

April 1972

NEWSLETTER WESTBANK MOTORCYCLE
CLUB

Welcome to the West Bank Motorcycle Club for 1972. Looks like a great season ahead. We've got sponsorship, trophies, new members, and a lot of new enthusiasm.

12 noon, April 29th is the meeting time for the first ride, the place: "The Joint Bar" parking lot at 913 Cedar Ave, Mpls. The first ride will be to a "get acquainted party" at Jim Carroll's place, 9315 Harriet Av, Bloomington. The party will start when we get there, if cold and/or rainy we'll make a bee-line, probably down Lyndale; if nice we'll make a longer ride out of it. In any case, ride your bike, and make the party (you are welcome no matter how you get there). Jim lives on a short street, so if you come late and get lost, it is two blocks east of David Fong's restaurant, which is on Lyndale Av So. You can ride right through Fong's lot to Harriet. But the correct directions are: go south on Lyndale to 93rd, take a left and go two blocks to Harriet, take a right, Jim's is the last place on the left. Make it! And bring your own---booze, for sure; girls, welcome. Any questions? Call Dave or Mike at 373-0172 or 373-1960 weekdays if something is not clear.

About the club. For new and prospective members, a few details. We've been in existence for about four years. Rides are always at noon on Sat, and 6pm Wed., every week through September. Most of the girls just own a helmet and hop aboard which ever bike takes their fancy (or is it the guy on it?). And some girls don't even have a helmet, so tie on an extra if you have one. Saturdays have meant rides to out of the way beaches, much of the time in Wisc., swimming, wine, beer, picnics, etc. By the way Wisc. is legal for 18 now! Wednesday rides have been shorter, slower, and to a night scene somewhere in this area, usually. We don't favor any make or model bike over another, but your bike should be able to keep up at highway speeds. Not that we intend a lot of high speed touring all the time, but we do go the speed limit on the highways. This is less a factor on Wednesdays. But if in doubt, "try us, you'll like it." We like to see a diversity of bikes: "Viva la difference." The club has had its ups and downs, and we mean to make this year an "upper." Club riding is an exciting dimension in motorcycling and you'll wonder why you didn't get into it before.

Dues this year will be \$2.00. We believe it'll be the best bargain ever. Besides the rides and activities, you will receive this newsletter about once a month, will become eligible for the trophies, and a next to nothing price on club back-patches. Besides, there are some things still in the planning stage ----all this for the price of one six pack! So send your check to Ross G. Kihm Treasr., WestBank MC, 776 Curfew St., St. Paul, 55114. Be sure to put the club name somewhere on the check, or just get the two bucks to me, but sure I get your name down. We have a bank account, and you will be apprised of the balance. You become a member when you pay your dues. So do it!

The owners of "The Joint Bar" 913 Cedar Av are to be thanked for their sponsorship of our club. They have invited us to use their lot to meet at, and have given us much support and encouragement. They have offered to help us with details, and seem to be avid motorcycle nuts too, employees included! Welcome aboard!

Also, the following motorcycle shops are sponsoring the trophies for the season;

Karl's, 4141 Cedar Av, Mpls -- BMW, Yamaha, BSA.

Leo's, 710 W. 96th St, Bloomington -- Moto Guzzi, Norton, Ducati.

Ereberg's, 2601 E. Franklin, Mpls -- Harley Davidson.

Twin City Honda, 1437 University Av, St Paul.

Our thanks to these shops. There are a lot of bike shops nowadays, some good, some bad. But we've had good experiences in our dealings with the above shops, and they are interested in us. So give them a try. They all have complete repair facilities, and they service what they sell. Let's make this whole thing a two-way street: if someone is helping us let's try to throw some business their way. So check with Karl's, Leo's, Ereberg's, Twin City Honda, and "The Joint Bar" (!!!) first for what you need. They're good people.

This season of riding will be one big trophy run. The members riding the most club rides will win the trophies (this writer excepted). We have four trophies---3 for riders, and 1 for pillion riders (ie passengers, most likely girls, though we're not going to be "sexist" on this, so whoever can get a ride). Rules for this will be explained in following newsletters, but just become a member and ride and you're home free. The ride on April 29th will count. We will list who is leading in the monthly letters. The trophies will be shown at Jim Carroll's on the 29th.

If you know anyone who might be interested in the club have them call Dave at 373-0172, or Mike at 373-1950, or just send a check to Ross Kihhn, 776 Curfew, St Paul, 55114. We want to make this the biggest year yet.

Mike is planning some overnight camping trips. He doesn't have all the dates down yet, but wants to make a weekend trip to Whitewater and Beaver Creek Valley Wisconsin in June; Copper Falls, Sand Bay and Hayward Wisconsin the 4th of July; in August, Pelican Lake, and in late August through Canada to Nova Scotia and back through New England! One thing about a bike club you meet people who are interested in motorcycling, and are doing things about it. This newsletter will concern itself with club gossip, the club list of members, names of new members, nonsense, and what ever comes into our minds. If you want anything you want in the letter (e.g. a bike for sale, or parts you need, etc. or news) just get it to Dave Holets, Mike Nemcek, Jim Woodward or anyone else who you see around regularly and we'll get it in.

This year we've got new posters out, so see the above guys if you want to put one where it will do a lot of good. Speaking of the "above guys," they have been doing a lot of work to get this show on the road! They deserve a lot of credit. Now if they can all get together and get Jim's Triumph chopper back together we're all set.

If you didn't make Gail Welling and Jay Roth's party on March 4th you should have had a good time.

John Holte and Jim Carroll were not there. They were motorcycling in Mexico. Hope they have a wild time.

John Holte has a new bike for sale, a 1968 Honda, and he is anxious to get going. Call him.

My enclosed schedule goes just through June, and is flexible in case anyone has a change of any time. Fold the schedule and put it in your wallet.

I've got some rules for pillion riders, that is, suggested rules for safety. I'll print them in the next letter.

Good biking, and we'll see you on the 29th.

Send your check or money order to:

Bike _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Do you plan to ride pillion? _____

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