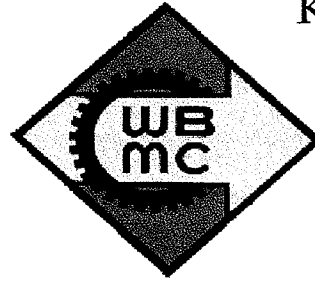


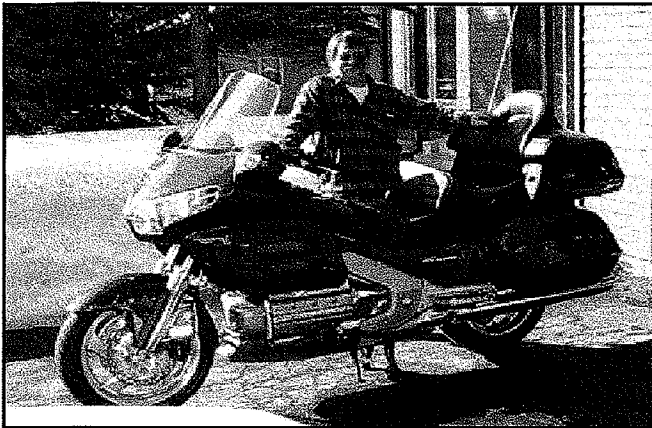
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Treasurer's Corner



First, I'd like to welcome everyone to the West Bank Motorcycle Club for the year 2004. With the cold and snow now behind us, it is my hope we can all get back to the basis for the WBMC - Riding our motorcycles and having fun. Remember we all ride a variety of brands and styles of motorcycles. Our members are varied in ages and types of riding that each of us likes. On each of our rides the Road Captain is in charge of the group and has the opportunity to take you on their favorite ride. The beauty is, the rest of us can just enjoy a different, great ride each time we ride with the WBMC. There are many great and historical things that are happening this year.

1. We have 46 available rides this year.
2. Our first ride potluck was on 4/24 and held by our gracious host Dave M.
3. We will be given a patch to celebrate riding from Whiskey Junction for over 20 years. I am told we first rode from there in 1977. It was then called the Golden Leaf. Gary purchased it and changed the name to Whiskey Junction 20 years ago. He would like to honor us by giving a patch for riding from his great establishment for the past 20 years. I would like to say thank you to Gary for being a great host and a sponsor to the WBMC for all these years.
4. This is our 35th year of the WBMC. To celebrate, we (all the members of the WBMC) would like to invite all the past members of the WBMC to our 35th anniversary celebration

on July 16-18th. We have a great new 35 year patch designed by Mike G. to be given to all members. More details on the 35th will follow.

5. Once again Dick S. has invited us to his place for our annual awards dinner to be held on October 9th.

If you are a past member or know any past members please e-mail me at: treasurer@westbankmc.com or 651-493-7170 for more information on our 35th.

To everyone: I hope you have a great riding season. Remember ride and have fun.

Thank You TonyO
WBMC Treasurer

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MINUTES FROM SPRING MEETING:

Special thanks were given to all the Officers of 2003.

Items that were voted on or discussed and the results:

Item One: Safety: Give everyone a copy of the safety letter.

Vote result: Yes. Everyone received a letter in the last newsletter.

Item Two: Road Captain responsibilities were discussed and voted on.

Vote result: Yes. All Road Captains will receive a copy of their responsibilities prior to their ride.

Item Three: Budget plans for 2004 were discussed.

Vote result: Approved by the members.

Item Four: Patch design for the 35th anniversary party.

Vote result: Those patches have been made and will be handed out at the 35th anniversary party. (They look great!)

Item Five: A patch in conjunction with Whiskey Junction (for their 20th) or separate patches.

Vote result: Do it separately. (Whiskey's patch is now done and should have been handed out by the time you read this.)

Item Six: Plans for the 35th anniversary party were discussed.

Vote result: Approved by the members.

Item Seven: Allow 2 Safety Directors.

Minutes from Spring Meeting (con'td on page 2)

Spring Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

Vote result: Yes.

Officers were elected by secret ballot.

- Treasurer: Keith Efron and Tony Ogilvie:
- Tony Re-elected
- Secretary: Scott Peplinski and Dave Tilsen:
- Dave Elected
- Newsletter Editor: Sandy Hanson and Don Drew:
- Sandy Elected
- Webmaster: Wade Wendorf and Bob Whitney:
- Bob Re-elected

Officers nominated and running unopposed:

- Safety director: James Harman (Scarfy) and Milo Kendall
- Ambassadors: Mike Greene, Jim Morin, Mike Rodeck, and Dave McLellan
- Meeting adjourned.

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Editor's Corner

This is my first editor's corner. I would rather fill this newsletter with submissions by the members, so I hope that there are not too many editor's corners. So, if you see me coming your way, you won't run, because I will be looking for submissions.

I would like to say thank you to everyone that voted for me. For those that didn't vote for me, I will strive to do a good job, to show you that you really didn't lose.

I plan to make this newsletter about the members and by the members. I'm planning on putting together a column that features a member or sponsor for each newsletter. Other than that, the only other things in our newsletter so far, will be ride reports and advertisements from our sponsors. If anyone has any suggestions for articles or columns that they would like to see in the newsletter, please tell me.

I really hope that we can all put behind us the bad feelings that seem to have transpired over the last year and just get back to being a riding club that enjoys the ride and the people that you are riding with.

I'm very excited to be a member this year, because it is the 35th year that this club has been in existence and here I am, the editor of the newsletter. I can't believe it. It should definitely be a very interesting year.

I picked Rider's Review for the name of the newsletter, but if someone has better names, then I'd love to hear them.

Thanks, Sandy Hanson (Editor)

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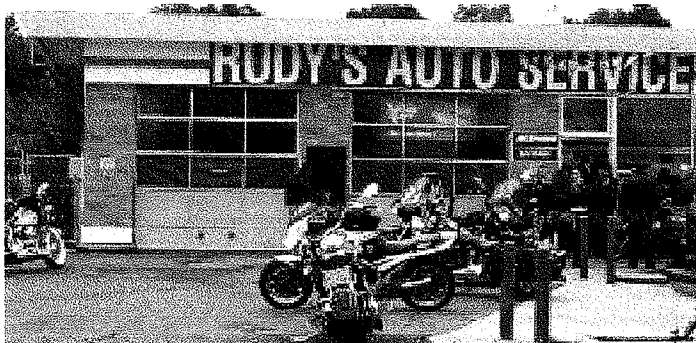
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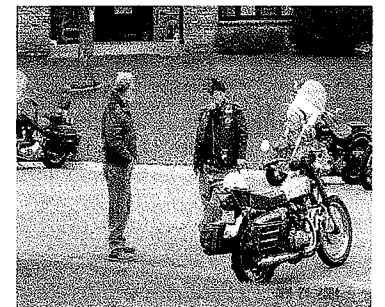
Date: 4/24/04

Destinaton: 1st Ride of the Year Party Weather: mostly sunny, 56 °

Location: Dave & Pat McLellan, 6260 Decatur Ave. No, Brooklyn Park

Highlights of Ride:

We started off with about 35 bikes and that's a lot for a Saturday ride (they must have heard about the free food). There were also seven bikes that showed up from the Christian Motorcyclist Association that I had invited to come and join us for a ride. As we were lining up, Milo did a good job of seeing that we had experienced road guard's lined up in front, as we had a lot of new people. We left on time, well, West Bank time anyway - about 12:10 p.m. Apparently, some people missed the first turn to go west on Highway 55 because they were in the wrong lane. That's why we play follow the leader or stay behind the bike in front of you. We had a nice ride out west and enjoyed the dry roads. To those that can remember years past, this ride can mean SNOW. But enough prayers had been lifted up for this day and we were blessed. We arrived at my home to the smell of Tony, Jann and my wife, Pat Bar-B-Quing hamburgers and hotdogs. So we beat a hasty retreat to the kitchen and filled our plates. There was plenty of food for all to eat. Thanks to those that brought items and a big THANKS to WBMC, that supplied the hamburger, hotdogs, potato salad, pop and whatever. There were a few people that showed up later. All in all there were 50 people that signed up on the "Sign In Sheet" and at least half a dozen that didn't. I had talked to a few new people that said they would be back. We did have one problem - one of the prospective new members, Al Fast, was about to leave when his bike (a black Honda ST-1100) quit as he was leaving the curb and fell over. The bike received a little road rash but Al was okay. Does this mean he is a contender for the "I Fell Down" award? Well, we will have to wait and see. What a beautiful day - although as the day went along the temperature did drop 10 to 15 degrees. Thanks to all that made this day a day to remember.



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Road Captain: Dave Crooker

Date: 4/28/2004

Destination: Whiskey Junction

Weather: Warm/clear/windy

Sign in location: Whiskey Junction

The first Wednesday night ride of the 2004 season.

For those that made the ride, it was a good one, a bit windy (thanks Harold for picking up my hat) but a nice ride nonetheless. We did have a corner marker leave prematurely, but I do not believe he is a member of the club. Thank you, Drew - who identified the issue and picked up the slack, marking the corner. Once the ride headed north on Cedar Ave, the group took different routes back to Whiskey Junction but we all made it just the same.

I was a little disappointed to see that Whiskey Junction was not prepared for our return. Since the ride destination was picked by our officers of the club to coincide with the distribution of the Whiskey Junction/Westbank patch someone should have stayed on top of things - getting a cocktail should not have taken as long as the ride did. Thus a lesson - whether you pick your destination or it is appointed, take charge and ensure they are prepared for our arrival.



Thought for the Day:

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Road Captain: Stacy Leary

Date: 5/1/2004

Destination: White Bear Lake

Weather: 65/ partly cloudy

Sign in location: Brent & Stacy's

The ride started out on 94E to 95 going north. We got near Taylors Falls and turned onto 8 west and 61 south. We ended up in White Bear Lake for a bonfire at our place. We managed to burn all the wood and paper we had as long as the neighbors kitchen cabinets and truck full of wood Scott brought for us. Then we also got a new fire pit after the cement started exploding. We also lost our cable for most of Sunday afternoon because of that same fire pit. Thanks Wade:) It turned out to be a wonderful night even though the weather people threatened rain and even snow all week. Thanks to everyone who came! Especially to Scott for the wood and Wade for the new fire pit.



Free Pasta on the Patio at Yarruso's

Ride report: 5/5/04

Road Captain: Tony O.

There was the threat of rain for Wednesday all week long. As everyone knows, the free pasta on the patio is weather permitting. I did a pre-ride the night before. It is a beautiful route with lighted views of the Minneapolis/St Paul skylines. Too bad we ride so early - I would have liked everyone to experience the night air and the views from my pre-ride.

One complaint I've been hearing a lot lately, is that we don't leave on time. Telling everyone the food is only served until 8:00 pm got everyone motivated. We left at 6:30 sharp and the weather turned out to be great. When we arrived, parking was at a minimum, as this event has grown over the last couple of years. Even so it was a nice casual ride to one of my favorite places.

There was plenty of pasta for everyone. I had a great time and met a lot of old motorcycle friends I haven't talked with in a long time. To me, this is what motorcycle riding is all about, all the great people I've met over the years.



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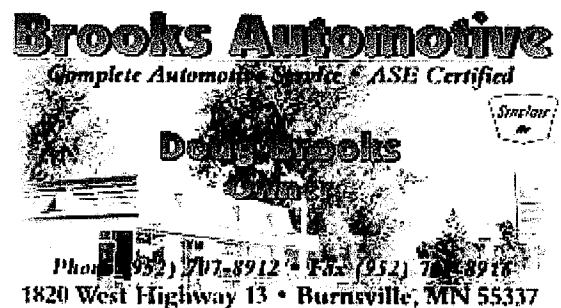


May 8, 2004 Ride Report

Road Captain: Becky Drew

Destination: Marine on the St. Croix

No ride report. But, I will say it was a great ride. Lots of back country roads. Can't seem to remember driving on one freeway. Way to Go, Becky. Great ride.



Road Captain: Wade Wendorf

Destination: Jackson Street Bar & Grill in Anoka

Sign-in Location: Same as destination

Date: May 12, 2004

Weather: The day started out rainy and gloomy, but by about 4pm it cleared up and was nice and sunny. The temperature during the ride was about 54 degrees out, and the sun helped immensely.

Highlights of Ride:

The parkway which we took was nice. After cutting up some interstates, we got north of the Mississippi and took some of the backroads north of Anoka. Everyone stayed pretty close together, from what I could tell. The ride was a little bit cool, but enjoyable. We kept a very even pace through the whole ride, and were right on time. We even got lucky on a lot of the stoplights and hit a lot of greens (at least those of us at the front <grin>). The ride took approximately 1 1/2 hrs which was exactly what I had planned on. Jackson Street was expecting us and had plenty of people on hand to cover our group, and they enjoyed having us and said "Come Back Anytime!"



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Road Captain: Don Drew

Well, at least it didn't rain, it was cloudy though. Cold too! This is my "last ride of the year ride," but this date popped up unassigned. It got assigned to me! I ride this often just for fun, but the Wisconsin Highway department surprised me with new road construction on one of my favorite segments (Wasn't there 8 days earlier). Caused a ten mile detour! Since I pre-rode this route the day before, I had time to draw in the detour on the map. There were only 12 bikes that left from Whiskey, all WBMC veterans so I dispensed with the corner guards and tail rider. In other words, not a ride for beginners or shy riders. We got lucky with "dead" stop signs and green lights. Everyone stayed together! Every time I stopped to "gather" it never took longer than a minute. This ride is just full of twisty, back countryroads and ends just outside the metro area.

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