

NEXT MEETING: Sat., Sept. 15, at Vanguards 'SEPTEMBERFEST' run at Delaware Water Gap, Pa.

ATLANTIC MOTORCYCLE COORDINATING COUNCIL

The 55th meeting of the Atlantic Motorcycle Coordinating Council took place al fresco at Fort Hunt Park, Virginia, on Saturday, April 28, 1979, in conjunction with the "Safari 3" run of the Links M. C. President Don Craver presided; all AMCC officers were present.

The meeting convened at 3:25 p.m., as soon as the Secretary returned from using the distant lavatory facilities. All Council members were represented, with these exceptions: Excelsior, Iron Guard, New York Levis, and Vikings. Centaur M.C. in absentia, with proxy assumed by Scorpions. Proxies for the Prætorians and SNC of London were held by the President. Guests: Doug Wisby of the Tribe (Detroit), Yves Martell of the Toronto Motorcycle Riders, and Dave Sherman of Entre Nous (Boston).

The President displayed the exceedingly handsome inscribed walnut gavel, presented to the Council by the Links M. C. Many thanks, Links!

The Secretary read the minutes of the last (March 3) meeting, which stood approved. Treasurer Paul Rose (Spartans) had no official report, but noted that a non-service charge bank account had been opened with the \$22.50 received by Paul from M.C. Faucon for patches. No response or monies have been forthcoming from former Treasurer Stan Skurat, but T-bolt rep Alan Meschonat stated that a cheque was in the mail to Paul. The President then gave a brief report on the spectacular "ShipMates Tour" Germany-trip, where reps of four Council member clubs (Bucks, Empire City, ShipMates, Vanguards) were warmly received by clubmen in Berlin, Hamburg, and München.

Bill Yonke (Bucks) said that the AMCC patch does not photograph satisfactorily enough to be used for official Council stationery. However, Bob Goulding, a Bucks pledge with great artistic talent, has graphically reproduced the Council logo which will be used. Moved (Empire City/Spuds) to proceed with dispatch and order two reams of stationery (1000 sheets). Unanimously passed.

At this point, President Craver read a letter received from Dick Hoague, who although a member of the Vanguards M.C., who wrote the letter as an individual and not as a representative of the Philadelphia Council member club. The gist of the letter asks that the Council, as a highly-organized segment of our community, become actively and specifically involved in the fight for equality and recognition, etc., extending up to and including the national level.

The letter evoked considerable and diverse comment. Tribe member Wisby noted that the idea has great merit, but is perhaps impractical to implement. Jack Ebert (Spuds) agreed with the point made in the letter) that we do have clout greater than our sheer numbers might suggest, but doubts that we wish to employ this clout in this way. Council Vice President Battin (Empire City) doubted the wisdom of so openly taking any political stance and that, in any event, his club would not support such a move; a similar position was stated by Treasurer Rose, and that, ultimately, local judgment by individual clubs would have to prevail - i.e., any club can involve itself as it sees fit. Bill Yonke called for a remembrance of our function, which does not include political involvement. Wheels M. C. rep Dean Sandford said that his club, by charter, cannot become politically involved, or risk having the charter withdrawn.

Moved (T-bolts/Spuds) to have the Secretary write Br. Hoague, expressing our thanks for his interest and our concern and the diverse opinions noted, but that the Council does not at this time wish to take a political stand as a unit - but that member clubs may do so on an individual basis if they so wish.

Minutes of the April 28, 2979, AMCC meeting (cont'd):

Glenn Pitcher (Links) authorized (T-bolts/Bucks) unanimously to order 200 AMCC patches from a source he knows in Taiwan. It may take up to six months to receive, but since the need is not urgent, the cheaper Taiwan price is the most attractive alternative.

Entre Nous of Boston was formally nominated by Wheels M.C. for readmission to the Council. Seconded by Spuds and T-bolts. The vote will be taken at the next meeting. Motion by T-bolts/Faucons to hold next AMCC meeting on conjunction with Vanguards "Septemberfest" run, September 14-16, in the Poconos. Carried.

Bucks/T-bolts moved to have AMCC send congratulatory letters to Tony Bachrach (Centaur) and Lou Tuck (Druid), Co-Chairmen of May 5-6 "Brother, Help Thyself" big charity event, the second such organized by the Washington/Baltimore CAB clubs. Glenn P. noted that Mayor Berry of Washington has officially recognized the charity by designating May 6 as "Brother, Help Thyself" day, adding that the gay note probably made the difference in Berry's primary victory. The President will send this message. All clubs are naturally urged to support the May 5-6 event.

Prexy Lew Childs of the Spartans announced the cancellation of their "Marathon" run, thus releasing the July 13-15 dates. The Bucks run will be at the same site as last year, with a \$55 donation. They also thanked the CAB for supporting the Bucks' April 21 afternoon at the DC Eagle. Other announcements:

- Spuds 6th Anniversary on May 5 at the 9+ Clubhouse in NYC (\$12.50).
- Pennsmen "Pajama Party 3" at Altland's Ranch on May 12 (\$12.79).
- Indoor accommodations at Wheels' "W. 10" sold out.
- Empire City's annual bikers' picnic will be on Saturday, June 2; 15th Anniversary on October 6, with a weekend affair hopefully in the offing in conjunction with the Praetorians anniversary the preceding night.
- Scorpions' "Scorpio Rising" will be a noon-to-noon affair on June 9-10 in Culpeper, Virginia (\$22).
- M. C. Faucon anniversary in Montréal (in-town run) August 17-19.
- Vanguards "Septemberfest" to be held September 14-16 at the same site as the previous two "Septemberfest" runs in the Poconos (\$65).

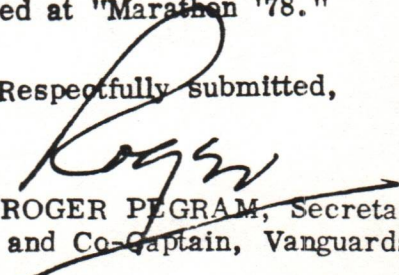
President Craver congratulated his successor as President of the ShipMates, Chuck Miller.

Prexy Marcel Croteau of M. C. Faucon ^{was} asked about one Jim Maloney a/k/a/'Jean Marc' in response to warnings given on this run by some MidAmerican Conference clubmen. Avoid; this man is known as a consistent rip-off artist and has surfaced in several communities, including Philadelphia, claiming to be the President of a nonexistent Ottawa club; he has also passed himself off as a member of Globe of Montréal. Keith Battin, advised that his studded leather Empire City back patch is held by unauthorized person(s), and to please report to him if such a back patch is seen ^{worn} by a non-ECMC individual.

The Secretary asked if there were any objections to releasing the AMCC participation point system, since a couple of MidAmerica clubs have requested copies. No objections; Lew Childs noted that the point system was first used at "Marathon '78."

Motion to adjourn (Spartans/Spuds) at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


ROGER INGRAM, Secretary,
and Co-Captain, Vanguards M.C.

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1 May 1979

Brother Dick Hoague
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Dear Dick:

As Secretary of the *Atlantic Motorcycle Coordinating Council*, I have been directed by the Council to reply to your recent letter sent to AMCC President Don Craver, for which we all thank you.

Your message was read to the Council sitting in session at its 55th meeting held on 28 April 1979, held in conjunction with the *Links M. C. "Safari 3"* run. It evoked much comment and discussion. Among those participating in the active discussion were representatives from the *Bucks, Empire City, Long Island Spuds, Spartans, Thunderbolts, Wheels M. C.*, and an observer from *Tribe* (Detroit), a Mid-America Conference member club.

It was felt, at the close of discussion, that the Council member clubs do not at this time wish their Council to become politically involved or take a public stand on any political movement, no matter how worthy. The reasons for this were carefully considered, and appear to be chiefly three:

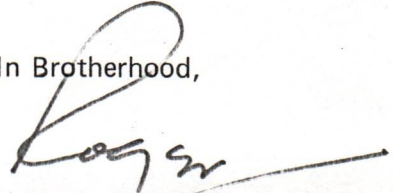
- The L/L community and our Council members represent a minority within a minority, and we have a hard enough time as it is without calling further attention to our particular life-style. Further, some activists look upon us as a fringe or freak group, and we have no assurance that our efforts in a coalition effort would be readily or gladly accepted.
- Our function, as expressed in the Articles of Agreement, are silent upon the matter of political involvement by the Council, but they are *not* silent about what we are supposed to do: briefly, encourage support of one another and act as an umbrella, clearing house and coordinating unit within our members. Further, we have a tiny treasury and no source of revenue at this time, and any support such as your letter suggests would certainly involve some monies (the "put your money where your mouth is" syndrome).
- Any political involvement must be at the discretion of the local club(s). For instance, the CAB clubs enthusiastically endorsed the candidacy of the current Mayor of the District of Columbia, but it would have been ill-advised for the AMCC, with Council members as distant as Montréal and London, to become active in that particular campaign. Ultimately, each Council member club must decide for itself the extent of its political involvement. At least two Council members stated that their charters prohibit them from taking political stands.

The comment was diverse and readily given; all admitted that we are concerned, as well we might be. Also, the door was left open for future activity in this area — but not, as I say, at this juncture.

The Council unanimously thanks you for your unusual interest and for taking the time to write us. Your points are well-taken. We wish we had more concerned Brothers such as yourself in our ranks, and we welcome any future suggestions and correspondence from you.

Our continued good wishes for your activities in the club and AMCC scene.

In Brotherhood,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roger Pegram', written over a horizontal line.

ROGER PEGRAM, *Secretary,*
and Co-Captain, *Vanguards M. C.*