spring '78, Supplement to Sturgis Tribune- Black Hills Motorcycle Classic '78, Black Hills Motorcycle Race and Rally Program '78, and Rushmore News, August 10, 1978.

Jim Simmons added to our collection of Northwest Cycle and Motor catalogues with the 67, 70, and 71 editions, as well as the 68, 69, 70, 71, and 72 editions of the Chariot Cycle catalogues. As well, he donated the Ballak and Co. catalogue for 71-72, Castrol Achievements 1963, and 1964 and 1970 Triumph sales brochures.

While Siggie Klann was in Davenport, Iowa, he managed to spare enough time to pick up Antique Cycle Supply Catalogue (78) (British Bike Parts), a magazine called Classic Bikes- Summer 78, and the newest book list from Motorsport

Motorcycle Books.

Len Hardy donated another Northwest Cycle and Motor Catalogue, the 55 edition and the 56 Nicholson Bros. Catalogue.

We have received our copy of Classic Motorcycles from Easy Riders but are still waiting for Early Riders from the same place. We have purchased one of the last copies of the Motorcycle World by Phil Schilling that Classic Bookstores had at their special price of \$5.00. This is a brief history of British and American motorcycles with lots of good illustrations.

We have sent away to England for a year's subscription to Classic Bike. This looks like a very good magazine for all of us with English machines.

If anyone has ideas of some books that he/she would like to see in the library, speak up at the meetings. We are always open to suggestions.

I am trying out a new idea. I have been trying to collect colored advertising on different makes of bikes (out of magazines, advertising brochures, etc.) and placing them in envelopes by make of bike. Hopefully, this will assist members when they restore their bikes with color schemes, pictures to see what accessories were available, etc/. If any of you have any of this material that you would be willing to donate to the club library, it would be appreciated. Also, if you happen to come across old advertising material in flea markets, antique bookstores, or other places and you are not interested in acquiring it for yourself because it isn't for the make of bike you are into, please think about buying it for the club library and we will reimburse you for it as soon as we can. The same goes for manuals or other booklets that are out of print or hard to come by for any reason. Any literature that might be hard to acquire later would be appreciated. The only thing is that you might have to wait for a while to get your money back, depending on how much we take in on our raffle.

Another thing I have been trying to do is get photocopies of old manuals, parts books, accessory catalogues, etc. If anyone has any of these that might be difficult to get now, and would be willing to bring them in to me to photocopy, we could have photocopies in the library so members wouldn't have to borrow your originals.

Well I guess that covers pretty well everything for now.

See you at the next meeting,

John and Pat.

Automotive Evolution Show

by Sigi Klann

The second annual Automotive Evolution Show was held on September 29 and 30, and October 1, 1978 at the Highlander Curling Club in Winnipeg, Manitoba. We received 2½ weeks notice of our club if we wanted to have our bikes entered in the show. We decided to go ahead and were able to get eight antique motorcycles for the show. They were

Bert Bentley	1928 Scott Flying Squirrel
John Choquette	1964 Norton Atlas
Leonard Hardy	1955 Vincent Lightning
Jim Harrison	1953 Ariel 350 single
Ray Houde	1947 Whizzer
Sigi Klann	1947 Indian Chief
Ross Metcalfe	1943 Harley-Davidson 45
Richard Ross	1936 Nimbus 4 cyl.

We set up our club banner on the wall behind our bikes and a table in the middle of the bikes for advertisement and application forms for new members.

We received four trophies from the Manitoba Classic and Antique Auto Club and the judging was done by Jim Bailey and Graeme Smith. The judges are to be congratulated for a job well done; it was a tough one as the restorations were superb. The results were

Most Original 1st 1953 Ariel Jim Harrison
2nd 1955 Vincent Leonard Hardy
Best Restored 1st 1928 Scott Bert Beatley
2nd 1943 Harley-Davidson Ross Metcalfe

The show was a great success and we hope to do it again next year. We'd also like to see more old bikes in the show.

The club would like to thank Graeme Smith, who spent many late hours to finish our club banner for the corn roast and the car show.

Swapping Post

Wanted- Any parts for 1927 Harley-Davidson J.D.

Any parts and information on 1930's Triumph

I Have some 27-29 Harley-Davidson J.D. parts for trade

Contact Dave Archer

2728 Lakeview Avenue

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For Sale- 15 by 3.25 front tire and tube in very good condition \$10.00

Chrome oil tank Triumph- like new- \$20.00

Dogbones and handlebars \$4.00

Old bolt through gas tank 1950's \$10.00

Sissy bar back rest (not padded) \$1.00

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Public Service

The Manitoba Motorcycle Club is holding an Annual Awards Social on Saturday, November 4th, 1978 at Trades Hall on 1080 Wall Street. Tickets are \$3.50 each and you may obtain them on our next meeting night from Sigi or other members from the Manitoba Motorcycle Club, or phone Sigi at 772-5240.