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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Nominations for the Club executive are being made at the meeting this month. It would be good for the Club if we had a number of nominees for the various offices. Some people have carried on in their present positions for several years. Some people have been doing more than one job. Anyone interested in being nominated please come to the next meeting or let someone who is attending know of your interest.

Jim ("I want great membership participation and I want it right now!") Harrison.

(P.S. We wouldn't want to see old "Spoke Snapper" Harrison blow a fuse now would we?)

AMCM meeting notes (or scribblings from the pen of Ed Pauch.)

1)Nominations for executive will be next meeting. Now is the time to decide if the Club lives or dies.(!)

Gosh, strong stuff indeed. "Lives or Dies" has sort of an attention grabbing ring about it though, doesn't it? I suppose Ed has a very valid point here. It seems the Club has been languishing in the doldrums as it were, becalmed in the Torrid Zone etc. etc. If we do really want the club to carry on it is about time we all made an effort to try to make the club better serve it's members, otherwise there is no reason for it's existence. The best way to do this is to come out to a meeting and either offer your helpful opinions, or better yet, join the executive and help the club with new blood and ideas. It is after all what you make it and unless you try to change it there's no use in moaning about how it should be or would be if you were in charge!

2)Next meeting is November 28, same venue.

For those of you with short memories such as myself, this will be at the Woodhaven CC. This really is quite a nice spot, warm and dry and with real flush toilets! There is a kitchen and Coffee can be made, and if we're lucky, maybe doughnuts too!

3)A cabinet is available on-site for the club library.

Woopee, new reading material for those long dark evenings. Do we have a library list that could be published in the newsletter so we would all know what rare volumes are contained in the hallowed cardboard boxes of the collection?

4)A proposal has been made to have a late Christmas party for the January meeting.

And why not indeed! If not Christmas, it must be a holiday or celebration somewhere in the world, and when it comes to having

fun, the reason is not all that important.

5) Discussions of the possible name change are scheduled for the next meeting. "Vintage" has been suggested instead of "Antique".

Personally I like the idea of changing the name. "Antique" sounds like something you'd read in a want ad for a 1977 Chevy Vega in the Free Press want ads. Antique to me applies better to something from the 'teens or earlier, and we don't have many bikes that old in the club, especially ones that come to a meeting. Alternately we could have a complete break with tradition and call ourselves "The Southern Manitoba River Wideners Benevolent Society" (SMRWBS).

6) Ross Metcalf was to bring a video player and tapes. Even Siggi brought a tape (Debbie on a Douglas?) Where was Ross and the Boob tube? Maybe next meeting.

Yeah, I had my popcorn and everything!.

7) Club finances are approximately \$1800, less payables of approximately \$125.

What! All that money and I can't even get paid for my printing and postage costs! (I take that back, I got paid yesterday..) With all that money I can think of a great way to promote club membership, FREE BEER at all club functions! Just kidding, actually, and a slightly more serious note, why on earth do we have so much money in the bank? If the club funds are for the benefit of the club and we have that much money, why would we even discuss "should we have a Christmas party"?? It doesn't do the club a bit of good to have a fat bank account. The money should be to enhance club life, be that free coffee, doughnuts or a Xmas party. People aren't going to join or stay with the club because it has \$1800 in the bank now, are they?

8) Newsletter is costing \$22 per month. Is this good value? (P.S. I think it is)

Well, the way I figure it, those club members who never come, or are unable to come to the meetings wouldn't have much reason for joining if there was no newsletter. A larger membership is good for all of us. More contacts for buying and selling parts, people to visit while riding around out in the wild blue yonder, items for the newsletter etc. etc. As long as we don't lose money sending out newsletters then definitely the more the merrier!

9) Based on U.S. action prices provided by Bert Bentley, soon none of us will be able to afford old bikes. Tiny's Vincent is on it's way to Dallas (for Debbi?).

Let's face it, we would be better off if old bikes were cheap and of little interest to most, that is if you enjoy riding and working on them. On the other hand I suppose, for a person who is

a "Collector", they are simply items of value much like stamps or art. Lets be realistic, an old bike that wouldn't pull the skin off a rice pudding, that leaks oil, is noisy and starts only be the physical effort of the rider is not worth eight to ten thousand dollars. Unfortunately the people who are paying the big bucks for motorcycles are the better off among society, and we don't see many of them riding out to a club meeting or doughnut shop. The long and the short will be as more and more bikes fall into the hands of collectors, the more seldom we will see them, unless you attend museums and mall shows!

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East Coast News?

I've received a note from the new membership person (Dave Goddard) in the Atlantic Vintage Motorcycle Society (AVMS) who has written a glowing report on the Atlantic Vintage TT races which unfortunately I missed since we moved a month before the event. The AVMS ran the swap meet, judging for the display bikes and the mini tour for attendees at the event. They did not get as many souls as they wanted, however a turnout of over a thousand is not bad for a first event. Dave bought a restored 1972 Laverda SF from me and he reports it has given trouble free service this summer. It was a gorgeous red Italian speedster, however I've discovered that thrilling though it is, I enjoy an older bike for the quirks and character. I have been able to scare myself sufficiently with about 23 HP and one cylinder!

Apology section

Sorry this newsletter is late. With owning two houses, building shelves to store rubble, moving boxes, fixing heating systems, long days at work, two bands to play in during the week and concerts coming up it got put off and put off due to something more pressing always seeming to demand attention.

Randy

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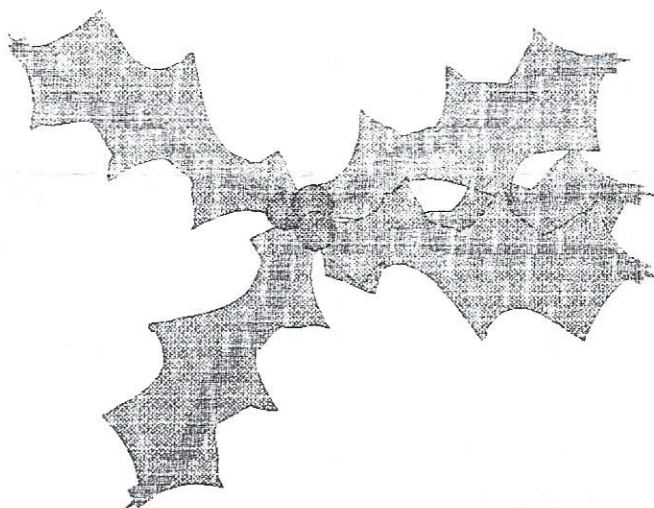
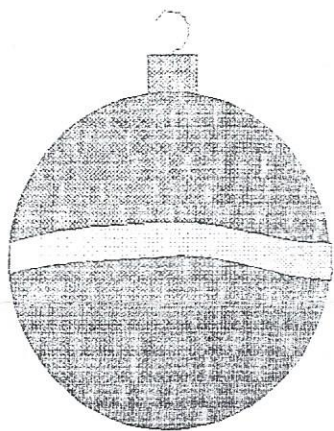
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Merry Christmas!



Seasons Greetings and a Happy New Year to all!

Well, our November meeting was a lonely affair. Possibly due to a combination of people not getting their newsletter in time and/or being busy preparing for the holiday season. Also the October meeting was delayed into November so people may not have been thinking of the meeting coming up so soon. Of the five of us who turned out, some think there is not enough interest in the club to keep it going. It is the only locally based club of this sort and dissolving it would reduce the possibility of people having a use for their antique licence plate as well as a possible reduction of social contact amongst the people still active in it.

Possible actions to rejuvenate the club have been discussed numerous times. These would include placing posters in the shops and other places (I have a made up a poster) and advertising in some of the local "buy and sell" types of publications. What has to happen is for someone to put these plans into action. I am still willing to pursue this but need some support from the membership. Some members disagree but myself and some other members feel that a name change would benefit our club. I feel that this should be undertaken in conjunction with the membership drive. I propose we rename the club the "Historical Motorcycle Society of Manitoba" or for a broader appeal "Prairie Historical Motorcycle Society". This could combat perceptions that our club caters only to a narrow range of interest in old motorcycles. The above sort of name would also reflect on one of our stated aims which is to encourage preservation of all things pertaining to the history of motorcycling, especially in the local area.

On the subject of club support, I have records of ten paid up members for '94. Our executive now consists of myself and John Whyte as directors. Fortunately our two signatures are enough to keep writing cheques etc. as necessary.

Those who had previously expressed a willingness to take over the treasurer's position have since declined. Seeing as how the last meeting was such a bust, we'll have to see what happens in January. It has been decided to have the next meeting in January as people will probably be busy with the activities of the holiday season in December. The meeting will likely be booked for _____. (For the next meeting date, you'd best phone Jim at 837-9093)

On the subject of the newsletter, members were charged an extra amount for postage by the post office. It turns out that unless the newsletter is mailed in an envelope it is regarded as non-standard by the post office. We had previously gotten away with 43c. My newsletter copy took about two weeks to reach me. I suppose I should feel lucky to get it as the post office could have returned it to our editor instead. In the future, to keep

Canada Snail Mail happy our editor has pledged to use envelopes. I haven't decided on it yet, but I may also request our hon. editor to stand up and sing the "I'm sorry about the newsletter" song at our next meeting.

Jim Harrison.

Editors note.

As I mentioned in the Nov. newsletter, I am sorry that the newsletter was late last month, but this is probably the most time consuming job in the club and requiring the most running around, typing up the newsletter, getting stamps, copying, making labels, folding, stapling and posting. In day to day activities, the newsletter isn't quite on top of my list of worries. I suppose there might have been a better turn out at the last meeting if I had gotten the newsletter out a little earlier, and was able to mind read just what the post office would do, however with a paid up membership of ten, five is half of the members! There may have been a better turn out, but I hardly think we would have run out of seating room.

As for the name change, I think "The Historical Motorcycle Society of Manitoba" sounds incredibly stuffy. Aren't we more a group of old farts who just like to get together now and then for a ride on an old motorcycle and a bit of fun, rather than a group that pours over old mouldy newspaper clippings and dusty photographs? It seem the club is more struggling for survival rather than in a good situation to start an archive.

And as for getting up and singing "I'm sorry about the Newsletter" at the next meeting, I don't remember Jim doing a song and dance routine when he forgot it was a meeting night and failed to show up and unlock the clubhouse! (Come to think of it, that was a nice summer evening and there were only four members in attendance!)

Randy

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I thought I could use this story which I will print out in installments as space permits. Here is the first issue!

Diary from Turkey, Iran and Pakistan
(translated from Danish from "Touring Nyt")
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The 19th. of December 1984, Lene Porup and Stig Rasmussen decided to take an extended tour by motorcycle. They left Sept. 15 1985 with plans to visit Asia, Australia and North America before they returned home. After a lengthy stay in Israel they found themselves in Turkey the second last day of March 1986.....

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After seven days on the highway we changed our underwear and had a bath. But we had to pay 2700tl (\$6) for this luxury, a dirty little hotel room but with lots of hot water.

The last three nights we had stayed in the tent at what previously had been a camp ground on a beach with nothing that resembled a toilet or a water tap. Water was carried from a spring in an old rusty oil can and we broke in the spade. Now it's only the compass we haven't had use for yet, but it won't be long, we turned the map upside-down once.

The three days went quietly and peacefully. We washed a few clothes, enjoyed the good weather the first day and the bad weather the two next days. It cost nothing to stay here and it was nice to be completely free of tourists. All of our "neighbors" were friendly and generous, we got pots full of turkish tea. Stig got used to it but I still suffer from nausea if I drink more than two cups. We got home-made yogurt, freshly caught fish and warm milk also. That fell in well with our budget, we have caught the saving bug.

The day started at 3 am. with grumbling and yells. Stig had fought an hour to get out of the horrible rubber bed with a terrible kink in his neck, I had forgotten to close the window before we went to bed. Finally, the day to telephone the embassy in Ankara. We didn't really think the visa was ready, but aha, finally! The consul got knots in his tongue trying to pronounce our names, but it was them. We could pick up the visas on Wednesday, so we had waited seven weeks.

The way from Bartın to Kastamonu is unbelievably beautiful. We drove 80 km. along a river without passing a single town, however the Turkish spring and their old-fashioned farms gave us a very romantic impression of the area. We had found a wonderful spot in nature. But more than that, was that not animals outside the tent? 300 meters below us flowed the river and we could hear an owl hooting. It is now 10 pm. Thanks for the day!

We awoke to a wonderful warm morning at our little homey spot. We started the day the usual way, and just like in Denmark, we enjoyed it a little too long. It was 10:30 before we got away. Before we rode off I sewed up the tent with some string and the chain was lubricated - it's almost a half meter too long.

Today we shall go on the big sight-seeing tour in Caniki