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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President Ross Metcalfe

Rally Ho!

I'll keep it short this month. Chaz and all his elves have been busy. The Rally is right around the corner and I hope to see all of you there. Perimiterit is is now a a memory and so is the spectacular visit to David's house on Wellington. To both tour hosts, many thanks on behalf of the membership. I will miss the next several meetings due to work and a holiday but I'll be back for the September meeting. Rally-Ho. The Prez







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EVENTS 2013

JUNE 25th AMCM Monthly Meeting *

13th Annual BISON RALLY, Niverville, MB* 28, 29, 30th

JULY 3—6th Wing Ding—Greenville, South Dakota*

15—19th International Norton Owners Rally, Buffalo, WY

18-21st BMW International Rally—Salem, OR*

 $26-28^{th}$ CVMG Ponoko Rally, Ponok

7,14,21,28 Motorcycle Display at the Pony Coral on Grant Ave

Lunch prior to.

30th AMCM Monthly Meeting*

AUGUST 3—4th CVMG Biggar Rally—Biggar, SK

4,11,18,25 Motorcycle Display at the Pony Coral on Grant Ave

Lunch prior to.

2.7th AMCM Monthly Meeting*

Chief Blackhawk Swap Meet, Davenport, IA 29- Sept 1

September 7th Spina Bifida fund raising tour "the fishing trip" to

Gimli, MB

14 HD of Winnipeg Show & Shine with a vintage

motorcy cle display

15 Assiniboine River Tiddler Tour, Sunday Afternoon,

27th AMCM Monthly Meeting*

The Eye of The Eagle spotted the following bikes in the parking lot at the July 31, 2012 Meet-

In the Rice Paddy Field 9 Japanese

In the Concentration Camp 6BMW

In the Spaghetti Patch 2 Ducati

!n theTru Bloo Park 3 Norton 2Triumph

In the Hog Pen 9 Harley

Total 31

Plus sixteen Nortons in the Garage!

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Perimiteritis











Minutes of April 30 Meeting 2013

Present 52 -which is a new record attendance.

President Ross welcomed all to the meeting especially Joe Sardis and Honourary Member Billy Watt who we had not seen for a while and was sporting a new hairstyle! Ross also welcomed Connie and Terence Hesom and their family.

Treasurer Greg O'K reported a bank balance of \$7618.00

The March/April Newsletter was out and copies were available for those not on Email.

Secretary Tomtold a story (true this time!) about suspected co-operation between a parts parcel of his being held by Canada Customs, and telephonic enquiries as to his suspected business operations by Revenue Canada.

Mike "The Book" announced that Regalia Sales were available as was the Library and a 50/50 draw would take place later.

Connie Hesom then gave a most interesting and informative talk on Spina Bifida and explained what this affliction is all about and the complications that this can cause to an entire family. President Ross then handed over a cheque for \$2361.00 which had been collected by our club for this deserving charity.

President Ross felt that the Auction of Donated Books had gone so well at the previous meeting, and that because he rather fancied himself as an auctioneer, that he proposed another AUCTION MEETING be held at the November 2013 meeting! Members would bring their stuff to be auctioned off with no reserve and 25% would go to club funds. More info on this would follow.

The final touches had been put to the Tiddler Tour as follows; To be known as the ART Tour (Assiniboine River Tiddler Tour) Date; Sunday Afternoon, September 15, 2013. Meet at Wellington Crescent and ride to Headingly along river drive. Motorcycles must be 30 years or older and be of 305cc or less. (This would include the Honda Dream class) Ross would provide 20 bottles of specially labelled and numbered good red wine, and number one would be the winner & so on.

Chas then took the floor with Rally matters and again emphasized the importance of early registration and collection of door prizes.

Rusted Restorations was ably covered by Ed Pouch talking about his 500cc Ariel with a picture slide show on the side.

The My stery Parts stumped the guys for once being a clutch-actuating cam for a Bridgestone 350cc, and part of an Anstey Link rear suspension from a 1950's Ariel.

All adjourned to Robins Donuts where new members were welcomed and BS ensued!

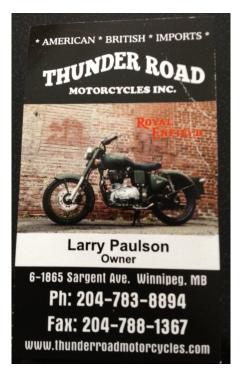
Good Morning Jim,

Was out for a ride a few weeks ago and visited this museum. www.dreamcycle.ca A very good museum for anyone to drop in to see if they are out in this area. Also check out www.vintagebritishcables.com they advertise they repairSmith & Jaeger instruments and make up speedo and tach cables.

Have had the Ducati out for a few runs, last one was an all day ride that covered approx 400 k but was out for approx 10 hours, great ride on some nice paved back roads. Got to use some of the edge of the tires not just the centers.

Take care.

Bob Hatton



Visit to a Motorcycle Collection







May 28, 2013

Over 100 members and guests enjoyed coffee and donuts viewing the motorcycle and Jaguar collection at a fellow members house in lieu of the usual meeting at HD Winnipeg.







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1983 Yamaha R Z350

One of the most exciting bikes ever to reach the Canadian Motorcy cle market turned 30 years old this year and becomes a new member of my vintage collection.

Introducing, no, re-introducing the 1983 Yamaha RZ350, a twin cylinder, 2 stroke, liquid cooled, track ready, daily rider. The RZ was developed by Yamaha in an effort to improve the already highly respected RD series.

This little gem brags an amazing 55hp at 9000 rpm and at only 319 lbs, it will pull a quarter mile in 12.7 seconds at 106 miles per hour. (based on a rider of 155 lbs)

I found this bike locally after a nation wide search that took close to year, watching the usual Internet sites and running regional adds on Kijiji. As usual, there were some immediate re-



sponses from sellers, who were hoping to cash in on some pretty run down, fixer uppers.

The parameters for my search are simple, the bike must be all or as close to original as possible, given it's my intention to return it to a like new condition. A true challenge, trying to find the perfect candidate for my next project.

Not a true barn find this time, but rather a "near" daily rider became available, just a stones throw from Headingly. This particular RZ had it's share of gravel road travel and tell tail signs are evident, with 26,000 kms on the clock it shows a little wear and tear, but overall, still a good specimen of an early 80's bike.

Most RZ's found their way to the track, given this nimble machine was sold like an over the counter drug to thrill seekers looking to get themselves on the race track for a fraction of the cost of owning a production racer. RZ's were very popular right here in Manitoba, with Gimli providing an excellent place to ride for those weekend warriors.

The RZ has been my toughest project so far, due to a growing a popularity world wide, these bikes are becoming very expensive and parts are reflecting the demand on a limited supply. Near basket case bikes are selling from \$1500.00 to \$3500.00 and fully restored Kenny Roberts additions have gone as high as \$9,995.00 on the US market.



Thanks to the RZ350 Internet forum, most everything needed, including technical manuals, new and used parts and mechanical expertise is readily available. Fortunately the strong following of RZ patrons has brought on the development of a great deal of aftermarket parts, which include body plastics, tuned exhaust systems, electronic components and for the not so faint at heart, engine performance enhancements, allowing the RZ to pass the 80HP threshold.

I was able to roll the RZ out of the garage for a test ride this past weekend to attend the Perimeteritis Run to Morden. Aside from the cross wind, it handles quite well and the little twin cylinder liquid cooled engine delivers a surprisingly powerful punch when called upon. Mission accomplished, now where are all those Honda Dreams? (next on the bucket list)

by Greg Kendall

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More Pictures from Perimiteritis





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