

**74th CRUSADERS MOTORCYCLE CLUB  
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**"THE CRUSADER" NEWSLETTER**

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**CLUB ELECTIONS HIGHLIGHT NEWS FOR OCTOBER**

The big news for October is the election of officers, held at the club on October 30. Here are the results:

PRESIDENT:	Eric Todd
VICE PRESIDENT:	Sid Burrell
TREASURER:	John O'Rourke
SECRETARY:	Len Telfer
CANTEEN MANAGER:	Fred Maxner
ENTERTAINMENT:	Cliff Swansburg
ROAD CAPTAIN:	Al Hall
GROUNDS:	Paul Doucette
RALLY CHAIRMAN:	Scott MacMullen

Congratulations were extended to the new executive by out-going President Al Hall. He stated that in his opinion the members have elected a fine slate of officers for the upcoming year.

**ROAD CAPTAIN'S POSITION HOTLY CONTESTED**

Nominees for the above position were Jack Sabeau, Wayne Chute and Al Hall. The first ballot resulted in a tie vote between Chute and Hall. The second ballot was then held and another tie resulted ! The two nominees then cut cards, with Wayne cutting a Queen and Al cutting a King. This is the closest race we've seen for some time.

### **ANNUAL CLUB BANQUET ORGANIZERS EXPECT LARGE ATTENDANCE**

According to Sid Burrell, approximately fifty-two members and guests will be attending the Annual Club Banquet to be held on Saturday, November 23rd. This is to be a catered affair with Ms. Lottie Gregory in charge of the banquet. A full course turkey dinner and all the trimmings is to be featured. We're expecting two kinds of dessert and perhaps some whipped cream too! This will give us a chance to try out the new silverware recently purchased by the club. We understand that Gary Harry may be able to get our table cloths freshly laundered too. Music will be provided by "LANCER", the well-known local DJ.

Festivities are to start with a "Happy Hour" at 6:30 p.m. on the 23rd, the banquet is to begin at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$20 per couple or \$10 single. Some guests have been invited but this has to be cleared with Sid now due to space limitations. Couples wishing to attend just the dance and not the banquet will be admitted for \$5 per couple. A good time is expected as usual, since this is our premiere event of the year, where we say farewell to the old executive and welcome in the new one.

Guests are expected from as far away as Ohio and Texas!!

### **PERMANENT TROPHIES TO BE RETURNED**

The executive has requested that members who won a "permanent" trophy last year return it as soon as possible for engraving for the next winner. This refers to such trophies as "The Born Loser" and "Most Mileage", etc.

### **LONG DISTANCE TROPHY HOTLY CONTESTED**

We understand there is quite a contest again this year for the most mileage, with Gary Smith, Eric Todd, Purviss Naugler and Paul Doucette among the heavy hitters. It's pretty tough for the rest of the club to compete with guys who go all the way to sunny California or who never seem to get off their bikes all summer. Anybody who rides over 25,000 kilometers deserves our admiration, huh guys?

### **COFFEE DRINKING INTRODUCED AT REGULAR CLUB MEETING**

Last week's meeting revealed an ugly trend. Several members were caught drinking coffee. It is hoped that with the club water supply now shut off for the winter that this bad habit can be nipped in the bud before it sets a bad example.

## **EDITORIAL**

Hello bikers! Welcome to the first edition of "The Crusaders". This is my first attempt at being a combined Editor, reporter and publisher. All I have to work with at present is my old IBM typewriter and the kitchen table. Let's hope it is a success...the newsletter I mean, not the kitchen table.

The opinions expressed in this issue will be all mine, so if you have a complaint please let somebody know about it and I will try to leave town before I hear about it personally.

News and views of all sorts is welcome! Please feel free to write a "letter to the editor" and I'll do my best to publish it unless you say something really nasty about me. This newsletter can be fun and a great success if everyone chips in and gives me something to print. I won't be fussy; so long as I can read it and if it isn't too long, I'll try to publish it in the next CRUSADER newsletter.

I have a suggestion for the club members to think about. How about raising the membership dues to \$40 for 1992, instead of \$35 as at present. That would cover the cost of stationery and postage and enable every club member, especially those far away, to know what's going on, perhaps boost membership and just let everyone know what a fantastic bunch we are!!

If \$40 seems high to you, just see what it costs to join the golf club or the curling club. I'm paying \$175 at the curling club and their "coffee" costs a lot more than ours.

Anyhow it's just a suggestion that you might be interested in if the idea of a newsletter appeals to you.

Well I guess most of us will be putting the bikes away for another year. I plan to do mine tomorrow. I think I will wrap the alternator in gold foil or something. I'd hate to pay out another \$855.06 to have it fixed again. At least I have a nice letter from Honda telling me how good it's going to work for the next 800 years!!

I hope Len doesn't hit any ice spots with his and hope there's not too much salt on the road for him either. He certainly rode late last year. I think it was Christmas Day or Boxing Day that he drove in my yard last year.

Bye for now. Keep the shiny side up, and let me know what you think of the first newsletter.

And read on.....there's more, more, more!

### **CLUB MEMBER GETS "DINK" CAUGHT IN DRINK**

Jeff Bent suffered an unfortunate accident at the Club's Halloween party on Saturday, October 26th. Part of his costume got stuck in his beer glass. He had to be revived but fortunately he suffered no serious injury. He soon learned to drink from a bottle and could then breathe without difficulty.

Les and Dorothy were the best-dressed couple for the Halloween party. It wasn't much of a contest since, other than the unfortunate Jeff, nobody else dressed up for the party.

Al Hall reported that he made a search of the attic for Halloween decorations but couldn't find them. The attic is a mess and has to be straightened up.

The Halloween party was a success; about 25 people attended a delicious pot luck supper was served about midnight. A special thank-you is extended to all the ladies (and the several bachelors too) who brought the goodies. It was really great. No wonder so many of us are so fat! We have been told that a certain lady guest at the party really loves to "chase the Ace."

### **SPECIAL COMMITTEES FORMED**

At a regular meeting on October 30 (held after the election) two special committees were formed. The first was a BUILDING COMMITTEE and will be headed up by the well-known Reg O'Brien from Yarmouth. Reg will be making suggestions as to what the Club needs to do to keep the buildings in good order. For instance we plan to finish insulating the attic and install some floor boards and lighting up there. Perhaps then Eric Todd and Al Hall won't be putting their big feet through the ceilings so often.

Terry Healey will be in charge of a new PUBLICITY COMMITTEE. The Crusaders do lots of good stuff, like toy runs, parades, donations to some organizations and so forth. It will be a real boost to the club to get some publicity.

Congratulations to both committee heads. Let's give them our full support.

### **TELEVISION ARRIVES AT CLUB**

A color TV has finally been donated to the Club by Al Hall. He plans to move the antenna down from the attic (with help?) and install the antenna outside where it can be turned for better reception. Al also supplied a home-made tower and a piece of pipe for the antenna. Hopefully this can be done before the weather gets too much colder. Now if only someone has a used VCR to donate???