



# WEST BANK EASY WRITER

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Well another riding season is now upon us. Hopefully you and your machine are all set to go, and maybe have been out already enjoying our fine spring weather.

Big changes have come about in the leadership of the West Bank. At the General Membership meeting held March 27th, new officers were elected. Ron Nelson replaces Jim Morin as club treasurer. (A big thank-you to Jim for his several years of leadership.) Jim Morin informed those of us assembled for the meeting that he would accept only one more year at the helm. It seems no one wanted to have a "lame duck" treasurer and Ron was voted in.

Linda Blumer was picked to replace Sue Vale as our secretary. (A big thank-you to Sue for all your work on behalf of the club.) Linda says that she hopes Ron can count better than she can spell, or else we are in BIG trouble. Also I would like to thank Linda for all her help in getting this newsletter together. If not for her it probably would never have been completed (well it would have been done, it just wouldn't have so much in it.)

When Sandy O'Brien turned over the duty of Newsletter Editor last year, we were left without some one to take over that job. Well someone nominated me (Jim Hohn) for the job at the Road Captains meeting, when I was not there to defend myself. I suppose just because I write a couple of stories you think I'm the only one who can put two words together to make a sentence, and then put the sentences together so that an intelligent thought may be expressed. So just remember if you don't like the newsletter, you were the ones who voted for this dumb truck-driver to do it. The worst part of this job is that now I'll be forced to talk to Ron Nelson, whom I was not talking to anymore. (Who ever nominated me, I'll find out who you are, and make your life a living hell!)

Several new ideas were brought up at the General Membership meeting and will be tried out during the rides.

First of all, we will try having an official "tail-rider". This person will be designated by the Road Captain (or volunteer) and will wear an orange vest (similar to road workers). Anyone wanting to ride with the club should make sure to be in front of the tail-rider. This will make it easier for the Corner Markers to know when everyone has past. If you are marking a corner make sure you catch up and get in front of the tail-rider once he/she passes you.

We are also going to modify our Corner Marker policy. Due to the fact that there was often confusion as to who was going to mark the corner (with near tragic results) and also the dangerous and unnecessary placement of Corner Makers out on the freeway. From now on if you as the Road Captain wish to have a corner marked raise your left hand (the one that's not on the throttle for those of you that can't remember left from right) when approaching the corner to be marked. Then if you as a rider wish to be a Corner Marker, you raise your left hand everyone behind you will know of your intentions. As before, those who desire to be Corner Markers should ride near the front of the group. If you do not wish to be a Corner Marker you should ride further back in the pack.

With everyone getting maps it is not really necessary to have a corner marker at the junction of say, for example, I-35 W and Highway 36, if we are going north on 35 W, or at the junction of I-94 and I-35 W if we were going south on 35 W. Road Captains should only have corner markers where needed.

The last major policy change is that it is up to the Road Captain on Saturday rides if the club will camp or not. Hopefully this will enable us to get people to lead Saturday rides, it should not be so much of a burden, knowing that it is not imperative that we camp.

