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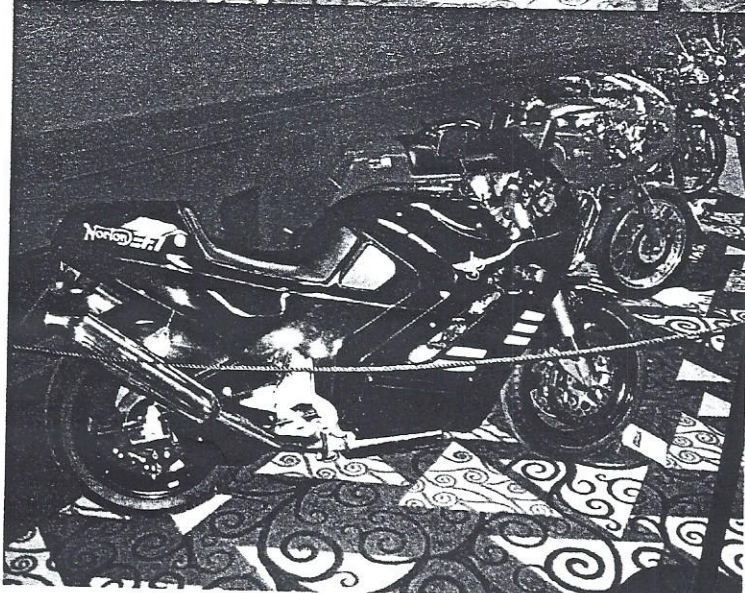
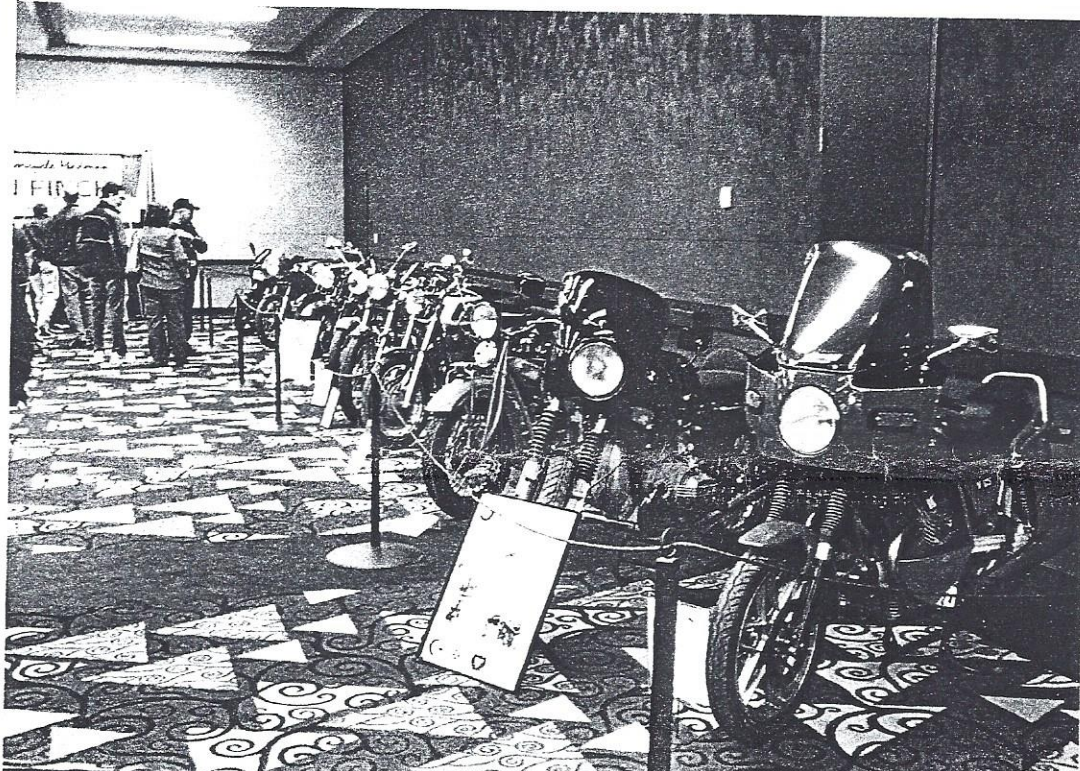
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RUST 'N PIECES

AMCM at World of Wheels

Show & Shine:



Six AMCM members made a huge effort and had 11 motorcycles at the World of Wheels. Jim Reimer took 1st place in the Antique Class with the Smiths taking 2nd and 3rd. Daily the aisles were jammed with visitors admiring the bikes

Antique Motorcycle Club of Manitoba 30th Anniversary

Submitted by Ross Metcalfe

It is well known that Siggie and I organized the club back in January of 1977. The first meeting was held at the old Rothman's board office on St. James Street. There was free coffee and free small sample packages of cigarettes for all members who attended. It was an excellent meeting place.

In January of 1977, 16 members paid their \$5.00 dues and thus began the AMCM. By the March meeting, the membership had swelled to 26. Although some may say the first meeting constitutes a charter member, I would like to let the record reflect that anyone who joined in 1977 would be referred to as a charter member. And so, here they are:

January 1977As of March 2007

Ross Metcalfe	active member
Siggie Klann	active member
Jim Bailey	in the neighbourhood
Bert Bentley	deceased
Tim Forrest	in the neighbourhood
Len Hardy	deceased
Jim Harrison	active member
Cam Lennerton	Vancouver Island; still owns his '40 Chief
Dave Oates	deceased
Allan Proctor	deceased
Tiny Robins	deceased
Fletcher Reid	deceased; his son still owns his Indian Chief
Graeme Smith	in the neighbourhood
Barry Seib	in the neighbourhood
Stan Townsend	in the neighbourhood
Ed Wiebe	deceased; his '38 Chief went to Regina

March 1977

John & Pat Choquette	active members
Jake Dyck	not known
Tom Ellison	moved out of province
Laddie Nos	deceased

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Philip Paterson	not known
Jim Simmons	active member
Jim Gold	in the neighbourhood
Ray Houde	in the neighbourhood
Pat Lannigan	not known
T. H. Metcalfe	deceased

I hope everyone makes an attempt to come to the rally this year, even if it's only for a day or an evening. Let's not forget to attend the 30th straight corn roast which has only ever been held at John & Pat Choquette's. Congrats to Pat & John!

Another member who deserves a huge pat on the back is Jim Harrison. While Mike the Bike and I were compiling the list of illustrious presidents over the past 30 years, it became evident that Jim Harrison has served as president 11 times! Ten of them in a row. A huge thanks to Jim.

Here is the list of Past Presidents:

1977	Ross Metcalfe	1993	Jim Harrison
1978	Ross Metcalfe	1994	Jim Harrison
1979	Jim Harrison	1995	Jim Harrison
1980	Jim Simmons	1996	Jim Harrison
1981	Ed Pauch	1997	Jim Harrison
1982	Mike Baraschuk	1998	Jim Harrison
1983	Randy Maunder	1999	Jim Harrison
1984	Craig Kraft	2000	Jim Harrison
1985	Craig Kraft	2001	Jim Harrison
1986	Barry Seib	2002	Jerry Stubbington
1987	Siggi Klann	2003	Jerry Stubbington
1988	Ed Maisey	2004	Greg O'Kane
1989	Ed Maisey	2005	Greg O'Kane
1990	Ed Maisey	2006	Jim Reimer
1991	Jim Harrison	2007	Jim Reimer
1992	Jim Harrison		

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Eulogy for Dave Johnson ...

Hello, my name is Norm Dimontier, a close friend of Dave for the past 20 years. I have been asked to share a few memories with you.

For the last three years, Dave fought a brave and courageous battle and kept an amazing front right up to the end. The multitude of visitors that came to see him over the past three months, were able to carry a conversation as if there was no problem.

Our society tends to equate wealth with money. By that standard, Dave Johnson might not be considered a wealthy man. However, if one is to use friends as a measuring stick, Dave was a very rich man. A testimony to that was the "Live Wake" organized by Heather, a childhood friend, and held for him at the "Zoo" in the Osborne Motor Inn last October. Hundreds flocked to the occasion. It is by no accident that so many considered him a true friend.

Through some of the information I have gathered, the puzzle as to how a person can have amassed so many friends becomes clearer. Dave lived in the West End for the greater part of his life. Mrs. Brunsel has retold the story many times of her experience moving in the neighborhood. Unpacking was not completed when a young boy clutching his sister hand came knocking at the door. Upon answering, Dave's first words were: "Got any kids?" This was a beginning of a friendship with Ray that has continued for the last 55 years.

Before his voice changed, he was a regular in the "Good Deed" choir. This group met on Saturday morning at Eaton's and could be heard live on the radio. He was a member of the Cubs. His good deeds have benefited his many friends throughout the years.

Some of you might remember Dave on his bicycle delivering prescriptions from a number of West End Drug Stores.

In high school, you might have played football with him at Daniel Mac. Or perhaps, you played hockey where this defenseman was a force to be feared by his opponents.

After school, Bill's Texaco was one of his favorite hangouts to work on cars and be with his friends. Another meeting spot was Teapot Motors located near the Salter Bridge. This is where he acquired much of his passion for British cars.

Out of high school, Dave like thousand of others can claim having worked at Eatons. Then, in the early 60's, he had three stints working in the nickel mines in Thompson. In between, there were attempts at completing high school. Next came the job as a clerk at the downtown post office. In hope of getting fast tracked as a letter carrier in Winnipeg, he accepted that position in Thompson. Changes of policy prevented reaching this goal.

Upon returning to Winnipeg, Dave began work in the restaurant business and became manager at Chicken Delight and Kavanaugh's. He worked at all three of the latter Winnipeg locations. In 1969, he accepted a job in Vancouver at Kavanaughs's, the only BC location. There, he lived in a commune arrangement.

His brother-in-law introduced him to truck driving. Much of the hauling was out west. Later back in Winnipeg, he accepted a job delivering Kaplan Camper trailers to Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. This was a great seasonal job, as April through September was the slow period when he could spend his time riding motorcycles and working on cars. He was never a member of any motorcycle group, but chose to ride along with various clubs and many friendships developed.

For a time he drove for Hill Securities, simultaneously caretaking for the Happy Vineyard restaurant. His part-time career as a bouncer began at the Town & Country Night Club. It also included jobs at the "Zoo", various hotels, sports events and rock concerts. He saw his first "Who" concert while providing such service. Some might attest to getting royal treatment by this friendly bouncer and being escorted through the door ahead of long waiting lines at such events.

In trying to help a friend get work in the electrical trade, Dave drove around and stuck signs at many construction sites. His tactics worked so well that he ended up as a helper at various wiring jobs. That was the launch of AAA Electric.

In 1979 Dave wrote his real estate exam and in 1980 joined the Real Estate Board. Brian Collie of Century 21 and many agents were the beginning of a new circle of friends. Buyers quickly learned of his honesty and later sought him out when they were ready for their next house. Dave would sometimes even sacrifice his own commission to help young people get into their first home.

In the early 80's, Dave gave countless hours volunteering with ABATE Manitoba and CMMG Manitoba, both aimed at motorcyclist rights. He helped with organization of the "Ride for Sight", the Toy Run and the Motorcycle Blood Donor Clinic in Manitoba. He was on the committee for the first Canadian Buffalo Hunt with the Antique Motorcycle Club of America.

In 1986, Dave registered Classic Real Estate and ran it as a one-man operation. It was shortly after that, in the fall of 1987 that I was introduced to him. Within a few weeks, we were off to the Fall Antique Auto Swap Meet in Hershey, Pennsylvania. This was a trip that brought him many happy memories. Needless to say, our friendship remained strong from that time forward.

One of his proudest moments was volunteering to help build a house for Habitat. By chance, he worked shoulder to shoulder with US ex-president Jimmy Carter. As usual, wanting to help others was so important in his life.

When one of my sons was getting married, a social evening was organized. Upon a simple request of a possibility of getting a few prizes, Dave delivered. He was always a master at finding donations from the many businesses that respected him so much.

Dave showed his romantic side on Valentine's Day 1994. Fran was greeted by a number of friends in Dave's Century 21 office. He had arranged to have a justice of the peace present for the ultimate "surprise", their wedding.

Dave will be very much missed by Fran, his brother Leo, his sister Emily, his other relatives and the hundreds of people that truly called him a friend. His quick wit and one-liners will never be forgotten.

Good Bye, Dave!

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Minutes of AMCM meeting of February 27, 2007

Prior to the meeting being called to order member Dave Pritchard passed around a list of sale prices from the recent Las Vegas auction. With appropriate modesty he mentioned that his Triumph had fetched a handsome price, as Triumphs generally do. He confirmed the rumour that the proceeds of the sale have been applied to the purchase of another bike, a long-sought Velo Indian.

In attendance: 16 members, 4 executive

- President Reimer called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.
- The treasurer reported that the bank balance was currently \$2448.74, a healthy sum, he felt.
- The president drew the meeting's attention to World of Wheels Show at the Convention Centre on March 30-April 1-2. It was hoped that the membership could bring our 20 or more bikes as there was financial incentive from the organizer which would accrue to the Club. A hasty poll showed that the quota could be met.
- Ross Metcalfe produced a copy of minutes from the original meeting of the Club. The site of this ancient document produced more than a few misty eyes. One member excused himself and left the room briefly, perhaps needing to compose himself or perhaps needing to relieve himself...he did not explain but he appeared fine when he returned.
- Rally 07 registration forms were passed out. John Thompson gave an account of the distribution to organizations and potentially interested persons in places near and far.
- A sheaf of old photographs then materialized mysteriously. This had the effect of producing six or seven meetings within the main meeting. The membership huddled in groups of 2 or 3 sharing, or inventing, recollections of the past, inspired by the fading images. The president, feigning bewilderment, allowed the reverie to continue for some time before restoring Roberts Rules of Order.
- Some views were put forth on the topic of the place to hold future meetings. The general feeling that the clubhouse would continue to be Woodhaven. Rent payment of \$100.00 was approved.
- However, the Club would accept the offer of Harley-Davidson Winnipeg to use their meeting for the April 24 meeting.
- Mercifully, the president adjourned the assembly at 8:20 p.m.

Next Meeting 7:30pm Tuesday, April 24, 2007 at:

HARLEY-DAVIDSON WINNIEPG

1377 Niakwa Rd. East

Winnipeg MB 254-3974



Minutes of AMCM Meeting March 27, 2007

In attendance 20 members, 3 executives and 1 bike

- President Reimer called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.
- The President provided details of the World of Wheels Show, including how to access the 2nd floor show room for those displaying bikes. A strong Club representation is expected.
- Jim Harrison noted that the mail box is no longer shared. It is now ours exclusively. The President wondered aloud if the box was necessary at all, given the low volume of mail, but he took no action on his pondering.
- Dave Pritchard produced not one, but several, publications featuring local motorcycles and personalities. The magazines included pictures which Dave modestly depicted himself. In the ensuing clamour, the Secretary could only make out an awe-struck member saying "Dave", "movie contract" and "Richard Gere" in the same sentence.
- Order was restored. Dave then provided an advertising brochure for the Minnesota Motorcycle Auction on April 13, as well as some information on a free Club membership to the Antique Motorcycle Club of America.
- Ross Metcalfe informed the meeting that the Antique Show will be on May 4-5 at the Heather Curling Club. No bikes are required as the Show is full.
- John Thompson reminded everyone that the Ride for Cancer Event will be on June 10. Forms and information are available at local shops, including Gaslight Harley and Wildwood Sports.
- Treasurer Klan noted that there was now \$2751.71 in the account. This may be an all-time high but a doubt was heard that this record was necessarily a good thing.
- Rally 07 plans are proceeding well, according to John Thompson and the games and scavenger hunt are in good hands with Terry Neustadt and John/Ross respectively.
- The recommendation from the ad hoc Apathy Committee that the Club be disbanded and the present bank balance be distributed in equal amounts to the current executive will be the main topic at the next meeting.
- Members are reminded again that the April meeting will be at:

Winnipeg Harley Davidson

1377 Niakwa Road East

April 24 at 7:30 p.m.

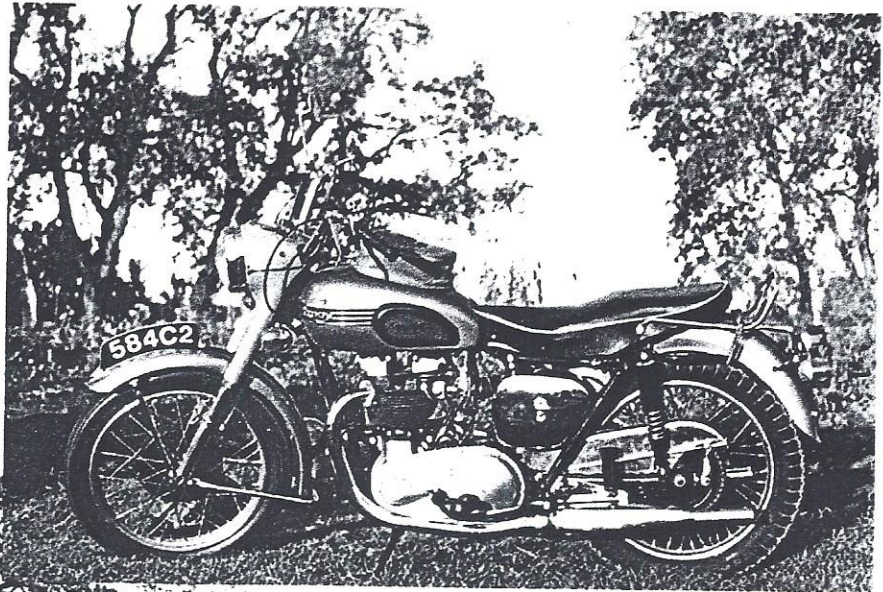
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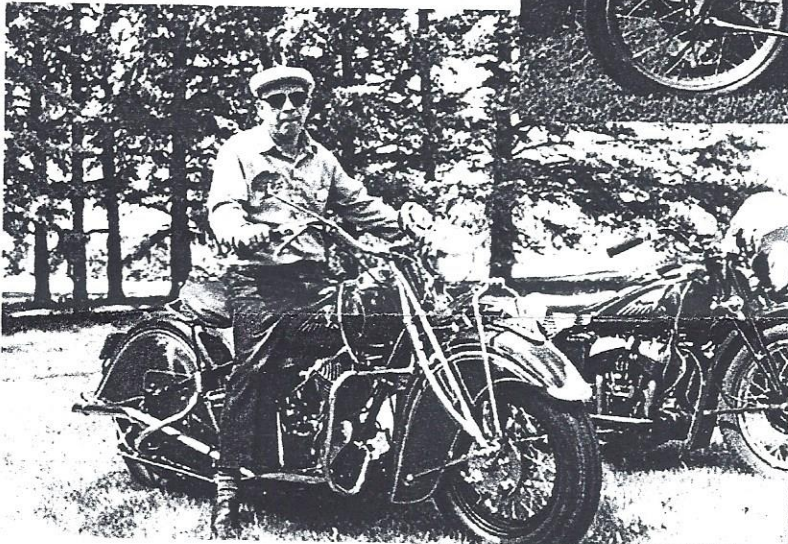
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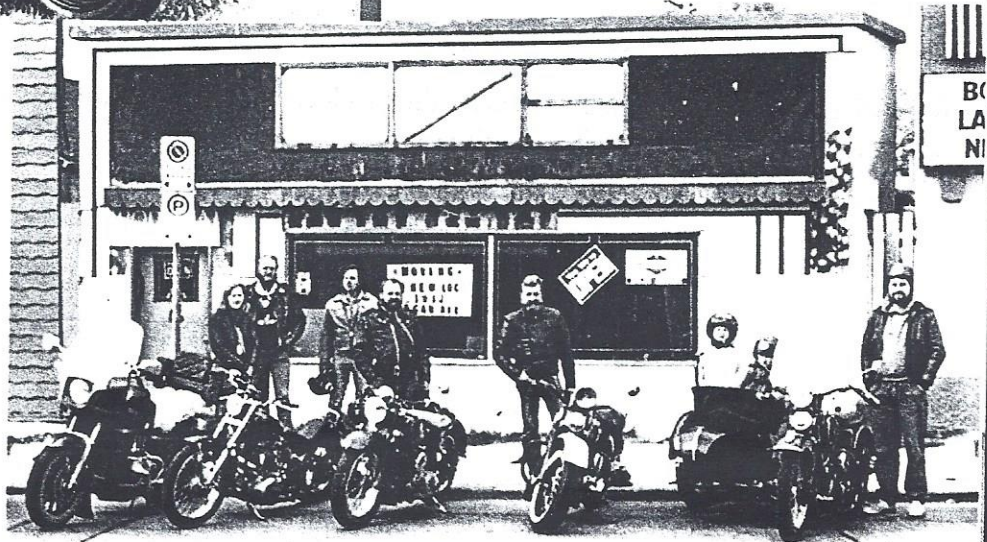
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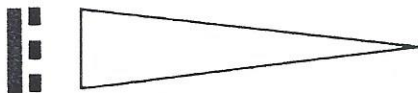
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