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CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Christmas party was held at the club on December 14, 1991 from about 7:00 p.m. until "the wee small hours". Attended by thirty to forty members and guests, this was a fun-filled event enjoyed by one and all. Santa Claus made an appearance; by the time we ate and called upon Santa to distribute the gifts he was quite jolly! Thanks, Santa.

A marvellous pot-luck supper was prepared and served by the ladies; they sure know how to do it right! It was, as we say down East, "some good!".

Someone did a real good job picking the tapes for the music; we had a good dance including a couple of spot dances with prizes. During the evening a good-will offering was taken to buy food for a needy family in the area. (More about this later.) Everyone contributed generously. Our thanks to all. Thanks also to the decorating committee; the club looked good. What more can be said than "a good time was had by all."

OVERLOADED BIKE SPOTTED IN KINGSTON

No, it wasn't Santa Claus heading south. According to John O'Rourke it was Jerry Jones heading south, back to Texas to visit his daughter for Christmas. I guess Jerry's bike was so overloaded that he told John "this here bike handles like s---". Jerry planned to stop in New Hampshire and pick up his bike trailer enroute. He left the week of December 14th. We all wish him a safe journey and hope his part of Texas wasn't flooded out when he got there. Jerry is some kind of a guy! Rumour has it that he plans to walk the Appalachian Trail next year.

BURRELL BUILDS BIG BUILDING

Sid's winter project is underway. He is busy building a brand new multi-purpose garage ... two stories! Wow. Hope he has a "barn-warming" next spring. We can all make a party of it.

MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECT SHELVED FOR WINTER MONTHS

Speaking of building ... Jeff Bent made a major move this summer; he's building a new house on the side of the mountain. It's a very impressive structure. Going to have plenty of glass and a fantastic view of the Valley. Although construction is well advanced Jeff has stopped for the winter months. (He's spending his time in a camp near the house, I guess. He built that too in his "spare" time.)

BIKER GETS INTIMATE WITH MOTORCYCLE

He's living with his motorcycle! Really. Eric has his motorcycle right in the living room for the winter. I expect he'll get the "cleanest bike" at least one night next spring. It's also rumoured that Eric is running a free "bed and breakfast". At least several members and their partners have spent the night at Eric's lately. Good for you, Pres. !!

TECHNICAL TIPS FROM DUNLOP MOTORCYCLE TIRES

1. "Checking the tire pressure is the most important tire maintenance function you may perform."
2. "Dunlop street tires have yellow balance dots in the bead or sidewall area to indicate the lightest point of the tire. All Dunlop street tires should be installed with the balance dot at the valve. All Dunlop street tires also have arrows on the sidewall, which indicate the correct direction of rotation."

THE PRICE IS RIGHT

Yes, the price is right for 1992. At the last club meeting two motions were made; one to increase dues for 1992 to \$40 (a \$5 increase) and to increase refreshment prices by 25 cents. Both motions were soundly defeated! After discussions the "seconders" didn't even vote for the motions they'd just seconded. Ah well -- such is politics.

NO WORD ON "ZAPPERS"

Remember the round club "zappers", so useful for sticking on your car window, truck, 4-wheeler and so on? We're still waiting for a price from Ltd. Editions. Hopefully it will be under \$1 each.

CALL 911

Thanks to Reg O'Brien we now have our new "911" sign. Watch for grand opening.

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Letter to the Editor,

I feel after the first edition has hit the stands it's already time for a letter to the editor. In my few years with the club, this is going to be one of the most significant things that the club has done to bring the members together and for all members to finally know just what is going on at the club.

For a few of our people who live distant from us and I'm sure have an interest in our club, this will be a great opportunity for them to express to most of the other members their feelings on issues that they would otherwise be unable to do.

Also, the editor that has taken upon himself this job, my sincere congratulations on a job well done. Al in his usual wit and humour has made the contents a very enjoyable read and I feel he deserves just due for a job well done. I look forward to the next edition already. Hope that all club members will give him a hand bringing in material for each and every edition. I repeat, a job well done Al.

Scott MacMullen
Rally Chairman (again!)

CHRISTMAS GOES TO DALHOUSIE

A couple of days before Christmas, Sid, Craig and Al Hall took a Christmas dinner to a needy family. This dinner consisted of a good-sized turkey, potatoes, turnip, carrots, cranberry sauce and so on, and so on ... all the "fixings" for a good dinner. This effort was the result of your generosity which enabled Sid and Nancy to do the shopping. They did a great job and were able to get a lot of goodies with their careful shopping. It was not too easy to find the right needy family. Eric burned up the phone lines to Social Services ... they were no help. We called the Lions Club with the same result, and the Salvation Army didn't answer the many phone calls we made. Finally by word of mouth I made contact with a young couple with two young children who were facing a bleak Christmas. We went out the next day and it made us feel really good to realize that we had done some good. Thank you all, especially Sid and Nancy, for you help.

MAILING ADDRESSES

With thanks to Scott, I now have most of the addresses. You could check with me and make sure I have yours. I plan to mail only to the "out of towners"; surely the rest of us can pick up the newsletter at the club. Some back copies are still available I believe. (Probably they'll be collector's items, huh?)

CLUB IN DIRE NEED OF FURNISHINGS

The furniture in the club house is, as we all know too well, junk! If you're thinking of throwing out a sofa or chairs ... throw it our way! Next spring we have to throw out all of the old sofas and get replacements. If you know where we can buy good used furniture, please let us know. We are desperate.

EDITORIAL

Happy New Year everyone! Here's to a prosperous and happy 1992. Let's try to be optimistic. It seems, after all, that we have no place to go but up. Maybe instead of bitching we should be thankful that we aren't living in some other part of the world.

I've been trying to keep track of Kenny King. It was great to talk to him on the phone during the Christmas party. At that time, he was supposed to be heading for Hawaii. Now Sid tells me he isn't going. What's with you Kenny? I'd be glad to go in your place if you need a substitute.

I mentioned mailing addresses; perhaps you should all know that most members evidently feel it won't be a problem for the club to finance envelopes and postage for out-of-town members. (It was my opinion that we should raise dues by \$5 to cover, but I was out-voted. That's what democracy is all about.)

How about those politicians in Ottawa? I read in the paper that some of the lettering on the Parliament Buildings is getting kind of scruffy, so they are re-doing the lettering ... at a cost of \$20,000 per letter. How about that for a cost-saving idea?

Now having done my bitching, which I said we shouldn't do, I suppose it is time to terminate this newsletter. There isn't a whole lot to write about with the winter being a less than busy time for bikers. Hope to see most of you at the next meeting. Bye for now.

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