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RUST 'N PIECES

Minutes of the November Meeting

Following tradition on officer election night the majority of our members chose to avoid being ambushed into volunteering but a total of 17 felt secure enough to risk being caught up in the election frenzy. Ross Mitchel arrived late giving the excuse that he had trouble starting his bike!

Herr Reimer brought the meeting to order & proceeded to the main order of business being the elections, Achtung:

After a no holds barred & bruising fight the results were;

President – Jim Reimer the incomp, sorry incumbent, (trouble with the key board again) re-elected

Secretary – Bill Watt elected with Barry Smith volunteering to act as assistant in this demanding role.

Treasurer – Siggie Klan elected to the lofty position.

Property manager – Jamie Choquette was absent so he was re-elected by proxy

Librarian -Mike the book remained in charge.

Editor & publisher positions remained with Jim H & David P. respectively.

With the elections over the Teutonic efficiency of the meeting began to degenerate to its normal level of anarchy.

The Pres confirmed that the time & location of the Xmas bash was 7.00 pm on 13th December at the Assinaboine Gordon rooms on Portage downstairs in the Albany room.

Space booked for 50 - 60 heads with a plate cost of \$18.00. Cash bar would be available.

Sec's report started by advising the gathered few that we now have a club web site up & running. For those who have not been notified by David P. the site can be found at www.classicbritish.ca Many thanks to David P. & Greg H. for their sterling efforts in getting this off the

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ground.

The paid up membership list (from Richard G) was passed to our editor for reference. The list totaled 37 plus 4 life members.

I received an e-letter from a group called the "Motorcyclists Confederation of Canada" inviting individuals or clubs to join the group. It appears to comprise a group of clubs, associations & manufacturers with the common interest of promoting, lobbying & generally looking after riders with a common voice. There are, from the quick perusal of their website, perceived benefits to being a part of this group, i.e. another source of insurance cover for club events, a larger voice when the views of the motorcycling fraternity needs to be heard, etc. They do not wish to take away from the individual club but to strengthen its voice when need requires.

Information can be found at newsletter@motorcycling.ca or at www.motorcycling.ca Copies of pages downloaded were handed to Bill W for review & I hope other members will also visit the site & review for their own conclusion. What struck me most was there was not a representative group from the Prairies listed at present & as such maybe we should be / need to be. Thought should be given to the group so that further discussion on its pros & cons for our club can be voiced at future meetings.

Rally date has been set for 30th June – 2nd July 06. We again invite the CVMG to joint venture the event. A suggestion for a scavenger hunt for the Saturday ride was mooted. Seems like a good idea, now to find someone to organize it (Siggy & Ross M???) Security for people bringing in valuable machines was raised. I was confirmed that covered shelter & lock up secure buildings would be available.

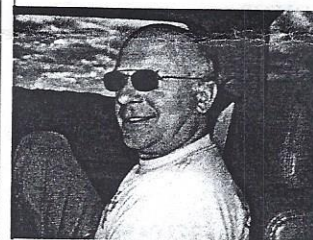
Out going Treas confirmed the account was as last month, healthy, & all was well in the department.

Mike the book confirmed that the library was still safe & brought some mags in for anyone interested.

Having completed this (my last - whoopee) set of minutes it is now time to say good luck to the new board, I can now rejoin the ranks of heckler. For all those who did not take to the tongue in cheek comments of the last few years, your wish has finally been granted, for those who actually enjoyed them, I am amazed.

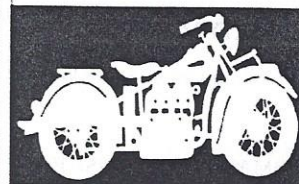
Your sarcastic scribe John T. Treasurer, Richard Gibbings promised a year end financial report for the January, February newsletter.

JT



Secretary

John T. steps
down. Two
men appointed
to replace him!



Minutes of October meeting

6 bikes & riders braved the cooler evening weather. This would be the last time we would see them at a meet until the spring unless a (brave or challenged) soul takes it into his head to prove we are undaunted by a little cool!!!!

24 members & 1 guest, Shane, were present when the Pres brought the meeting to a semblance of order.

First on the Pres list was the "End of year wind up" or for those less politically correct, the Xmas party. Date was set for Tuesday 13th December. Location TBA as difficulty was being experienced in contacting one of the proposed venues.

Sec's report noted that our favorite event officer elections would be next month & due to possible work out of province yours truly would be unable to stand again. (I was surprised that the membership present was not jumping for joy on that news)

Re the possible display at Sears, nothing more to report, no reply from them.

Rally sweat shirts in M (2) & XL (1) were still available. Hats @ \$15.00 each were also back in stock.

Editor & help (David) confirmed newsletter out (albeit late as usual- *blame sec though for once not his fault!!*). Discussion turned to (serious) matter of whether the number should be vol 28 no.5 or vol. 29 no. 5. (*Whatever, just print!!!!, Sec*).

The consensus of the meet was "we are verry aaaappy" (to coin Alonso F1 champ 05) to receive ANYTHING!!!

Matter to be reviewed & corrected!! (*Yeah right!! Sec*)

Treas reported we were \$2200 aprox in bank, aprox \$54 down on last year. Membership wise a new list was requested (& later supplied) which confirmed a paid up membership of 37 excluding lifetime or honorary members.

Mike the book confirmed the library was still in existence & some magazines were available at the meet for those who were interested.

Prop man was not available but sec confirmed everything was still in his garage!

Other business degenerated into the "rally discussion". It was agreed that individual day events should be priced out i.e. Fri night \$5.00, Sat \$25, Sun \$10, weekend \$35.00.

JT to prepare a poster. Weekend set at July long weekend. List of hotels should be included, Poker run for the Saturday ride as an idea.

Off to the Sals. Scornfully JT



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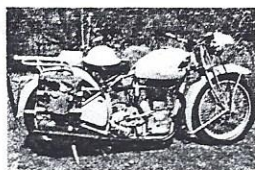
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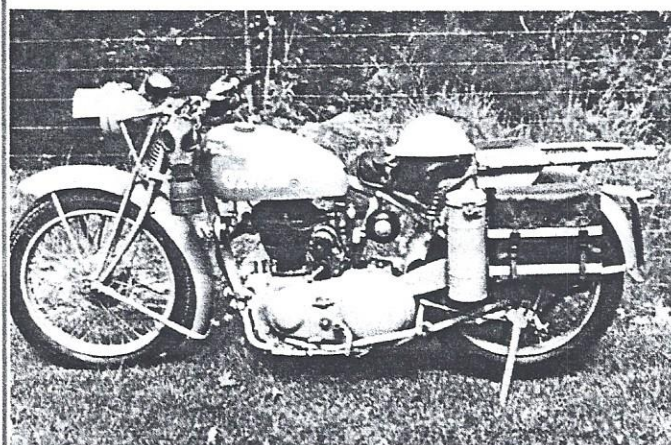
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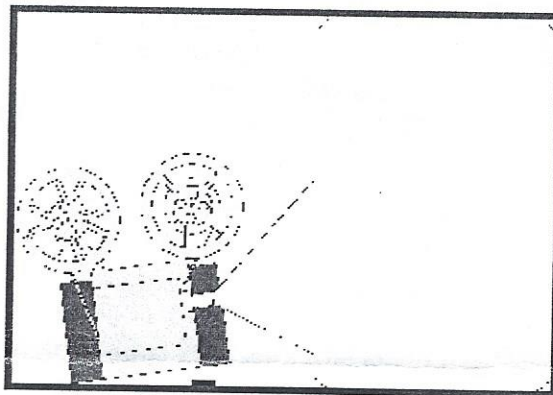
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By Tom Hesom After years of scrounging and manufacturing missing parts, the WD/G 350 cc Royal Enfield single was complete and resplendent in military guise including panniers, water bottle, trenching tool, tin hat and gas mask. The Royal Enfield Owners 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, South Africa, re-sprayed "Desert Sand Khaki" (original paint was British army olive which is more green than khaki). Then saw action in the Western Desert Campaign with the South African troops against Rommel. When the petrol tank (oops! gas tank!) was sand-blasted prior to under-coating, 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 some Club friends' 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. The old single idled and ran beautifully, as only a low compressioned old British bike can. 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 .303 Lee-Enfield rifle, army boots etc, and brother Robin and I trailed the bike the 150 km to Durban from the inland village of Mooi River, deliberately arriving latish so as to have as many spectators as possible. We stopped in Tara Road about 1 km from the club 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 it not enough attention was forthcoming! I started the bike and wobbled off into the traffic which was extremely heavy on that Saturday morning. The old girder-framed machine was a dog to ride and the Achilles heel of all Royal Enfields, viz; the Albion gearbox, didn't help matters! 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 65 year old tyres too, even if the modern tread doesn't look original!

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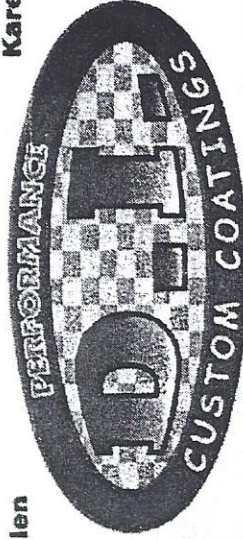
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