

THE CRUSADERS

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LOCK COMBINATION TO BE CHANGED

At the regular meeting on January 22nd, President Todd announced that there will be a new lock on the front door, effective April 1st. Members who have paid their dues have already received the new combination. Hopefully you will pay your dues before that time; in any event, please be sure to get the new combination or you will be "out in the cold". Thanks.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS PROPOSED FOR CLUB

At the January 22nd meeting, J.P. Arsenault paid a call at the club. Members were glad to see him. As most of you know, J.P. has been a member of our club for many years. Although he now is retired from the Armed Services, he is living and working in Moncton, N.B. He always comes to visit us whenever he can. At the club meeting, he received warm applause for his praise of our club and how much he values his membership in our "family".

J.P. made a strong case for the formation of a "Board of Governors" consisting of senior members (10 years - plus, service?) who would ensure that the club always exists. He stated that the club's property is now worth a considerable amount of money and we should have a silent body whose responsibility would be to ensure that nothing happens to endanger its continuing operation.

Eric Todd asked Al Hall to chair a committee to look into this matter, draw up preliminary proposals and hammer out some sort of arrangement that would be presented to the membership for their approval. This is being done and some work has already gone into it. You will be hearing more quite soon.

"CLASSIFIED" SECTION TO BE ADDED TO NEWSLETTER

This issue of The Crusader has a brand-new Classified Section. there are only three items in it this time, but your advertisements are welcome in future editions of the Newsletter. There is NO CHARGE for the service. Send BUY-SELL-TRADE items that are related to motorcycling to:

A.L. Hall
143 Granville Street, Box 514
Bridgetown, N.S. B0S 1C0
Phone: (902) 665-2621

OR: Eric Todd
 665-4232 (winter)
 665-4276

"CHECK YOUR REAR END"

Paul Doucette now has a new habit. He is checking his rear end more often, especially since the rear-end and transfer case in his 4WD vehicle was found to be bone dry. Now only his rear-end was dry; rumour has it that his front end and his radiator were dry too!

Tch, tch, Paul! You must be more careful in the future. After all, checking only once every five years is really not over-doing it.

Like the TV commercial used to say ... "you can pay me now, or pay me later!".

TOOL NIGHT ALMOST TOTAL FAILURE

Only Dave Morrison came through. The rest of us brought nothing for tool night, not even a list. Like me they all forgot about it or put it off. Come on guys. Bring in those tools. If you find that someone else has brought in a handsaw like the one you planned to donate, for example, take yours back home. But let's get some tools together before spring.

CHRISTMAS TREE STILL MAJOR CLUB ATTRACTION

Members were delighted last week to see the Christmas tree still trimmed and ready for action. As cold as it's been, we think it may very well last until next year.

MID-WINTER BASH IN FREDERICTON

As we all should know by now, the ARRC Mid-Winter Bash is being held in Fredericton on February 7, 8 and 9th. Few of our club members expressed interest even though J.P. offered to meet them at the boat in Saint John and drive them to Fredericton. Most stated it was too far or too expensive. (Much to Paul's disgust.)

CLUB "BASH" PLANNED FOR TRURO

Tentative plans have been advanced for a club get-together in Truro on the weekend of February 21st. More details should be available at the next meeting. Keddy's Motor Inn seems the choice at a cost said to be approximately \$40/room per night. They have a pool, sauna, hot-tub and so forth. Quite a few members expressed interest in going. Please try to give Eric a more definite answer by the next meeting in two weeks (Feb. 5th).

EDITORIAL

Once again, let me remind you that these are my personal views in the Editorial. You have every right to criticize me and disagree with me. What I say on this page does not necessarily reflect club belief or policy.

BAR TABS:

Yes, I have an opinion on this topic. No, I don't have a tab. Many of us do. My personal opinion is that the tabs are getting out of hand and should not be let get anywhere near this large an amount. However, as one member said, and I do agree with him, "the guys that are running up large tabs are really the ones who are putting a lot of revenue into the club -- and these fellows have always paid up; maybe they were late sometimes, but they have always paid.

I can't really argue with that. Nonetheless, I still think that members ought to try to keep their tabs lower and pay up more frequently. I guess it's just the principle of the thing that bothers me. Enough said?

BOARD OF GOVERNORS:

I have an opinion on this too. (Maybe I ought to keep my opinions to myself, but this is what an Editorial Page is all about, isn't it? Maybe I'll get you mad enough to write in?)

When J.P. first mentioned the idea of a governing body, I thought it probably wasn't necessary. Then I got thinking about the large amount of money involved (you figure out what our buildings and campground is worth sometime) and I also thought about how thin is the thread that holds it all together. So I began to agree with J.P.'s viewpoint and I can't see why a "silent" governing body won't be a good idea so long as it remains silent and doesn't interfere with the Executive. I think a Board consisting of senior members is a good idea; after all people who have stuck with the club for five or ten years are certainly people who have shown a keen interest and responsibility. Who then could be better to be watch-dogs and make sure the club keeps going? That's my opinion anyway. You will all have a chance to voice yours, so hang in there.

ATTENDANCE:

My personal congratulations to so many who show up for meetings and social nights, even through this bitter winter weather. I for one am very impressed and I also enjoy the card games and fun on social nights. Keep up the good work, bikers.

TECHNICAL TIPS FROM HONDA

"Drain and flush the cooling system at least every 2 years. Refill with a mixture of ethylene glycol antifreeze (formulated for aluminum engines) and distilled water. Do not reuse the old coolant as it deteriorates with use. Do not operate cooling system with only distilled water (even in climates where antifreeze protection is not required.) This is important because the engine is all aluminum; it will not rust but it will oxidize internally and have to be replaced."

Wow! This sure impressed me. Guess who is going to perform a coolant change next spring, first thing? Right ... me. ("You can pay me now or pay me later.")

CLUB GETS NEW KEY RACK

Solid oak! Very impressive. Thanks Jeff.

OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS

J.P. Arsenault, in a moment of weakness that he may live to regret, has offered FREE overnight accommodations to members of the 74th who may be passing through Moncton. His address:

Box 9001 Sub 1 Moncton, N.B. ICU 9K8 Phone: (506) 384-3193

Now if only we can figure out how to stay overnight in a Post Office box we will have it made.

THIS SPACE FOR RENT

(Go to it Scott!)

CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE: Used battery for Honda Aspencade 1200, or for Interstate. This battery has been overhauled and had new electrolyte and "magic juice" added. It has been load-tested and cycled to ensure good operation. Originally thought to be a battery problem; turned out to be a bad alternator in the bike.

\$40 or best offer. Al Hall (902) 665-2621

FOR SALE: 1985 HONDA INTERSTATE. Excellent condition. Color: Midnight Sapphire. Only 6800 (?) km? Asking \$5800.

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B4C 2S6

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