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Here it is October already and several people have suggested that I'm overdue with a newsletter. They're right! In fact, there are some items from the May issue that didn't get printed at all ... there was no May issue.

May 8th and 9th: ARRC meeting in Truro was attended by Jim Penney, John O'Rourke, Len Telfer and Al Hall. There were, as I recall, about 25 people present. Events for this summer were discussed with rally dates, etc. Bill Kelly of Kelly Insurance gave a talk about bike insurance.

Nothing to do with the meeting but if you need advice about tying down your saddlebag covers ... ask John O'Rourke.

May 2nd: Southern-Fried Party held at club with good attendance and dancing and goings-on until past 1:30 a.m. Many thanks to Cindy, the old guy she lives with, and others for putting on this event.

May 3rd: First "official" club ride cancelled due to rain.

Mid-April: Ceremonial "Burning of the Privvies" held at club:

Many showed up at a work party to witness this impressive and dignified event. This quiet sunset ceremony held many poignant moments and several large hairy bikers were observed wiping their eyes as the smoke curled heavenward under an azure sky. Now not a trace remains of this classic structure whose graceful outlines once enhanced the skyline. How soon we forget! We now flush in a rush with scarcely a backward glance at the splendour of yesteryear. (We will likely soon recall those days once the water is turned off again this year.)

Color prints suitable for framing are available at modest cost from several club members who attended the ceremony.

HANDLEBAR IMPROVEMENTS

Thanks to Reg, Scott and the Yarmouth crew, we now have a greatly improved kitchen and bar, with new roll-top counters, new sink, relocated water heater, newly tiled floor and so on.

The Richard Bent Memorial fund was an important source of funding for this endeavour. This fund has been sitting for a long time awaiting a suitable use and the club members felt this would be a fitting tribute to Richard; once that he would have approved of, and one that we think his mother Phyllis would like also. A plaque is to be attached to the kitchen cabinets or other suitable location, "in Memoriam."

PRESIDENT TODD LIKELY CANDIDATE FOR "BORN LOSER" TROPHY

Yes, it's true! A bike has been dropped even before it got out of the living room. This seems hard to believe but it's true. Evidently J.P. dropped Eric's bike in the living room while working on the bike. We blame Eric, however, he should have known that whenever J.P. is in the vicinity bikes always seem to fall down.

Al Hall is also a serious contender for the Born Loser trophy, having spent megabucks on his bike before he ever turned a wheel.

DOUCETTE SLOW TO APPEAR ON SPRING BIKE SCENE

Mayday, mayday, mayday! Yes May 1st came and went, and no Paul. And with a brand spanking new 1500 on order too. We couldn't understand it. Then the horrible truth finally came out ... talk about your Born Loser! They put a fork lift through paul's bike before it was even out of the crate! Perhaps it's better to get these accidents over with before the season starts.

INCREASED MEMBERSHIP FOR 1992

Several new members and more prospective members have been showing up. We now have thirty-eight members and maybe more to come.

SUMMER UPDATE

Here are highlights of club rides and events for the summer of '92. Wednesday night rides, parties, work parties and other events are not included in this listing. Only "major" rides.

<u>DATE:</u>	<u>EVENT:</u>	<u>NUMBER OF BIKES:</u>
May 9(?)	Ride to Shelburne/Yarmouth	6
June 6	Greenwood Poker Run	4
June 7	Leonard C. Comeau Poker Run	4
May 31	Greenwood Air Show	9
June 12	Ride for Sight..Truro	1
June 20	MMTA..South Shore Poker Run..Bridgewater	5
June 27	WESTRAY Benefit Run..Stellarton/New Glasgow	12
July 1-18	Sanctioned Run to USA..Sid & Nancy Burrell	1
July 4	Bluenose Rally	4
July 4/5	Springhill Rally	1
July 11	Dalhousie Days Parade	6
July 11	St. John's, Nfld. Rally	3
July 18	Waverly Rally	5
Aug. 3	Natal Day Parade..Annapolis	7 members
		(bikes) + others
Aug. 8	Pictou Rally	1
Aug. 15	Moncton Rally	8
Aug. 17 to 22nd?	Elvis Week ... Branson, Missouri and Graceland, Tennessee	6
Aug. 25?	Tennessee Tour, USA, Ontario, etc.	2
Aug. 22	ABC Benefit..Springhill	1
Aug. 23	Lawrencetown Beach Run	3
Sept. 12	MMTA South Shore Toy Run..Bridgewater	7
Sept. 26	Liverpool Toy Run	3
Sept. 26	Ciderfest Parade..Bridgetown	5

Obviously there will be other "major events" in the form of rides that I will have forgotten to put in. Someone is sure to be disappointed by this ... all I can say is (in advance) "I'm Sorry"; let me know and I'll put your ride in the next newsletter.

As Road Captain I must say that I am impressed with the above rides; there are lots of other rides like Wednesday nights and just plain Sunday rides that didn't get mentioned. And of course, there were a great many events (like our Rally) that haven't even been mentioned (yet) in this newsletter. Are you getting the picture of an active and vibrant club? I certainly am. We all bitch a lot and think we could do better but once in a while we should take a good look and pat ourselves on the back for all we do.

I'VE GOT A WEASEL IN MY DIESEL

Dad-burn Honda bikes. They won't work with Yankee diesel fuel. Just ask Terry Healy. He's tried to do it. Makes lotts a some though!

BREAKER-BREAKER-BREAKER

Or should that be spelled "Braker"? We will have to find out from Jackie Sabean; at least he knows how to gear down now in order to stop, having tried driving in the States with no brakes.

But then again...may it should be spelled "breaker", considering that Jackie broke his bike. Yep, he is definitely in the front-running for the born loser trophy. And after getting a new paint job, a new seat, even getting the brakes fixed ... and then look what happens. Oh well, at least it was good news for Reg O'Brien because Jack bought Reg's blue (again) bike. And I expect Reg is back from Ontario where I understand he went on Thanksgiving weekend to buy Brother Hal's bike. (The 1500 ... can you just imagine Reg with reverse gear too? And I hope Frances won't go to sleep on the back of that big comfortable machine.)

NO MORE DISCOUNTS AT RIVERSIDE CAMPGROUND

Yes, that's the sad news. The campground is sold so Eric will be unable to offer any more discount camping in Bridgetown. I understand that he came out of the whole thing quite well though. There was brisk movement of canoes and paddle boats during the summer just past. (Unfortunately nobody told Eric about the movements, which occurred during the night.)

FOR SALE

(No kidding) 1980 Honda Interstate. 53,000 kms. New brake job, new seat, etc. Bike requires some repairs. \$995 FIRM Call Jack Sabean at 825-4025. (This is a serious ad, honest!)

BIKERS HAVE NEW PAD

Yes, this is true, but the pad is for piling up fire-wood at the club. We are building a new building for this. A heavy-duty work party did much of the "ground work" recently.

DON'T TAKE YOUR RADAR DETECTOR TO NEWFOUNDLAND!!

Ask Al Hall. The cops confiscated his and not only that they gave him a ticket ... and he was not speeding either. So, seriously, if you have a radar detector, don't use it in Newfie; they have radar detector detectors in their cars over there. And that isn't the worst of it. In Quebec the fine for having a radar detector is \$1,000 plus confiscation of the unit. (However you wouldn't need one in Quebec anyway -- they only have one speed there ... wide open and give it to her!)

RALLY

What can we say about the rally except that it was one of the best ever, and the biggest. I believe there were 176 people at the rally. It rained very hard during the poker run but the bikes turned out in it anyway. They came back drenched but smiling and we were proud of them. The weather finally cleared, and the games went on with excellent participation. The whole barbecued pig was the usual big sensation and the marvellous desserts and so forth were once again served up with beautiful friendly smiles by our wonderful ladies. It was a great rally!! On behalf of Scott, let me say a warm thank you to each and every one. It's your rally and you put on a good one. Many many people said they would definitely be back next year. (Let's try not to get too bit guys ... it's "perfect" the way it is, I think.)

CONCLUSION

I hereby conclude this issue. It's October 14th, there's a meeting tonight, it's not very warm out (12 degrees) and I think I'm gonna take the bike. Sorry for the rushy conclusion.

Any volunteers to handle the newsletter in future? I'd be glad to turn it over.

Bye for now! Keep smiling. See you at the banquet November 21st.