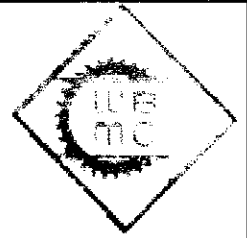


# West Bank Reader

A Newsletter for the West Bank Motorcycle Club



May 2008

## Treasurer's corner

Well first of all I would like to thank Mark for all his hard work, effort, support and dedication to the WBMC over the past 3 years, man do I have some big shoes to fill!!! No pun intended Mark. So it's time to relax and enjoy all the upcoming rides. I would like to thank all the members for the West Bank Motorcycle Club for honoring & trusting me to be the treasure of this great club. I would like to welcome all the new officers as well as the incumbents (you know who you are) but incase some folks don't have access to the web or weren't at the general membership meeting on April 5<sup>th</sup> and if you haven't seen the web site, you should take a look. Harald has done a fantastic job with our site "Thanks Harald!" ([westbankmc.org](http://westbankmc.org)) so here they are;

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I would like to throw out a "much needed" thank you to all of our sponsors for supporting the WBMC and inviting us to your establishments and opening your doors to us. And a special thank you on behalf of the whole club to Tom and Little of Whiskey Junction forgiving the WBMC a home and place to gather. So as we go into the 39<sup>th</sup> riding season with our club lets have a safe riding season and lots of fun. I want to encourage Road Captains old and new, to try and submit ride report. I really enjoy reading these as I know many of you do. So on a different note, has anybody ever goggled WBMC? Well I have and I think you'll get a kick out of it and once again for those people who don't have access to the web hear are the results.

- #1 World beard & moustache championships
- #2 West Bank Motorcycle Club
- #3 Wright Business and Management Consultancy in that order

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I look forward to riding with all of you this year and once again making this one of the best years the WBMC has had yet!

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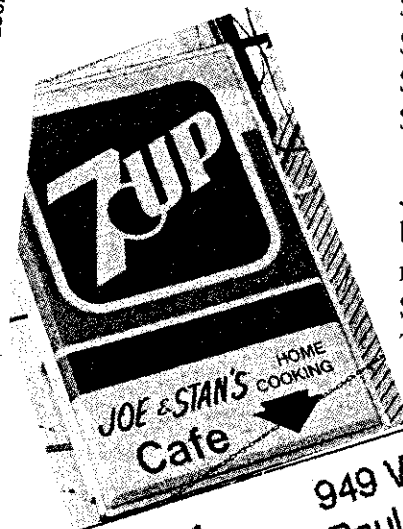
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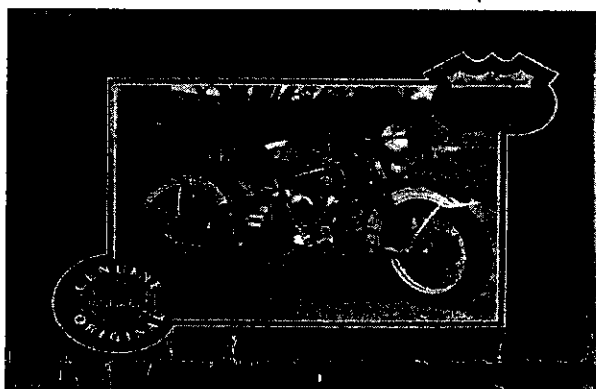
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RC: Dave McClellan  
 Date: April 26, 2008  
 Destination: His home

Global Warming? At 6:30am it's 32F and dropping, wind west 23mph, wind chill 18F. Snow on the ground, more is predicted to come. This after 70's & 80's the past couple of weeks. I wonder what the turnout will be? I've got my '79 BMW R100RT on the charger just in case the temp's climb just a little bit before my 11am leave. May even put the '83 HD XLH on the charger just in case I'm feeling I need something a bit closer to the ground so I can use my feet as out-riggers for stability. Now at 9:45 it's up to 35 with the sun peeking out. Looks like we may luck out; the one's riding two wheels that is. With light snow falling, along with the temperature, it's time to head sown to The Junction. At the Junction I find Dave T. outside enjoying one of his gigantic cigars; Vern is inside keeping warm. Wasn't long before Mark K., Davey, Steve and a couple of other riders arrived. Then, as if knowing all had shown up, Dave appears to lead the 7 of us on the 1<sup>st</sup> West Bank Motorcycle Club ride of the 2008 season. I was all for heading to Prescott for some shrimp but Dave had his mind set on heading to his place. The road was in really good driving condition as we headed up Washington and the north on Broadway. He must really like stop lights and pot holes. But it didn't take long and we were beyond the stoplights on every block and heading into Brooklyn Center. Pat, Dave's wife had hot food already lined up on the table and everyone was more than ready to dig in. Needless to say once the food and refreshments were out everyone settled into a seat in the garage and it was talk; munch; talk; munch from then on out. Pat tried to get the gang into the basement 'play room' a couple of times but everyone seemed quite happy in the garage. In between the eating a bunch of those that showed up on 4 wheels took a 'ride around the block' for ride credit. The snow and wind did not spoil the 1<sup>st</sup> ride of the season & party - I'm sure it just made it more enjoyable. The last of the group finally left just after 6:30. Everyone please remember to thank Dave for hosting the party.

Date: April 30, 2008  
 Destination: Inver Grove Hgts.

No ride report was giving to me so I can not tell you who was the Road Captain was. I believe this ride went to mexican restaurant in Inver Grove Hgts. It was a beautiful day to be on your bike. There were quite a few members that showed up for the ride.

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RC: Fred Meyer, Jr.  
 Date: May 7, 2008  
 Destination: The Cardinal Tavern

(Actual ride report) We had beer and a hard parking situation.

A short hop down the parkway on the west side of the river and then west on Hiawatha parkway. Wasn't long before the 50 plus 1 bikes overflowed both parking lots. The bikers quickly made their way inside, threatening to squeeze out the locals already occupying the seats. Rachel did a superb job of providing the refreshment to alleviate the dry mouth that occurs on these long runs. This also got many outside on the patio allowing others to find seating so they could enjoy the superb food. A couple of other members showed up; Dave E. got a "ride around the block" from Tracey; many new faces were in the crowd; a couple of new members were signed up and we left the place in one piece well after dark. A number of us headed back to the Junction & Joint to continue on in a festive mood. The highlight of the late evening was the availability of getting a ride in a Race Car. Scarfy & Scott took the quick, rip-roaring trip around the Junction/Joint triangle. It was sometime after the midnight hour when most of us heard the "call to home".

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RC: Kevin M.

Date: May 10, 2008

Destination: Ride to Scandia

Well I guess we now know who the real riders in the club are after this Saturday's ride. I would like to thank the 10 brave souls that came on a real great ride. Two of them, Yvonne and Mark signed up for membership on this ride. This ride ended up at Meister's in Scandia. For the most part it was dry going out. We went down some new routes that some people told me they had not been on before. The ride ended up being about 60 miles and a lot of smiles. You all do know we ride on Saturday also. Rest Eat Sleep Triumph - Get some **REST**

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RC: Mike G.

Date: May 14, 2008

Destination: Tavern On The Avenue

A large group made a long, wandering ride on the parkways and streets of Minneapolis and St. Paul. The riders got strung out but most managed to get back into the pack around St. Paul. One (for sure or two tried the adventure routes, also called alley's, as a shortcut but this brought them adventure, but not closer to catching up. It is interesting to note that these lost souls did make it to the Tavern well before the rest of the group. My best guess is that we ended up with about 50 crowding into the Tavern On The Avenue to enjoy the great service, food and beverages. Well after dark the place started to clear out with a number of people heading over the bridge to the place where Kara tends.



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RC: Paul M.

Date: May 17, 2008

Destination: Japanese Motorcycle Show

A quick trip to Kline Suzuki to look at many vintage Japanese motorcycles. Afterwards a few headed to Don's Little Bar to enjoy the sprinkles beverages. Another small group went a bit further and ended up at Klinker's Korner Bar in Baldwin (a WBMC sponsor) Chris Klinker, the owner, wants the WBMC members to be aware that they are having a ride on June 14<sup>th</sup>. They plan on a leave somewhere around 11:30 to cruise around some of the fine roads in the neighborhood.

RC: Mike "Tornado" McCabe  
 Date: May 21, 2008  
 Destination: Tangle Town

A little high speed highway, a couple of sweeping high speed off ramps - the wind whipping over your shoulders as we tour around a few lakes - ending up next to the landmark water tower near Minnehaha Creek in Tangle Town. Mike McCabe's maps were gorgeous. Shame they were short on lines and big on intuition. Lost a few at Lake street and West River Road, lost some more at 100 and Excelsior. The few that did make it were treated to historical tours through a bit of the University. Harald said "Hey, it was like you knew my driving route when I was a slim and innocent University student. We even passed by my old bike parking spot at the U". OK, so I made some of that up, anyway. Bridge and city views, high speed sane lane cruising, big sweeping right hand turns, a little regroup just off excelsior avenue and a leisurely stroll around lake Harriet to the pop stop on 53<sup>rd</sup> and Lyndale. Hey everyone made it after all. A zippy tour through Tangle town and up to the once tallest man made natural point in Minneapolis. Stanley, Mike's dog showed up for a tummy rub. Smoker got to visit his boyhood home, and all is right with the world once again.

Cheers, Mike McCabe



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 FALL PANTY RUN - Sunday, Sept. 1 12noon

RC: Paul M.  
 Date: May 24, 2008  
 Destination: Cindy's Bottoms up, Eau Galle

When no road captain showed up by noon Paul took charge and doodled up a map sure to delight any twisty road rider and most of the normal riders. Turned out to be a really good route according to the three new members that were in the group. Wide sweeping turns, couple of tight corners and lots of interesting scenery got us to Cindy's Bottoms Up ready for food and beverage. There was even a "rest stop" near El Paso much to the relief of some of the riders. By 6 it was time to head to Boat Drink's in Prescott for a few jumbo shrimp. About 8 members showed up for the shrimp and I heard a couple others stopped at No Name.

RC: Richard H.  
Date: May 28, 2008  
Destination: Clover Leaf Bar, Newport

A nice meandering ride along the Mississippi on East River Road, on to Shepard Road and then Hwy 61 for the final run into Newport. With everyone parking in the back of the Clover Leaf a few late comers had to wander around a bit before finding the destination. Bike count tally was 55 bikes and 58 sign-ins. With this large crowd it's good that most decided to enjoy the crisp night on the outside instead of squeezing into the limited inside space. Good food and conversation kept many in the lot until well after dark. By 10 peace was restored and the cleanup crew finally got a rest break.





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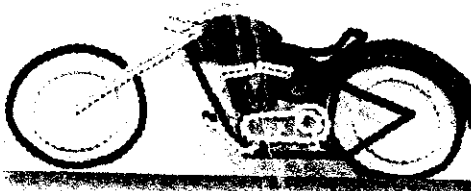
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RC: Mike G.  
Date: May 31, 2008  
Destination: Pickle Factory, Pepin WI

Sticking to the big slabs we headed out 94 to catch 61 south through Prescott and into a short rest stop at the **Nauti Hawg** in **Diamond Bluff**. A little refreshment on the newly overhauled deck overlooking the river made for a relaxing stop. Back on the road again we stayed on 35 until we entered Pepin and took the river side street to the Pickle Factory. The food was good, service good, refreshments good. That made for a good time for pretty much everyone. Wasn't long before word got out that the weather wasn't looking good back up in the Minneapolis area and a number of people sprinted back north. Others waited around a bit more until we could see the storm clouds. A couple of us took the roundabout way into Prescott for Shrimp (who-would-a-thought) - We missed the earlier group because of a "where does this road go" moment; a quick stop to regroup; refreshment; back-track. After feasting on the shrimp at **Boat Drinks** we watched as the weather came our way and the locals kept insisting that there was hail on the way and the bikes would get beat up. After thinking about this for a minute, contemplating running the bikes up and under the overhang, we opted to order another round instead. What we got was a rain shower lasting but a few minutes and ending with a really beautiful, brilliant rainbow over the railroad tracks. Wish someone had told me I left my gloves on the bike.... Checking the TV weather showed the cities getting hit hard so waiting a bit longer seemed to be in order. We had been informed there was a party going on at Mike G's but seeing what looked to be a clear slot that seemed to point towards home we sprinted on out. Everything was going real good, no rain, the bad stuff off to the east and the west still looking good. I was feeling pretty good as I entered 94 off of 61. But as all good things this too came to an end in just a couple of miles - just past Snelling the rain came down hard but only lasted until the river. Just enough to wet the pants bottoms. Things were clear again until Golden Valley where there must have been one bad dumping of rain as the road spray was pretty bad from 55 to 81. That's from my perspective.

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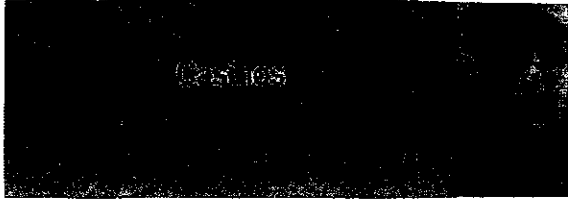
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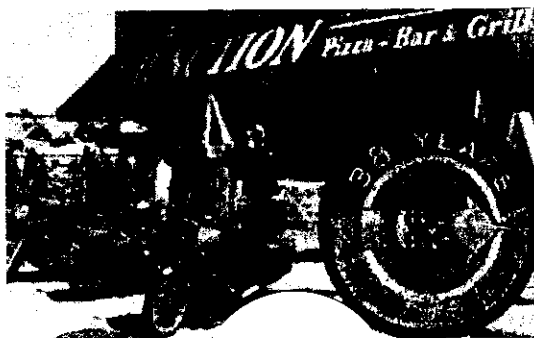


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