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FIRE ISLAND

It hardly seems possible that it has been a quinquennium since we first found our little island! We speak, of course, of the fifth visit of the CYCLE M.C. to Fire Island. It has been said that the "island of fire" is the colonies' version of the Riviera. We really believe that! However, the weekend of May 19th we wouldn't have been surprised to see some ding-a-ling come floating by with an ark full of animals! But to quote an old cliché -- "it sure didn't dampen the spirit of the occasion"! As it turned out, the drizzle was some sort of godsend for the approximately 300 guests. Rather than scattering all over the island in search of sun and fun -- they found their fun in a one block radius of the Beach Hotel, Cherry Grove Hotel and the Sea Shack! The boardwalks were literally creaking under the weight of all that leather finery. Who needed a fashion show -- they were IT!

As fast as the ferry boats dumped their contents at the Cherry Grove Dock, the CYCLE M.C. sorted them out and directed them to their respective quarters. The eighty three rooms that we had secured in the two hostleries, accommodated anywhere from 2 to 4 people. How we ever got those 300 guys "doubled up" with nary a major mishap remains a mystery to us. (There is absolutely no truth to the rumor that our Business Manager, Bob Hullen and our Motorcycle Captain, Richard Kjelland made the room assignments while tripping -- blindfolded) We are also happy to report, that unlike most runs or events, we were able to provide 35 assorted "sandboxes"!

After the last of the participants had arrived on the midnight ferry (thank god for radar) it was noted that a few hundred souls were passing from room-to-room-to-hotel-to-hotel looking for blankets. At least they SAID they were looking for blankets!

Everyone drank with wild abandon until 2 AM at the Sea Shack, and when the Shack closed they descended on the after-hours party at the former Club Atlantique! In the candlelit surroundings it was difficult to SEE if it was a fun party, but we HEARD it was quite a blast!!

Wish it could be said that Saturday dawned bright and sunny -- because it damn well did not! Undaunted, our guests packed the Shack for their Bloody Mary breakfast -- served sit-down with "gen-you-wine" waiters to attend the needs of the breakfasters. (The waiter service was as good as the food)!

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The TWO-BIT-BEER-BLAST had been scheduled to be held from 2 to 7 PM. Somehow, as happens in the best of planning the CYCLE and the hotel management got their wires crossed -- and the beer blast was changed to 5 to 6 PM. Undismayed, the Druids announced a cocktail party in their "suite" and it is understood that a few other parties suddenly sprang up at the private houses. Meanwhile, THE CYCLE M.C. was busy preparing for their private 4th Anniversary Cocktail Party (members and invited guests only). Andy and his staff from the Shack began setting up the headquarters suite with bourbon, scotch, gin, vodka etc. etc. about 4:30. By 5:03 PM the party was in full swing. We were proud to have as our "first guest" at the party none other than Don Bruce of the Spartans and an Associate Cycle Member. (Don had been tipped off about the shrimp)!

Andy catered the food for the party and it was something else. Ham glazed with orange sauce, platters of turkey and other tempting morsels. But the focal point of the table was the biggest damn bowl of the biggest damn shrimp most of us had ever seen -- and they were delicious (ask Don Bruce and all the others who were lucky enough to get there before it disappeared) It was an intimate and a happy 4th Anniversary cocktail party for the CYCLE M.C. members and guests!

Meanwhile, the others were TWO-BIT-BEER-BLASTING at the Ice Palace Bar. When the numerous parties finally ended there was hardly time to change overlays before it was time for dinner.

As the guests were arriving we had stationed Jeff Sammons at the gate to pull the dinner tickets from the ticket books. Jeff told us later he felt like a fool standing there bellowing -- "Have your DIN DIN tickets ready"!! Inside a delectable roast beef "din din" had been prepared by the chef and staff of the Shack. (It was prepared at the Shack but transported to the Ice Palace to be served). One member of the Sea Shack staff insisted on serving everyone's meat -- for reasons that eluded us at the time but made perfect sense later. (Sorry, but that's a story that can't be printed here!)

Meanwhile, back at the serving table the CYCLE Members were assisting the "butcher" in serving the other items on the menu. By the way, you haven't lived until you've seen 300 guys lined up snake-file with knife and fork poised!!

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FIRE ISLAND (Continued)

As soon as the tables were cleared the guests were treated to forty-five minutes of "training films in vivid color." We thank the donor of these films although he asked to remain anonymous.

The Sea Shack again roared on until 3 AM -- and when they closed once more the guests toddled (tippled) off to the after-hours party. As is usually true, there are many things that happen at these affairs that cannot be printed in a "family-type" magazine. It held true on Saturday night. With this in mind, we apologize for having to end the party on Saturday night rather abruptly. Be assured that it was a necessary decision that had to be made "on the spot"!

Another fine breakfast was served at the Shack on Sunday morning -- and at last, the gods were with us! By noon the day was not only beautiful -- it was downright breathtaking! In the afternoon everyone met at the Ice Palace "patio" for the TWO-BIT-BEER-BLAST. At one point during the afternoon, it was noted that a number of people were dragging booze, beer, ice and assorted sundries into the headquarters suite. Later, it was learned that a party was planned by the 9 Plus and the SSH (yes, the Mad Barber was there). The party was hosted by the "first ladies" of the 9 Plus and Cycle and also the prospective members of the CYCLE B.C. Just about everybody was invited -- and it turned out to be a real swinger. Sometime Lou Cabral and Chuck Patrick disappeared from the party. It was later learned that they had chartered a sea-plane for the 15 minute flight to mid-Manhattan!

As is customary during our Fire Island event, there was no charge for those who wished to stay over at the Beach Hotel until Monday. As it turned out, nearly 100 guys decided to take advantage of the additional night. Half prices continued at the Shack until closing, and had we not known better, we would have thought the weekend was starting all over again!

Monday morning a few bedraggled souls managed to catch the "Bucket of Blood Ferry" at 6 AM, while others caught the 8 o'clock. (Those who took the Long Island Railroad into Manhattan must have presented a pretty sight to the staid Wall Street Commuters!

How do you go about thanking all those that contributed to this great weekend? For a start, we thank our honored guests who made it all possible by their attendance. Then there is Mike Fesco of the Beach Hotel who spent so many hours with Cycle Officers planning this huge event. (The planning began last December). Mike coordinated the whole affair at the island. Then there was Dave and Lee of the Cherry Grove Inn who participated for the first time in this event. (They even served coffee in the morning). Additional thanks to the chef and his staff at the Shack who prepared all the food for the weekend. To Andy and his staff of waiters and bartenders who went out of their way to be helpful (and succeeded)!!

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WHEELS MAGAZINE

We are indebted to the Druids, 9 Plus and the other clubs (including our prospective buddies) who offered all those extra touches during the weekend.

Like other clubs, our club is made up of members -- and it is the efforts put forth by the members that makes CYCLE work! With two or three exceptions, all the members in attendance pitched in to help bring about a successful weekend. Special mention must be made of Bob Hullen, our Business Manager, who toiled for months behind the scenes accepting and processing applications and performing the myriad duties connected with that office: of Lee Hooper, our Sgt. at Arms, who once again acted as a "third" hand for the President: of our new Car Captain, Lee Pietrangelo, who, with no cars to coordinate stepped in at every point to be helpful: of Chuck Kleiner, our Vice President (who was "named" acting President a dozen times during the weekend) when the President had to dash off to solve a problem: of Tom Claypool, a CYCLE M.C. Director, who seemed to be everywhere at just the right time (well, at least just about everytime!); of our prospective buddies who were on "display" that weekend. Additional thanks to the following members who were always within call when needed: Ed Gunther, John Affeldt, Bob Reynolds, Joe Morales, Joe Casey, Harry Horton, Jim Conroy, Al Gaggini, Frank Derfus and Paul Oele.

It is always tricky giving thanks for fear that one deserved "thank you" might be omitted. If we missed anyone -- please forgive us, it certainly was NOT intentional.

Thank you all for coming, we hope that we served you well and that you will join us again for Fire Island 73. (Start now praying for good weather). PAX!

The Members of THE CYCLE M.C., Inc.

PRAETORIANS

An active month started with Cycle's Fire Island Weekend. Despite inclement weather, which dampened plans for the beach, a good time was had by all. The Praetorians had rented their own house for the event and even during the rain "held court" for the various "drop-ins" throughout the weekend. Inclement weather or not, most of us made our own visits to the various points of interest including the maze at the end of the island, which by now has become something of a shrine. Many things were to be found "off the beaten paths", and the Praetorian colors were seen waving in more places than their headquarters!

Members reported the Wheels run to be a great success, particularly in regard to their show. This writer caught a preview and compliments them on an excellent spoof of a "spoof" and for the most part all of it done with great taste.

At this writing our member Ed C. goes into the hospital for an operation -- we all wish him a speedy recovery.

On Saturday, June 4th, The Praetorians held a cocktail party for New York friends, including many who were in from out of town. 11 of our members (out of 14) were present, which is a good record for a "traveling" club.

We offer congratulations to Al C. and the other newly elected officers of Wheels M.C.

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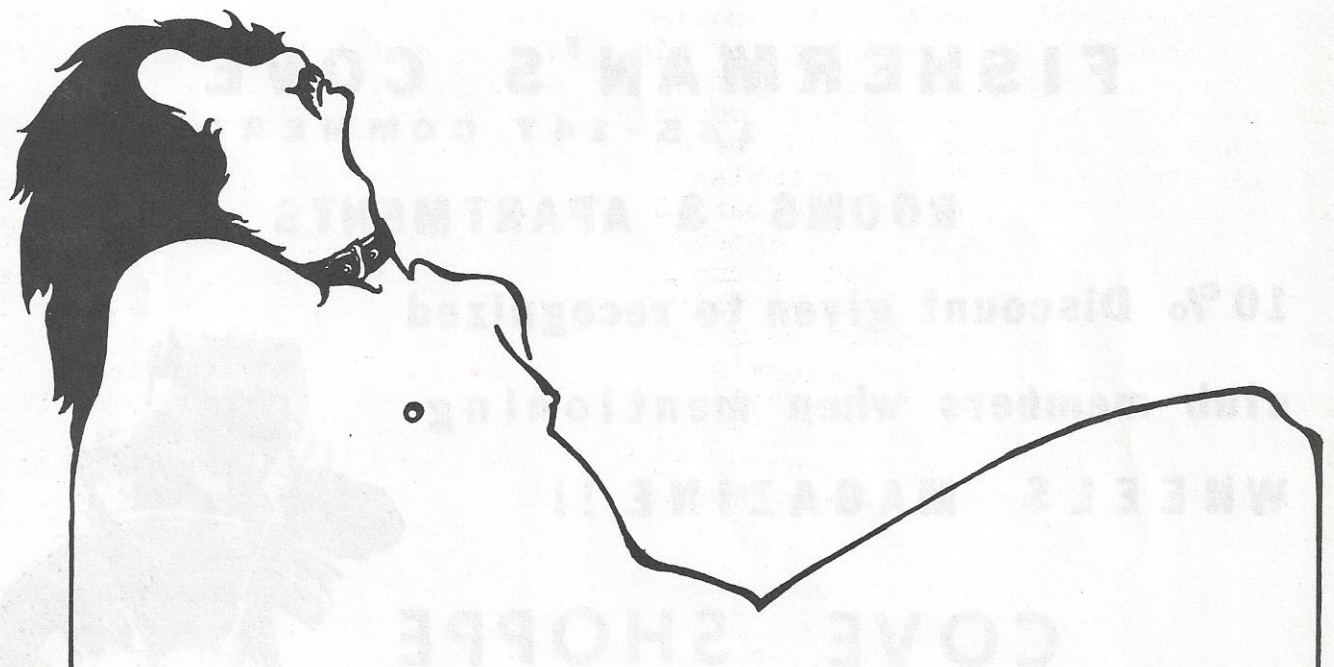
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THE INNER CYCLE



WHEELS MAGAZINE is printed in sections. When we got back the "Pit Stop" page we noted that we had failed to include Berlin in the listings. You may add the following: BERLIN: Elli Bier Bar, Kreuzberg, Skalitzerstrasse 102; and S. Bahn Quelle, Charlottenburg, Savignyplatz 13. Then, just moments ago, we received a communication from the SMCLA advising us that we had omitted the "Autumn Scrambles" from the "Runs and Events" column. It wasn't omitted, we just never received any official notification from the SMCLA. We do not list events unless actually advised by the club in question. Although this month's column has already been printed, we advise you that the "Autumn Scrambles" will be held in Washington November 10, 11, and 12. This listing will appear in the regular listing in the future. May we remind the other clubs at this time that any listings should be submitted in writing. For everyone's protection we cannot accept verbal notices. Also a gentle reminder to club correspondents that columns are due here in New York on the first of each month. MERCI!

MANY OF US enjoyed the pleasant cocktail party of the Praetorians on June 3rd. It was a fun group! For some reason, Buddy had all the windows sealed! Now we know what a smoke-filled room is! Speaking of the Praetorians, we have learned that Ed C. has entered the hospital for an operation. We wish him a speedy recovery -- and as soon as we find out where he is we'll tell him personally!!

WE DUTIFULLY report that the new officers of the AMCC are: Gerry Depken, President; Skip Carter, Vice President; Mike Cain, Secretary; and Bob (??), Secretary.

LAST CALL for "EUROPE '72"! See the brochure included in this issue.

ADVANCE REPORTS from Europe on the plans for this year by our European Members are fantastic! Fraser Lowden and Felix Jones of the SNC in London have a fabulous "shed-u-l" planned! They are going "all-out" for CYCLE! Runs, outdoor activities, in other words, "the works"! Bob Purinton, John Christie, Arno Ruessing and Klaus Kohler report from Munich that they too are pulling out all the stops! Gusti and the other local CYCLE Members have a full schedule of parties, beer blasts, buffets etc. planned --- even a bus tour to Austria for the tour members. On Richard's whirlwind weekend in Amsterdam recently, he visited the "New" Argos Hotel and met the new owners John and Fred. He learned that plans are being made for the hotel staff to greet us at the airport and provide an afternoon of sightseeing. Richard reports that the hotel has been completely refurbished with panels on the walls and carpeting on the floors. Meanwhile, our dear and old friends Jahn and Ton of the Argos Bar have planned a full program including a Bar-B-Que Dinner. They have opened a club house above the bar, which we understand will be made available to the group. All this (and more) is a bonus over the tour price of \$599.

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LEE HOOPER, Sgt. at Arms of THE CYCLE M.C. has asked that all CYCLE Members be reminded that dues for the second half of 1972 will be due ON or before July 1st. At the present time, the CYCLE M.C. has a long list of both active and associate prospective members on it's waiting list. It is assumed that those who fail to pay their dues on time are not interested in continuing their membership. Therefore, all those delinquent after July 1st will be subject to suspension after that date. The notices will be sent out to all members on June 12th. However, it is not necessary to wait until you receive your notice to submit your dues. All members, both Active and Associate, should know the amount due and may submit it prior to the formal notice.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Wheels M.C. for their recognition of other club's efforts on the "entertainment" level with their new Jock Award policy. No other club can come anywhere near the professionalism of the Wheels M.C. --- but it is indeed "nice to be noticed"!

NOW THAT the 9 Plus Club has moved to their new home between the Eagle and the Spike perhaps they should re-name the club "The Main Entrance"! In any event, it will be easier for the members to drop their beer and booze off before they go to the bars. We have been asked to remind everyone that the 9 Plus is a PRIVATE club and only members and authorized guests will be admitted. A further reminder, that guests are required to have valid identification, and must bring their own refreshments! To quote from our Reviewer in this issue -- "At the old location the 9 Plus won the battle, and now with this new location they should damn well win the war"! GOOD LUCK!

RON SMITH and Tony Hepworth presented the CYCLE M.C. with a napkin from London at Fire Island. It was signed by all our London members with best wishes on our 4th Anniversary -- a simple but poignant greeting!

THE DRUIDS must be congratulated on the fantastic support they give to the runs of other clubs! Knowing Freddy Dobbs and his side-kick, Kelly, we know it is done in a true spirit of fraternalism.

WITHOUT A DOUBT we will be joined by the other New York clubs in thanking Lou Stammer of the Spike for his new Monday through Thursday price policy for "patch wearing" club members....from anywhere in the world! From 8 PM to 1 AM on these nights the price of beer is 35¢. Let's face it, most of us don't mind shelling out six bits for a beer on a weekend, but we'd go broke trying to support a bar during the week at that 75 cent tariff. It should be remembered that it was not the out-of-towners, club followers or tourists that kept our two favorite watering spots going during the week. It damn well was the clubs and their followers. Lou does ask that we remind you that just belonging to a club is not enough to get the reduced price. It is emphasized that your MUST wear your patch --- and we subscribe to the policy! After all, you can't expect a bartender to know everybody in the world who belongs to a club!

ALTHOUGH not specifically directed to clubs, the Eagle is also offering reduced prices during the week and on Saturdays. On Monday they are offering 2 drinks for the price of 1 if you are wearing an Eagle Pin from 8 PM to Midnight. This doesn't cause a problem as most of the club members in this area have pins. NYF Nights continue on Tuesday with the same price structure as in the past. (At least the price structure was the same as of this writing). On Wednesday the Eagle offers 2 drinks for the price of 1 if you are wearing a motorcycle cap, cowboy hat or fireman's helmet from 8 to Midnight. On Saturday they offer a free steak sandwich and a free drink if you arrive and hang a helmet from Noon to 10 PM. Also drinks on Saturday are 2 for the price of 1 if you are wearing an Eagle Pin. The new hours of the Sunday brunch are 2 to 5 PM and the new lower price is \$1.00 with a drink. The Sunday buffet is now served beginning at 9 PM.

SOUTHERN REPORT

Spring brought the Spring Sabbath and RAIN!!
Spring brought Olympia II and RAIN!!
Spring brought Fire Island and RAIN!!

We all got a little wet but it didn't dampen the Fun! Thank you W-4 for breaking the wet spell!!

DRUIDS M.C.

With the Spring Sabbath behind them (reported in their column last month), the Druids have not only become the fastest growing club in Washington but also the most traveled. On most any run, you will find the Druids in full support.

CENTAUR M.C.

Yes! Olympia was as groovy as last year. In fact, Olympia II was one of the events of spring that should not have been missed. The following letter, which was sent to the Centaurs, sums up the whole thing: "From the star studded Friday night to the wet, black and shiny Sunday brunch, there is no way that anyone could say how great the weekend was. I felt an undescrivable warmth conveyed by every warm and helpful member. I am a great admirer of organization -- and the cooperative effort that each and every one of your beautiful members put forth was the key to your successful run. New to the leather scene, I know after this weekend that this is the world I want to join. A sincere unity of mind, soul and spirit. A spirit of brotherhood -- bound together by leather"

SPARTAN M.C.

The Spartans must have a real "friend" (?) out there!! Knowing that Marathon was over-sold last year, this "friend" (?) went around and told everyone it had been cancelled this year. Well, it has NOT! From the plans, it looks as though this will be the biggest and best Marathon yet. Be sure to be there and get your application in early. (An application will be found elsewhere in this issue).

SMCLA

The club that started the whole cocktail party bit at runs is planning its biggest undertaking yet at Marathon '72!

SCORPIONS M.C.

High spirits, yes! Scorpio Rising, yes! Now that is really something, when one realizes that half their membership left to join the ranks of another Washington club!

RENEGADES

The new Baltimore club that started with such a bang has been missing from the scene lately. Where are you? We miss you!

SIDELIGHTS

- + Congratulations -- The Centaurs are now the newest member of the AMCC!
- + Fool around with Mother Nature, and she'll rain on your parade!
- + Terrific, Fabulous and all those other things -- What can you say? "Marry Merry Mary" was great!
- + In spite of the rain -- it's F.I. '73!
- + Is it true that the Jock Awards at W-4 were 45 minutes longer than "Gone With the Wind" without an intermission!
- + Double registration -- a new and good idea!

ATONS

Now that spring has arrived in our area, we of the Atons are finding that more than flowers, trees, shrubs etc. bloom at this time of the year. It also appears that interest in the club is also "blooming" as we welcome two new pledges to our ranks.

Plans for our up-coming event are moving at a rapid pace as all members await the arrival of Aqua I. At last report, our Secretary, who has volunteered his kitchen as a store room for that most sought after thirst-quencher, was still attempting to find his stove! After all, even a secretary must eat!

Although I did not have the opportunity to attend Cycle's Fire Island event, I understand it was "fantastic"! Next year, I'll come h___ or high water! Also, from what I hear the Wheels M.C. W-4 was also an event to be remembered and the show was "out of this world"! While I'm on the subject, I would like to take this opportunity to say to M.C. Kemo, the Vanguard and the Border Riders M.C. that I would like to attend all your events --- but it isn't possible. I will be attending the Spearhead Round Up in Toronto. I hope that at that time I'll have a chance to meet and talk with some of the fine people from clubs that I've met on my other trips to the east coast.

Just to set the record clear, I would like to clarify that the Town House Bar (formerly listed in Pit Stops in this magazine) is not a leather/western establishment. It is most active on Sunday evenings -- due to the fact that one of the other bars is closed and the crowd drifts to St. Paul. The Happy Hour in Minneapolis, although not strictly a leather/western bar, is rather "active" and the most likely place in the Twin Cities!

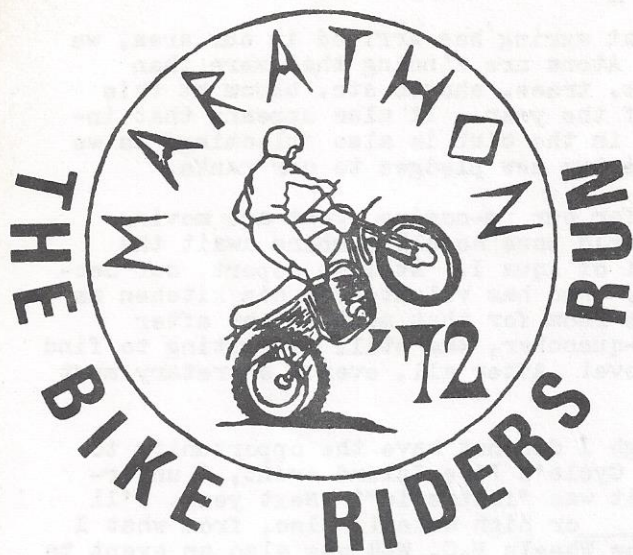
Again, I would like to invite as many of you as can make it -- to join us July 21-23 for Aqua I. It is going to be fun. (See application elsewhere in this issue).

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VIKINGS

All the buses are home and the planes have landed and for the Vikings it has been a busy month indeed. Several of our members ventured south and came back with nothing but the highest accolades for the Centaur's Olympia II. After being told about all those interesting "games" we were very sorry that more of us couldn't have been there. Juan gave his new bike a real work out and drove it all the way to Virginia to enjoy the Centaur hospitality.

Another group of us, once again, boarded Old Faithful (Allegheny Airlines) for a flight to Islip to attend the annual Fire Island Weekend. Other than the unpleasantness caused by one individual, who showed absolutely no regard for his traveling companions, the flight was uneventful and enjoyable. Cycle M.C. had arranged for a car to meet our flight and whisk us away to the ferry for our crossing to the island. Everything went like clockwork and two hours after leaving Boston we were unpacking in our rooms in the hotel. We would like to thank Cycle M.C. for their generosity in absorbing the additional cost of our flight tickets after the arrangement mixup for which they were not responsible. Saturday at the island saw a real northeaster blow in but it did little to daunt the festivities. There were cocktails and cocktails and more cocktails. Three parties hosted by the Druids M.C., 9 Plus and Cycle M.C. took up the better part of the day before a roast beef dinner and after hours party ended Saturdays activities. Sunday dawned with beautiful weather and those of us staying until Monday took full advantage of the sun to bathe away some of the winter whiteness. Once again Cycle pulled off a great weekend and once again we are saying thank you. However, it seems no one tires of hearing those two little words.

We were still trying to recover from Fire Island when it was time to head for York, Pennsylvania and W-4. Friday afternoon the bus was loaded and members of Entre Nous and the Vikings took their leave of Boston. After an overnight stop in New York for registration we were off for York. Well, almost --- we made it ten blocks before bus trouble forced us to stop. A happy day was spent at Kellers and we were off again. This time we made it and at 1:27 AM we pulled into the campsite. We really didn't expect to find many people up at that time so you can imagine our surprise to find a full course hot meal waiting for us at 2:00 AM. When we awoke the following morning we found ourselves at one of the most beautiful campsites imaginable. Sunday was taken up with a poker run, bike events and a cocktail party. That evening we were treated to another superb meal of roast beef and then came the show. After "Hello Wally" we wondered what in the world Wheels M.C. could possibly do to equal or top that. Well, that night they did with their version of "Little Mary". I am sure the show will be covered elsewhere in this magazine so suffice it to say that once again Wheels M.C. has given us a memorable performance to treasure.

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Monday came too soon and after purple cocktails served by the Druids M.C. and a hearty breakfast (in that order) we filed back into the hall for the final awards. The Vikings have the dubious distinction of again possessing the Torrid Tuber Trophy. The Entre Nous proudly brought back to Boston the Best Participation Trophy and our own Sam J. won the Buddy Rider Trophy. Our congratulations to Wheels M.C. on giving a fantastic run. The kitchen crew filled up our bus with food, beer and tonic and after many goodbyes we were on our way. This time we made it almost to Harrisburg before our bus broke down again. The trip back was tedious to say the least, but morale stayed amazingly high. However, when we pulled back into Boston at 4:30 AM Tuesday -- a wearier crew has never been seen.

A few parting notes: Congratulations to Rusty H. on becoming our newest "P" member. Our special welcome to two new brothers joining the fraternity of clubs: The Atons of Minneapolis and the Iron Cross of Montreal. We hope to meet many of your members soon. Best of luck to the new officers of the AMCC and also the new officers of the Wheels M.C. We look forward to seeing many of you at Kebek 72 and remember when planning your summer activities to include Leif Ericson 72 (Labor Day Weekend) on the list. Full particulars concerning this big event will be published in this magazine next month.

Carl Banks, Correspondent
Vikings M.C.,
Boston, MASSACHUSETTS

TITANS

Members of the now defunct Boston Bike Club would like to announce that on April 1st they reorganized as the Titan M.C. The new name reflects a purpose of practicability as well as unanimous desire. Boston (not unlike other cities) does not have the number of active bike riders interested in supporting an all bike club. Gathering experience from the BBC, the Titan M.C. feels that in order to grow, it must open membership with a broader spectrum and yet maintain the interest in masculine camaraderie, leather and the sport of motorcycling. (Congratulations to Terry M. on the purchase of his BSA 350cc).

Due to reorganization, the Titan M.C. regrets that it will not have its July 4th event -- currently scheduled as a BBC run. We are making definite plans for an in-town Boston run this fall. The date and more information will be announced later. We thank our many friends for bearing with us and look forward to having you visit us this fall.

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Friday, May 26th the registrants from New York gathered at the 9 Plus Club where they were joined about midnight by a bus load from Boston. Following registration, the crowd split to take advantage of the beers being offered at the Eagle and the Spike. Those who remain at the 9 Plus enjoyed a wonderful fried chicken buffet supplied by the Spike. (Those in the D.C. area registered at the Washington Eagle and were treated to an after-hours party).

Saturday morning, those in New York again returned to the 9 Plus for the busses to York, Pennsylvania. The Boston bus departed promptly at 10 AM and the Wheels bus followed in short order. The Wheels bus was loaded with beer, sandwiches, fried chicken etc. You might say it was everything we needed for the 5 1/2 hour trip. Well, just about everything! Those ding-bats forgot the sandboxes! Therefore, as fast as the beer cans were emptied they were magically filled again! (It boggles the imagination to think of the same situation with a bus load of females!!) We learned later that the Boston bus, which had left promptly at 10 AM came to a halt just as promptly at 10.10 AM. We suspect that Arby performed some sort of sorcery, as it managed to come to a halt somewhere in the vicinity of the front door of Keller's Bar!

On arrival at the beautiful Altland Ranch, one of the owners whisked DD and Richard right back into a car for a 30-mile roundtrip to the "State Store". (A pox on the liquor laws of every state in the Union. Every law is different and every one of them is just as stupid in its own right!) In addition to depleting the vodka stock of the state store, we also left puzzled looks on the checkout counter of a local supermarket when we purchased all their orange juice.

DD and Richard arrived back just in time to get the CYCLE M.C. Cocktail Party started 30 minutes EARLY! (The CYCLE must have been a pretty sight diluting the frozen orange juice in the Ladies Room!) During the party a couple of individuals were overheard asking if there was "anything" in the orange juice. It can be reported that about 30 minutes later they were found eating their words from a prostrate position!

The "cluck-cluck" dinner was beautifully served in the main pavilion and was followed by the "Jock Awards". Everyone had been presented with a simulated pewter mug at dinner, and during the ceremony they were constantly being filled with draft beer. (A list of the awards appears at the end of this article).

About 1:30 AM the "injured" Boston bus arrived at the campsite. The kitchen had been kept open and it was noted that in addition to the Wheels members, the Druids pitched in and helped serve a hot dinner (breakfast??) to the ravenous Bostonians.

Sunday breakfast was served prior to the AMCC meeting. The "Bob Hullen Type" poker run was delayed until the conclusion of the AMCC meeting. As we recall, Jerry and Louis were the winners of this event -- bringing two more trophies into the fold of the Druids!

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Hamburgers and assorted goodies were served prior to the bike events. The bike events came to a sudden halt when two drivers spilled during a "speed contest" on a grass field lined with pot holes. Fortunately the riders were not injured as they jumped clear -- but it certainly didn't do the machines any good. (When will the organizers and yes, contestants, learn that "speed and timed events" have no place on uncertain terrain?) The Buddy Rider Trophy went to Sam of the Vikings and the Driver Trophy to Skip of the Entre Nous.

These events were followed by the Entre Nous Cocktail Party. We venture to say that there isn't a drop of vodka or cranberry juice left between Boston and York!

The dinner was set up in an outdoor pavilion along side a "spit-of-roasting beef". When the tummies were full it was time for the show. (See "REVIEW" elsewhere in this issue).

The Monday breakfast was preceded by some Purple Passions served up by the Druids. They ran all over the place with pitchers poised "dyeing" our insides with this regal punch!

Following breakfast the weekend awards were presented. The CYCLE M.C., Druids and Entre Nous each received a "plaque of appreciation" for their respective cocktail parties. The Participation Award went to the Entre Nous. It was at this time that Richard Kjelland of THE CYCLE M.C. presented Bob Walsh of Wheels (who planned the poker run) the first annual Bob Hullen Goof Up Poker Run Award. Banners were presented to the Wheels M.C. by the Entre Nous and the Druids.

About 3:30 the airconditioned (sans sandbox) Wheels M.C. bus pulled out and deposited the weary travelers in New York 5 hours later. (For a report on the antics of the Boston bus see the Vikings column). Mike Cain, Captain of the Entre Nous decided not to take the bus, but rather to fly home from Harrisburg. He was delayed getting to the airport when Fred Dobbs' (President of the Druids) car broke down. Mike missed his flight.

Now THAT is POETIC JUSTICE !!

Following is a list of the Jock Awards:

INTER-CLUB CATEGORIES

TECH. EFFECTS: Don Daily, Cycle, Cycle Week
COSTUME: D. Sherman, Entre Nous, L. Ericson
DIRECTOR: R. Kjelland, Cycle, Cycle Week
CHOREOGRAPHY: J. Casey, Cycle, Cycle Week
COMEDIAN: R. Stevens (Lily Tomlin) Cycle Week
DANCER: J. Casey, Cycle, Cycle Week
MUSICAL ARTIST: B. Reynolds, Cycle, Cycle Week
ACTOR-NON MUSICAL: "Mrs. Graham," Cycle Week
ACTORS (MUSICAL): T. Claypool, L. Pietrangelo, J. Casey, Cycle, Cycle Week
ACT: (NON MUSICAL): SMCLA, Leif Ericson
MUSICAL ACT: Paris, M.C. Kemo, Leif Ericson
PHOTOGRAPHY: Making a Cycle, M.C. Kemo, Cycle Week
SPECIAL AWARD: Dick Forest

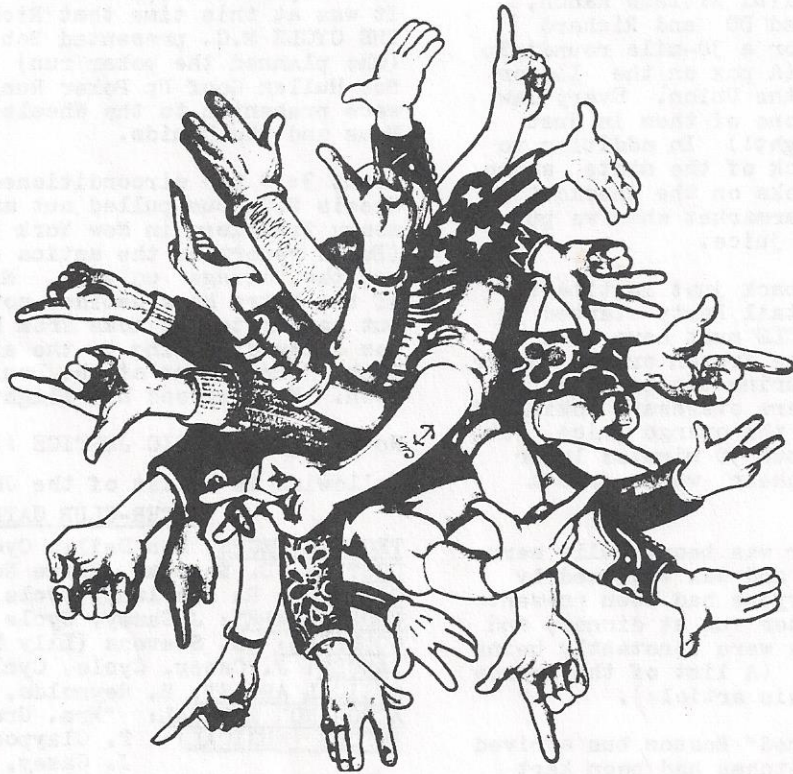
WHEELS CATEGORIES

COSTUME: Jerry D., Jeannette, Cycle Week
CHOREOGRAPHY: Lee S., Academy Award Night
COMEDIAN: George B., Geraldine, Cycle Week
DANCER: George B., Academy Award Night
MUSICAL ACT: Gary F., "Boots", Cycle Week
NON MUSICAL: Bill & Gene, "Sex", Cycle Week

The entire Jock Award Presentation was under the able direction of Peter F. of Wheels M.C.

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REVIEW ***** MARRY MERRY MARY

Drag shows are a bore; parodies of parodies are a near impossibility; a combination of these should empty the theater with speed normally reserved for escaping forest fires! (An appropriate image since W-4 was held in the woods). How then to explain the triumphant success of the Wheels M.C. production of "Marry Merry Mary", a take-off on Ric Besoyan's Little Mary Sunshine, with Lee S. as Little Mary? Careful production, talented performers, and meticulous direction: all these add up to a "hit".

The original Little Mary Sunshine was itself a take-off on the Jeannette MacDonald-Nelson Eddy epics, and like those originals went on far too long. From this production much repetitious, and to this audience, meaningless dialogue has been pared away. Certain variants have been added for "local color", and the result is a tighter, funnier show, although at times it did seem that the interpolations ("Sniffing", for example) were less successful than when the originals were kept. In this area, however, all depended on the performer: a gesture added here and there to emphasize a double entendre was far more successful than a deliberate change of words. On the whole the cast was most adept at this, although several members might need to be told that a cocked finger can be often more expressive than vice versa. On the whole the adaptation worked and the fun of the original script and lyrics came shining through.

It is rare to be able to say of a performance that it is faultless, but the little Mary of Lee S. is nothing short of miraculous. From entrance to curtain speech it is of a piece: consistent, delicate, delightful, and thoroughly thought out. The ability to carry the falsetto (without the help of Bauer and Black!), the coyness of gesture and look, the vapid uprightness of character - all these were there without for one instant deteriorating into anelly nobility. Without Mary the show doesn't work; with a Mary like this the battle is won, and very nearly the war!

If the audience had had its way, Roy I. as Mme. Ernestine would have been carried thru the streets (woods?) in triumph. From bird on head to bustle on ass he was Mme. Ernestine: tough, tender, and touching. Although "Vienna" was a show stopper and richly deserved an encore, this critic preferred "Every Little Nothing . . ." because the support from Little Mary in this wonderfully insipid duet was far stronger than that from Uncle Oscar, who seemed to have some opening night problems. Here again there seemed little reason to change the lyrics to "Gottennookie, etc.", as the strong characterization of this actor would have carried the original.

There is nothing a professional likes better than to sit back and watch another performer work, but only when sure that the other performer is solid and knows exactly what he is doing. This feeling was most in evidence when Gene H. walked on as Corporal Billy, and, from a point of view of selling a song, "Once in a Blue Moon" was the evening's best job.

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This young man can sing, dance and act. Although the Indian number suffers from unnecessary lyric changes and a somewhat vague choreography, it still comes across loud and clear and true.

It is very difficult to play the straight (!) simpy, and sentimental qualities of Captain "Big Jim" Warrington and not end up coming across like a clerical collar, but Bill K. managed. The "Colorado Love Call" (an enchantingly idiotic song) and the introduction of the Forest Rangers were, as they should be, sure fire hits.

Thank you, George B. for that quickly revised entrance - it added to the solid impression left by "Mata Hari". Muscularity and quick thinking are not usually associated with Nancy Twinkle, but why not?

When the ensemble of men and "boys" worked, as in "Look for a Sky of Blue", and "How Do You Do", it worked well, but when it didn't as in "Sniffing", and "Say, Uncle", it provided the only jarring note -- a note more of self consciousness and "aren't we having FUN" than anything else. A bit more concentration and less --- "Forward and bow, Forward and bow. Where the hell do we go now? --- and this could be easily corrected. The flesh was willing but the spirit was weak.

Some mention, brief but positive, should be made of our feathered friends: the wonderfully comic fierce intensity of John C. as Chief Brown Bear, the vitality of Mac M. as Fleet Foot, and the amusing loin cloth of Chuck K. as Yellow Feather.

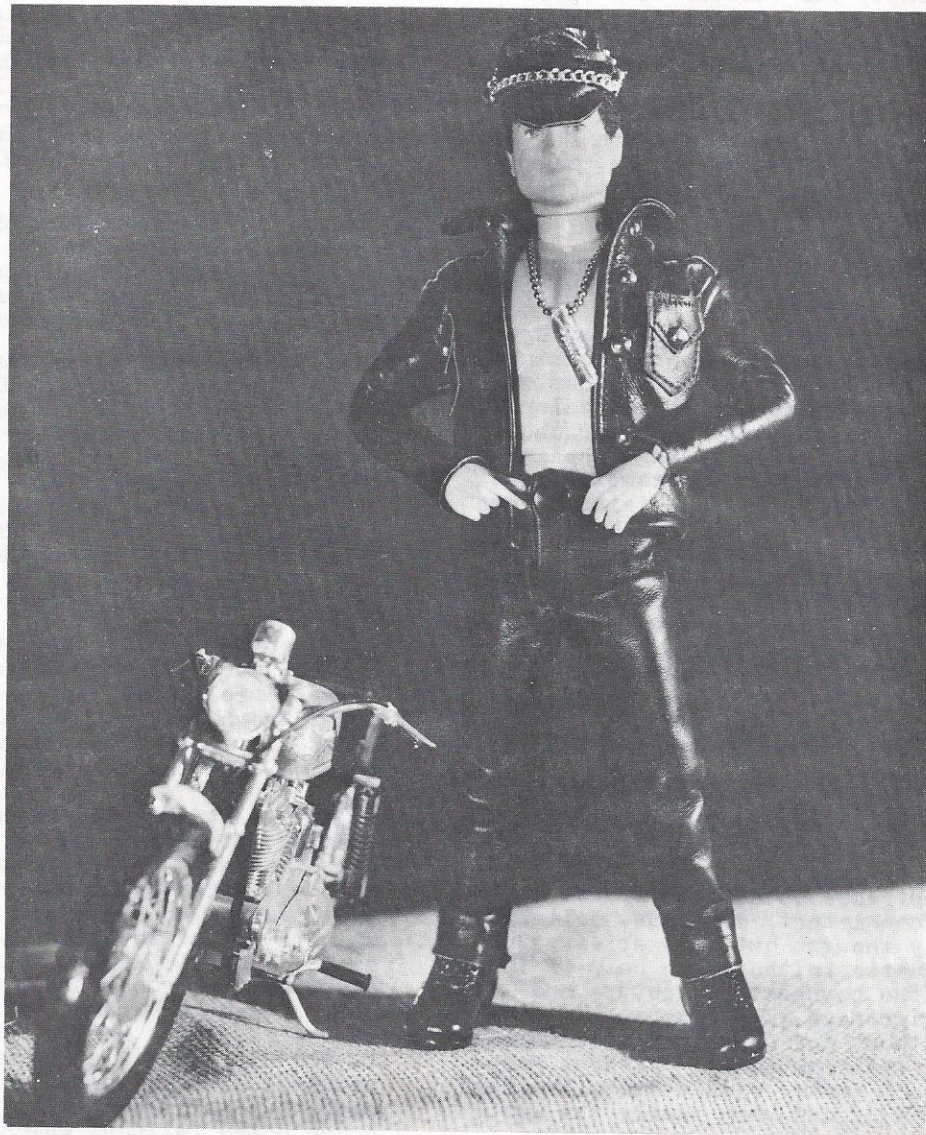
An actor, it is said, needs two boards and a passion: it helps, however, if he also has sets, costumes, props, sound and music. Nothing on the technical end seemed anything but excellent. The Costumes, notably Mme. Ernestine's second act gown and the first act dress of Little Mary were right in conception and beautifully executed. To Gary F. for these, and to Hernando for the Ranger's tunics a special note of thanks, and to David L. for all those hours over a hot sewing machine. Sets and props worked and a very special mention should be made of the off-stage noise (without which two numbers don't work at all). Having made a debut as an off-stage noise may I say that the triangle note and the cuckoo were right on. Too bad somebody told you to "cool it", we could have done with more!

From entracte (Tonto the Dancing Dog!) to curtain speech (the Presentation of the Rose) Don B. gave us a wonderful evening, bringing together all the elements necessary for successful theater, and pulling together months of hard and determined work by all concerned. Do it again, Don, and I for one will see it again -- undoubtedly with more pleasure than before. Roll on, Wheels!

Having topped "Hello, Wally" with "Marry Merry Mary", it is difficult to imagine what will come at W-5. May I suggest that wonderful old Cole Porter show that has that great number introduced by Mary Martin! You remember: "My Part Belongs to Daddy!"

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TOO HOT TO HANDLE

* Well, here we are again, back at our typewriter. As most of you know, we not only abbreviated this column last month -- in reality we didn't say a darn thing! It seems you just can't win! On any given month we could be axed for what we DID say. Last month we were nearly lynched for what we DIDN'T say!

* Speaking of the little bit we "didn't" say last month -- you should have heard what some of our readers read into "nothing". One long distance caller from the West Coast was convinced that the clubs on the East Coast had all but buried one another!

* One indignant individual, who purchased his copy in a bar, actually demanded his money back because THTH wasn't up to par!

* But now, to get down to the business at hand.

* Joe Casey tried to cop out at Fire Island. Or should that read, Joe Casey tried a cop out at Fire Island. In any event, he sure had his hands full!

* By Presidential request, Bob Hullen and Richard Kjelland wore a white shirt and black leather overlay while serving at the CYCLE M.C. Cocktail Party during W-4. Joe Morales wore an overlay, but was obviously shirtless. Oh well, if we all had a chest like Joe, Van Heusen would go out of business straightaway!

* Anyone wanna take bets that the next Entre Nous show will be called "Bus STOP"!

* Bella Abzug is a Druid.

* With the exception of Wheels M.C. Nights on Thursday, we have not been advised of any special consideration being given to club members at Keller's Bar. So, what else is new?

* We know we are not alone in proposing the following award: A number of people will join us in awarding Walter B. of the Entre Nous the "Bad Taste Award of the Month" for waking up the entire main tent at W-4 at the ungodly hour of 6 AM!

* Imagine! Three days on Fire Island with not one trophy, flag, official meeting etc. It would seem that folks will go to an event "just for the fun of it" afterall!

* Speaking of Fire Island. Unless our information is incorrect, it was the largest gathering EVER of the East Coast fraternity. Of course, our friends from overseas and elsewhere helped swell the total to 300!!

* SSH! It is rumored that Ron and Tony visited the "Mad Barber" at FI and "scratched" all the way back to London!

* If the Jock Awards at W-4 seemed like a long ceremony, guess you can partially blame the CYCLE M.C. 16 of the awards were presented as a result of performances at CYCLE WEEK!

* Host of the Month Award goes to Mike Fesco and the staff of the Sea Shack and Beach Hotel for their cooperation during our Fire Island Weekend. Honorable mention goes to the owners of the Cherry Grove Inn at Fire Island and the owners of the Altland Ranch during W-4!

* After those two recent travel fiascos, might we humbly suggest that a certain Boston club promptly get out of the travel business!!

* Bella Abzug is a Druid. REALLY!

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TOO HOT TO HANDLE (Continued)

* It's about time that the officers and members of the 2nd City realize that fraternalism and courtesy are both reciprocal!

* A staff member of the Shack all but insisted that he be allowed, not only to cut the meat, but also serve all the rest of the food during the dinner at FI. (TO 300 PEOPLE??) We found out later that he had heard that if he did a good job he would be rewarded by all in attendance. We can't tell you here what the award he expected was -- but it was straight out of the "Marquis de Sade"!!

* During W-4, and in the middle of the night, three or four guys threw the Sgt. at Arms of the Vikings into a tent. To their surprise, the occupants of the tent promptly threw him right back out again!

* We hear that the Post Office is once again cutting back on service. It can't be because of lack of support from this magazine. In case you haven't noticed, it cost us 32 cents to mail each copy of this issue. When you stop and think about it -- that's "four for a buck twenty eight". And the bars think THEY have monetary problems!

* Although we are not at liberty to divulge names, we can tell you that the review in this issue for "Marry Merry Mary" was written by a bona-fide critic! (We're in trouble if he comes to the CYCLE WEEK Show!)

* When you stop and think about it, a sandbox-less bus shouldn't affect other drivers on the highway. Why then were the motorists behind the Wheels M.C. bus enroute to W-4 driving with their windshield wipers on?

* We ran short of space for the Praetorian column in this issue. We quote here their final statement. "With two Italian Presidents in a row, may we suggest Wheels M.C.'s next show be called "Springtime for Mussolini"!

* Although the whole show was a sheer delight and hilarious -- for this writer the funniest moments of "Marry Merry Mary" came when the off stage triangle was sounded. "We" were picked up off the floor after ever ding!

* Two of the officers of the CYCLE M.C. found one of the "unused" rooms at FI in a shambles on Sunday morning. We do keep records and to the best of our knowledge, the only access to that room was via the adjoining bath. We would suggest that the occupants of the adjoining room refrain from applying at any future CYCLE events!

* Our proposed buddies were on display for the first time at FI. We must say we were darn well proud of them!

* Sorry! But we are convinced that awarding participation awards on the basis of sheer numbers, is not only impossible -- but in some cases, unfair. In the first place, the host club could not possibly know the intricate membership set-up of all the clubs. Further, what about the clubs who operate with only a handful of members against those clubs who number in the dozens? Even attempting to use a percentage basis can be a hapless task. The whole idea over the years has turned into some sort of a numbers game. For every one club that is gladdened with one of these awards there are another dozen who might possibly feel alienated. In every instance, after one of these awards has been presented, we have heard mutterings from other clubs. It would seem that if the only reason a club arrives at another club's event is to try for an award, then we've lost our whole basis for existing as a club....at least as it pertains to inter club affairs! CYCLE is just as guilty as some of the other clubs in this matter, but we'd be fools if we didn't try to rectify a growing cancer before it became malignant. It certainly deserves some further thought!

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RUNS and EVENTS

<u>June 16 - 18</u>	Vanguards "Flag Day Run" in New Jersey
<u>June 17 - 18</u>	M.C. Kemo "Kebek '72" in Montreal
<u>June 30-July 4</u>	National Holidays Run in B.C., Border Riders M.C.
<u>June 31-July 4</u>	Spearhead Roundup in Toronto, Canada
<u>June 31-July 4</u>	Rocky Mountaineers Run
<u>July 21 - 23</u>	Atons Aqua I in Minneapolis, Minnesota
<u>July 21 - 23</u>	Spartans Marathon Run '72
<u>July 29 - 30</u>	San Franciscan's Chuckwagon Run in California
<u>AUG 14 - SEPT 4</u>	<u>CYCLE M.C. "LEATHER CAPITALS OF WESTERN EUROPE"</u>
<u>Aug 18 - 20</u>	Chicago Knights "Summer Tournament" in Milwaukee
<u>Sept 1 - 4</u>	Vikings "Leif Ericson Run"
<u>SEPT 22 - 24</u>	<u>CYCLE M.C. BASS RIVER RUN</u>
<u>Oct 7 - 9</u>	Praetorians in New York
<u>Oct 13 - 15</u>	Vanguards "Oktoberfest" in Philadelphia
<u>December 9</u>	Empire City "Christmas Party" in New York.
<u>DEC 26 - JAN 1</u>	<u>CYCLE M.C. "CYCLE WEEK" IN NEW YORK</u>
<u>MARCH 2 - 7</u>	<u>CYCLE M.C. "THE REAL MARDI GRAS" IN NEW ORLEANS</u>
<u>MAY 18 - 20</u>	<u>CYCLE M.C. "FIRE ISLAND"</u>

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June 13	Praetorians
June 20	Wheels M.C.
<u>JUNE 27</u>	<u>CYCLE M.C.</u>
July 4	UYA M.C.
July 11	Empire City
July 18	9 Plus Club
July 25	V Senses
Aug 1	Praetorians
Aug 8	Wheels M.C.
<u>AUG 15</u>	<u>CYCLE M.C.</u>



TO THE CYCLE M.C. (By Radiogram) Happy Anniversary. Wish we could be there. Graham and Don -- Sydney, Australia.

TO THE CYCLE M.C. (By Radiogram) Regret can not be with you. Thanks for the invitation. Best wishes on your anniversary. Fraser Lowden -- London, England.

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TO THE CYCLE M.C. (By telegram) Congratulations on your 4th Anniversary. Sorry I could not be there to join you. My best wishes are with you. Larry Daniel, President, Atoms of Minneapolis.

TO THE CYCLE M.C. (By telegram) Congratulations on your anniversary and continued success on your Fire Island Run. Mr. Marcus and Staff, Boot Camp of San Francisco.

TO THE CYCLE M.C. Happy Anniversary from the owners and staff of The Eagle. (EDITORS NOTE: Sorry we don't know if it was from New York or Washington -- but thank you)

TO THE CYCLE M.C. Being a new bike club we are pleased to have had the opportunity to participate at Fire Island for our first run. We were impressed with the efforts that went into organizing an activity of this size. Not only was the efficiency evident but also the camaraderie was a good indication of the fellowship generated by Cycle M.C. We are looking forward to further associations with Cycle members at future runs. Congratulations on a job well done! Yours in cycling, The Thunderbolts M.C., Gary W. Barnaby, Business Manager.

TO THE CYCLE M.C. I very much enjoyed being present at Fire Island '71, and I was very pleased to have the opportunity to attend the conference again this year. Along with the other members of the Lake Riders in attendance, I do thank you for the fine time we all had. Lance Tooley, The Lake Riders, Chicago.

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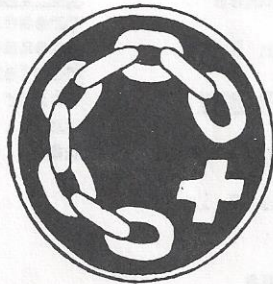
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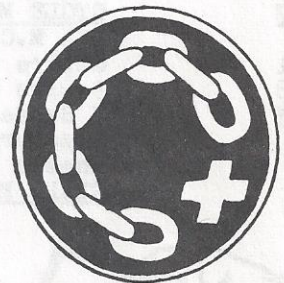
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A "perfect day" heralded the beginning of our annual V.D. Run. The trip up the valley of the Skyomish River, through the Stevens Pass and down into the Wenatchee Valley was truly spectacular! The Chiwaukum Creek camp site couldn't have been more ideal -- a rushing creek, tall timber and plenty of privacy. For all who attended this years run, the thought of next year is already with us.

We are pleased to announce the acceptance of two new active members -- Sheldon of Seattle and Temple of Vancouver. Welcome to two new Riders!

Some sort of a record must have been set over the last meeting weekend when Dick made a 2,000 mile round-trip from San Francisco to attend a club meeting! His Honda was a good sight in our city.

Al's new Interstate Norton is our latest baby -- and what a baby it is!

This just isn't our year for Road Captains. First, Billy had to give up the office when he moved south and now Ron has had to give it up because of health reasons. The June meeting will see the election of our third Road Captain for the year.

Efforts are now all being directed toward the National Holidays Run and the William Lake Stampede. We are looking forward to seeing a good contingent of bike riders from California being with us, along with several other men from points across Canada and the United States.

We have finally taken the last steps toward becoming a chartered society under the laws of the State of Washington. Jim of Seattle has done some great work on this project and to him, the chartering agents, and the by-laws committee go the congratulations of all Riders.

Recent visitors to Border Rider Country have been noted from Toronto and Gault, Ontario; Los Angeles, California and London, England.

Safe Riding!!

Buzz, C.S.
Border Riders M.C.

ENTRE NOUS

With our typical New England weather holding true to form, May was one WET month. It got so bad -- a plot was discovered! Several of our members were going to raid the Connecticut Vulcans clubhouse for their supply of gopher weed!! That dastardly deed was stopped however, by the amazing appearance of the "Sun"! We finally had an opportunity to get our "camping gear" out of mothballs, and start preparing for the up-coming outdoor runs.

While the weather curtailed our social activities somewhat, we did manage to give excellent support to those bars which have given us so much support. Meetings, business and otherwise, at the 1270, visiting with Sandy and our own Dick M. as they toil (?) in the Shed and the busy Ramrod Room, especially on

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Wednesday with its popular "Leather and Western" Night!

A few of us did manage to leave and attend the 9 Plus Anniversary as well as Cycle's Fire Island -- making all of us who stayed behind envious of the fantastic times they had at each event. The 9 Plus celebrated in grand style. Added excitement was created during the poker run with the lure of hidden treasure! The stops were at various bars where low priced drinks were given -- and new friends were made. No one felt like a loser -- it was one event where everyone got something. While we're on the subject, mention must be made of the Slave Auction and the lures it provided. There was no need to prompt the bidding for these slaves ---- when they were brought into view they spoke for themselves! The bidding was fast and furious, with even a few shouts of "are credit cards accepted?" Our best wishes and sincere congratulations to the 9 Plus on their 4th Anniversary.

Although our wet weather seemed to move down to Fire Island, it did not dampen the spirits nor prevent those attending from having a great time. The reports we've gotten back have been in the rave category. It seems to have been one big party -- with Cycle and the Druids foremost in the reports. No one wanted to leave, and to make things worse the sun came out on Sunday -- which made it even more difficult to take leave and depart. But all good things must come to an end, though for the life of me I can't figure why. Now we look forward to next year at Fire Island. Congratulations to DD and all of Cycle for another great weekend, and continued success in the future. We look forward to sharing many, many more anniversaries with you.

There has been a change in the positions of Road Captain and Assistant Road Captain. Walter Barnaby, our beloved R.C. since the club was formed, had to resign the position as the demands of work and home became too pressing. We shall miss his leadership and talents. He has trained a good successor, as Jack Goodall has moved up to replace him. Bob Pilon was chosen to be our new Assistant Road Captain. Congratulations to each, we know they shall do a good job!

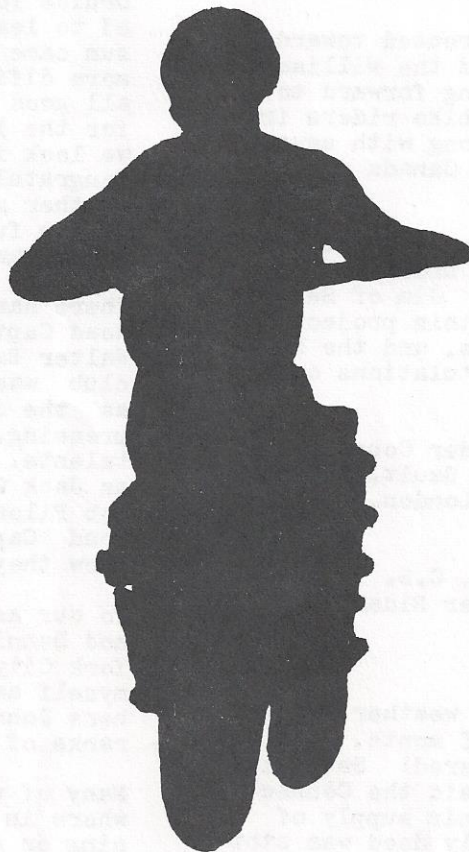
To our associate members we added Adam M. and Dennis R. of Brooklyn, and Al M. of New York City. Welcome to the three of you. I myself am proud to say thanks to Cycle members John A. and Lee H. I've joined the ranks of the SPMC associates.

Many of us went to W-4 (see reports elsewhere in this issue) and we are also planning on going to Kebek 72. See you then!

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VULCANS

Connecticut Vulcan R.C.'s May activities achieved a Miltonian stance ---- Paradieses lost, then regained! Though we burned more than candles at both ends, we gave off groovy lights -- if we do say so ourselves!!

We began the monthly festivities in a merry haze at the Cedarbrook. Vaguely the images of Kelly, Scotty, the Vulcans, Rebels, Thunderbolts and visiting firemen dance in our brain. An airplane keeps bobbing up and down among the pleasant remembrances -- but how the wings of man contributed to the celebrations, we can no longer report.

Clearly, we recall assisting the Druids M.C. tend bar at the Spike on the lucky 13th of May. By some magic of David L's hospitality a goodly portion of the clientele emigrated to West Eleventh Street after the mandated closing hour. No more revelations about that weekend (when the Druids M.C. stole Manhattan's heart) shall escape from this writing machine. Kelly and I sought the comparative quietude of the Bruckner Interchange on the Interstate 95 during a rainy Mother's Day afterward. Though you must draw your own conclusions, I don't think I'm betraying any confidences in writing that you meet some very interesting situations!!

On our way to Cycle M.C.'s Fire Island Weekend, we wondered how we were supposed to scramble in the thorn patches between the dunes. Then we discovered all events had to be on foot! Result! No prizes -- since all events ended in a three-hundred-way-tie! Even the terrors of the Inquisition will not pry details from us. A club has the inherent right to keep its events from those who do not attend the functions. All the fresh air and exercise did wonders for the guests. We sound a hearty thanks to the Cycle M.C. for a terrific weekend.

And to Wheels M.C. we make our thanks loud and clear for the most memorable of Memorial Day Weekends. W-4 pleased us so with good food, bright cheer and warm sunshine that we pity those unable to attend. Our palms, feet and throats ache from paying tribute to the "Marry Merry Mary" show. To all Wheels M.C. members -- thanks and thanks again. Gratitude flows also to Cycle, Entre Nous and the Druids for their cocktail parties. To all the other guests for their fraternal good cheer -- much gratitude! Special thanks to my co-pilot, Lee M. and navigator, David L. Six hundred miles driving went so fastly!

After so glorious a May, what can June hold?

Funny you should mention it! Don't forget the great Vulcan election-meet in Washington D.C. during the 9th and 11th -- as well as both the M.C. Kemo and Vanguard meets on the weekend of the 16th and 17th.

Til we meet again, it's back to our geriatric formulae and crabgrass.

Fraternally yours,

Stan S.
Great Nipple
Connecticut Vulcan R.C.

WHEELS

Little Mary and the Forest Rangers sang "Look for a Sky of Blue", and in that spirit we were certainly guided to the right site for W-4. And the "Colorado Love Call" became the Pennsylvania slogan as nearly 150 members and guests found togetherness at the Altland Ranch for our 4th Anniversary Run.

The setting and facilities were the best we've had to work with yet. Our efforts to provide the right trappings for a memorable three-day weekend were made easier by lots of volunteer help from our guests. The Run peaked, of course, with the club's performance of "Marry Merry Mary." This writer was among the doubting Thomases who couldn't believe that last year's show "Hello Wally!" could be topped. (I'll refrain from making negative predictions about W-5.) This "Mary" was not to be missed. The cheering, stomping ovations for all of the numbers in the show are still ringing in my ears. It must be deafening to our stalwart cast.

The major regret we have about the Run was the unfortunate experience of the Boston contingent whose bus broke down in New York on Saturday morning and held up their arrival until well past midnight. Our loss was apparently Keller's gain on Saturday afternoon! (The Wheels M.C. bus found more roads leading from the Run than to it, but the passengers were blissfully happy in every direction.)

W-4 was enlivened in great measure by the generosity of the three clubs that sponsored cocktail parties. The first was Cycle M.C.'s party before Saturday night's dinner and Jock Academy Award Ceremonies. Entre Nous (winner of the club participation trophy) set us all up beautifully before the Sunday night pavilion banquet. The Druids served up their purple passion special at the Monday brunch. A plaque was awarded to each club, but once again, we want to express our warmest appreciation.

We could go on and on with tales of W-4, but with our space limits here we must move on to such other important matters as announcing the club's new officers, who were elected in May and will be installed at our June meeting. They are: Al C., president; Steve C., vice president; Ron W., business manager; Gary F. road captain; Bruce B., secretary, and John C., sergeant at arms. (All correspondence with our club should continue to be addressed to our G.P.O. Box #615).

P.S. Torrid Tuber is back in Boston, resting comfortably in the sheltering arms of the Vikings!

Dick Erickson
Wheels M.C.

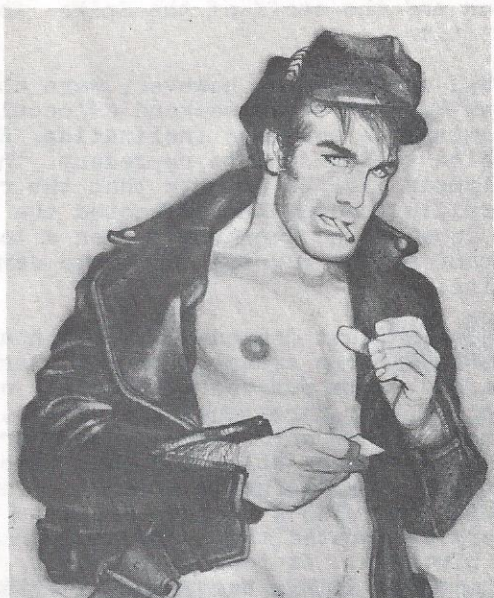
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CHICAGO KNIGHTS

Activities of the past month were highlighted by a uniting ceremony, which had been billed as the "event of the season"!

Formal invitations specifying leather dress had been widely circulated to friends and well-wishers and more than 60 attended the ceremony held in the Castle of Lord Knight Simonar.

With all the pomp and ceremony appropriate for the occasion, the ceremony began with music in a somewhat light vein including two selections from "My Fair Lady" and then turning mellow with a selection by Mitch Miller's male chorus. The Grand March was to the "March of the Torreadors" as the Lord Knight, in full regalia, paced the procession following two Banner Bearers with the colors of both clubs. Sir Bob brought the house down carrying a most appropriate flower basket with blossoms laid so classically but dropping chain links in lieu of petals. A formal service (altered only to meet the immediate circumstances) followed in the best of tradition. On behalf of the Knights, Lord Knight Sir Gene blessed the celebrants with the Sword of Office and the processional again started to the strains of the "Anvil Chorus". The processional was followed by a standing ovation from the guests. The reception that followed was a blast. A 4-tier cake contributed by a well-wisher adorned the table. After midnight the group adjourned en masse to gather at our favorite pub, the "G.C." where it seemed all the rest of the Chicago community had gathered. The management provided champagne for all those in attendance. A day we'll all long remember, for it was a glowing tribute.

We're completing our plans now for a run to Cleveland. Also we are planning ahead to our "Summer Tournament" in August (19-21) which we think will feature an attraction never before attempted by any brother bike club. Make your plans early to join with us for an outing you'll remember.

Your correspondent enjoyed the Fire Island outing in spite of the rain that plagued the event. Weather simply caused folks to sleep by day because the evenings were full and busy. Good to see that some single accommodations were available. They were most appreciated. So glad to meet so many old friends and the chance to make new ones.

New York City is still quite a town -- but the flight home into the twilight was enjoyed because it had been an exhausting trip from home. But the finale for this writer was just too much. First time on any such event he wasn't in full leather on the plane -- and the cab he took for home was driven by a woman, no less -- all dressed in black leather! What a way to end the outing!

With gratitude and affection --

Your Scribe, Sir Harry
Chicago Knights M.C.
Chicago, ILLINOIS

VANGUARDS

The lead item in this column, probably like most of the other columns in this month's WHEELS MAGAZINE, concerns the reaction to the Cycle M.C. run at Fire Island. Speaking for the dirty dozen Vanguards who arrived en masse, soggy but spirited, the weekend was memorable indeed. The rain kept us indoors on Saturday but, like everyone else, we created enough activities to keep the pot boiling. Sunday we dried out, literally and figuratively, in the blazing sun and the warmth of the entire gathering. Finally, our appreciation to the "Buddy Club" of Cycle for their hospitality at the Sunday night cocktail party. It was a nice finishing touch to the weekend. (EDITORS NOTE: The idea of the "Buddy Club" has been approved by members of the Cycle M.C. but as of this writing is not yet an actuality).

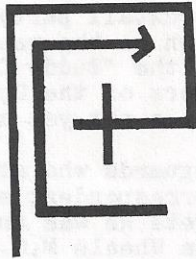
The Vanguards who attended W-4 have given this correspondent such glowing reports that he regrets he was unable to attend. Congratulations Wheels M.C. for a run-in-the-sun well done.

All is in readiness for the third annual Vanguard Flag Day Run. Our Activities Committee has been working overtime and has come up with some really fresh, groovy ideas. This year the emphasis is on options. You can stay in the lodge or in a tent. You can join in the many varied activities or be left to your own devices. In either event, every Vanguard, from Captain to Pledge, stands ready to serve our guests in every way. At this run rank does not have its privileges, at least for Vanguards. The Menu for the run was read at our last meeting and heartily approved. We are fortunate enough to have a Professional chef as a member this year and we are going to take advantage of him. He'll love it if you do too. We are anxiously looking forward to sharing fun and fellowship with you the weekend of June 16-18.

Memorial Day brought together an impromptu gathering of those Vanguards stranded in the lonesome city over the holiday weekend. Can it be true that they held an elaborate picnic in an opulent Victorian cemetery? Sounds like our people doesn't it? Incidentally, who was that groovy leather clad visitor from New York who wowed our brothers all weekend? Are there any more in Gotham like you, Ernie?

Next month we will have a new Co-Captain and therefore a new correspondent for this column. Good luck to our new muckraker, whomever he may be. Its been fun. As my last comment for WHEELS MAGAZINE may I sincerely join in the sentiments expressed in last months issue by the correspondent for 2nd City who asked, "Is it really too much to ask for peace and leather in our time? Probably, unless we are willing to work for both together and take pleasure in our labors. How about it guys?" To which I can only add, for myself and the Vanguards, RIGHT ON.

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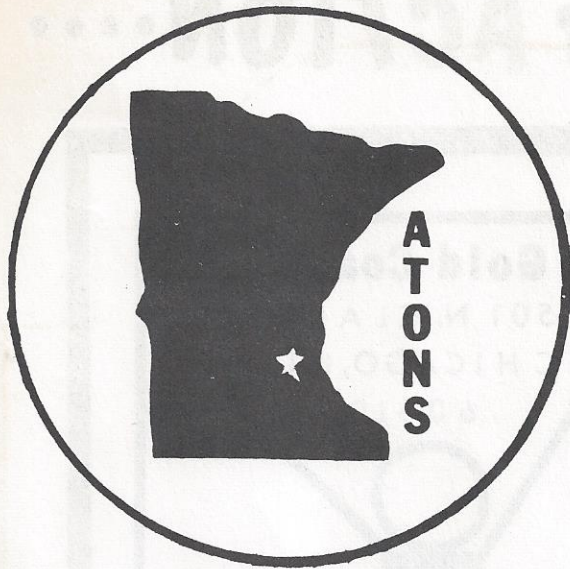
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