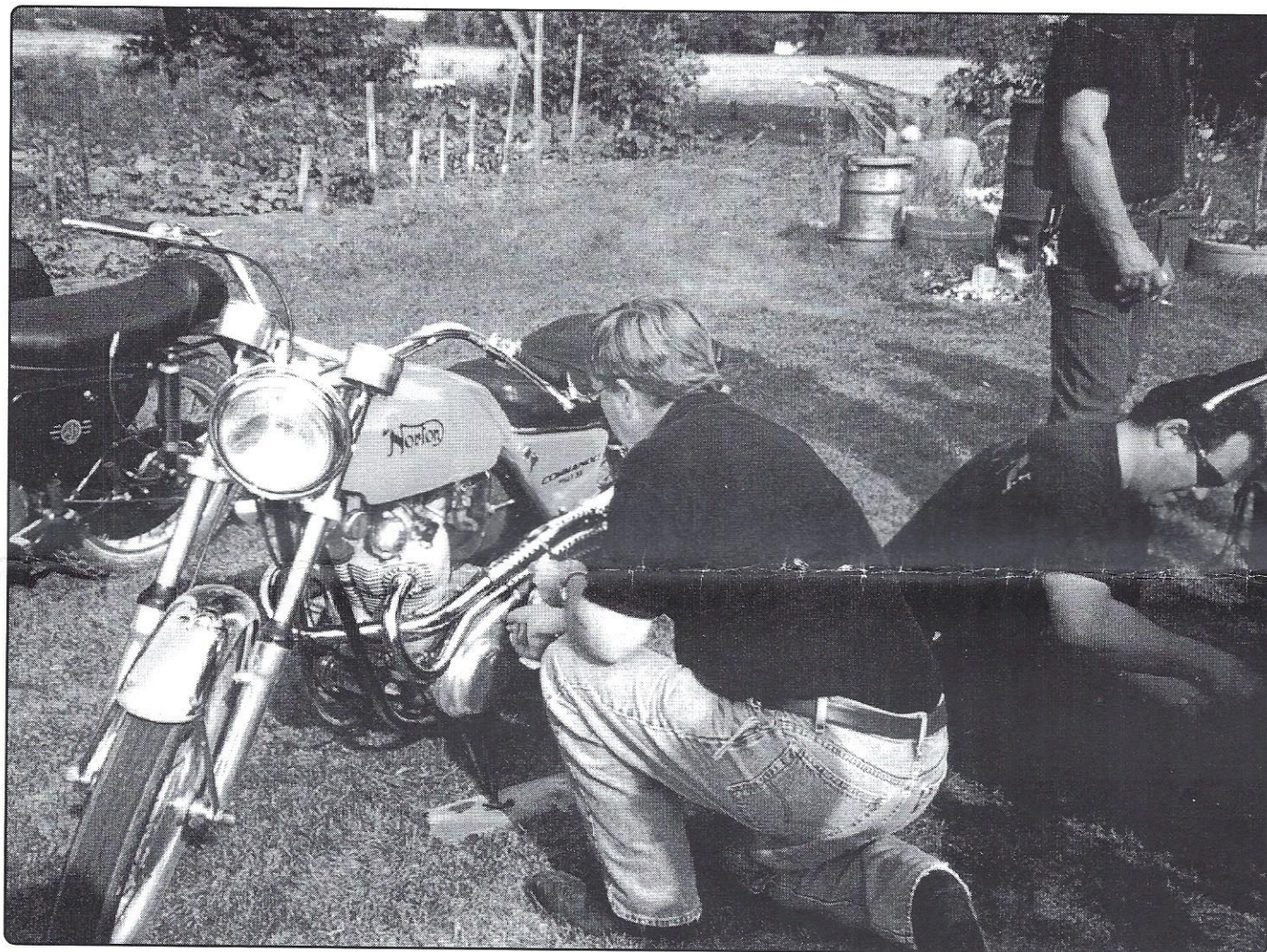


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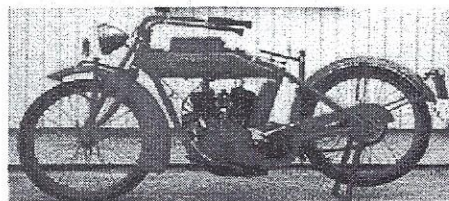
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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Well we got through our first one, there were a few glitches but all in all we did okay. I will try and do better this time. I did have a little bit more time to pull it all together and with the help of my colleagues at work I think "we" will pull this one off also.

Thanks to all of you who got back to me in such a timely manner regarding your email addresses, there are still a couple of you whom I haven't heard from. Maybe at the next meeting you can give Greg a clear and printed copy of your mailing address and email address.

It looks like winter has arrived. I suppose these last few days are a hint of what's to come. Last Saturday Greg reluctantly put the two bikes away for the winter. I think he was hoping for one more last ride; sadly that didn't happen. So there he was out in the cold last Sunday winterizing the bikes, I must say he's a great guy to have around.

What with keeping my bike looking great through the summer, collecting the odd trophy here and there and putting it to "bed" for the winter, he deserves a pat on the back.

Well I guess I should bring this to a close but before I do, I want to thank those of you who sent me stories for our members' corner as well as advertisements. Do check out our Ad section!

On behalf of Greg and myself, have a great month and keep the rubber side down!

Cheers for this month!

Marie

P.S. If you have any suggestions or kudos we are only a phone call away; 864-2423 or e-mail gokane@mts.net or mokane@rrc.mb.ca

WHERE ARE THOSE "RUST 'N' PIECES"?

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Manitoba motorcycle license plates prior to 1960. Any condition.

Wanted

Lead on a complete or restored Harley WLC military 45ci. Original preferred or an older restoration. Any leads will be appreciated.

Wanted

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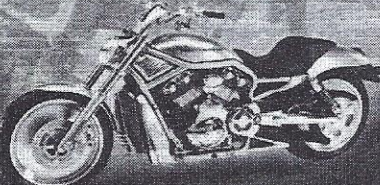
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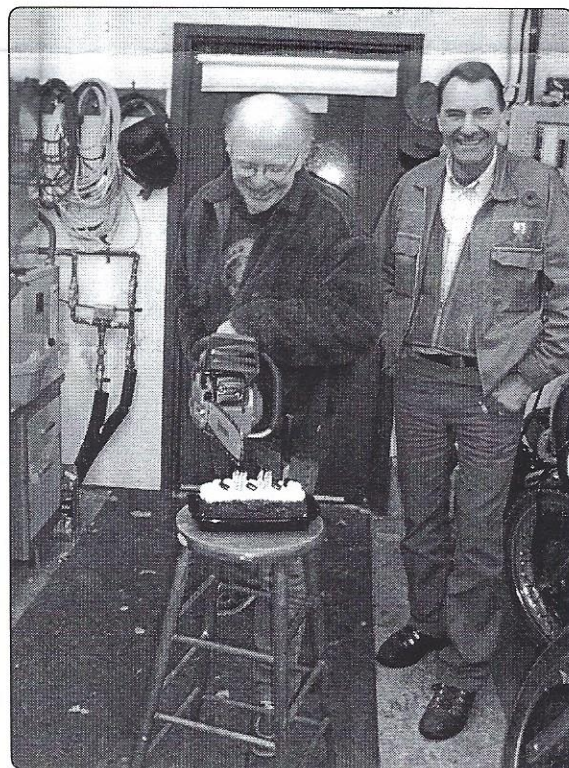
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UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

Next AMC Meeting

When: Tuesday, November 25, 7:00 pm

Where: Woodhaven Community Centre

DECEMBER

End of Season Party

When: Tuesday, December 9

Where: Dave Pritchard's House

Supper: Catered! Hooray!

\$10 per person BYOB

Our President (Jerry) has asked that people call him if you plan to attend so he can give the numbers to the caterers. Phone 667-5498

JANUARY

4th Annual Metcalfe Movie Night

"Kicking Lies and Telling Tires"

When: Tuesday, January 27 7:00 p.m.

Where: Ross Metcalfe's house

8729 Roblin Blvd. on river side of street

South Headingly: 1.8 km west on Roblin past the Headingly bridge

Phone: 831-8165

BYOB

We will start the evening off with Sigg's 12-minute 1919 Board Track film that premiered last year. This leaves three hours unaccounted! If you have a favorite video or DVD, bring it along.

NEW MEMBER CORNER

New member Tom Hesom has recently immigrated to Winkler, Manitoba from the coastal city of Durban, South Africa, where he was involved in the "Classic Motorcycle Club of Natal." Durban is a little bigger than Winnipeg and the club has over 350 members; some who own 30 bikes or more. The bikes are mostly British and BMW, some Italian and a few Harleys. Tom was involved for over 20 years and wrote articles for their monthly bulletin under the nom de plume "Grey Burning Muffler." While place names etc., will sound foreign, the articles are about Classic Biking, which is the same the world over.

ELECTIONS: NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

**WOODHAVEN
COMMUNITY
CENTRE**

7:30 pm

Get Your Nominations Ready!

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER MEETING

Weather had definitely put the brakes on riding for the season so all who attended utilized the tin box for transportation. Twenty-two members were present including two new ones: Tom Hesom from South Africa and yet another BMW fan – sorry I forgot your name – it was not on purpose – really!!!!!!!!!!!!!!.

The meeting was brought to what passes for order by the President but even this subdued buzz did not take long to regain its normal level of ribald chatter between the members whilst the presidential words of wisdom were being offered to all.

Jerry noted that Dave & Lorenz attended the HD swap meet but there was nothing but the expected, although a find of the black mit white parts resulted in a huddle in a dark corner of the parking lot after the meeting!

Now for the bit you all wait with bated breath for the whole month – my offering of keen word craft and insight. Sorry it's just more of the same bland reading you've come to endure over the past eon (or what seems like!).

It was with great relief and pleasure we could confirm Marie & Greg have taken on the (highly sought after!!!!) position of Editor. Greg brought along the first result of their efforts for all to experience. All agreed the newsletter was very well presented and will mean that we should have a rag that we are all proud of for sometime to come. Once again we thank them for taking on this (thankless) task and yet again say to the membership that the mag is there for everyone to add their five cents worth at any time.

This can be in the form of a brief note on a tech matter, an (M/C!) experience or whatever you think people will enjoy. There have been very few offerings to the newsletter that I can remember so I hope the new regime can encourage (browbeat) ALL of you into a little contribution to the cause. Remember the success of the club is related to the participation of its members as a WHOLE and not just the people (meaning the innocent and willing lemming) you put in any of the designated seats. If you feel passionate about an item or a service you think the club should be doing or investing, please feel free to do (or be prepared to do) the legwork and present it to the club at a meeting for discussion, comment and hopefully a vote in favour of your proposal. I will now get down off the soapbox and resume the normal sarcasm.

In an attempt to get the newsletter out in a timely fashion, yours truly agreed to try to get the minutes to our new Ed by 15th. This comes with no guarantee – only my best effort.

With regard to envelope supply, Jerry was going to check what sort of deal he could get from his work.

With our Treasurer absent again, Jerry reported that our bank balance stood at just over \$1300. Some enrolment fees were received, which leads me to remind all that the dreaded renewal of dues is upon us.

Our new Ed (or Ed's assistant), brimming with enthusiasm, gave out the newsletter. In keeping with our recent tradition he had to apologize for being late with it !!!!!!!

That showed commitment to improve to everyone. Joking aside it was a great start.

Greg reported that one of the first hurdles to overcome was the advertiser's cards. In locating new ones he was pleased to hear the likes of D.I.Coatings in Tyndall offering a tour and refreshments for those interested in a ride out next year. What was interesting was Glen was not alone in offering some further activities of interest to us.

Mike the Book reported all was well in the library but was worried over some that were overdue, as the borrowers had not been seen at meetings of late. Those in question please phone and reassure him all is well. A question was raised on whether the library needed to be insured or covered by any policy in place. This was to be checked.

A general request to all members was suggested in that if anyone has books or the like (Bike related!!!!!!) that they no longer use or need, the club would be happy to accept them as a donation for the use of all members. Keep the information flowing guys.

The Property Manager's seat was vacant and guess what – the guy who Richard was trying to track down over his jacket turned up. (I gave him Richard's phone number but forgot to write his name down -stupid me!)

Other items:

The end of year do (which will be held at David's Wellington hobby room on 9th December at 7 p.m.) will be catered at a cost of \$10.00 at the door. If you are planning to come PLEASE phone Jerry to confirm your intentions and how many partners you are bringing!!. We have tentatively booked on 60 max. attending so please make the call.

The '04 rally date was set as 2nd, 3rd and 4th July so please pencil in your diary.

I made the suggestion that maybe the CVMG be invited to make the rally a joint club event. Terry N. promised to see what his membership felt about it. Our club members are also invited to comment.

There was a request (from Ed) for a crest. It was confirmed that the club still had a few in stock and would bring them to the next meet for anyone wanting them (\$3.00 each)

This resulted in demands for action on replacements. Information on source and price (I believe) that had been passed on to the executive in the dim and distant past but totally ignored. Blank faces did not cut it!!!! For peace and posterity JT agreed to phone for new info.

Reminder – film night is again at Ross Metcalfe's place on 27th Jan 04. This being the last Tuesday of the month – be there – bring a film – participation rules OK!

As an aside we need to set up our events calendar for next year – please advise so it can form part of our newsletter.

Reminder – Executive elections are to be held at the November meeting.

We were advised outside the meeting our Treasurer will not stand again. Ergo at least one of the table needs to be replaced, so, in keeping with the participation theme of this diatribe, plenty of volunteers are expected!!!!!!!!!!!! (See window for signs of flying pig!)

If in my ranting I forgot to mention something that actually happened then please feel free to correct me at the next meeting. All contributions are welcome !!!!!

At your command

John T.



Our
past president.
The donkey's
on the left...

THE BEST LAID PLANS OF MICE AND MEN . . .

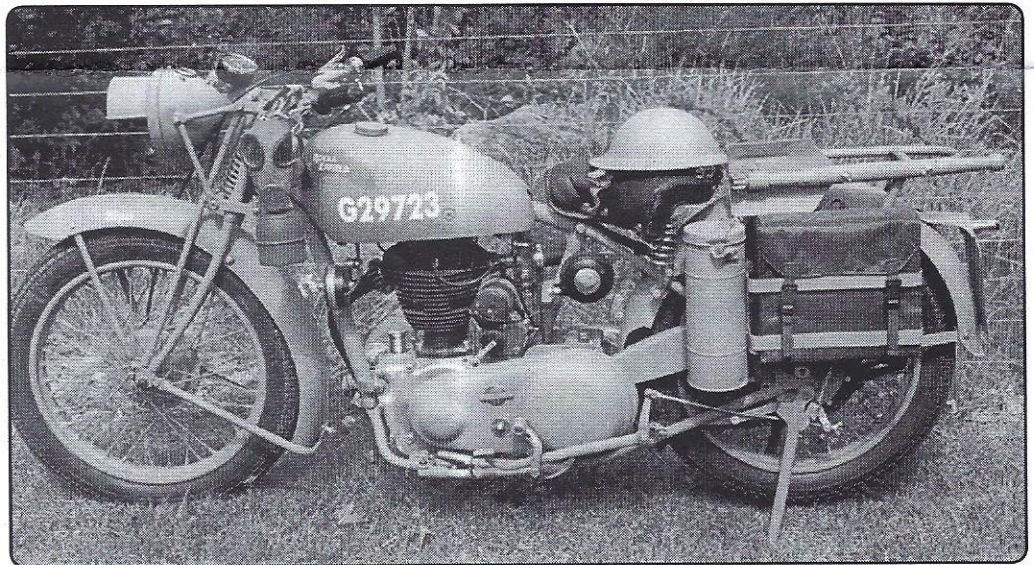
By "Grey Burning Muffler" *May your exhausts continue to burn grey.*

After years of scrounging and manufacturing missing parts, the WD/G 350 cc Royal Enfield was complete and resplendent in military guise including panniers, water bottle, trenching tool, tin hat and gas mask. The Royal Enfield Owners Club UK had dated it as having been supplied to the War Office in London in June of 1941. From there it was shipped to Pretoria, re-sprayed "Desert Sand Khaki." (The original paint was British army olive which is more green than khaki.) It then saw action in the Western Desert campaign with the South African troops against Rommel.

When the petrol tank was sand-blasted prior to undercoating, two adjacent holes were visible which had been filled with lead, and can only have been made by a bullet. I wonder whether the poor Dispatch Rider ended up with a squeaky voice? Initially the engine would not run evenly and despite re-timing over and over again, I couldn't get it right. With Denis Simon's assistance we discovered that the advance/retard peg worked on the L/H side of the magneto (looking at the points) and not on the R/H side. With the ignition lever fully open the spark was retarded and not advanced, perhaps for anti-clockwise rotation? Anyway, we re-timed with the ignition fully advanced and this did the trick.

Very proud of the way the bike had turned out, I looked forward to showing it off at the club at the Main Meeting in February, and planned a "grand entry." Every detail was meticulously worked out. I borrowed a khaki field jacket and a .303 and four of us trailed the bike the 150 km to Durban from Mooi River (brother

Robin, Denis Simons, Rod Butler and I), deliberately arriving latish so as to have as many spectators as possible. We stopped in Tara Road about 1 km from the entrance, off-loaded the Enfield and I got dressed with gas mask and tin hat and .303 rifle on my back. I even had some blanks which I thought I would fire off if not enough attention was forthcoming! I started the bike and wobbled off into the traffic which was extremely heavy on that Saturday morning.



Alas! The best laid plans of mice and men! About 100 metres before the club gates I couldn't control the bike and nearly fell off in the traffic! The rear tyre had gone flat! With very little room on the sidewalk we loaded the bike onto the trailer again, blocking traffic and generally causing mayhem! I can imagine the thoughts of some of the drivers: "What the hell are these old farts doing?? What's that one got on his face?"

We trailed the bike into the club and I felt as deflated as the Enfield's tyre. Moral of the story: When you restore an old bike, renew the 60 year old tyres too, even if the modern tread doesn't look original!