

ANTIQUE MOTORCYCLE CLUB of MANITOBA

1995 OFFICERS

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EDITORS COMMENTS

A brand new year 1995. The Club is in the midst of its mid-winter blues. But in the back of our minds is the thought of spring just around the corner.

Your new executive for the upcoming year includes Jim Harrison as President (again). Siggi Klann as Treasurer, a job he is quite able to handle. Mike Baraschuk as Secretary is also not new on the job and will fit right in. Glad to see Ray Houde as Property Manager which he has done so well in the past. He must be an expert by now. Last but not least your humble servant, Irv Lowen as Editor. Back numbers the RUST 'N PIECES will be a big help in getting the all important Club Magazine back on the road. A good Club Magazine is the key to a thriving Club. We will endeavor to include items from the Club members. Bert Bentley has started us off with his little article on his first motorcycle. More articles are needed for each issue and we must try to increase our general information column. Also wanted and for sale items. We all have surplus stuff in the garage or basement or a bike too many. Lets see your ads to get the project going.

We meet at Woodhaven Community Club. Its a great place, its warm and inviting. A storage room is available wher we could store our library. Anybody care to take on the Librarian? He wouldn't have to cart the books back and forth. We have a lot of good books and I'm sorry to see them not used. This set-up might just change that.

NEXT MEETING

February 28, 1995

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Things seem to be looking up for the club. At our Jan. 1st meeting we had nine people present. Some of them have taken over club positions! To top it all off, a member has paid his dues for '95 !

Speaking of dues, the March newsletter is the last one to be sent to anyone who hasn't renewed their membership by then. Annual dues are still only \$20.00!

On a sad note. Ray Houde's mother has passed away. You have our condolences, Ray.

Jim Harrison

WHAT HAPPENED AT THE MEETING

A vote was taken on whether to change the club name. It was decided to leave it as it is.

Nominations were taken for various executive positions, and votes taken on them.

The 1995 executive is:

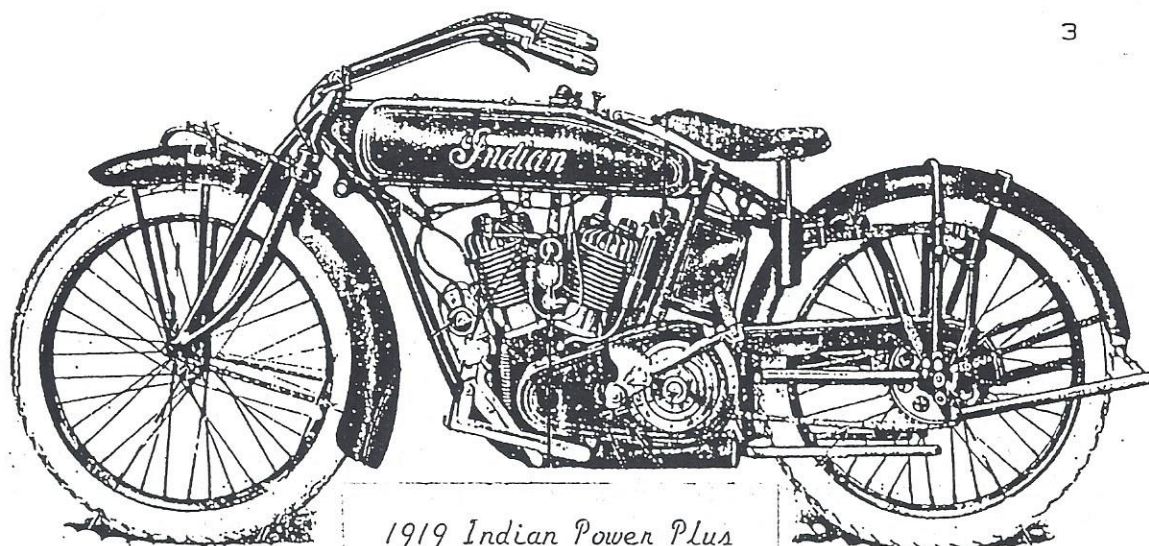
President.....Jim Harrison
 Secretary.....Mike Baraschuk
 Treasurer.....Siggi Klann
 Editor.....Irv Lowen
 Librarian.....Position Open
 Properties.....Ray Houde?

The membership thanks the past club officers for their time and efforts.

Other subjects discussed included setting up a calendar of events, including weekly events. The evening was then finished off with a slide show, of motorcycles, by Mike Baraschuk.

There was one guest present, Bill Watt. Bill rides a minty 750 Honda automatic, and rode out to our last corn roast.

Jim



1919 Indian Power Plus

MOTORCYCLE MATTERS

By Bert Bently

How many of you can recall your entry into our wonderful Motorcycle Hobby ?

My memories start in May 1925 in Calgary, Alberta. I was now 16 years old and could drive a car or motorcycle. For years I had been an ardent bicycle rider and didn't have much interest in cars.

My Dad heard of a motorcycle for sale and I followed up the lead. All motorcycles were a mystery to me and this had led me to a very old YALE. A big twin, belt drive and it was very impressive. The price was \$50.00. I was working for Marshall Wells Hardware Co. and I was making \$12.00 per week. Had managed to pile up a fortune of about \$50.00. I decided to look around.

Off to the Harley Davidson shop I went. WOW!! A dark green Harley about 1920. Wonderful but \$100.00 ! Away out of reach. There was a great 1919 Indian Power Plus for \$70.00. Formerly used by the Gas Co. with sidecar for meter reading. Also a Model "R" 350cc Douglas. An Indian Model "K" two stroke. An Indian Model "O" flat twin. I tried out the two little Indians, they were OK. The little two stroke sounded like a bell ringing when it was running. Lovely. The little Model "O" ran well but seemed too small. The Douglas ran well and I was scorching along near the Harley shop and braked for a corner OOPS!! no brakes. I had my first crash with no serious damage. My chum loaned me \$20.00 and I bought the Indian Power Plus. It was great and I am now really enjoying watching Irv restoring his Power Plus. Identical to my very first bike. Happy Cornering.

THE FOUNDING OF THE AMCM

by Ross Metcalfe

In the early 1970s, I had purchased a 1941 Indian Sport Scout and began looking for parts. By the mid 70s, I kept hearing about this guy named Siggi Klann who also owned an Indian. I finally caught up with him and we began talking old motorcycles. By 1976 I had talked Bert Bentley into selling me his 1913 Indian Single. Since Siggi and I both liked old motorcycles, we decided to see if there was any more interest out there besides Bert Bentley (who by the way had just sold off about a dozen pre-1920 cycles).

In the fall of 1976 I ran a newspaper advertisement about becoming involved in an old motorcycle club. I ran the ad for several weekends and Siggi lined up the contact to reserve the Rothman's board room on St. James Street (a place we were to call home for 10 years). I received several phone calls from people and I recall being invited over to Len Hardy's house for a visit and saw his fabulous collection of Vincents. Len and I talked and toured his garage and it was evident that he would come out to a meeting that last Monday in January in 1977.

Now you have to remember, Rothman's was in its glory days. They provided Siggi and I with the board room, free coffee and free cigarettes. These would become established traditions each month. After saying a few words in general about the benefits of organizing a club, 16 people paid \$5.00 for a membership and the club was born. In later months, 10 more would join, making our total, 26 members, by December. I was elected president and Siggi was secretary-treasurer and newsletter editor. By January 1978, Siggi had a polished product organized called the Rust n Pieces. Volume I, Number 1 came out as a 4-page magazine. John and Pat Choquette were librarians and we were truly off and running. Posters, runs, badges, crests, plaques- we never seemed to lack activities. Show and tells, film night every second month, a spring run, corn roast and always one or two mall displays. In only our second year, we displayed 10 motorcycles at a large Convention Centre show.

Approximately 18 years ago, I wrote a Constitution whose object and purpose were as follows:

1. To encourage the ownership, use, preservation, restoration and maintenance of classic and antique motorcycles.
2. To organize, cause to be organized, or assist in the organization of rallies, sporting events and other events as may be in the interest of this club.
3. To actively foster the preservation of all records, data, objects, and miscellaneous items pertaining in any way to the history of antique motorcycles and similar associated matters.
4. To provide through its officers and organization such services as may be required by members to further the objectives of the club.

5. To publish a newsletter to be called Rust n Pieces, a publication which shall report upon the activities of the club.

Don't you think that the first clause of our original constitution about sums it all up? I wrote these words a long time ago to basically include anyone who likes motorcycles. We have a great tradition with the original club. Let's rebuild and rejuvenate. As antique and classic bike clubs go around the world, we are oldtimers.

I would like to congratulate Irv for becoming the editor and whether or not you like antique bikes, classics or simply a bike that interested you personally 5 to 10 years ago, come on out to a meeting in the true sense of comaradery. Come out to a meeting with the same interest that Len Hardy did with 1950s bikes, Bert Bentley with 1920s bikes, Fletcher Reid with one bike, Jim Harrison with a special interest in Ariel, and Tim Forrest who did not even own a bike-he just liked them all.

Come on out and join a great old club, now engaged in its 19th year! Take a look at the 16 charter members and the 10 first-year members- most of them still love old motorcycles.

Charter Members:

Ross Metcalfe
Jim Bailey
Tim Forrest
Jim Harrison
Dave Oates
Tiny Robins
Graeme Smith
Stan Townsend

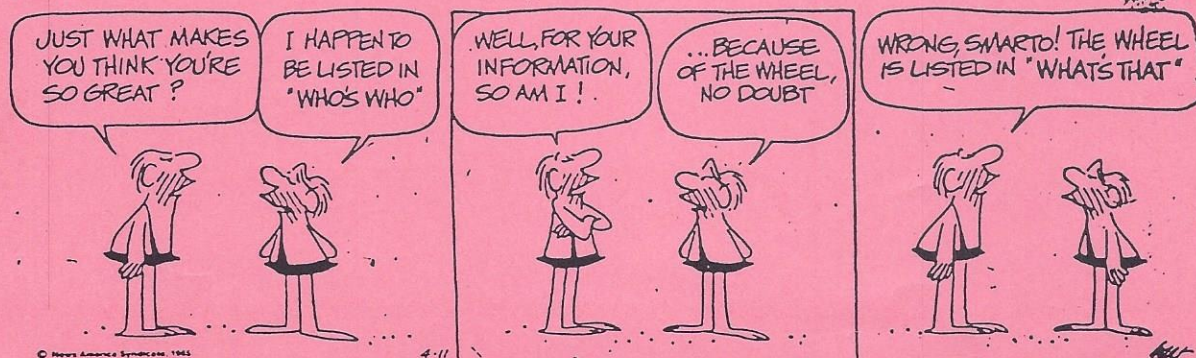
Siggi Klann
Bert Bentley
Len Hardy
Cam Lennerton
Allan Proctor
Fletcher Reid
Barry Seib
Ed Wiebe

First-Year Members:

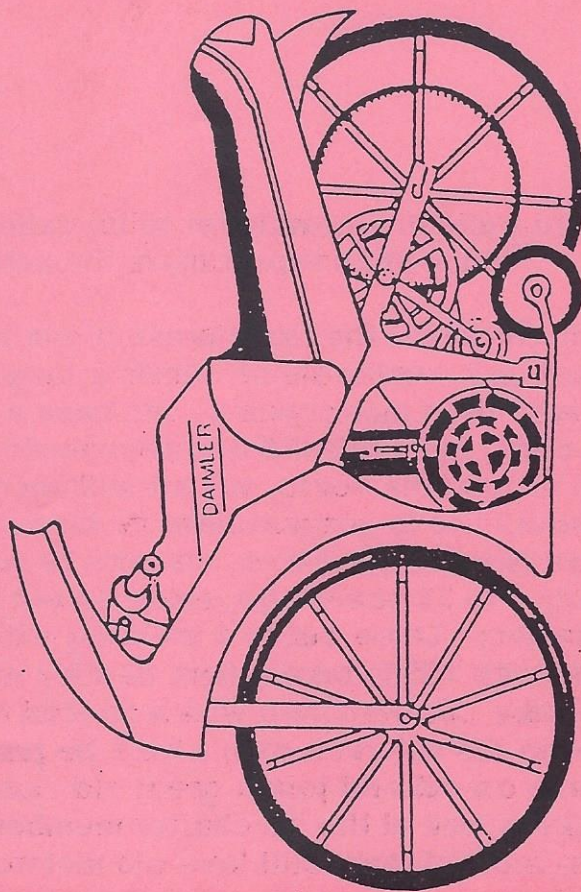
John Choquette
Tom Ellison
Phillip Paterson
Jim Gold
Pat Lannigan

Jake Dyck
Laddie Nos
Jim Simmons
Ray Houde
T.H. Metcalfe

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- Feb 28-95. - Library Auction for March John Whyte
- Barry Seibe?
- ask John Whyte re. subscription to Classic Bike
- Club Incorporated?? (Parker Filmore)