

MARCH 94

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Well, would you believe it, we've actually had some sunshine and I know Ray Houde has licensed his Harley already. It is once again "Riding Time" and bikes will be out on the road--correction--are out on the road again.

Anyway, at the March meeting Ray Houde, Dennis Robidoux, John Krahn, Mike Baraschuk, Attila Koppanyi, Ed Pauch, Bert Bentley, Keith Freeman, Irv Loewen and yours truly were present. We had a lot of fun although we did not talk much about motorcycles. It seemed as if the conversation was mainly about politics and how we are getting the shaft vis-a-vis insurance premiums. We did discuss the printing of a poster to foster membership. Myself to do a mock-up. Another thing we might wish to pursue is a suitable location for our monthly meetings. The MMC Clubhouse is O.K. for spring, summer & early fall, but it is generally felt (both literally & figuratively) to be too cold for the winter months. Please put on your thinking caps & see if you can think of something which would be suitable for a nominal rent.

PLEASE NOTE on your phone lists 2 small but important amendments. Mike Baraschuk does not need a "1" before his number if dialed from "The Peg".

Ed Koppanyi - number is 889-7612

Ed Maisey - number is incorrect--his apologies but he prefers to have his number unlisted for the present

Dennis Robidoux - correct number is 256-8960

John Whyte - add business number 257-4223

I note with some horror that I have not issued a proper newsletter since December last year, so I owe you a good one. I'll try and cover events in sequence from that cold date to the present. In January we had our Ladies Night courtesy of Ray & Doreen Houde. It's a pity it was so cold but those that turned out had a very pleasant evening. They were Denis Robidoux, Sig Klann, Jim Harrison, Irv Loewen, Ed & Kathy Pauch and their son Allan and myself & my wife, Doreen. Pizza & chicken were ordered in and provided courtesy of the Club. This is a good idea and should be followed up with a repeat each year.

We had received an acknowledgement from the Heart Foundation re our contribution in memory of Irene Robbins and we had a nice card from Tiny & Family. As some of you know Tiny has not been too well himself and a call or a visit might be welcome, but you should call first.

As you are all, (or should be), aware dues are due & payable to our Money Man Maisey. The amount is still \$20 and if you are unable to attend a meeting, send to the address on the Masthead.

There was a 55 TRIUMPH T100 - 500 CC & SPARE MOTOR FOR SALE. Call Gord Boak 256-8107. Try it, it may still be there. Also, a 1971 NORTON COMMANDO - plus extra parts. Call Ray 254-4675.

At this meeting some members did pay their dues and the treasurer announced that our balance was \$1,761.93.

Elections were held as follows:

Moved: That the slate of club officers remain the same for 1994. Moved by Sig Klann, seconded by Bert Bentley. Carried.

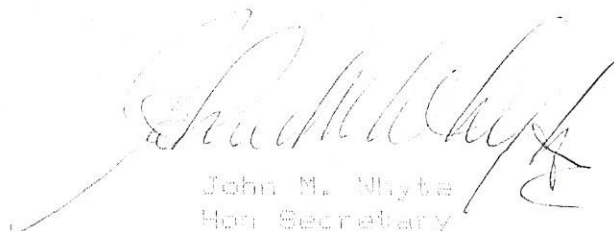
That was it! If you don't agree, tough. "You shoulda bin ther".

I missed the February meeting myself as I was in the middle of the annual Autopac scramble. You may be pleased to hear that next February (1995) will be the last year we have this annual insanity. They plan to move the anniversary date of your Autopac to 4 months after your birthday. ie - if you were born 18th April, your Autopac will be due August.

So that's it for club news other than to say that I had the pleasure of visiting with Irv Loewen and he is currently working on an Indian. At the same time & in the same place Bert Bentley is busy putting together an LE VELOCETTE the "NODDY BIKE". If anyone else is fettling a bike, let me know and I will report on it. I have finally completed my 1972 BSA lighting having cured the "Xmas tree" effect of the lighting. Would you believe she started 3rd kick! Then I discovered a primary chain case oil leak. Then I discovered a leaking gas tap. Then I discovered a blown cylinder head gasket. Then I discovered a punctured float in the R.H.S. carburetor. Such are the joys of motorcycling. But, oh my goodness, she runs nice!

Well, gentlemen (and others), that's about it. Our April meeting will be next Monday, the 25th, 7:30 P.M. at the MMC Clubhouse on Forrester Avenue, St. Vital. Bring out a potential new member & we'll buy him a cup of coffee.

Hopefully I'll have a poster mock-up for you.

  
John M. Whyte  
Hon Secretary



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G'Day Gents (and others), as they say in Oz (Australia).

Summer is upon us and the bikes are up and running again, lovely sound.

Last months meeting was attended by Jim Harrison, Mike Baraschuk, Ray Houde, Jim Gold, Irv Loewen, Bill Smerchanski, Keith Freeman and myself.

Mike Baraschuk kindly put on a slide show featuring shots taken back in 1988 at the DEELEY MOTORCYCLE MUSEUM in Vancouver. The shots were mostly of Harleys & Indians, but oh! my, they were beautiful pictures. Thanks Mike.

Going around those present, we find that Bill Smerchanski is working on a 1942 Harley 45 WLC which is about 1/2 to 2/3 finished. He needs headlights and an ignition switch. Jim Gold is sitting back and enjoying the scenery. Keith is rebuilding a 1969 BSA A65 Lightning. He needs to do this to keep his wife happy (we always wondered about Keith). Mike B. is working on a Briggs & Stratton lawnmower. Maybe he's trying to keep his wife happy, too. Ray Houde confined himself to putting new plugs in his Harley. Now it won't go at all. Jim Harrison is doing things to his BMW. Nothing kinky--just a new exhaust system. Knowing BMW prices, that should leave him broke for the year!

Some folks say good old John Whyte. Others tell the truth. Having completed one BSA A65, I am now working on 2 more. One is a 1970 Firebird Scrambler which will be stock. The second, for my son, is powered by a 1970 Firebird motor, but will be a "Special", probably in the CAFE RACER genre. I do these things to keep my wife happy--the less she sees of me the happier she is!

Jim H. is developing our membership drive poster and I have given him the benefit of my unwanted opinion, but he'll probably do a good job anyway.

For those of you who enjoy reading the British cycle magazines, the new Canadian distributor is now GORDON & GOTCH PERIODICALS INC., 110 JARDIN DRIVE, UNIT 11, CONCORD, ONT. L4K 4R4. Phone (905) 669-2368 or FAX (905) 669-3654 who, without saying so in so many words, are promising a slightly better price and better service.

This letter goes out early to advise you of the CMMG (Coalition of Manitoba Motorcycle Groups) SWAP MEET and SOCIAL on 28th MAY at LE RENDEZVOUS, 768 TACHE. Doors open at Noon. This event is to raise funds primarily to fight the atrocious prices charged by Autopac for our insurance. Please give your support.

Winnipeg Harley Riders Association has published their Open Events for 1994. A copy is enclosed.

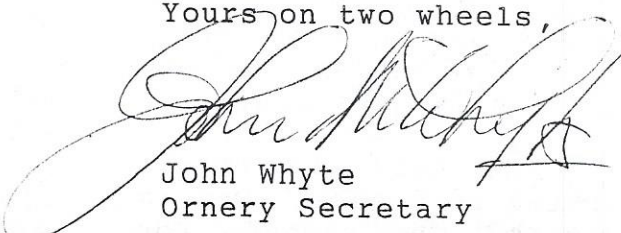
Jim H. is organizing a June run to Island Park in Portage. Details at next meeting which is on MONDAY, 30th MAY, 7:30 p.m. MMC Clubhouse.

Our moneyman, Ed Maisey was not present so we don't know if we are broke or not. We can't be, because I collected 3 annual subs in the amount of \$60 total.

One last comment is that Jim Harrison was all of a dither about the details of a hybrid ARIEL which has been built in Holland by some enthusiast there. It is apparently a V twin. What next, you say. Indeed it is a question to ponder.

Anyway, that's all the rubbish for this month. Don't forget, if you want to see your name in print, you "gotta be there". Come on out, we enjoy your company. What about some of you guys, who get our letter each month, but haven't been out in a dog's age? Goodness me, I don't think I've met some of you and I've been a member for all of three years!

Yours on two wheels,



John Whyte  
Ornery Secretary

P.S. I almost forgot to mention Irv Loewen who is busy in the bowels of his home redeveloping a beautiful Indian. It is going to be a real "red" Indian when completed.



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JUNE, 1994

Midsummers Day Already! Thank goodness I did not have, like Shakespeare, a midsummer nights' dream! The only dream I had was of a fate most foul at the hands of our membership if I did not get this letter out!

It seems as if every time I suggest that members come to meetings people stay away in droves. Our May meeting saw the magnificent seven in attendance.

Ray Houde - on his Harley, the only bike there.

Ed Wiebe - nice to see him out.

Irv Loewen - who is shining up his A.J.S. in an attempt to win 1st junior prize at the Viking Chapter Meet of A.M.C.A. this month.

Bert Bentley - is firing up his trusty Le Velocette in a valiant attempt to win 1st senior prize at same meet for the "noddly bike".

Mike Barashuk - whose lawn mower and wife are now in fine fettle--it needed a new condenser (the lawnmower, not his wife).

Jim Harrison - to whom go our sincerest condolences on the passing of his father. Jim apologizes for the delay in organizing the run to Portage. I'm sure we forgive him under the circumstances.

Myself - the last of the seven. Still working on a couple of BSA Firebirds.

Other news is that Dave Bjornson has sold his 1946 Indian Chief. Hope it stayed in Canada.

Randy Maunder has moved back to the Peg from Dartmouth. If anybody has an address for him, please advise and I'll send him one of my later newsletters.

Rod Fast has opened his motorcycle repair shop. North-east corner of #1 & #59 - Unit 1 - 1113 Niakwa Road is, I think, the address. Phone number to be advised.

That's all I've got this time round.

Meetings are last Monday of the month -- M.M.C. Clubhouse on Forrester at 7:30 p.m.



John M. Whyte  
Hon. Secretary

## EYEWITNESS REPORTS

As most of us know from unfortunate experience, it is necessary to file accident reports with one's insurance company.

Being charged regularly with abuse and misuse of our language, we can sympathize with those who on their official reports wrote these things (sent to us by a member) that don't quite say what the writers meant to say.

"Coming home, I drove into the wrong house and collided with a tree that I don't have."

"The other car collided with mine without giving warning of its intentions."

"I thought my window was down, but I found out it was up when I put my head through it."

X "I collided with a stationary truck coming the other way."

X "A pedestrian hit me and went under my car."

X "I pulled over from the side of the road, glanced at my mother-in-law and headed over the embankment."

"The telephone pole was approaching, I was attempting to swerve out of its way when it struck the front end."

X "In my attempt to kill a fly, I drove into a telephone pole."

X "I had been driving for 40 years when I fell asleep at the wheel and had an accident."

"To avoid hitting the bumper on the car in front, I struck the pedestrian."

"My car was legally parked as it backed into the other vehicle."

"An invisible car came out of nowhere, struck my car and vanished."

"I told the police that I was not injured, but on removing my hat, found that I had a fractured skull."

"I was sure the old fellow would never make it to the other side of the road when I struck him."

"The pedestrian had no idea which direction to run, so I ran over him."

"I saw a slow-moving, sad-faced old gentleman as he bounced off the roof of my car."

"I was thrown from my car as it left the road. I was later found in a ditch by some stray cows."