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Meeting Notice

Next meeting is at Woodhaven Community Club, 7.30 PM
Meeting date: MARCH 30, 1999
Next month: APRIL 27, 1999

President's Note

I had to work an evening shift so I missed the meeting and swap night. I hope it was good for those that attended.

I thank the existing executive for volunteering for another year. Ed P says he wants a break after this year. I hear you, Eddy, and I feel your pain! It would be nice to see some others get involved as club officers. Mike, our secretary and librarian is taking comfort in that he still has lots to read.

Bert Bentley thanks us for his honorary membership. He says he is very proud to be a member of our club. Well, we're proud to have you as a member, Bert!

Dave Hebert has rejoined as a member, so add him to your roster, phone number is 204-785-8325. It was be nice to see him and his wife out at the January meeting.

↑ Judy

I regularly receive the Coalition of Manitoba Motorcycle Groups newsletter. The latest information from it is about the ongoing campaign to improve the motorcycle insurance system in Manitoba, and it is reprinted in this newsletter. I am republishing last month's photos as they didn't come out very well. There is no cost to the club for the second printing of that page.

Jim H

Upcoming Events

No club events scheduled at this time.

World of Wheels is coming in April (I think) *APRIL 2nd THROUGH 4TH*

Tin Lizzie show - May

Antique car swap meet May 15,16

J.H.

Editors Note

Time to climb on the soap box.

Bert Bentley is quite correct in saying that this is a great club. Most members are long timers and many ex's are rejoining. We need to keep it a great club, and we need your help. The executive is in need of overhaul, we are running out of ideas. Being on the executive is not a great deal of work but challenges you to keep things fresh.

Clubs such as the AMCM are a very unusual animal.

In business, we all know who is in charge, and who is responsible for what. In clubs, everyone is an equal and responsibility is taken on without the corresponding authority. A delicate balance of tact and diplomacy is required to keep things happening.

I, for one, don't have a good touch for that, comes from being in industry for many years. Jim does a great job, and I know he would like to see someone else take over for a while.

Another challenge with clubs is the degree of formality at meetings. Some members like a very structured format, while some want a totally informal structure. I feel that the proper approach is in between, and I would like to see a bit more structure at the meetings, to get the necessary business out of the way without losing track of things, which has happened from time to time. It was interesting to hear that the local CVMG is moving to more formal meetings - that was a sticking point with some of their (our ex-) members.

Feel free to disagree - I know where you live!

I mentioned that SMI is prepared to offer agreed value extension coverage on collector motorcycles and vehicles, but needed a Price Guide for old motorcycles. I noted one offered in Hemmings Motor News, and have given the data to SMI. The book covers 1905 to 1985 and sells for \$23(us).

On the subject of insurance, I am pleased to see that the Coalition seems to be making progress. It galls me that I have to pay more for a bike for 6 months than for a 4000 pound car for 12 months. I know other areas of the country pay more for insurance, but the balance of rates (auto vs m/c) in Manitoba is wrong. We get only PL and PD in the basic package, so the risk to MPIC is the damage a motorcycle can do to someone else. In a collision, a bike always loses, so why the high rate?

Should the AMCM consider joining the Coalition or giving some support (such as a donation) to them? Can clubs join or only individuals?

I just got back from a week in Mexico, and picked up a cold while there - sure seems strange to lie on the beach with a stuffed up nose and sore throat! The only bikes I saw were some Harleys, and the small Japanese street bikes that are treated as pack horses, hauling pizza, people, and anything else that can be held on the machine. I did see some unusual cars tho, one was a brand new half car-half truck, about the size of a Chev Sprint or Firefly, and carrying the name "CHEVY". Some had a removable canvas rear window, others had solid glass.

Ed the ed

MAAC Report

The meeting are now being held at the Pony Corral on Nairn.

Minnesota now has an organization similar to MAAC.

The main topic of discussion at this meeting was the 1999 Calendar of Events which is printed and distributed at the World of Wheels. I indicated that the AMCM had no public events scheduled this year.

We will be asked to help man the MAAC booth during the World of Wheels show. We will cover approximately 2 hours for one day or evening. Volunteers (2) are requested. Sorry no free admission, but maybe the AMCM could pay for half?

Jim Highham of The Tin Lizzie Car Barn was at the meeting and I spoke with him. The Tin Lizzie is holding a repeat of the motorcycle event in May. We may want to be involved along with any other groups such as the CVMG.

No action has occurred on the Collector plate, it is stalled at the DMV at present, awaiting study by a committee. From the start, we did not expect this to be a speedy process.

Headingly has approached MAAC to help write a derelict vehicle bylaw that the hobby can live with. This is a very good sign and makes a group such as MAAC a necessity.

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Our accomplishments at PUB - yes we made progress

We all know there's a 13.8% increase in insurance for most of us this year. I also know that many of you are thinking this whole fight may be futile and we're not accomplishing anything. This is certainly not the case.

What is important to remember is that MPI, like all government bureaucracies moves slowly and needs much prodding to initiate change. This year we achieved something critical in our efforts to eradicate the bias against motorcyclists.

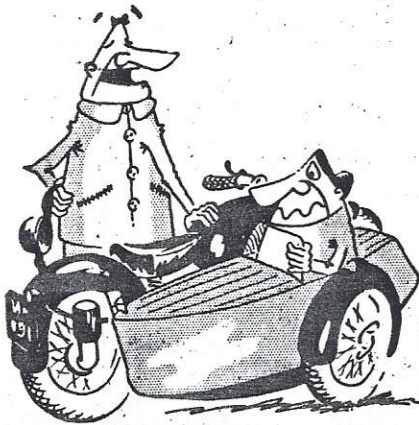
As you know, the membership voted to pay for our own actuarial study and we scored some points. PUB has requested that MPI provide evidence and a recommendation on a rate method that meets universal tests of being "fair, reasonable, just, non-preferential and not unfairly discriminatory".

Also, in past years, PUB has paid our expenses for Ray Oakes, our legal counsel. This year, in addition to Ray's \$17,000 bill, PUB ordered MPI to pay the costs for our actuary, Joe Cheng, some \$12,000.00. For us, this is a major coup in that we know our argument is valid. At the end of the hearings, MPI even acknowledged loss transfer - something they would not do before.

So don't say it's a useless fight and don't put away your bike as a sign of surrender. Ride and be proud!

'99 DUES ARE DUE BY MARCH 31
\$20 - CHEAP.

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"I don't care which way you're facing—I prefer sidecars on the right-hand side!"

On Febr. 23, at the Swap Meet, I came in and added my little box of stuff to the other four vendors. We all had a good evening, didn't sell anything, though. Ziggy managed to move some magazines. It was a change of pace from our normal get to gether.

See you all on March 30.

Mike the Bike.....

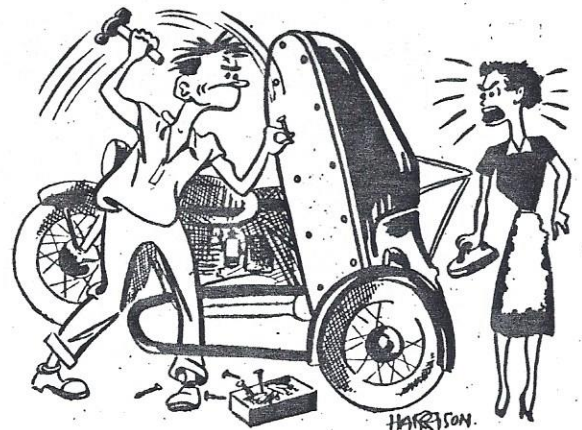
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"Have you seen my ironing board anywhere?"

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Our December Pizza Night. Photos by Bill Watt.



