

WHAT'S HAPPENING!!!

Sunshine, free sloppy Joes and free beer. 72 bikes with 2-up on the majority. Variety, girls, food, women, alcohol, girls, sunshine, women; what more could you ask for on the first ride of the year? MEN? Yes...there's a few of those too!!! We had a fine ride down River Road, then off on a 50-mile trip around the city and back to Jim Carroll's place for a smashing party. Thanks Jim!!! And, speaking of women, we had three women drivers on the first ride. Three cheers. A lot of new faces, some old--and a lot of new enthusiasm. The season is off to a good start.

Due to a lack of get-up-and-go, there was just a model of this year's trophies on display at Jim's. There'll be five trophy winners this year. They'll be donated by: Karl's, 4141 Cedar
Leo's, 710 W. 96th Street
Egeberg's, 2601 Franklin E.
Twin City Honda, 1437 University Avenue, St. Paul
South St. Paul Honda, 120 N. Concord

The idea behind the trophies is to provide an incentive for you to make more rides than the other guys, (or gals) and thus create a hard core of riders to sustain the club. The rules for winning are simple. Anyone (rider or driver) making the first five places for the most rides, rain or shine, leaving from the Joint Bar at noon on Saturdays and 6 p.m. on Wednesdays will win. From the looks of the bad weather this spring the "hard core" is going to be quickly separated from the "fair weather friends." You need to be a paid member to qualify.

The second ride, Wednesday, was a bit of a different story--raining and gray and windy. The hard core showed up that night. Thirteen bikes--not an unlucky number--we had a great time. Play acting on the stage at Como Park Pavillion. Ross had a good cure for the cold and wind. Overheard, Freezing Gal: "Burr!!! It's cold out here!"
Ross Kihn: "Quick!!! Down that beer you've got there!

Saturday, the 5th of May turned out a bit of the same... but we managed to go right past Lurk's (our usual rainy day stop) and on to Prescott, our original scheduled ride. Some brave souls even ventured out of the Pilot House, and up to the top of the hill and even on down to the river bank. All-in-all it turned out to be a good ride with a turnout of 27 bikes.

SAFETY FIRST

"OUR SAFETY AND YOUR PASSENGER'S SAFETY DEPENDS ON YOU!!!"

Drivers--some suggested rules for the road:

1. Use caution when riding along side or near the lead bike. Don't get in his way. He knows where we're going, and sets a good pace. We aren't in a hurry--if you are, then you shouldn't be riding with the club. You can race your friends some other time.
2. Don't stop too short. Keep a safe distance between bikes.

3. Ride two in a file, but stay in one lane. The other guy's got to have a way around us, and we don't want to surround those poor old lady drivers.
4. Don't weave in and out of traffic lanes.
5. If the group gets separated the lead riders should slow up til we're reformed. If you think we're riding too fast, tell the leader.
6. Use common sense and caution.
7. Get gas before you meet us at the Joint Bar. We don't wait for you. If you arrive late, check with the bartender--we'll leave destination info with them, and maybe a map of our route. (Or you could just look for Tom Stuart, making a bee-line out of town to surprise us somewhere along the route.)
8. Stay off the shoulder! I hear tell the manual says pass to the left.
9. Remember, when partying, there's a club depending on your cycling ability. Don't let us down. Check your bike before you leave (tires, cables, etc.).

Safety suggestions 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. 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 of it.
7. Use common sense and avoid riding with inexperienced or reckless drivers. If your driver should become intoxicated you should change bikes. If you don't see anyone to trust your life to, come to the old members, they'll see you get home safely. (Ross, Mike, Debbie, Dave Holets, etc.)
8. Don't allow raincoats, scarves, etc. to fly in the breeze. They may become entangled in the chain and cause a serious accident.
9. Periodically check luggage tied behind you. It often vibrates loose. If it is loose, ask your driver to stop and adjust it.
10. Report unusual noises in the rear of the bike.
11. If you are extremely sleepy, request a coffee stop. It is a must to be alert on sudden or sharp curves or in emergencies.
12. Ask your driver if you are doing anything that bothers him. He may be too much of a gentlemen to tell you without some prompting.
13. Girls--bring your ID. Wisconsin's 18 now, but you still need your ID.

Hopefully, each of you will have read these rules. Don't look at them with a negative attitude--the club won't last long if we have a lot of accidents. We're depending on you!!!

BUFFALO FEED COMING MAY 26

Don't miss getting your tickets in advance. \$1.00 for the feed and a dime a beer--you can't go wrong!!! Be down at the Joint at 11:00 if you're a club member and want to ride. We get to eat early, so we can get out in time to have a good ride. Remember, May 26 at 11.



STEAK FRY

JOINT BAR

Every Friday 5 to 8 p.m.
Baked Potato and Salad
\$1.75



Special Note: Red, what's a pillion mean again???

COMFORT

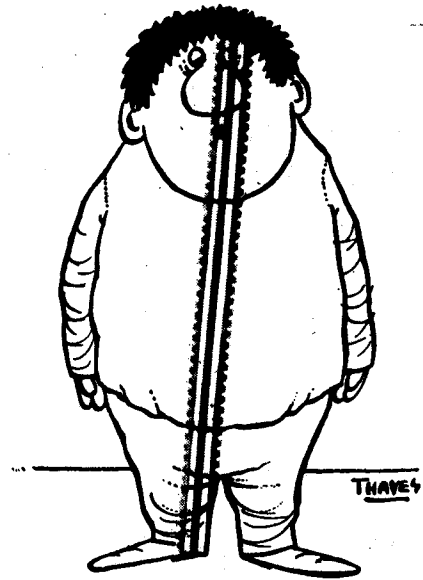
You'll enjoy the rides a lot more if you dress warmly, especially the first part of the year. Windchill is the key. Warm gloves, boots, two pairs of trousers, or long underwear, and a good coat make the difference between fun and torture. You won't be sorry you brought it unless it's downright hot out--then you won't bring it anyway.

COMING UP

Next month's newsletter will have a complete list of members. If you haven't paid your dues, do so now. You won't get another newsletter unless you've paid. We have 88 paid members now!!! A much better start than last year. We'll list the leaders in the trophy run in all the newsletters. Most of the rides will be potential camping spots--bring your gear if you want to spend the night with the trees.

ROOM FOR RENT

Includes use of kitchen, washer, dryer and access to TV. \$75.00 mo. including utilities except long dist. phone calls. 1014 18th Ave. SE, 331-1166 or see Lynn C. Anderson at rides.



"Then I said, 'I'll give you exactly ten seconds to get your motorcycle out of my driveway!'"