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## THE ANTIQUE MOTORCYCLE CLUB OF MANITOBA

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### **1999 Executive**

President: Jim Harrison - 837- 9093 Secretary and Librarian- Mike Baraschuk - 757-2368  
Treasurer- Siggy Klann - 668 -7679 Property Manager- Richard Gibbings - 897-0639

Next meeting is at Boston Pizza, 7.30 PM.

Meeting date: DECEMBER 14, 1999/NOVEMBER 30, 1999

Next month: JANUARY 25, 2000

Community Club contact: Anne Boyd 831-1635

### **President's Note**

First of all, Season's greetings to all.

It has been a rainy December day and it's hard to believe that, as I write this, Christmas is only three weeks away.

Our November meeting had noticeable increased attendance.

Some people expressed interest in some of the club executive positions. Don't be shy if you also have an interest. The elected positions are President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Appointed positions are Librarian, Properties manager, Publicity, and Activities. We have voted these in the past, when there were enough people interested.

So far, Mike Baraschuk is willing to continue as Librarian, Ed Pauch says he may take the treasurer's position, Keith Freeman is interested in the position as editor, and Richard Gibbings is in charge of club property.

We don't have anyone interested in the Secretary's position so far. Also it would not hurt my feelings if someone wants to run for President. Contact me for more info.

Siggy tells me that Bert Bentley was in hospital with pneumonia but is now back at home. We all wish you a complete and speedy recovery, Bert. I have contacted a friend who is an experienced auto body painter to come to a club meeting and discuss vehicle refinishing at our January meeting. See you there.

Jim H



### **Editors Note**

Well, the end of another year and another century - have you stocked up on candles?

How many people will pick up the phone right after midnight to see if it works? If enough do, will the system crash from overload? How many undiscovered "Midnight" computer viruses are lurking out there to create Y2K chaos?

Should be fun!

It has been fun being Editor and having a soapbox to stand on. I'm sure Keith will bring an interesting new slant to the newsletter. This is a great club, with great members, and it deserves your support.

**Thanks and have a great Holiday season and a prosperous New Y... Millennium!**

You recall the initiative for the collector plate spearheaded by MAAC. As per the MAAC meeting, it appears to be still alive. One purpose of this plate was to provide an avenue to exempt collector vehicles from emissions testing. I noticed in the paper recently that Alberta is introducing safety inspection requirements for collector vehicles - inspections to be done by authorized persons in the hobby (as the article states). We need to watch this and get MAAC to investigate.

**Puzzle of the month** The saga of the dead spark plug continues. I had E-mailed NGK at their help line - the reply was that this was for US customers only - I WAS NOT IMPRESSED - I went to a couple of auto supply stores and asked for a spark plug catalog, and some said "Impossible!", while others said "OK!". I ended up getting a NGK and a Champion catalog. I bought the hottest plugs that Champion makes that will fit the bike and it ran fine, but I only ran it for about 10 minutes - next year comes the true test, and maybe some more experimenting.  
Ed the ed

### **MAAC Report**

Ed Pauch read the proposed letter from the AMCM to all MAAC clubs, asking for support for MAAC to represent the motorcycle club and lobby the government to allow insurance to be purchased elsewhere than MPIC. The motion to accept the letter was passed unanimously. A copy of the letter will now be sent to all MAAC clubs.

A letter is requested for the proposed Transportation Museum has been given to the MCAAC president.

The collector plate issue has been revived, but is on hold due to the change in government.

Next MAAC meeting January 26th, 2000. Membership dues are payable then, and a decision of intent on the MAAC insurance policy.

Year 2000 events must be listed by Jan. 26 to make the MAAC calendar.

**Upcoming Events****December Pizza Night - (December meeting)**

December 14 th at the Boston Pizza on Portage near Moray.

**JANUARY MEETING**

A guest will speak about automotive paint and finishing products. PS - The Hazmat certificate is still promised for those who took the course.

**FEBRUARY MEETING**

SWAP MEET - Bring your goodies for sale and swap!

**SPRING**

CMMG swap meet at Franco-Manitoban Center

**WANTED AND NOT**

Clearing out surplus Ariel parts collected over the years - Ed Pauch 204-832-0255



## Motorcycle Industry News

### **Excelsior-Henderson in Trouble**

Recently arisen from the ashes, Excelsior-Henderson of Belle Plains, Minnesota, has found itself facing a very uncertain future. The company reported shipments of 604 bikes in the third quarter of 1999, but at the same time reports losses for the nine months ending October 1<sup>st</sup> at 15.8 million dollars. For the first time, it failed to make its October Minnesota Bond payment of \$95,000.00.

Additional financing announced in August 1999, required to continue operations until the end of the year, has apparently fallen through. The firm has only 1 million dollars of cash available and is considering its options including bankruptcy protection from its creditors. Bert, Siggi, and myself had the opportunity to tour the E-H plant during the AMCA Farmington meet last June. It was apparent even at that time that something was amiss. Minimal production activities that were observed, seemed more for our benefit than anything. Workstations were noted to be devoid of any parts with partially completed bikes scattered along the line.

### **Norton Resurrection In Doubt**

Norton Motorcycles Inc., Minneapolis, Minn., also has an uncertain future after its recent split with British design firm Melling Design Consulting. Melling was working on the Nemesis V-8 superbike. Currently both companies are battling over ownership of the prototypes and Nemesis design rights. Does not sound good for Norton. Appears only the lawyers will be successful.

### **On a Happier Note (extreme bias)**

Yet another Indian Motorcycle is in the works! Well known Indian enthusiast and owner of Motolux Indian out of Edinburgh, Scotland, Allan Forbes, has announced his intention of producing an 1800 cc cruiser next year. Forbes holds the UK rights to the Indian name. The Scottish Indian will be available in Indian red and Seafoam green plaid. Just kidding.

SUBMITTED BY  
RICHARD GIBBINGS

MINUTES OF NOV. 30, 1999 MEETING

SEVENTEEN PEOPLE ARRIVED FOR THE MEETING CHAIRED BY JIM HARRISON. ED P. STARTED THE BUSINESS RE: THE LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM THE WESTERN CANADIAN MUSEUM. ED DRAFTED A LETTER IN RESPONSE HE CALLED FOR A MOTION TO SUBMIT LETTER, SECONDED BY BILL W. AND CARRIED.

RE: MAAC MEETING, THERE WAS A PRESENTATION BY "GASOLINE CLASSICS" FOR POSTERS AVAILABLE. THE RESTAURANT "SUZY Q" VOICED SUPPORT FOR CRUISE NIGHTS AT THEIR PLACE.

THE REPORT ON "COLLECTOR PLATES" FROM MOTOR VEHICLES ARE ON HOLD, BUT NOT A DEAD ISSUE.

MAAC HAS ARRANGED AN INSURANCE POLICY FOR LIABILITY COVER-  
AGE, FOR CLUB MEMBERS. OUR COST MAY BE \$50.00 FOR THE CLUB.  
THE EXECUTIVE IS TO DISCUSS THIS YET.

THE "COVERAGE THROUGH MPIC" ISSUE... ED HAS SUGGESTED MAAC TO REPRESENT US TO MPIC. IT SEEMS MPIC HAS ALLOWED SNOW-  
MOBILE USERS TO PURCHASE COVERAGE ELSEWHERE. ED PROPOSED A MOTION TO SEND A LETTER TO MAAC TO INTERCEDE FOR US TO MPIC FOR COVERAGE FOR ANTIQUES, AT LEAST. SECONDED BY RICHARD G. CARRIED.

"DEALER PLATES" WAS A RICHARD G. REPORT.....  
ONE MUST APPLY FOR A DEALER PERMIT FOR A REGISTERED BUSINESS NAME, AND POST A DEALER SECURITY BOND. THIS WAS A NET COST OF \$350.00. IT LOOKS POSSIBLE AND MAY SAVE MONEY IN THE LONG RUN. BILL W. WAS DELEGATED TO CONTACT SOMEONE RE; DEALER PLATES FOR BIKES.

CLUB ELECTION PROPSALS WERE AS FOLLOWS, ED P. TO DO TREASURER AND KEITH F. TO DO EDITOR. IF ANYONE INTERESTED IN CONTRIBUTING THEIR "TWO CENTS" TO THE EXECUTIVE, PLEASE DO STEP FORWARD. THANK YOU.

"FUTURE EVENTS" ED SUGGESTED ONE MEMBER PER MONTH FOR "SOMETHING INTERESTING".

ROSS M. COMMENTED ON OUR OLD EVENTS AND OFFERED HIS RESIDENCE AS THE SPRING RUN EVENT.

BERT B. HAS BEEN IN HOSPITAL FOR TWO WEEKS WITH PNEUMONIA HOPE HE GETS OUT SOON, FOR CHRISTMAS.

RESPECTFULLY SUBBED BY,  
MIKE B.



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