



THE CRUSADER

NEWSLETTER....

February 1993

Belated HAPPY NEW YEAR everyone !
Sorry to be so late with the newsletter but it takes a while for everything to come together.

NOTE THE NEW FORMAT:

Thanks to Scott MacMullen and his magic computer. He volunteered to do this and it is certainly a great improvement. Also thanks to Eric for his valuable input.

There are no CLASSIFIEDS in this edition; I guess nobody has anything to sell or trade. If you do, please let me know and I will provide this service at no charge.... it does not have to be motorcycle related.

In case you have been collecting newsletters, the last issue was for December, 1992.

ACTIVITIES:

The annual Christmas Party was held December 12th with about thirty members and guests. A real good time around the Christmas tree was had by all; thanks to the decorating committee for their valued efforts, and special thanks to all those who brought such wonderful food. We are very proud of our lovely ladies and all the help they so often provide.

There were gifts for all who attended, handed out by Santa-Todd. He kept us all in stitches with his well-known and beloved sense of humour. I think he enjoyed his role perhaps more than we did, especially all the hugs and kisses from several lucious ladies.

A Pizza Party and Darts Tournament was held during the afternoon and evening on January 24, Sunday. This was a family event with about twenty to thirty members and guests. Jackie Sabean and Jeff Bent took first place in the Darts competition, and Sid Burrell and Les Robicheau came in second. Those of us who didn't play darts fought it out at the crowded card table, I don't remember who won the big pot, but I do recall "Mum and Dad Pettipas stayed in the

game until very near the end.... she did a lot better than her little boy Robert (Pow-Pow) usually does. Apparently she didn't teach Bob all her smooth manouvers.

Thanks to Wayne for organizing this event, and thanks to all for their help in various forms. It's easy to forget that Fred has to order and pay for all the potato chips and pop and snacks and refreshments, as well as lug it in and take back the empties and so forth. Do we really appreciate this man enough ? I doubt it.

COMPUTER COMES TO CLUB:

Well, it's not actually IN the club house, but Scott has initiated a trial system to keep track of bar tabs and the sales, including snack items, etc. This is to establish some kind of inventory and better knowledge of stock sales. Please take the time to enter your purchases on the various forms provided. The canteen system has to have input or it can't work. Please help ! Records are also being kept for all bank accounts.

DUES ARE DUE FOR 1993 !!

Please pay your dues as soon as possible. They are due by the end of March if you please. Once again the dues have been held down to only thirty-five dollars....what a deal !

MEETINGS, MEETINGS:

Regular meetings are held every second Wednesday at the club. We try to be at the club by 7:30 p.m. and the meetings suppose to start at 8:00, lasting about an hour or less; usually this is followed by a social session, with "Chase the Ace" being a popular pastime. We usually try to lose to Paul as he needs the money to buy birdfood for his budgie.

Next meeting is Feb. 3, then Feb. 17, March 3rd, etc. GET IN PHASE and mark meeting dates on your calendar. We need to see you there.

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The more the merrier; also a reminder to those members who live within a 100 miles of the club you must pay your dues at a regular club meeting.

On Wednesdays when there are no meetings we just have a social get-together; so if you want to find somebody at the club you will likely do so on any given Wednesday night. During the summer riding season the alternate (non-meeting) Wednesday nights are RIDE NIGHTS, leaving for parts unknown at 7: p.m. from the club. So if you want to ride, be there on time and off we go into the sunset. There are few Wednesday nights even in the winter time that we don't have about a dozen members at the club.

New President Burrell is doing well, so far he has managed to keep the meetings in order and has not yet broken the gavel.... that is one tough unit. (The gavel I mean, not Sid)

By the way, anyone taking part in the card game is hereby cordially invited to sit right next to Wayne Chute. I have vacated this seat forever... I've been burned to many times ! Thanks again Wayne, old buddy. Gheez... what a guy !

WORKS FOR WINDOWS:

That's a computer program you can buy. What we've found is what DOESN'T work for windows....and that's heat from the wood stove. The stove works though....too well. Kiss one new picture window goodbye. It's badly cracked. We need a sheet metal heat shield that will stand up for itself during the heating season and protect the next picture window we put in. Any volunteers to make one ?

PARTY PARTY:

There's a Valentines party and dance coming up, probably on Saturday night, February 13th. Keep yourself posted on this event. A good way to do this is to come to meetings



GUEST BOOK:

There's now a Guest Book at the club and it would be great if your guests would sign it and put in their comments when they visit. It's really fun to read the various comments and note how many people from far-away places come to visit.

BOUND FOR THE SUNNY SOUTH:

Kenny King and Gail are planning to move very soon from Perrysburg Ohio to Georgia so I am told. I believe he already has a Georgia address but has delayed moving for a few more weeks/months ?

Also bound for the south (Florida) are June Quartermain and Jerry Jones.

Good luck to all you guys !

JUSTICE PREVAILS

RADAR GUNS LINKED TO CANCER:

Police officers across the country are being warned of possible cancer concerns with some radar guns.

The Canadian Police Association sent an urgent health concern memo about the radar units to all Canadian judicial organizations last month, says Const. Jim Breckenridge of the Edmonton Police Association.

The alert was sent out because of possible cancer concerns with some radar units, said Breckenridge. The memo will be discussed at the monthly meeting of the police commission.

The warning is a precautionary measure after unsubstantiated hazards over two kinds of units were raised in the United States, Breckenridge said.

ANOTHER PARTY PARTY:

Our New Road Captain, Eric Todd says this is a "sanctioned event" for the club. In other words, LETS GO, EVERYBODY !! Here it is: **ANNUAL BIKE SHOW, SWAP MEET and DANCE:**

At the Wandlyn Motel, Coldbrook, Kings County.(just off the 101, West) this side of New Minas. **Saturday, March 27/93** (be sure to mark your calendar)

Proceeds for Big Brothers & Big Sisters. Prizes for various categories of bike entries ("Best in Show" etc.), also door prizes. Table rentals for those wishing to sell items: \$5 small table, \$10 large table.

ADMISSION FEE: \$1 Per Person. (Free for 2 people if one of them rents a table)

DANCE: \$2 Per person.

SHOW OPENS AROUND 10:00 AM Bar opens at 12:00 noon. Chili, etc. sold at bar.

If you want to enter a bike in the show: Contact Lyle Fowler prior to mid March at 681-6011 or 679-1911.

If you plan to stay overnight following the dance: Contact the Wandlyn Motel before the **first** of March.

MOTEL RATES: \$49 + Tax for a double room. Pool available to registered guests.

WE WILL NOW HAVE THE READING OF THE MINUTES:

Yes we will ! Pretty soon. Right back to the very first meeting held in 1974. Special and heart-felt thanks to Fred Maxner and Eric Todd who took a couple of days to wade through all the old papers and organize the minutes, ready for typing (if the poor typist can understand the handwriting, especially mine); these minutes will eventually be bound up in booklet form by year and also copied on computer disk. We will finally have a record of everything. This is of great significance to the executive who so often have to go back into the records. It will be a job well done.



TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY

1994 will be the twentieth anniversary of the 74th Crusaders Motorcycle Club. What an event ! What an achievement! I wonder how many bike clubs there are that have been around for that long ?

Now we need to CELEBRATE, and we need lots of organizational help to do it right. Fortunately there are quite a few Charter members still around; these include Len Telfer, Carl Marshall, Gary Harry, Fred Maxner, Tommy Mack, probably Brian Cummings and Ron Porter.. and who else ?

The first minutes said there were 19 people present at the very first meeting; who were they ? WE NEED HELP !! LOTS OF HELP, especially from the original members. WE NEED IDEAS. WE NEED A DATE TO WORK TOWARD IN 1994. WE NEED MAILING ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS OF PAST MEMBERS. WE NEED TO MAKE THIS A BIG DEAL. Your ideas and input are more than welcome, they are necessary. Collectively we will be able to "remember" most of the past members over the last twenty years and we should be able to get most of them and their families together in the summer of 1994 for a real good party.

Let's talk about this, and let's get someone to get it going.

NEW STEPS:

Thanks to Reg O'Brien for building new steps to the woodshed and thanks to Jeff Bent for installing them. It's a big im-provement.

"NEW" P.A. SYSTEM:

Thanks to Al Hall for the new public address system. This will be upgraded somewhat in the spring.

That's it for this time folks. See you later.

RALLY DATES AND CLUB RIDES FOR 1993

Following are the known events for the upcoming biking season. Also please check the main calendar in the club house. **IF YOU KNOW** about upcoming (summer) events that are not posted either on this sheet or in the club house, please advise the road Captain, Eric, and fill in your event on the calendar with as much detail as possible.

RALLY DATES FOR 1993:

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| Cape Breton Map Run | Week ending 29 May |
| Moncton Awareness Run and Food Run | 12:00 pm 29 May |
| MMTA Chap 2 Poker Run | 12:00 pm 5 June |
| MMTA Bowlathon | 3 April |
| Ride for Sight Stewiacke River Park | 12-13 June |
| Christian Ride, Halifax to Moncton | 17 June |
| MMTA Chap 3 Mahone Bay | 11:00 am -1:00 pm, June 19, Register |
| Bluenose Rally | 1 - 4 July |
| Gold Wing Rally, Moncton | 8 - 11 July |
| Waverly Poker Ride | 16 - 17 July |
| Greenwood Toy Ride | 12 Noon, 24 July, New Minas |
| 74 th Crusaders Rally | 30,31 July & 1 st August |
| Pictou Rally | August TBA |
| Gold Wing Rally Yarmouth | 7 August |
| Moncton Rally | 20 - 22 August |
| PEI Rally | 3 - 5 September |
| MMTA Chap 3 Toy Ride Mahone Bay | 11 September |
| Liverpool Toy Ride | 25 September |
| Waverly Toy Run | 18 September |
| Fredericton Toy Run | 11 September |
| Moncton Toy Run | 18 September |
| Ride For Sight New Brunswick | TBA |
| Riverally Riders(Harley for Grand Prize) | |
| Highlanders Club Ride | 11 October (this year) |

RIDE NIGHTS

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| Burger King, Truro | Tuesday Nites |
| Irving Big Stop, Enfield | Tuesday Nites |
| Dairy Queen, Stewiacke | Wednesday Nites |
| 24 Hr Irving, Bridgewater | Wednesday Nites |
| Arby's, Bedford | Thursday Nites |

Please note: Arby's in Bridgewater and Bedford offer a 15% discount on all meals if you show a membership card from a Motorcycle Club.