

This will be the final newsletter of 1970. Our next newsletter will go out about next February, when 1971 membership dues will be solicited. Five dollars seems to work out fine so I do not anticipate any raise in dues.

I am calling for a selection of officers for 1971. In the past, a single president has not worked out well because one individual sometimes drops out, gets laid up, etc. Consequently, I am going to try to get a multiple executive set up. We will select five group leaders who will alternate in presiding over all group rides and activities. They will have the power to appoint a new leader if one fails to fulfill his or her duties. They will divide tasks among themselves such as membership recruitment, newsletter writing, etc. This means that the group leader on a given ride will in effect be the president of the club at that time.

I propose the following names as candidates for our group leaders. They all ride frequently, have shown interest in the club, have volunteered their help, and most importantly they have good common sense, as far as I can see.

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| 1. Jon Bjorness | 5. Gale Prigge |
| 2. Jim Carroll | 6. Ross Kihhn |
| 3. Erik Cross | 7. Richard Franklin |
| 4. Bryan Morgan | 8. enter your choice (s) |

Please forgive the inclusion of my own name, but I have 2 years of experience in running this club, and it would be valuable to the executive board. In any case, I will be around to act as an adviser, so please do not feel obligated to vote for me. Bryan Morgan has been with us since our inception as a club and has acted as a group leader many times. His leadership qualities are proven. Gale Prigge is one of the few girls with a big enough bike for group leading. She is also one of the few girls I know capable of taking over a bunch of men and telling them what to do. She is also extremely efficient and willing to do a little work. I do not know the other candidates as well, but I believe they all have their heads screwed on right and will not make foolish decisions.

If you wish to vote for other people, please do so. Select five names, write them on a slip of paper, place them in an envelope and drop them in the ballot box at 2015 Upton So. We won't peek. If you are not bashful, simply phone our votes to me or Kathy at 377-3077. This is a little unorthodox, but nobody comes to business meetings, and I want a good number of votes to go on.

Next year's riding schedule will probably include numerous trips to the Apple River, Prescott and Afton. These are the only private scenic spots we have located so far. The Afton spot was just discovered and is a beautiful, secluded, sandy beach reached by scrambling through woods and across a stream on a plank. We still need more good night spots, so keep on looking.

Please keep volunteering your services for our welcome week booth. We also need bikes for display. They do not have to be new or fancy. Any bike will do. We want to reflect our actual bike composition. The booth will be open both evenings and afternoons. Please contact Kathy Stolberg, who will give you your hours, days, etc. We also need help in setting up the booth. 3 x 10 photos of club rides are needed badly. Please give them to Kathy and you will be reimbursed from the club treasury. If you have several 3 x 10 photos, mount them on an attractive board.

I am enclosing a financial report for 1970. As you can see, we are now in good shape. The booth will require some expenditures, but

We are pleased to announce that the University Motorcycle Club will be expanded and renamed for the forthcoming season. Our new name will be:

West Bank Motorcycle Club

Members will be sought from all over the Twin City area, but social life will center around the West Bank Community. Rides will originate at 19th and Riverside as per usual. A riding schedule for the entire season is now being prepared and will be distributed in March or April. Official group rides will occur twice weekly; Sat. at 12 noon and Wed. at 6 P.M. In case of rain, rides will occur on the following Thur. or Sun. Unofficial group rides will still take place on Sundays and some evenings. Group rides and touring will continue to be our dominant interest. However, we will try to visit good scrambling areas, and we hope to make arrangements for a dirt track and a suitable spot for hill climbing. A club emblem has been selected for use on a cloth back patch to be worn on riding jackets. We are now getting estimates for a loom run of 114 cloth patches. We are also starting an advertising campaign to attract new members, e.g. newspaper ads, posters at shops, etc. Membership rates will necessarily be raised this year from \$1.00 to \$5.00. This will include one cloth back patch, a season's riding schedule and a club newsletter. Financial reports will be made periodically. If the club treasury is depleted voluntary contributions will be solicited. In case of a surplus it will be spent on food and refreshments on our last weekend ride.

Checks should be made out to:

Richard L. Franklin
Humanities Program
286 Ford Hall
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455

Since we are already in debt do not hesitate to send your check if you plan to join. You will be contacted c. the last week in March or first week in April. If you have further questions call 377-3077.

Please return the following information with your check or money order:

Name _____ Bike _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ If female do you plan to ride pillion? _____
If so can you provide your own helmet? _____

Safety suggestions
~~WEST BANK MOTORCYCLE CLUB~~
~~Rules for Pillion Passengers~~

1. Keep your shoulders even with the shoulders of the driver. If he leans, stay even with him. Do not twist around suddenly. Do not lean over to look down for any reason.
2. Do not overcompensate. Relax! If your body is stiff it will tend to unbalance the bike. Try to sit rather "soggy". Avoid jerky movements.
3. Wear sensible clothing. High boots and heavy Levis will protect your legs from bad exhaust burns. Leather jackets and gloves will protect you from gravel in case of a spill. Shatterproof eye protection will protect your eyes from insects and flying gravel.
4. When you observe that your driver is going to turn, signal for him.
5. Keep both feet on the pegs at all times. Do not place them on the ground at stop signs.
6. Never dismount unless your driver is aware that you are about to dismount.
7. Do not use the footpegs to mount or dismount.
8. Use common sense and avoid riding with inexperienced or reckless drivers. Try to select drivers with at least 10,000 miles driving experience. If your driver should become intoxicated you should change bikes.
9. Do not allow raincoats, scarves, etc. to fly in the breeze. They may become entangled in the chain and cause a serious accident.
10. Periodically inspect any luggage tied behind you. It often vibrates loose. If it needs to be secured more tightly ask your driver to stop.
11. Report unusual noises in the rear of the bike.
12. If you are extremely sleepy request a coffee stop. It is possible to fall asleep while riding pillion. This is an inadvisable state to be in on sudden or sharp curves or emergencies.
13. Ask your driver if you are doing anything that bothers him. He may be too much of a gentleman to tell you without some prompting.