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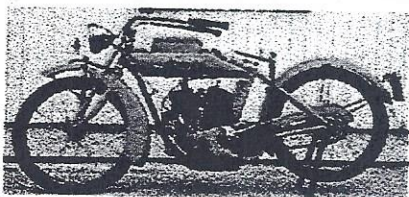
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### **Meeting Notice**

Next meeting at Woodhaven Community Club

Sept 30th, 7:30 p.m.

Next month Oct 28th

Community Club contact: Anne Boyd 831-1635



## **Veerrrrrrrrrrrry Brief Minutes of the June Meeting**

22 members were in attendance plus 2 guests;

Frank Tucker, an Indian & Henderson restorer. He had been to a meeting once before D the last time being in the seventies! D (I guess those Indians are a bit time consuming !!!!!!! Sec). The other guest was Jim McNickel - ANOTHER BMW rider. (Say no more !!!)

President confirmed some of us were getting acquainted with some really strange tools that seem to work on wood. Net result, the club has the semblance of 8 picnic tables to add to its inventory (Richard Take note -.....yes I'll update the official list for you.)

Sec's report revolved around the upcoming rally which went off without a hitch &, from those who attended, again only good things were heard. So I will not bore all with the historic on rally needs.

As an aside to the meeting your scribe would like thoughts on the following:

From V3's travels & discussions with other rally reps, it is being noticed by all of the organizers of these events across western Canada that it is hard to build attendances up. This may lead to future events stagnating or worse disappearing from the events calendar.

Question: are all these events becoming too similar?

Question: are there now too many resulting in a lesser event?

Question: does anyone have any ideas to add to our format, delete from our event, change our style, anything which they feel would improve, inject life , attract a wider participation, anything at all that they feel would benefit the event? Guess the result if we do nothing to keep interest in our event! Ê

All ideas are welcome. Thanks in anticipation - JT.

Treasurer was on holiday so no report filed.

Librarian was also away - same minute.

Editor had nowt to say.

The floor was cleared for our Property Manager who came bearing the boxes of long awaited jackets & hats.

As there were no injuries to report from the rush to acquire new attire complete with the fetching club logos, the meeting was adjourned to the coffee shop

Tongue firmly in cheek

**John T.**



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### Editor's Note

Late again, but at least I'm getting a news letter out this month.

I regret my absence over the summer, but work kept me busy, so busy in fact that my only ride past the perimeter this year was to the rally in July.

There is something in the works to get the newsletters out regularly and on time, meaning that we may be getting a new editor, so keep your fingers crossed and watch for the next issue.

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**September 16, 2003**

## **Fire guts British motorcycle museum**

A massive blaze at Britain's National Motorcycle Museum has destroyed 650 vintage bikes and caused damage estimated at £8 million, officials said.

Up to 100 people had to be evacuated from the Birmingham heritage site as more than 120 firefighters tackled the fire, which could be seen from 15 miles around.

Staff at the museum, which held about 900 of some of the world's fastest and most expensive bikes, were said to be "absolutely devastated" by the blaze, which gutted more than 70% of the building.

Several people were seen wheeling motorbikes out of the museum in an attempt to save them from the fire, a West Midlands Fire Service spokesman said. Only 250 bikes were saved and those destroyed were irreplaceable.

Fire investigators believe a member of staff may have thrown away a cigarette outside the building at Bickenhill, near Birmingham, which set fire to a nearby small pile of cardboard boxes, leading to yesterday's massive blaze.

Mr Glenis said: "These were outside the building, to the side, and it is also an area where staff can go to smoke. We think somebody put out a cigarette which was not completely extinguished, and which may have blown on to these boxes."

Mr Glenis added: "We are not treating the incident as arson at this stage and believe it was purely an accident."

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About 20 fire engines were called to the museum in Solihull, where they were forced to pump water from the nearby National Exhibition Centre to dampen down the flames.

Three of the museum's five display halls — which featured such two-wheeled classics as BSA Gold Stars, Sunbeam Twins, DMW Hornets and Triumph racers — were destroyed.

"I have not been allowed to get in yet, so I can't really assess the problem, but looking at it, it is just a sheet of ashes," said the museum's founder Roy Richards. "It is heartbreaking."

Despite the tragedy, Richards told BBC radio he was determined to rebuild his museum and adjacent conference center, which drew 250,000 visitors a year. "From ashes we shall rise again as fast as is humanly possible," he said.

## **Brief Minutes of the July Meeting**

A good crowd of machines were present in the parking lot for all to ogle.

1 strange red beast with no top was brought in for all to view. After much discussion, the debate was settled by the lifting of her bonnet & no it was not a Guzzi for those with a balance problem, because this specimen had 4 in line up her middle. Apart from the number of black bits touching the ground, the debate switched to the fact that it had more in common with the Nimbus present, thus the performance her handler was proclaiming was thought to be questionable as all knew how able the Nimbus was in this department !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

As everyone finally filtered in, our President brought the meeting to order.

26 members were present together with 2 guests.

Guests were Alan Ritch from Thompson, who was with us some of the meeting & entertaining us with various buzzes & drones the rest of the time, & Allan from Stonewall.

Sec confirmed his deep apologies for going & riding his bike for 2 weeks instead of buckling down & writing minutes of the previous meeting. Luckily the assembled mass accepted this excuse, but with an understanding it should not happen again.!!!!!!

Rally report confirmed a total of 43 full registrations plus some day & evening food passes issued. Most commented on event (or non event depending on your viewpoint) was the total lack of Mosquitoes which after last year was amazing. Dennis from Saskatoon still had a problem with the tics - I guess they just like him !!!!

All events went without a hitch, food was excellent as usual, and weather was great, so all in all it was considered a success by all who made it.

Many many thanks to all of you who helped with the preparations & organizing events over the weekend. Without you participation in the running of the rally the weekend would not result in the hours of seamless fun all have over the course of the event.

A BIG THANK YOU to all of you for making the event so smooth!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Another big thank you must go to McCaine Electric who donated the portable power supply to the event. This was raffled off raising just over \$100 for the club. The lucky winner being Jim Harrison, (who I now have to convince has no use for such a piece of equipment & , Oh what's the use he'll never fall for that one - nice try huh?!!!!)

On the subject of rides, the evening/ Sunday morning club informal rides seem so informal at present that they are just not happening. It needs someone to take charge & what's that unknown phenomena - organize it - net result any takers? We would love to here from you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



## **Brief Minutes of the July Meeting (cont)**

Our treasurer returned from his holiday to be presented with a totally disorganized set of receipts, bills, deposits and any semblance of financial records from the other 2 Exec Members. Between us we demonstrated a total lack of financial discipline thus when asked how long to restore records to their previous concours winning state Ed could only groan.

Librarian reported he had a book or \$10 to offer in this meetings 50-50 event. All present were therefore distracted for the rest of the meeting.

Our Editor appeared late & harassed. He also apologized for the lack of a news letter the previous month but old news is just that so he escaped any forfeit!!!!!!!!!!

On a more serious note Keith made it known that due to his many commitments he would like to step down from the position. Any volunteer to take over would be appreciated. (Especially suited to retired person with computer or just time on his hands) Joking aside - anyone please ?????

Property manager reported we have a jacket & some shirts available but all the hats have been sold.

General forum brought up the subject of insurance again & the value of the "Antique" plate. Cover was a topic which seemed to have differing views as well as what is required for appraisals. It was decided that as Ross was the only name left registered with autopac to carry out the appraisal, new names should be submitted. It was agreed that the following names would be submitted as members able to fulfill the task:

Siggi, Jim H & John T.

John T.

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### **Rally Results & Awards:**

Best American	Brent THE Harley - VERY hard competition here	
Best Asian	Richard Friesen	68(?) Honda Four
Best British	Faye	76 Triumph Bonniville
Best European	Dennis Dyck	Laverda 750 SF
Best Non Antique	Colin Cossette	Honda CB750 F
Concours De Grot	Vince Kretzul	Moosuki
Peoples Choice	Marv	67 BMW & Steib
Long distance Male	Vince Kretzul	Toefield Alberta
Long Distance Female	Marie	St Francis Xavier
Oldest Rider	Harvey	Esterhazy Sask.

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