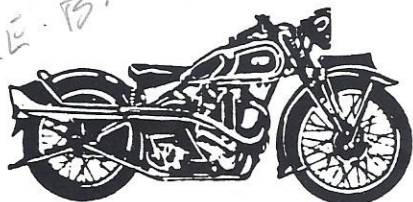


MIKE B.



The 1937 Ariel 500 Red Hunter

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Not a lot to report this month. Something that has turned up in our library is a collection of correspondence from Ben Benson. Ben Benson was a local motorcycle mechanic and inventor. (There is no record of who donated this material to our club.) Mr. Benson designed, manufactured, and sold a hydraulic front fork for Harley-Davidson motorcycles. This was some time before Harley started to fit such an item to their machines. Benson had patented his product when he developed it; consequently, he sued Harley-Davidson when they started to use a similar front fork, without paying him royalties. Anyone out there have any recollections of this business they'd like to share with us?

I am reprinting a letter from an American supplier to Ben Benson, sent during World War Two. Both the American and Canadian governments had various boards to regulate supply and prices of various goods. The War Production Board was a U.S. bureaucracy. Please see over for this.

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I extend my thanks to Mike, our librarian. He continues to supply our newsletter with interesting items. Another member has promised to write up a tale of his youth, for this sterling publication. I look forward to it!

FEB. 27 MTG. AT TINY'S

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@ 7:30 P.M.

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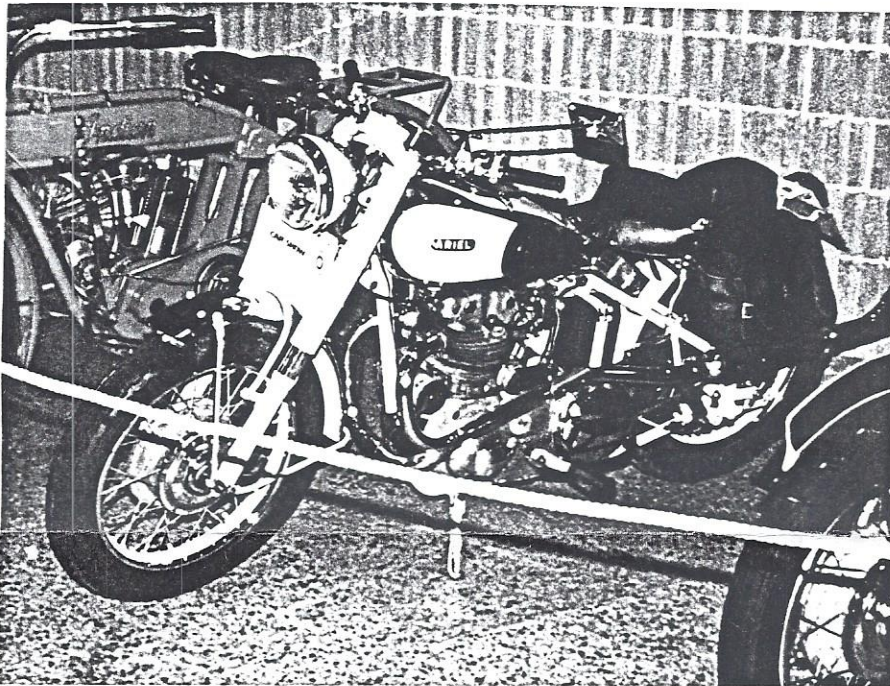
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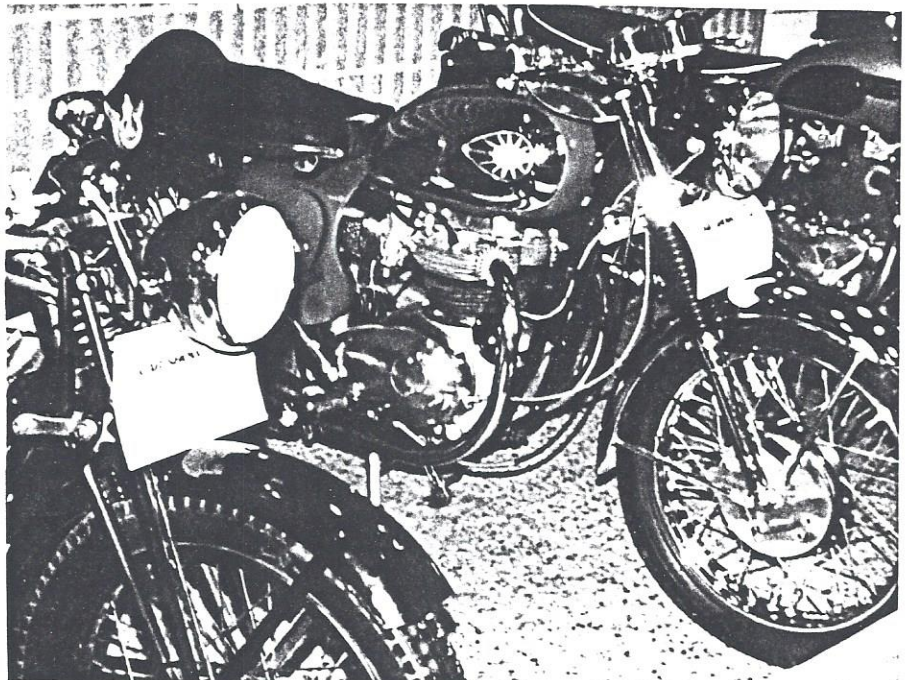
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MORE PICTURES OF MEMBERS'
BIKES. AT THE SHOW



Left, A. Pauch's
1953 Ariel K.H.



Right, the Freeman's
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Minutes of A.M.C.M. Jan. 30/96

Eight of us showed up for the Jan. meeting despite the cold temperatures. Ray had club articles for sale to members. Ziggy collected the membership dues for the year. Only 20.00 dollars.

An election was not necessary this year as the current officers agreed to stand for another year.

The 20. year anniversary is coming up and we discussed a number of events to hold; such as a Barbecue, Swap Meet, Show and Shine, or a combination. Locations suggested were the Woodhaven C.C. grounds or Bird's Hill Park. Stay tuned as we work out the event.

WE all enjoyed extra large coffees before we closed the meeting.

DUES ARE DUE, DON'T FORGET, PLEASE.
NEXT MEETING FEBR. 27. 96

Submitted by Mike, the Bike.

BOOKWORM.....

The Bookworm has completed his library inventory of the hard-cover and most of the mags. He is persueing the absent ones. Please call if you want to see anything in particular at a meeting.

The Bookworm has decided to offer TWO tickets to a movie for the best answers to the quiz that was in the last two newsletters. Bring or mail your answers. Remember the line.... You can't win without a ticket, so you just have to try this.....