

THE ANTIQUE MOTORCYCLE CLUB OF MANITOBA

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1953 Moto Guzzi Racer

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President's Note(and Minutes)

Ah, spring, glorious spring! It will be nice to actually have some. Perhaps this will be one of those years when we go directly into summer.

Siggi was in touch with the Old Bike Journal. They are giving our club one free complimentary subscription. This in return for distributing subscription cards to the membership. Members will find one of these cards enclosed with the next copy of the newsletter. There is no obligation to subscribe individually.

It was nice to see more guests at the last meeting.

I sent some information to Robin Ziolkoski of Saskatoon. He had seen our club listed in a book which is a global motorcycle reference guide.

I phoned Randy Maunder in Nova Scotia. They are at the same place as they initially moved to but the address listing has been changed and the phone number is slightly different. Anyone interested in contacting Randy may do so at the address below.

Randy Maunder
30 West Lawrencetown Road
Lawrencetown, Nova Scotia
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Jim H.

Meeting Notice

Next meeting is at Woodhaven Community Club, 7.30 PM

Meeting date: APRIL 29, 1997 Next month: MAY 27, 1997

Editors Note

March was a good meeting, with four guests, one of whom brought his motorcycle, or at least parts of it! Damn nice BSA 250!

Ed Maisey showed off a machinist's dividing head he built! Amazing workmanship, and a beautiful mechanism. I was sorely tempted to "borrow" it.

We decided on the T-shirt design and colour, and the meal after the swap meet. The meal will be burgers, coleslaw, corn, etc. The bar (beer) will be a cash bar for those who buy tickets to the dinner. Our cost is about \$6 per meal, and we may partly subsidize the cost to members.

I will be looking into prices of plaques for exhibitors.

Ed P

Meeting Minutes

Postscript Guests present were: Calvin, with the 250 B.S.A.; Paul, from Joe's Machine Shop; Peter; and, James Carter.

AMCM Anniversary-1997

April - THREE months and counting.

We are continuing to distribute the posters and postcards. These seem to be very popular, some are even being sent to England!

If you know any place where a poster or a postcard could go, get one and put it up. If you know of anyone else to contact for prize donations, please do not be shy!

Special NOTICE#1

The decision at the last meeting was to proceed with the beige T-Shirt design as originally submitted. The cost to the club will be in the range of \$12.00 and the advance price for club members will be \$15.00 each. The price at the swap meet will be \$17.50 each. We have to buy a minimum of 50 shirts, and we need at least 20 advance orders (money type) to afford placing the order. We will need at least 30 extra for sale and/or exhibitors. If enough shirts are ordered at the next (April) meeting, we will proceed. Please come out and place orders or contact someone who can place the order for you.

Special NOTICE#2

A representative of Ride For Sight will be at the next meeting to woo the club members into participating in the festivities at Winnipeg Beach on the weekend of June 21,22. Please try to come out and hear what a very enthusiastic young lady will have to say.

Want and Don't Want Ads

Wanted: Petrol (gasoline) tank for 1957 Ariel 650 twin

Contact Ed Pauch (204) - 832 - 0255

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Photo, pictures your pres. Jim. In March of 1966 we had a big snow storm. The motorbike I'm proudly clutching is my first, a twenty-five dollar James. When I bought it the water was running in the lanes, and the weather quite warm. Shortly after winter returned, and only the handlebars could be seen sticking out of the snow. I think the picture may have been taken when the snow was melting for good.

Jim H.

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THE BOOKWORM DIARY

March 10	When will winter end?????
March 20	Firewood's getting low.
March 22	Spring is here and the snow is actually melting.
March 28	Saw a bike today. More melting.
April 4	Saw a Gold Wing. More melting.
April 5	It's snowing and blowing AGAIN. Forecast, Blizzard
	conditions until tomorrow. The snow is coming
	down, horizontally from the north.

DID-JU-NO?????????

In the National Museum in Washington D.C. there is a steam powered motorcycle. Called the Dalifil. Made in France in 1894. This thing carried it's own water and coal supplies and ran a single cyl double acting engine direct to the rear wheel. It completed the 1896 London to Brighton run at a speed of 40k.

Browsing through Canadian Biker for 1993 I came across their "5 years ago" section. This issue had a reminder of Randy Maunder's tour around Europe on his 1951 Matchless. He said it was done without any mechanical problems. Well done, Randy.

THE BOOKWORM

I opened "The Motor Cycle" issue of the London 1954 show issue and came across what must be Honda's source for their Gold Wing 4 cylinder engines. The 499 Wooler used a forked and single eye con rod arrangement. This does seem like an expensive arrangement though. The twin cams were low in the block and operated pushrods to overhead valves. The cams were driven by duplex chains. The thing even had an alternator to maintain lights and battery. This was the beginning of the shift away from generator equipment. I've never heard of a Wooler and any literature or pictures would be neat to see.

The accessory section of this issue was an eyeopener. Imagine electrically heated mitts and vests, made by Bell, and powered by 6 volts. They offered rear lights with built-in reflectors due to changes in vehicle requirements in 1955. This is why older pre war models were without them. I never realized. I guess it's because I'm just too young.

Other accessories included a deflector which can be fitted to the top of your windshield to give extra protection. The J.A.P. engine people introduced a novel 250cc engine with a gear type oil pump, shell type bearings, and overhead cam chain driven. This sure sounds modern. I remember piston type oil pumps still being used into the 60's. Some of the engineering practices were obviously slow to change. This engine sounded very promising.

Opening a 1962 issue of Motor Cycle showed the effect of the growing Baby Boomer demand for transportation and sport riding. The Earl's Court Show advertised 250 exhibitors for their 1963 new products on display. Here we see all the intro level of small displacement machines from all over the world. The availability of models and choices was truelly amazing.

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