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Minutes of the August 29th meeting

The meeting was called to order by our venerated leader Jim "Spoke snapper" Harrison. Jim notes on the scrawl I received, that "there were nine people present plus the president" (I for one am willing to give Jim the benefit of the doubt and say there were 10 people present). Jim also notes that the bikes in attendance were 1 Triumph, 1 Ducati 250 (I guess Mike has fitted an undersize piston?), 1 Classic, attractive Honda 450, 1 Yamaha and a Aermacchi sprint. There was some discussion on current topics when Jim got off on a rather sour note about the "Present antique plumbing". Someone pointed out that even though none of us were as young as we used to be we thought it a rather low blow to start critiquing our incontinence. Things brightened up however, when it was pointed out that it was rather the MMC Club house that was under discussion and not the assembled members bodily functions. Ed Pauch had told Jim that he had approached the Woodhaven Community Club, in fact I believe, he not only approached it but went inside as well! We would be able to hold our monthly meetings there (\$10 per evening), all except for Halloween. It seems odd that many AMCM members are still going out for Halloween, but there you go. Wrong again, as it turned out it was due to the possibility of the Centre being used on that evening only by another group. There is a canteen there so hot beverages and snacks would be available. There was a show of hands and 7 for and 2 "not sure" resulted in Jim deciding to get in touch with Ed to make the necessary arrangements (now we know why he's the leader!).

I then spoke out of turn and was promptly made the new magazine editor, funny how these things happen, but all is not lost since Ed Pauch has offered to give me a hand (I hope that's not a hand as in applause). In a fit of gratitude I offered to host a "social evening" on the Tuesday (Sept. 20th.) after the Corn roast. This will consist of about 150 or so slides of various motorcycles, quite a few of which are from European runs. Coffee and Tea will be served! Check elsewhere for the announcement.

It was noted that the Corn Roast had been brought up at the last CVMG meeting and that quite a few people seemed to think it would be a good idea to attend, let's hope we get a good turnout! There was some inconclusive discussion regarding a longer ride to the Corn Roast, possibly through Stonewall (to be decided on the day?). With this the meeting fell to bits and was quickly adjourned followed by chatter and coffee. I discovered how Ray does such a brisk trade in coffee, as my cup had a hole in the bottom!.

In absence of the Secretary..your temp

Randy Maunder

A.M.C.M. CORNROAST

SATURDAY, SEPT. 17th, 1994

At: John and Pat Choquette's Road 77N, East Selkirk

Meet at Salisbury House,
Route 90, near Logan Ave.
Time: 12:00, and leave
at 1 o'clock

Road through town
of East Selkirk

Power Station

Hwy 59

1.3 KM

Road 77N (Posted)

3.4 KM

Fun Site!

BRING THE FAMILY!



ALSO:



COMING SOON!

Gala Evening! 150 Rare and Exquisite Motorcycle slides!!!

Accompanied by hot beverages and gay banter!!!

VENUE: 2 KINGSTON ROW, ST. VITAL

TIME: 7:30PM, TUESDAY, SEPT 20TH

INFO-LINE: 237-6670

NOTE: THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE WOODHAVEN COMMUNITY CLUB! Where is it you may ask? Turn south off Portage avenue onto Woodhaven Blvd. which as we all know, is out in St James. Follow Woodhaven to Wooddale, turn left 1 block and you're there. Ed assures me "You can't miss it!".

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EDITORS BLURB

It seems that for better or worse, you are stuck with me as your new editor. Ed Pauch has offered his aid and assistance so hopefully the task will not turn out to be too arduous. Having just moved, everything is still a little topsy-turvy so I hope you can bear with a somewhat erratic start to the newsletter. To make matters worse, we may be moving again in short order!

As for the club, it seems we have become a rather moribund lot and I hope we can breathe a little fresh air into the club and get things rolling on a bit healthier note. To this end I thought we could try a somewhat more social evening of a collection of slides which I have collected over not a few years. These will include 2 AJS\Matchless Rallies, one from Holland and one from Germany as well as some from the Skagen Run in Denmark. This is limited to maximum 150 bikes with the cut-off year for entry of 1932. Plus a few other odds and ends which I can't remember. This will take place at our place on Tuesday, Sept. 20. See the notice elsewhere. You are also welcome to have a look in the garage, but I'll warn you that a single car garage with the contents of a double garage and workshop jammed into it does not allow you to see a whole lot. You should get a peek at an original 1936 AJS 350 with high level pipe however, and various other jumble..

Scheduling more of these evenings I think would be a great way to try and get together a little more often for fun, help, encouragement, commiseration and so on. I for one feel we should make an effort to schedule a minimum of 6 to 8 regular club events/runs next year. It costs nothing and we certainly aren't going to get people coming out if there are not events scheduled. If they have to be shifted one way or the other so be it, in any case this will provide with something to do during the season

I had thought of expanding the newsletter somewhat into at least a two 8 1/2 x 11 page item and possibly more. How do members feel about this? Let us know. This would hopefully allow for some stories of club events, technical articles and some excerpts from a few magazines. I'm very open to ideas so do let us know.

Randy Maunder

UNCOMING IMPORTANT EVENT!

Frozen Nuts Run? (you have to be nuts to go and you'll be frozen when you get back). There was a suggestion at the last meeting regarding a run after the Corn Roast and after a word with Ed Pauch, we decided to hold a run the week end after the Corn Roast on the Sunday. So if you care to come on a run, possibly down the old road towards Portage via St Francis Xavier etc. then call Ed Pauch at 832-0255 or myself, Randy, at 237-6670 for details. The cold weather will soon be coming so lets make the best of the remainder of the riding season.

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Post script!

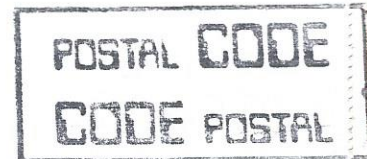
~~Those who missed the meeting didn't get to hear a few of Ray Houde's great stories about running a delivery service with a Harley Servicar - including all winter! One was where he had torn the box off while negotiating his way between 2 other vehicles whilst in a hurry.~~

FLOG MARKET:

Have a lot of extra Royal Enfield mechanical stuff, mainly 700 Meteor. Also have AJS/Matchless odds & ends. Some new (x-Firth) rings, bearings, valve springs, pistons for AJS/M & Enfield. New headlamp mount ears for AJS/M, twin cylinder crankcases. Looking for gear shift mechanism that mounts outside a Burman and converts from hand to foot shift. Ph. Randy 237-6670

For absolutely no cash outlay your advert could appear here! You can reach your friendly editor by telephone at 237-6670 or in this high tech age, you can also fax me at the same number. So if you have something interesting for the newsletter, send it in. By mail if you wish: Randy Maunder, 2 Kingston Row, Winnipeg, Man. R2M 0S6

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President's Note

It was a pleasure to attend the annual Corn Roast held by John and Pat Choquette. I extend thanks and appreciation from myself and the rest of the membership to John and Pat (would you want a similar crowd on your front lawn!? ed.). Various guests and members brought over a dozen bikes to the event. The weather was beautiful and the corn was delicious. I took my ES2 to the event making use of my "Antique" licence plate.

It may be worth substituting the word "vintage" for the word "antique" in our club name as I have had to assure some people that their machine would be appropriate at our events. In some cases the machine in question was close to thirty years old, the age at which an antique plate could be used to register it.

Our September meeting was held at Woodhaven Community Club. This location should be a real asset to the club. The next meeting will be held there on Nov. 1st., a Tuesday, as Monday, Oct. 31 is Halloween and the space isn't available then.

The end of the riding season is near. I haven't ridden much this year but have put the '46 Ariel back on the road for a short while. Hopefully I will get the Ariel freshened up this winter and get something done to the Norton too.

Thanks to Randy and Lene for the slide show and tasty snacks on Sept. 20th.

Jim Harrison (our venerated leader)

Our esteemed secretary, John Whyte couldn't make the meeting so Ed Pauch and myself wrote up notes for the minutes. It shows what a good job John does when it takes two to do the job in his absence!

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Minutes of the Sept. 26 meeting

The first meeting of the AMCM at the new venue of the Woodhaven CC was held on Sept. 26. Doughnuts were served by our attractive server Ross Metcalf with verve and flair that only he could muster. \$6 was made on the doughnuts! As the canteen was not yet open the inventive members present availed themselves of the kitchen facilities and the one of the cleverer members of the group were able to find out where the water came from and made a fine pot of coffee. There was also a drink dispensing machine standing in attendance.

The meeting ensued informally with a topic of discussion of swelling the ranks of membership and expanding the activities of the club (ed. considering the plethora of events this last year, is it possible?). An idea in that vein was a swap meet and show and shine in 1995 with posters in the local shops. Ed Pauch agreed to approach the CC executive regarding a storage area for

club property such as the library and club equipment. The agreement to use the CC the next four months has been signed and the rent has been advanced for Sept. to Dec. The new meeting was well received by those present. Jim Harrison has asked to be reimbursed as soon as convenient by the club. It was mentioned that the club could use a treasurer. Those interested please contact Jim Harrison at 837-9093.

Jim also mentioned that the club owes the MMC for the last four months of use of their clubhouse (\$60). This money should be forwarded to Jim ASAP (Jim is the MMC treasurer).

Ross brought some ancient carburettors and the assembled throng (ancient members?) had good fun trying to identify them. Next month a video of Davenport has been promised (is that beautiful downtown Davenport of some motorcycle event that takes place in the surrounding area?). As at this meeting, members are welcome to bring a strange part to "thump..oops..stump the panel" show it off (the part!) or ask for advice. Those at the meeting were Mike Baraschuk, Jim Harrison, Dave Johnson, Siggi Klann, Irv Loewen, Ross Metcalf and Ed Pauch.

Notes by Jim H. and Ed P.

NOTE! The next meeting at Woodhaven CC will be Tuesday, November 1, 7:30

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Let there be light!

Joe Lucas (AKA Prince of Darkness) blessed most English motorcycles with a 6 volt electrical system having limited capacity. An oft asked question at meetings is how to get decent lights.

There are a number of methods, but the most successful seems to be converting to 12 volts. This allows the old electrons to squeeze through the wires and be less effected by poor connections. OK, but what's the best way?

Converting most bikes is quite easy, as there are no fussy electronics to worry about. The battery is replaced, and can be hidden in a plastic copy of the Lucas case (guess what, I happen to sell them!) (ed. can this man be trusted?). Light bulbs are replaced with 12 volt units and the horn will love 12 volts, making louder noises and probably lasting just as long, unless you are impatient in traffic all the time. The amp meter is able to handle 12 volts and so are the fuses.

Only the charging system is a problem. There are a number of methods to get 12 volts out of the generator, but the fact remains that the old genny will not produce 12 volts till the revs get up quite high (coil ignition and dead battery spell WALK). In my case I had the generator armature rewound with twice

the number of turns of wire, each having 1/2 the AREA of the original. Hot damn, I get 12 volts at decent engine speeds and a 12 volt regulator seems to work very well with original generator field coils.

Comments and questions will be tolerated. Fires and breakdowns are not my fault!

Ed Pauch

Editors comments: Perfectly valid way to convert to 12 volts, the only drawback I can see is the need to rewind the generator and change the regulator. Ed mentioned to me that you could readjust the 6 volt regulator to work at 12 but I don't know if he's tried it. I made a do-it-yourself 12 volt conversion unit (which is simply a 12 volt electronic regulator) and used it on three different bikes, moving it from one bike to the other each time I sold a machine. I never had any problem with it and was actually able to run a 15 watt headlamp bulb on a 36 watt generator. The speed at which the amp-meter would swing over to the charge side in 4th gear was about 36 mph. I never had my battery fail to stay charged in practice. Ed's conversion was on his square four on which the generator poops over at a pretty slow rate which would aggravate the charging rate on a 12 volt conversion unit. Mine was used on AJS and Matchless as well as a Velocette Venom and it could be the generator spins over at a somewhat higher rate of knots on these bikes.

Randy

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What's in a name??

I have heard it mentioned more than once that the name of our fine organization does not really describe the club all that well. The word "Antique" to most people bring something far older than the typical bike ridden by our members. We don't get many bikes from the 1940's ridden to our meets and I don't think a 1940's bike would be called an Antique by members. Some have heard riders wondering if they would be welcome since they ride a bike from the 50'ties and not an antique? The word Vintage would probably far better describe 95% of the bikes in the club. So may I humbly suggest a few new names for consideration should we consider a change in the club name:

Manitoba Vintage Motorcycle Club (MVMC)
Manitoba Vintage Motorcycle Society (MVMS)
Manitoba Vintage and Classic Motorcycle Club (MVCMC)
Vintage Motorcycle Club of Manitoba (VMCM) (Veeum-seeum?)

The words Prairie, Western etc also may come to mind for use in a name. My favorite is the second, how about you!

Randy

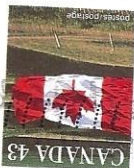
WHRA (Winnipeg Harley Riders Ass.) Swap meet and social (any swapping at the social??). Nov. 12th. 11AM to 4PM at Kildonan Hotel, 2100 Main Street. Social is 8PM to 1AM. Tables \$30 for dealers and \$20 for private individuals. Set up at 9-11AM. If you have only a few parts to sell, they may be left at a consignment table with a 10% commission when sold. Call Wayne Chambers for details at 334-6804.

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