

WESTBANK MOTORCYCLE CLUB NEWSLETTER for September 1973

Bombing through the still green summer of 1973. Trees over the road like one long arched roof. A scattered parade of motorcycles. Crackling exhausts. Headlights jiggling in your rearview mirror. Camping gear piled up. Good friends. Good to be alive. The WBMC. Hey!

Everytime I compliment someone on his (or her) bike, it seems he or she trades! Last year it was Lynn with his old 305 Honda and Deb with her Victor, and both bought Beemers. This year no sooner do I say something about Lois' Yami 200 or Andy's faithful Norton than they switch! Lois to a Honda 500 and Andy an H.D. 74. Nothing like a bike club to make people bike-conscious.

And it's great. The best motorcycle show in town. Especially Wednesday nights. At this writing a lot of people are still on trips, not back from Sturgis, etc.

But we've still had good turn-outs. New people and regulars. A covey of Nortons at Wolf Creek, for instance.

They pulled in just as some of us were leaving. They seemed to know everybody. Great. Speaking about Wolf Creek, Denny

Eggert fascinated everyone at the Osceola bar with his "preparation

H" drink. Ask him about it. Mary Luoma's keeping tabs on attendance while Squeak's off to the far West, and helping collect new dues too. What we've got here is a season-long bike rally. Each ride is a checkpoint. Trophies go to those making the most rides, so hang in there.

How many times can one name be misspelled in one newsletter? Ask Lee Pechacek, or see the August newsletter! Is it true that Dale's helmet is the one Juan Manuel Fangio wore in the '54 Mille Miglia? Beautiful Triumph, though. Sharlene is known to lead innocents astray. Yes. And to the Payne Reliever. Not that anyone was feeling any pain when we got there. What a night! Shar's heading west. Leaving the area. Another regular we will miss. What about the park we camped at near Eau Galle? Was it that neat? Thanks again to Lee. He's got a way with those bar maids along the way! Everyone who made the ride agreed it's the prettiest place we've ever gone to. We're planning to substitute it in again this year, hopefully.

AGAIN. Some people ride in the RAIN. Some hit rain coming back from Eau Galle, and also Grey Cloud Island. And the ride of August 22 was a derigueur trek to Como Park, rain all the way out and back. Just the dad and Mary, Lynn, Bill Blackmore, and Rich Nielson made that wet one. Which reminds me. The Club has NOT SKIPPED A RIDE IN almost TWO YEARS! Last year was a perfect record. Rain (that is "falling," not merely the threat of rain) means a short run like Como on Wednesday and Afton on Saturday. This does not mean a short run for everybody. Some come quite a ways just to get to The Joint.

The weather will probably start to get wet, and cold soon. Let's get the right gear together and make the runs. It takes more than "fair weather friends" to make the

Club go. New members, and ones missed before:

Bill Blackmore, 1591 Taylor St., St. Paul

Roxy Brekke, 1922 W. 54th St., Mpls 55419, 926-0126

LeRoy Dulski, 3237 Elliott Ave. S., Mpls 55408, 825-7695

Bill Hupp, 422 - 5th St. SE, Mpls 55414, 331-1091

Aurelia Martinez, 2020 Garfield Ave. Apt. 9, Mpls

Monte Mossong, 3133 Hennepin Ave. S, 55408, 825-2821

Dale Schultz, 6046 Portland S. Mpls 55417

Dennis Wilson, 217 - 8th Ave. SE, Mpls 55414

We have a couple of old regulars who are in the service. I assume their addresses are still:

Capt. Jon Bjorness, 471-54-8820, CMR Box 1292, 6217 USAF Hosp APO San Francisco 96319

Mike Enslin, 475-54-7776, 501 St. Admin Co. P.M. APO New York 09177

We're sending newsletters to these guys and hope to have them back with the club soon.

Was the WBMC represented in Sturgis! I guess so. Supposedly close to 30 members. And they met at the Joint Bar there! My notes show the following were in Sturgis: Linda Melander, Steve Munger, Ron McLeod, Squeak, Walter, Jim Carroll, Barb Swenson, Mark Kunz, Joe Frieberg, Vickie Frieberg, Lynn Anderson, Butch & Sue Brawd, Jim Eastlee, Ron Brown, Dan Perzichilli, Arch France, Duane Bohn, Diane Schatzlein, Ron Barron, Tom Stewart, Lee & Joanie, Bob Woosen, Bruce Ehlers, and Larry Berg; and maybe we've missed somebody. No

wonder our local rides were a bit slack. After Sturgis a lot of bikes headed towards Canada, etc. The group Jim Carroll was with reported 5 flat tires in as many days! Knowing Jim, he probably had 'em all fixed in no time. Debby & Mike reportedly rode some 50 miles in snow! And you wonder where the real bikers are? Remember to check in with the dealers who support our club if you need anything. We need them, they need us. They are:

EGERBERG'S HD

KARL'S BMW, Yamaha

TWIN CITY HONDA

LEO'S Moto Guzzi, Norton (and beautiful old Indians!)

SOUTH ST. PAUL HONDA

Get your chow and drinks at THE JOINT. New to show interest is SPECIALTY PARTS CO., 4308 E. Lake St. They've given us all discount cards and Burt Applebaum has assured us that we'll get a good cut under the already low prices. Check it out. Gail Welling wants equal time on John's aeroplane bit. Sorry, I missed that. Gail's out east for awhile, going to do some hiking, she says. The CONTEST for the TROPHIES--here's how it stands through September 1st:

33 rides--	Denny Eggert
32	Linda Melander, Lee Pechacek
30	Lynn Anderson
29	Julie Koelme1
27	Gail Brown, Rich Nielson, Mike Nemcek, Joe Frieberg
26	Debby Nemcek, Laurie Abrahamson
25	Mary Luoma
23	John Brightman, Barb Swenson, Ron Brown
22	Walt Brown, Bruce Ehlers

And a whole host of people cluttered around the 20 mark. There are 5 trophies. And don't forget the "over 20 rides club." By the way, the scores above are unofficial, which means we went through the list in a hurry, so don't get mad! For Sale: 1972 350 Kawasaki, 4,000 miles, good condition, \$725 - call Don at 739-5710. This is the LAST MONTH of scheduled rides! Where did the summer go? Next winter you'll be wondering why you didn't make more rides. So make it! We'll try to organize an "end-of-season party" in October. The trophies will be awarded, etc. We'll let you know when and where. Happy motorcycling and we'll see you at The Joint!

Ride destination will be posted  
at the Joint at time of departure.

