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Minutes of the July 27, 2004 Meeting

President Greg O'Kane opened the meeting.

Mail: Various notices were received about shows and events, see farther on.

There was a discussion and report about our rally. Our treasurer, Richard Gibbings reported we were down \$75.30 on the event; but there was still \$30.00 coming in, so the rally cost us about \$45.00. All clothing was sold out. Costs for the rally were down from last year even with a 10% increase in food costs.

Richard also reported our credit union balance as \$2086.00.

Possibilities for our rally next year were talked about including a different venue for a change. John Thompson is quite happy holding the event at his place but we are open to suggestions. Plans have to be confirmed by January in order to start letting people and clubs know what we are doing and where.

There was also discussion about the newsletter advertisements and Richard Gibbings is going to contact our advertisers to get our invoices and accounts up to date.

Once the meeting was adjourned we were off to the coffee shop for conversation and goodies.

Minutes taken by Jim Harrison, as John Thompson was away

Editor's Note

My apologies to Harley-Davidson of Winnipeg as I didn't notice that their advt. wasn't on the page I used in the last newsletter.

It will be noticed that I took the minutes for John. A number of our members are out attending rallies. This is o.k. except that you generally have to be crazy to be elected or to volunteer for anything in this club. (Myself excluded, of course.) Consequently, I'll have to make sure the locks are changed once we get some of these people back. It's a good thing one of our members is a lawyer!

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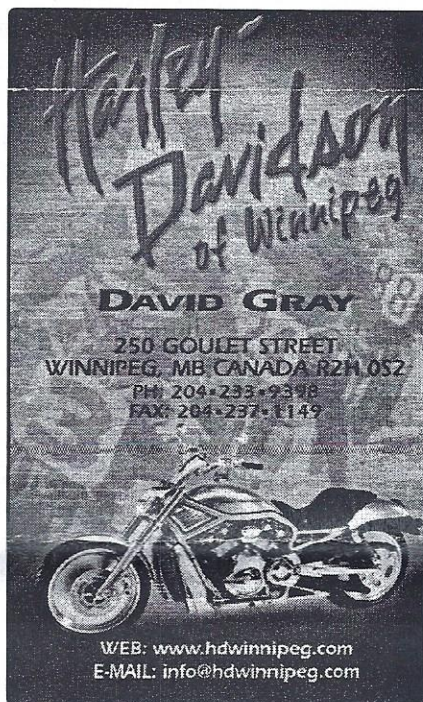
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I collected a couple of e-mail addresses at the meeting with the idea of sending out the newsletter by e-mail. I don't have a scanner yet so am not able to send everything out that way yet.
Jim Harrison

Meeting Dates and Events

Next club meeting is Tuesday, August 31, 2004 at Woodhaven Community Club. Our Annual Club Corn Roast is Saturday September 18, 2004 at John and Pat Choquette's in East Selkirk.

Non- Club Events: Costume Museum of Canada, Dugald, Manitoba Sunday, August 22, 2004, phone 853-2166, or www.costumemuseum.com. The museum is located just outside of Dugald at Hwy 15 and PR 206. The show runs from 10:00 to 4:00. As well as a place to display vintage vehicles there will be: a farmers' market, an auction, people in vintage clothing, a barbeque, and a restaurant. For those displaying, set-up starts at 8:00 a.m. Admission is \$2.00.



Minutes of the August Meeting

Firstly, my apologies for failing to get this set of minutes out in time for printing. Work has got in the way of play big time this month so I hope you can bear with me (Again!!!!)
Now what you have all been waiting for!!!!!!

One of our members tried mixing mechanics with motion on his entry to the parking lot. Unfortunately the theories of Einstein & Newton were momentarily forgotten. The ensuing confirmation that the laws of physics were still applicable were appreciated by the gathered audience & as you can see by the pic everyone rushed to his aid!!!!!!

Onto the meeting.

13 bikes were present in the lot most of which were in the requisite black bits down position.

24 members & 2 guests were present.
Guests were Adam Tankard with a V Max & Ron Livingstone riding a Honda Shadow.



Our Pres brought the meeting to order & began by confirming what we have all suffered with this year – not much riding due to the bad weather. Here's hoping for that great dry fall!!!!!! (Some hope!) Copies of a MAAC magazine were issued. This is a free item to MAAC members. Due to our affiliation we all qualify for a copy of the issue.

Fay Burton, for those who do not know her, is a member with a very pretty Triumph that her husband Brent is still trying to keep up with on his HD, (some people never learn!!!!), is still putting up a fight against cancer & all present sent their best. Marv took his Beemer to the apple fest in Morden & yet again got a trophy.

My Turn - confirmed insurance policy received for this year.

Firstly thanks were given to all how helped in making the rally run smoothly & as effortlessly as usual. Without your help we could not make it happen. Thanks Guys.

Reported on upcoming runs as well as runs attended this last month or so namely Ponoka, Biggar, Hog Cancer run, Balgonie, MS ride for site & corn roast.

Confirmed David was the proud owner of his new steed that should put the John Deere's to shame in a tractor pull, namely his Rocket 3. I must say I thought it was very well balanced & finished & certainly should be a machine to contend with in the hog stakes – Niiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiice Biiiiiiiiiiiiike !

The property manager, now on a more even keel, noted that some signs used in the rally need some TLC again. There were some items of clothing left for sale but nothing of consequence. All the rally shirts were sold this year so no problem there. Jim especially noted that some appreciation should be given to what has to be done AFTER the rally.

Mike the book brought in some magazines for members perusal. Yet again he was trying to give away the HD ashtray in the 50 /50 draw but to no avail. (I just do not understand the reluctance to own such a collectable item but then I am known for my affection to this marque !!!)

Mike requested that some members (Keith Blais, mentioning no names) had some books out for a very long time & would appreciate them being returned. Please, if you are in this category, please advise Mike on an ETA for the book/s. Much appreciated.

Finance was not on the books this meeting as our trusted treasurer was absent. We did not think this was a serious problem for us as we all knew he could not get too far or go too long on our account !!!!!!!!!!!!!!! We look forward to his next report.

Any other business turned into a longer than normal discussion & the following points were raised:

Coffee (the normal end to the meet merely by its mention) was moved to Robins on Roblin.

The rally was raised with many items to discuss.

- 1) Division of labour & responsibility
- 2) Are the committee open to input by others (on this the rest had to tear me off my soapbox!!!)
- 3) Is it to be combined with the CVMG again?
- 4) Location
- 5) Forming Committees
- 6) Formal meetings & reporting
- 7) Run organisation – different times –different runs for older/smaller bikes - tours

As the host, I said that I had not thought too much about the next one as I was just enjoying not having to think about it for 1 month in the year.

I, on behalf of the club, suggested that any items or ideas people had should be thought through & tabled at the next meeting. We would be most likely joining forces again with our compatriots in the CVMG to host the event but it had not been discussed.

Again as host:

As for location members from both clubs expressed a keenness to see it remain at Selkirk which does have some advantages. With regard to formal committees and the like, whilst I realise our relaxed approach to managing the event may not suit all tastes, I am a firm believer in this method for a number of reasons. If someone says they will do something, they do it without being bugged about a report on it. If they run into trouble with it then ask for assistance in a timely fashion. The event is supposed to be a fun time & the coordinating of the event should be the same. Too many rules & reports can turn an enjoyable experience into a drag thus no-one wants to be involved. I, and the guys who help, are always open to constructive criticism which, in turn, would improve the function.

~~Anyone with an idea can have it on the agenda. He is welcome to manage it to see if it works.~~

Remember, nothing is set in stone so if you think it will fly, run with it. Any /ALL comments are welcome

As my soapbox just collapsed I am closing.

John T