



# RUST 'N PIECES

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President

Ross Metcalfe

### **"Old Motorcycles, Young Hearts"**

For me, those four words tell it all. As we enter the 2013 riding season, it seems like a Buck Rogers comic book date. My 1913 Indian is now 100 years old. Wow! I remember at Dave Pritchard's 60th, he couldn't believe he had made it that far. Yes friends, time marches on. To this end, I will discuss in the future, initiatives to attract younger members. When the club started, the majority were in their 20s and 30s. We need the under \$1000 Asian-and-Scooter-restoration-interested youth to feel welcome in our midst. Something to chew on for a while.

Coming up from April 5-7th is the World of Wheels. Our own "speed-demon sponsored" Ted Hector will be inducted into the Manitoba Motor Hall of Fame. I will bring out both of the mounts that Ted rode for display, the 1938 Indian and the 1948 Harley. With 6 AMA land speed records, I am happy to see Ted recognized.

I missed the recent bike/ATV show but by all accounts, it was successful. Something for us all to think about as well, for 2014.

Thanks to all those who brought awesome treats to movie night, especially "the Winkler/Morden mafia". Much appreciated.

Coming up at future meetings will be outdates from Chaz who is looking for a little help on our rally weekend. Tim Klassen has already stepped up to be the prize man and the road run sweeper. What can you offer? Even if it is a few minutes or a few hours, it all helps.

See you all at the February meeting with the return of "rusted restorations" (which won't be an American or British) presentation. Let's have a good turnout.



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# EVENTS 2013

**FEBRUARY** 26<sup>th</sup> AMCM Meeting \*

**MARCH** 26<sup>th</sup> AMCM Meeting \*

**APRIL** 5,6,7 Cyclorama- - Lone Star H/D Winnipeg Convention Centre  
In conjunction with World of Wheels \*

**MAY** 11<sup>th</sup> H/D Winnipeg Swap Meet \*\*  
25<sup>th</sup> "Ride For Dad"\*  
28<sup>th</sup> AMCM Meeting Coffee & donuts at Dave Pritchard's Home \*

**JUNE** 1<sup>st</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conquering Perimeteritis Run to Morden\*  
2<sup>nd</sup> Breast Cancer Pledge Ride\*  
14-16<sup>th</sup> CVMG National Rally- Paris, ON \*  
25<sup>th</sup> AMCM Meeting \*  
28, 29, 30<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> Annual BISON RALLY, Niverville, MB\*

**JULY** 3—6<sup>th</sup> Wing Ding—Greenville, South Dakota\*  
15—19<sup>th</sup> International Norton Owners Rally, Buffalo, Wyoming\*  
18—21<sup>st</sup> BMW International Rally—Salem, OR\*  
26—8<sup>th</sup> CVMG Ponoko Rally, Ponoko, Alberta\*  
30<sup>th</sup> AMCM Meeting\*

**LAST CHANCE** to pay your dues for 2013. Still only \$25 per annum. Put your cash or cheque (made out to AMCM), in an envelope **together with a completed fresh Application for Membership Form**, and hand to Treasurer Greg O'Kane. ( The application for membership form is necessary to get our records up to date) Unfortunately if this is not done at this late stage, your name will not appear in the 2013 ROSTER and you will receive no further newsletters or reminders.

**CYCLERAMA** Custom/Antique Motorcycle Show.  
APRIL 6--7, 2013. In conjunction with Piston Ring World of Wheels. At Winnipeg Convention Centre. For more information contact Ross Metcalfe



# MOVIE NIGHT PICTURES



## "BURIED TREASURE!"

By Tom Hesom

As most of you know my family and I returned late last year to South Africa for the first time in 10 years after emigrating to Canada, to attend our son Gary's wedding. I have four sons with three already Canadian citizens and living near us in Winkler with their families. Sadly only oldest son Gary still lives in South Africa and seemingly has no immediate plans to emigrate too. Whilst there I had the opportunity to go to my old Classic Motorcycle Club of Natal, in the coastal city of Durban, Province of Natal. (Durban is at least double the size of Winnipeg) The club has about 300 members who own many classic bikes: mostly British, lots of BMW's, some Italian and a handful of Harleys and Indians. As with our club the Japanese classics are now forming a greater part of their collections as well. I received a VERY warm welcome from my old buddies.

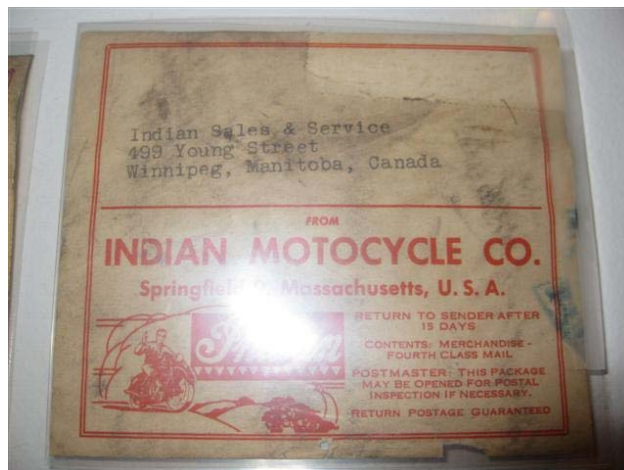


One thing they have which I see as a distinct advantage over us, is a permanent club-house in beautiful shady, treed grounds with paved parking and permanent regalia displays and library inside. There are the obligatory washrooms, small kitchen and of course a well-stocked pub. (Deemed very necessary in South African biking circles, classic or otherwise!) Meetings are held outside under the spreading trees with club officials using a public address system, which is entirely feasible given the year-round ideal weather conditions of this sub-tropical city. The ground and building whilst owned by the city, is leased on a 100 year grant for one SA Rand (about 12c Canadian!) a year. They have two lockable 40 foot shipping containers in the grounds with shelves and lights inside, with a very comprehensive

range of motorcycle parts, nicely sorted and categorized. Two guys are in charge and after browsing and collecting parts required they will make a very reasonable price for club funds. It is 100% profit because all the parts and books etc have been donated by members plus much past on as legacies from members departed. Sounds ideal eh!! Only draw-back is the horrific crime rate there. The club house has been broken into so many times that it doesn't even make the monthly newsletter! A sophisticated armed response alarm system and substantial burglar bars costs them plenty! The last time it happened the burglar was so frustrated at not being able to break the bars and with the alarm shrieking, set the place alight before he ran away! Luckily insurance covered the damage and most regalia was saved. And folks here ask why we left!

One display I felt worth passing on to our club is the amazing story of a rather sad incident that happened in Durban nearly 80 years ago. A story had done the rounds for many years of an accident where a boy was killed on a motorcycle and his parents were so distressed about this that they buried the bike in a huge hole in their back yard. This story was repeated and handed down from father to son and most of the detail was lost in the telling, including the location of the house where this was supposed to have happened. The story again came up over a beer one day in more recent times, and a group of guys from the CMC of N decided to actively try and authenticate it and even locate the house. To cut a long story short they not only located the house but were able to get permission from the present day owner to dig for it! (Provided they made good afterwards of course!) Well they found the badly rusted remains of the old 1915 Indian with the handelbar still stuck into the gas tank! The old bike, now painted all over in Red Oxide rust resistant paint is on display in the clubhouse together with a plaque describing the circumstances.



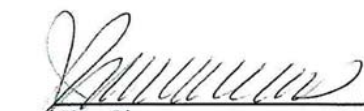


February 24, 2012

Attention: Ross Metcalfe

You were asking me how I came into possession of the Indian sign you recently purchased. I went to see John Hall at Indian Sales and Service on Young Street for some parts. This must have been in the late 1960's or early 1970's as the shop was still open for business and John was still in reasonably good health. I purchased what I needed and we were talking when John asked me if I had time to help him move some things around. I volunteered immediately because you never knew what you might see around that place. It was almost an invitation to look around. After we had done what John wanted (For the life of me I cannot remember what it was!), he offered to pay me. I told him that it wasn't necessary, but if he had any old advertising, I would be interested. He found some things and gave them to me. There were three or four sealed cardboard tubes with paper ads in them and a square unopened box about four inches thick. When I opened them, I was astonished. I had several years of V twin advertising and one year of vertical twin advertising. The square box was the icing on the cake! It held a brand new, double sided Indian dealer sign which you now have in your possession.

I had these items for a number of years and displayed some of them at a motorcycle show at the Convention Centre. I eventually sold them to Siggi Klann to raise money for another project. The postal stickers had dried up and fallen off the mailing tubes. I saved these and you also own them now. If I can answer any other questions for you, please let me know.

  
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**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Postal Code** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Numbers** \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Type of Bike</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of Cyl.</u>	<u>C.C.</u>	<u>Category</u>
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**Category:**

You may use back page if needed for more bikes

A—Restored, B—Being Restored, C—Restorable, D—Original, E—Parts Bike, F—Looking for a Particular Bike

I, \_\_\_\_\_, will abide by the By-laws of the Antique Motorcycle Club of Manitoba, Inc. Dated \_\_\_\_\_

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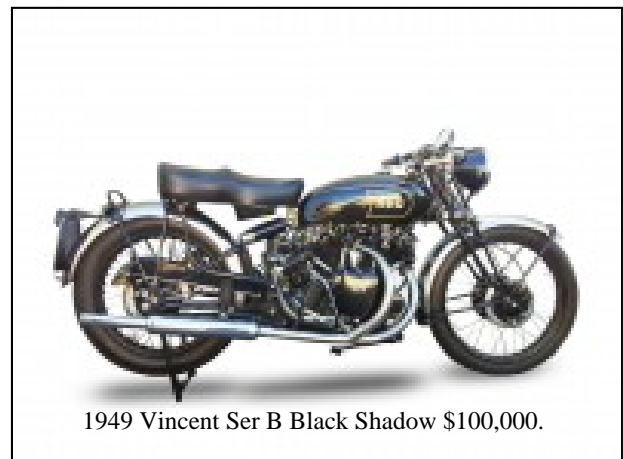
1941 Indian with Princess sidecar \$65,000.



Norton Atlas \$9,500.



Moto Guzzi Le Mans 850. \$6,750.



1949 Vincent Ser B Black Shadow \$100,000.



## 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

Jeff - [jnowat@mymts.net](mailto:jnowat@mymts.net)



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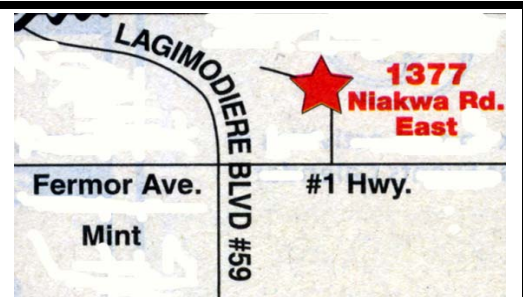
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