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CHANGE TO CONSTITUTION

Following a meeting of the club's Executive on March 9th, a proposed change to the constitution was presented to the club at the last meeting. This is the proposed change:

Article No. Sixteen:

"Sale or lease of club property shall require approval by at least seventy-five percent of the total of regular paid-up club membership."

Most of you are familiar with the routine concerning constitutional changes; however, to refresh your memory, changes to the constitution or the bylaws must be posted in the clubhouse for one month and then voted on at a regular club meeting. The above change (a new article is being added) has been posted; you have until April 22, 1992 to oppose this change, if you so desire. Your opposition must be in writing and must be submitted to a member of the Executive, preferably the President, prior to the April 22nd meeting.

The matter was discussed briefly in the last meeting, and there seemed to be general agreement that it is a good idea.

As chairman of the committee concerning the formation of a "Board of Directors" it was my job to meet with the Executive and discuss the matter thoroughly. We did this on March 9, and believe me we had a long discussion. It was the consensus of the Executive that the Club does not need another governing or advisory body ... this is, after all, the role of the present Executive and any future Executives. We did feel, however, that the club needs more protection against disposing of or leasing any major property (real estate); that is the purpose of the proposed Article Sixteen, as outlined above. If this article is adopted, as we hope it will be, then there should be no need for the formation of a "Board of Directors." It is never good to have two Captains on one ship and we were all anxious about the idea of having two "governing" bodies and the possible conflict that could result.

Signed: (Al Hall) Chairman, "Board of Governors" Committee

"BAPTISM" HELD IN MIDDLE OF THE WOODS

Bob (Pow-Pow) Pettipas was recently baptized! This total immersion was long overdue, we feel sure. He volunteered. We are not sure if there were any ministers present but Bob did receive a total baptism none-the-less, in five feet of very fast water ... and very cold water too, this being the middle of March when the blessed event took place. Seems Bob took his four-wheeler along as part of the service. It was bad enough that the ice broke and bad enough to get soaked in the middle of winter far from home -- but the worst part was that when Bob finally "bobbed up" from the bottom of the stream the machine stayed behind. So guess who had to "dive" back down and attach tow-lines, etc.? Why Bob of course. Evidently the crew hauled the machine out, replaced the oil with new oil and did various other repairs -- and Bob drove her home!!

Although I am not positive about this I think a communion service probably followed the baptism. I'm also not sure there was wine, but I suspect there might have been some kind of "spirits" present.

Good work Bob! We're glad you're O.K. and apparently never even lost your sense of humour.

KLU KLUX KLAN NO INFLUENCE ON EDITOR

If the Reader's Digest is telling the truth, the KKK has a magazine called The Crusader. Yee Gods!! I am glad that ours is not a magazine and that it's called "The Crusader Newsletter" instead of just The Crusader. Believe me fellas, I am not a member of the KKK!!

CLASSIFIED SECTION IS A ROARING SUCCESS!

Gee whiz! That's the truth. The Classified Section really is a success. At least it has been for me. I sold most everything I advertised. You can too at no charge. I am amazed at how many articles were sold by advertising here in this crummy little Newsletter. Feel free to use it. Just write it out and I'll do the rest.

REPORT ON THE PENNY'S

Nope, this is not a financial statement. Bette and I were in to visit James, Rachel, Brandy and the boys recently. They are all in good shape, and no wonder. You should see all the gym equipment they have! It's no wonder they all have such spectacular muscles. They have a fine home and not only that they have a nice workshop/garage stuffed full of motorcycles. What a great bunch of people. I'm sure guests from the 74th would always be welcome for a visit once James gets back from sea duty.

LUCKY, LUCKY, LUCKY ME, I'M A LUCKY SON-OF-A-GUN!!

Why am I so lucky? I'm lucky to be alive I think. While in the process of the spring over-haul of my bike, I decided to replace the rear tire. After all I'd been "cross-border shopping" and had a new K491 out in the barn and the old Metzler tire had a lot of miles on it, two plugs in it (thanks, John O'Rourke) after picking up something in Musquodobit Harbour last year ... besides it had a very slow leak.

So ... off comes the wheel (grunt, groan, curse) and then it's time to inspect the wheel bearings too. Guess what? The left-hand wheel bearing has almost disappeared. The ball bearings are still there but the race was chewed into small pieces. What held that bike up is beyond me. Yet I never noticed anything wrong at all. While in there I also found the driven flange badly worn, as well as the matching spline on the final drive unit. So hi-ho, hi-ho, it's off to the dealer I go. After all, it's only money, right? And I do feel very lucky all the same.

I guess the moral of the story is to do a lot of work yourself and BUY A BOOK!! My bike has about 75 000 km on it and I plan to continue inspection, tightening and checking, checking, checking. I wish you would too. (Except for Ken Power ... he shouldn't bother!)

RALLY BROCHURES HIT THE STREETS

Good old Scott! He's not only got nice new Rally brochures made up but has also sent out many, many, many! Good man! Rally date is July 31, Aug. 1, 2, 1992. Pick up a few brochures at the club and pass'em around to other bikers - OK?

TOOLS, TOOLS, TOOLS

Hey, it worked! We now seem to have lots of pretty good tools. Thanks, thanks, everyone. The gifts are greatly appreciated.

DON'T ANYBODY SIT DOWN!!

At least check your rear end for grease before you do, on the nice, nifty, wonderful, terrific SOFA AND CHAIR donated to the club by Terry Potter and family. Boy, did we ever need the sofa and chair. Terry is Fred Maxner's right hand man. Thank you very much Terry.

HIS MOTTO ... I MAKE IT HOT FOR PEOPLE!

That could be Bob Thomas' motto anyway. He donated not only one but two real good propane stoves for our kitchen. These are really appreciated Bob. As we all know the old propane unit has had the biscuit. Your gift is greatly appreciated. Thanks again.

GREENWOOD ROAD RIDERS TO HOST MOTORCYCLE SAFETY COURSE

Once again the Greenwood Roadriders is sponsoring a motorcycle safety course under the auspices of the Canada Safety Council.

According to President-for-life John Duprey, this course is scheduled to start April 27th, so you haven't got much time. The fee for the course is \$85, and the course is two nights a week for 3 weeks.

although I haven't taken the course myself, I have seen some of the bikes they use and some of the facilities. If you are a young rider or if you know a beginning rider, I would certainly very strongly suggest they take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. I certainly wish I could have taken something like this when I first started riding; I might be able to drive a bike now!

Contact: Marsha at 765-5412 for details.

VINTAGE CLUB PLANS BIKE SHOW

According to our Secretary Len Telfer the Vintage Club is planning a Bike Show at the Kingston Arena on Saturday, May 23rd. Proceeds from the show will be going to the I.W.Killam Hospital for Children. If you want to enter a bike, there is a small fee for doing so. I understand there is to be a dance that evening also. Sounds like a good time.

Although he didn't ask me to do this, I will take a chance and suggest you contact Len Telfer for more details. 825-4562.

PARTY, PARTY, PARTY, OR "PARTY-ON, DUDE!"

Check with Cliff, or show up Wednesday nights. There's going to be a party at the club. I am pretty sure it's April 25th but I forgot to write it down. Like I say ... check with Cliff, he's the Entertainment Chairman.

GET WELL SOON!

Sorry to hear that Dorothy R. may be having surgery.

TEXAN TO TAKE UP ROOTS?

Well, we don't know about that, but we were all pleased to see Jerry Jones return to the club. Reg O'Brien sponsored Jerry as a prospective new member.

June came down to the club for a visit. She looks fantastic. Nice to see you again June.

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There is no need to tell you how much I appreciate getting a little news from the sunny south during the long winter. I heard you got some snow this last winter?

The classified section is a good idea, as someone is always looking for something, and more of us are always looking to sell the old stuff, since we have probably already bought the new! Which brings me to the point. If any one knows of someone looking for a great (previously owned) touring bike, have them get in touch with me. The attached only gives you an appetite for the real thing.

And lastly, it may be an idea, you decide, if those who are planning trips for the upcoming season to include these in the newsletter. We may not want the world going with us, but it would be nice for example if we knew who was going to Americade, and where they may be staying. It was a couple of years ago I found two Nova Scotia bikes at a motel, and on further investigation found two pretty earthy characters wearing 74th jackets (names withheld). Had we known they were there we may have been able to get together. Anyway, just a suggestion. We fully expect to be going to Americade again this year and will keep you informed.

Best personal regards,

Alex Mattice

1986 VENTURE ROYALE

\$6,900

1300 cc 16 valve V4

Low mileage - 49,000 kms

New tires - Dunlop Touring Elite II - Raised white letter

Multi-function cruise control

Progressive suspension - Front and Rear

40 channel CB

Full Function Intercom

Twin antenna - CB isolated

Rear passenger controller

AM/FM radio and cassette

CLASS suspension system

Chrome Fork protectors

Spin on oil filter adapter

Kincaid passenger arm rests

Hitchco Trailer hitch and relay wiring

Chrome trunk rack

Trunk pouches and trunk light

Highway boards

Driving lights

Baker built airwings

Venture tank bag and map holder

Chrome horn covers

NEVER DROPPED

Contact: Alex Mattice (Moncton) 383-6914 Evening, 387-4044 Daytime

CLASSIFIED SECTION

(General)

FOR SALE

Small 2-wheeled rotary Lime and Fertilizer spreader for lawn or garden. Advertised this week in a hardware store flier for about \$29, with taxes.

I've got one for sale! Just like new, only used twice, and I still have the original carton in case you want to wash it up and give it to your wife for Mother's Day.

I hate the thing! It's not worth a damn on bumpy ground, and is there any other kind?

Make my day! Give me \$15 and take it home with you.

Al Hall 665-2621

FOR SALE

9.9 Horsepower SEACO OUTBOARD MOTOR. Runs well.

\$275, negotiable.

1935 McCormick/Deering antique farm tractor. A unique machine, requiring restoration. \$575.00

1949 Massey-Harris tractor with front-end loader. \$775

Electric counter-top range. All 4 burners work fine. \$85

Anex wood burner/stove, good condition. \$125

Enterprise wood range, like new. \$275

Parlor stove, good condition. With chrome rails. \$85

For any or all of the above items, contact Merton at 665-2356 or leave message.

CLASSIFIED SECTION

(Motorcycles)

FOR SALE

The two motorcycles on this page belong to:

Craig Sproule Hall Road Greenwood, N.S.

Phone: 765-3009, and ask for Craig or leave a message.

1984 Harley-Davidson

1984 Honda Aspencade, reduced to \$5800

80 cu. inches, shovel-head motor, S & S Super-Carb, after-market single-fire electronic ignition, custom paint, engraved primary and lower forks. 5 gallon "fat Bobs", dual plugged heads. Best of everything.
\$7200

Near perfect condition, has new stator never been damaged. Has extras, such as light bar, etc. With Hondaline stereo, etc. 60,000 km. Negotiable.

