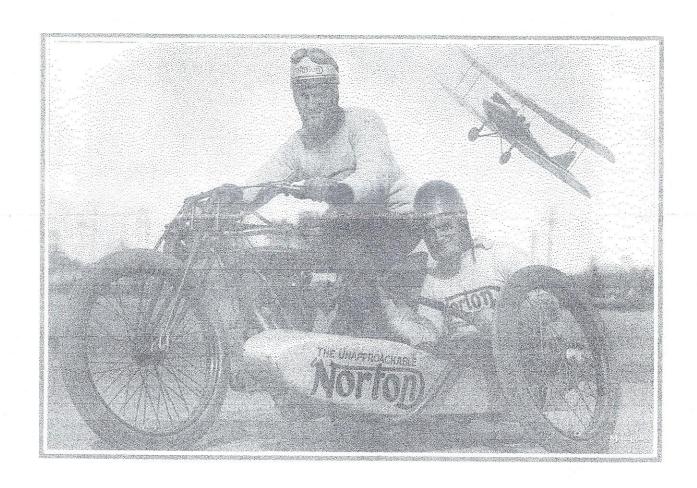
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UPCOMING EVENTS

As you can see our calendar is very open.

If anyone knows of any events in the future that our club would be interested PLEASE pass them along.

Meeting Notice

Next meeting at Woodhaven Community Club October 29th, 7:30 p.m. Following month November 26th 7:30 p.m. Woodhaven Community Club



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Minutes of the NOT The September Meeting

On a dim and dismal September night the hardy soles of the club gathered in the misty rain. Four of the even hardier (or stupid depending on your point of view) even managed to show on 2 wheels.

As the night grew darker and the weather drearier, a rumbling was heard within the ranks of the assembled crew, growing louder as time passed, until all were of one voice. Where the @\$%*?! Was our leader?

Surely something must have gone wrong with his bike? Even a Guzzi must break down sometime? (maybe!!!!!)

Alas no, much to the disappointment of some, it was purely a case of amnesia – the trusty poem on the number of days hath September was forgot, hence when disturbed, a red face beat a swift path to rally the troops at our second club house.

As a result no official business was managed but extra coffee was consumed by most of the attendees.

It was unfortunate to find our Treasurer Ed in a very bad way after a tumble from his bicycle, but this did not prevent him from attending. We all wish you a very speedy and full recovery.

The big highlight of the evening was meeting Tom & his son Ross Hesom. Tom is over from South Africa and is contemplating emigrating here next year. He brought with him stories and photos of his collection of bikes, which kept us, enthralled all night.

He sent an Emil the following day thanking us all for our hospitality, a copy is attached for all to see.

Trusting we will see every one on the 29th
Tongue in cheek
John T



Tom Hesom email:

Hi John

Thanks for yours and the Antique M/C Club's hospitality last Tuesday evening. I enjoyed the company very much and it was most enjoyable talking bikes again to like-minded guys. Classic biking has been my passionate hobby for over 25 years and the classic bike activities in South Africa go on all year because of the sunny climate and I was involved most weekends with the 3 clubs to which I belonged. The Classic M/Cycle Club of Natal meets every weekend in Durban and have their own lovely club-house, spares set-up and grounds. They have a Brunch Run once a month plus many shows and displays in and around the coastal city of Durban and inland as well. With a membership of 350 the Saturday daytime meetings are well patronized with 150 to 200 guys and partners attending with maybe 100 mostly British Classic bikes on display but including BMW's and Italian Guzzies and Ducatie's as well. (There is a fine if you come by car!) Harleys are parked off separately in the "Hog pen"!)

The Vintage Sports Car Club have a classic bike section as well and are situated in Pietermaritzburg: a city about 80 km inland from Durban. I was also involved at the VSCC with all their activities and was a regular scribe to both club magazines. I also belong to the Triumph Owners Club which is in Cape Town about 1500 km away, only because of their very good spares set-up and excellent monthly news letter.

After deliberately investigating the Classic bike Scene in Manitoba I have come to the conclusion that other than Harley Davidson, the classic enthusiasm is fairly low key. Unless you are a Harley freak or own one or more of the huge look-alike Jap V Twins now popular, participation in regular events is limited. The severe winters also play a big part of course. This then is one of the many trade-offs I must endure with our decision to emigrate to Canada. The list of "fors and againsts" is still heavily stacked in favour of the "fors" though, so we have made the right decision.

I hope to take you up on your invitation to visit you in Selkirk before we leave for South Africa again on 30th October, John. Depending on how long it takes us to sell our house and other assets in SA we will be back sometime next year for good. Two of our sons with their families are in Winkler already and they will sponsor us. A third son is still trying to get in. He is single but doesn't have enough points yet.

Look forward to meeting you again and getting more advice about containerization, 220v versus 110 volts etc. etc.

Will be in touch.

Regards
Tom Hesom,



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A New Vincent? (This is true story)

Yet another project is underway to resurrect a famous old motorcycle mark. Barney Li, the creator of Eagle One Industries (Carlsbad, California) who eventually sold to Valvoline for a gazillion dollars, has (apparently) finished four prototypes that will carry the Vincent name.

What's interesting is that he is attempting to mix nostalgia with state of the art performance (not that the originals were slouches in any way). According to Barney, new Vincent's will utilize Honda's RVT100R power plants. For those unfamiliar, this is the heart of the RC51, 2002 AMA Super bike champion.

Four models will be: the Black Eagle (USA ra! ra! ra!) Cruiser, Black Lightning S sport bike, Black Lightning ST sport toured, and the retro look Black Shadow.

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He is planning to offer a public stock offering to generate the 15 or so million dollars he requires to capitalize the project. Come on you Excelsior-Henderson guys, you must have some money left to invest.

I really have to wonder how anyone could assume that Honda would provide motorcycle engines (especially the 999 RC51) for a competitive venture.

This guy must be on alue.

Richard G.

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