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NEWSLETTER WESTBANK MOTORCYCLE CLUB

No, man, dis aint yo leader writin! Dis here am jus a "friend of the family," so to speak.

The reason for my writing this is because the WBMC ship is sinking, and I think that's a lousy thing to happen. Why? Cause when you have a bike you like to have somebody else with a bike to ride with. And the more bikes the more fun. Otherwise you might just as well have kept the 1922 Henderson single, and just kept on riding up and down the block----but you got a good fast bike now, right? What do you do with it? That's why there are so many "for sale" signs on bikes. After while riding alone doesn't turn the owner on any more he starts thinking about all the gold he's got wrapped up. So, one answer is a bike club. And it can be a lot of fun, as we saw last year.

This year has been pretty bad, but there have been bright spots! Some enthusiastic new people are showing up, and some regulars are loyally hanging in there. There have been some good rides. And on 17 July 71, Sat., there were more gal passengers than bikes! Some interesting new faces (and bods)! We went down to Prescott--nice ride, nice swim. So maybe things are on their way up.

This newsletter is an attempt in that direction: up. And some of the guys have put up club posters at motorcycle shops---the new slogan "just turn up and ride." There must be 12 to 20 shops showing our poster now. There was proper criticism that the posters should encourage more girls, and we should add that in; but after last Sat. what we really need is more bikes to haul the girls that are showing up.

The writer is doing this newsletter on his own, with his own funds, and because something should be done to move the club. So if you have a complaint, do something about it yourself, and let's work together and get this show on the road again.

Some suggestions this writer has are as follows:

1. No more dues.
2. No more president, etc.---this puts us in too vulnerable a position, as we have seen this Spring. And being the head of WBMC would be a drag, and make riding a job.
3. Campers ought to do the club a favor and support it by leaving at noon on Sat., and we can all make the same destination; those wanting to camp staying there and the rest riding back. You can ride one hell of a ways from noon till sunset. So if you are going 100 miles or less to camp why don't we all make it together?
4. Dig up some new groovy spots to ride to, for instance, what about the camping site at Lake Milacs?
5. Forget about formal rules for the club, and just use common sense.

What we need are some riders that like to ride, that turn up rain or shine. We need the infusion of more new people, people who still groove on the idea of motorcycling-PERIOD

This letter is being sent to people who have been on rides lately, and I suggest that riding should be the only requisite for "membership." Last year I saw a girl in the 400 Bar with our patch, but whom I'd never seen on a ride. She said she belonged, had a bike, but indeed never rode with us! We don't need a membership like that. But if you know anyone who might like to ride (guy or gal, bike or pillion), or anyone who used to ride with us, tell them we're still in business---on a completely casual basis. And if you have any ideas on how to do things better,ie have more fun, let's work them in. The following is a list of people riding lately (our membership, I guess):

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- OK Tom Stewart, 1119 Hudson Rd St Paul 55106, 771-1835 *774-5970*
- OK Terry Ritter, 1565 St Paul Ave, St Paul 55116, 598-7668
- OK John N. Musil, 2222 Nic Av Mpls, 55404 336-3588
- Jo Mayer, 905 E Franklin, Mpls.
- Ross & Kihn, 776 Curfew, StPaul 55114
- OK Mike Enslin, 1-65 Margaret, StPaul 55106, 774-4134
- Gayle Woodhouse, 905 E Franklin, Mpls
- Joan Gorman, 1248 Hubbard Av, St Paul 55104, 544-7553
- Jay Roth, 3728 Foss Rd NE Mpls 55421 822-3850
- Lynn Anderson, 1811 2nd Av S Mpls 55403
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- OK Debby Olson, 1440 W. Co. Rd. B, St Paul 55113 631-1377 *Pr 6-3814*
- Carol Youngner, 997 Bayless Ave, St Paul *644-5344*
- Mike Nemcek, 2515 Henn Av Mpls *374-1136 = 2848 Irving St*
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