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James Harman (Scarfy)
Safety Director

**FIRST RIDE SNOW PARTY**

Well! Riding with the WBMC does have it’s challenges and one could say that riding in 2-3 inches of slush on I-694 for about 28 miles is certainly a challenge. There were about dozen other “Brave?” Westbankers that defied the elements as well. When we left Whiskey it wasn’t actually snowing although others, myself included, rode through snow to get to Whiskey. Jim & Mari did a wonderful job preparing for the party...Editor

By Jim Morin
It was a cold and windy day, but we had the port a potty, the food bought and the West Bank RIDES rain or shine. Now we can add sleet and snow. Had to shorten the ride by 65 miles, we will try it later in the year, it would have been a great ride. We had 17 WEST BANKERS sign in and a few that came on 4 wheels. Lots of pot luck, and I even got to grill dogs and burgers in a snow storm, what FUN. For those of you that left early, you missed the excitement of the snow ball fight that ensued when the last three bikes with a 1 1/2” of snow on them were moved into the garage. Every one made it home safe and sound, all though my garage had 2 extra bikes and Scarfy made it only to Scott Peplinski’s house, hey Scarfy did you get the holes fixed in the bottoms of your boots?

**MOVIE REVIEW**

by Ross Kiiln

Don, Riding in the rain (and snow, and sleet, and wind gusts) on the first Saturday ride reminded me of what might be my favorite biker movie: "The Leather Boys." I mentioned it to a few people while standing around in Jim Morin's warm and snug garage, and no one had heard of it. It's a British flick which was released in 1964. It stars Rita Tushingham (who was in Dr. Zhivago, among other things), and Colin Campbell. I first saw this movie back in '64, and then about three months ago viewed it again, from a video store. It's not a skin flick, nor is a biker

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**FIRST WEDNESDAY RIDE**

May 1, 2002

By Bob Whitney
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Treasurer’s Corner  Tony O.  WBMC

The season has gotten off to a slow start with only a few hours of nice spring weather. That has not stopped our Road Captains from leading some great rides. Ride turnouts have been very high, especially on Saturdays. We currently have 67 members and 9 paid sponsors.

A new members handbook has been created with the important issues being approved at the General membership meeting. Great care was taken not to change any club rules or policies. (See Jim or Myself for a copy) There was a concern at the General membership meeting that some things may change in the creation process. If anyone has any issues with the handbook please contact me and we will have a special mid summer meeting to review your issues. A Date of June 26th at the home of Scott Peplinski has been set aside. If nobody has any issues we will save future discussion for the 20-ride/Rc meeting in the spring. On June 26th we will also start the 2nd half ride schedule. We have T-shirt & Hat inventory (see Jann or myself if interested), new Back patches are being ordered. The Mid Summer Campout has been designated for June 29th; you will get credit for showing up in a car! It will be a potluck with WBMC providing pop, burgers, dogs, utensils, etc. The ride will go to Dave Tilsen’s cabin in Prescott Wisconsin. Ride and have fun, repeat. TonyO WBMC Treasurer

From the Editor  Don Drew WBMC

As I write this, there are still a few more contributions due for me to include in this newsletter. Some of you tell me your stories, then expect me to remember it all (Scarfy). This newsletter belongs to ALL of us, it is the a reflection of who we are, let’s get some more input. Becky and I are going to Americade on 6/2 and someone needs to keep track of two rides, ANY VOLUNTEERS?
**Dave’s Cabin Ride on June 29, 2002**

Well I hope as many people as possible will write down June 29th Saturday ride on their to do list. I am planning to go to my cabin in Wisconsin on the St. Croix (weather permitting). We will grill some food, and people can hang out. Bonfire is a definite possibility, and if people want to spend the night, that would be cool. There will be a limited number of beds, and space for camping. We will have a pop/food stop on the way.....Dave

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**MAY 4, 2002**

**PAUL’S RIDE to STAR PRAIRIE**

Wisconsin

Paul Moore wrote: There were lots of hills and curves on this ride. The map was so good that nobody got lost. Lucky for us, I took the most direct route on this cold Saturday.

Paul left out that there were only ten maps and about 25 people. The ride was very well attended. Yes, the route was fairly direct but Paul took us on some really cool roads that go up and down like a roller coaster. Some of us got some great lift on those hills. The place we ended up at was a nice restaurant on a lake. A nice cozy place on a somewhat cool and breezy day. In my opinion, which is shared by others, is that this was the first “real” ride of the season. Nobody got wet and there were lots of curvies. There was, however one little incident, Joel fell down. I don’t know all the details but as I came around a corner in Somerset there he was getting up from seemed to be a minor dump. We need more rides like this one. Editor

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**Dave’s Cabin Directions**

On 640th Ave., turn right onto first gravel road that is not a driveway to a house. By large tree. (might be two trees). Take gravel road to the end, over a cattle gate, down a hill, over speed bumps (take it easy), and then you are there. My cell phone is 612-281-8676 if you get lost.

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**MOVIE REVIEW** continued from page 1.

movie in the terms of all of the chopper gang movies which came later in the ’70s and ’80s. It’s in black and white and a lot of the scenes are especially gray and dark, and rainy (like our first ride, minus the snow & sleet). What I really liked were the scenes of the British bikes and the riders. The plot has to do with a young biker who gets married, but really does not want to settle down. It also has to do with his best buddy, whom he (we’re way ahead of him on this) suspects finally of being gay. This is 1964, remember, and so this film is not ‘risque’. You couldn't do that then. "The Wild One" with Brando was banned in Britain about ten years earlier! The movie also shows a whole different world than the one we live in today. For instance, the wedding party hops a bus to go to the wedding party--no limousine, or such. This is the world of working class England back then. Try this movie--but don’t expect too much. And I think you will enjoy it like I did.
MAY 8, 2002
“Hat’s” Wednesday Ride

Another Raw, wet, windy night. HMMM! Must be a WBMC Weds. Night ride! There was about 12 bikes and Harry had mercy on us by taking us directly to a bar in NE Mpls called The River Garden. The place was small but friendly. A great bad weather destination.

SO! One of the cornerstones of the WBMC is that we DO ride Rain or shine, or hale, or snow, or slush. Lets see a better turnout on those days that are somewhat less that ideal for riding. If you’re a new rider, this is a great way to fine tune your skills.

MAY 11, 2002
Mark’s “Well, I really wanted to go elsewhere but it rains all the time,” ride

By R.C. Mark Koch
The ride destination was The Bar in LeSuer but with our cold April wintery day Le Suer seemed a bit much. Instead we headed to The Narrows Saloon in Navarre. Not a bad showing (12 riders) for a 40 degree rainy day. This is the 2nd time I’ve tried this destination and both times have been CrappyRainy. Maybe the 3rd time will be a charm.

MAY 15, 2002
Sharr’s Bluff Park  Joel R.C.

By Mark Koch
Joel’s ride to Sharrs(?) Bluff is what I love about riding with the West Bank MC. A good turn out, nice weather, & a beautiful destination all combined for a great ride. The sunset over the Mississippi river was truly amazing.

I love riding in all kinds of weather but if I had to or could choose, the weather for this ride would be my permanent riding conditions.
**MAY 18, 2002**
Smoker’s ABATE thing

This was Smoker’s ride and being an ardent member of A.B.A.T.E. he included us in a poker run starting in Montrose. We went pretty much straight there. Seeing how we had a 10am leave time, there was plenty of sunny day left to all of us. I’m not sure how many of us participated in the ABATE event. I do know that a number of others showed up during the day. I came back again about 4:30 with Becky (her ride credit), and the only bike still there was what looked like an old 850 Suzuki.

A good day for a ride.

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**MAY 22, 2002**
Choo-Choo Bar in Loretto

Jack Chesney took us to Loretto. The bar was interesting, there was a Caboose in the Bar. I didn’t get a ride report from Jack so I can only write from my own experience. We went straight there! I left early! From what I was told, some of us got rained on pretty hard coming home. Basically, it was a good, straight forward ride to a familiar location, Thanks Jack!!

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**MAY 25, 2002**
Bond Slaves—Bob Whitney R.C.

By Bob Whitney

Ride to Princeton - the Bond Slaves rally

What can be said about a Memorial Day weekend? There’s gonna be some rain. There was some when I left the house, and some in the afternoon, but most of the day was nice. The ride up can be best expressed by our Secretary's wife, -"cccold". I haven't seen anyone shiver so much since January! I'm sure glad I had my electric jacket liner on. For those who stuck around, it turned out to be an opportunity to meet bikers from all around. Some from Arkansas, some from Canada, and points east and west. The food wasn't the greatest, but what can be said for beans and hot dogs. The coffee was free!

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**MAY 29, 2002**
Another Bob Whitney Ride

By Bob Whitney

The Blacksmith Run.

I start this run with a lot of straight highway riding. This gives everyone a chance to catch up and regroup before we get off the main road. This year, right at the end of this nice safe section of the route, some deer decided to get into the action. The result? one mangled deer, one Harley with a front fender light missing in action! We left the main roads and traveled though some nice country. Ponds, farms, and a park with a boat launch.

Then into the fun part, the sweeping turns section. These are wide high-speed sweeping turns. There's gravel on the shoulder but the pavement is clear of it. Next, around the corner from the Withrow Ballroom, and down a nice straight away, we suddenly are faced with a couple of ponds and the road changing to a dirt washboard road where it passes between them. Warning! Extreme danger! Last year this part of the run became known as the "Saddlebag Slayer". Then there were a few tight curves, and the rest of the run was easy and the Blacksmith was as hospitable as ever. Last year there were a ton of mosquitoes there, this year there wasn't any. Last year we killed a saddlebag, this year a deer. I can't wait to see what happens in next year's "Death Run III"
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BEST OF THE TWIN CITIES

**Biker bar**

**WHISKEY JUNCTION**
901 Cedar Ave. S., Mpls. (338-9550)

IF THE WHISKEY Junction is known for anything—besides featuring hot blues bands just about any night of the week—its for being the biker epicenter of the Twin Cities. Yes, they’ve always got plenty of leather, plenty of tattoos, plenty of really good pool players, and rows and rows of motorcycles parked out front. But the Whiskey takes the whole affair one step further by hosting the West Bank Motorcycle Club’s Wednesday night rides. A hundred or more bikes—Japanese brands and Harleys alike—pull out from the place around 6:30 and head for some semi-faraway rendezvous spot. And the bartenders don’t even plug their ears.

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Wednesday Rides

May 29
R.C.: Bob Whitney
Destination: Hugo (Blacksmith)
Leave Time: 6:30 P.M.

June 5
R.C.: Mike McCabe
Destination: ST Paul Park
Leave Time: 6:30 P.M.

June 12
R.C.: Andy Putnam
Destination: Putnam Gardens
Leave Time: 6:30 P.M.

June 19
R.C.: Scarfy
Destination: Joe & Stans
Leave Time: 6:30 P.M.

June 26
R.C.: Scott Peplinski
Destination: Scott's N.E. Hideaway
Leave Time: 6:30 P.M.

July 3
R.C.: Milo Kendall
Destination: Milo's B. C. Ranch
Leave Time: 6:30 P.M.

July 10
R.C.: Scarfy,
Destination: Virmillion
Leave Time: 6:30 P.M.

Saturday Rides

June 8
R.C.: Jan O.
Destination: TBA
Leave Time (circle one): 10:00 A.M. or 12:00 P.M.

June 15
R.C.: Larry S.
Destination: Zanz
Leave Time: 10:00 A.M.

June 22
R.C.: Roger Rimnac
Destination: Farmington
Leave Time 12:00 P.M.

June 29
R.C.: Dave Tilsen
Destination: River cabin
Leave Time 12:00 P.M.

July 6 *** Schedule this Open Ride ***
R.C.: 
Destination:
Leave Time (circle one): 10:00 A.M. or 12:00 P.M.

July 13
R.C.: Wade Kelvie
Destination: T.B.A.
Leave Time 12:00 P.M.

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