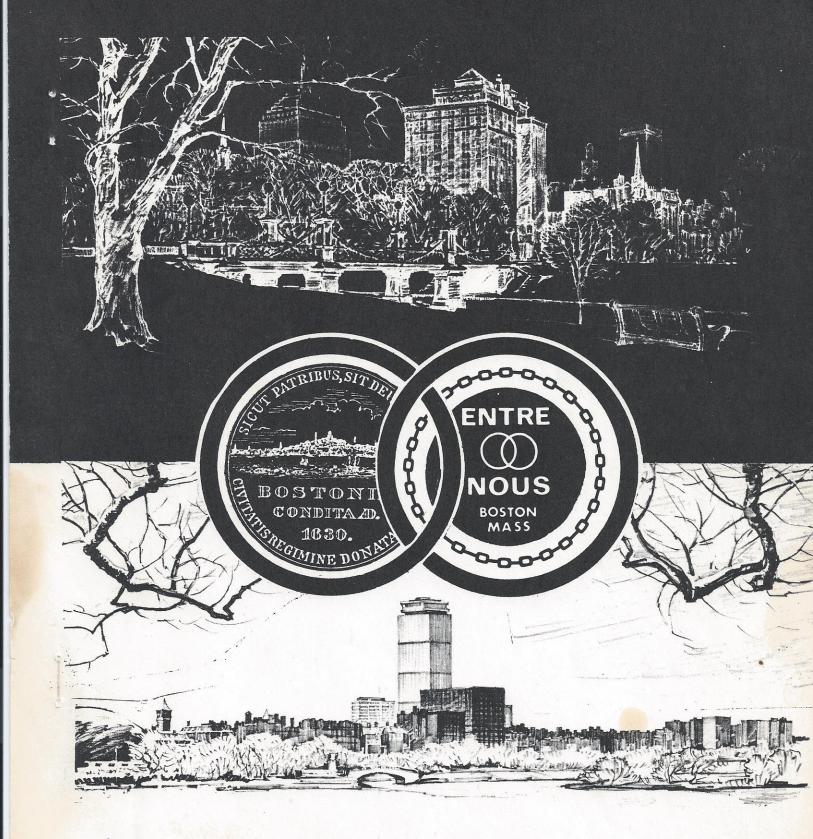
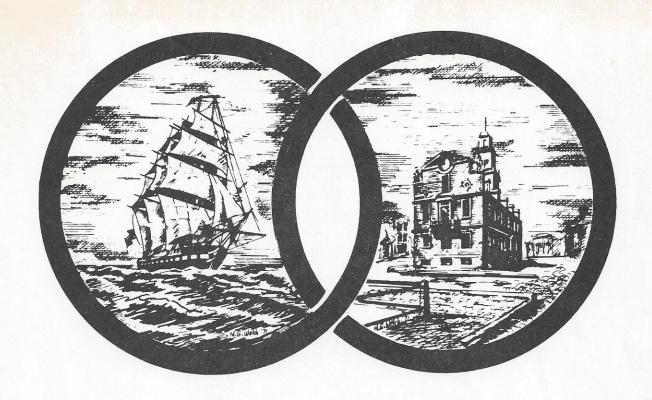
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From the Editor...

With the coming of 1973 we in Entre Nous have set our sights on what we hope will be the most productive year to date.

Of primary importance, naturally, is "Days of Equinox, 1973." With Bob White's multi-level "1270" at our disposal, we have already begun planning what we hope will be a fun-filled weekend for everyone, and the best "Equinox" ever. So set aside the weekend of March 23-25, and plan to join us in Boston for the festivities.

Looking ahead to October we once again plan to celebrate our anniversary (this time our third) in Provincetown, Mass. As you may recall "P'town '72" was an invitational event. This year, however, having acquired more housing accomodations, we plan to throw "P'town '73" as a wide open run. So while you're checking off dates on your calendar why don't you check the weekend of October 12-14. If you have any doubts just ask any of the many guys who joined us for the celebration last year.

Sandwiched in between these two major functions we will also have our annual Christmas in July party and our winter weekend in Conway, N. H. By the way, for any of you who may be in Boston on any particular Sunday we have planned a series of fund-raising brunches. These will take place on the first Sunday of every month from 1-4 P.M. For your \$3.00 you'll get a good brunch including 2 drinks of your choice. In addition, we are currently arranging to have a live band to provide entertainment. So if you're in town on one of "Entre Nous First Sundays" drop in and join us at "Bob White's 1270," 1270 Boylston Street (behind Fenway Park). You'll be more than welcome.

All of us in Entre Nous sincerely hope that many of you will be able to join us for these and other functions which we will have this year. Remember, in Entre Nous we not only preach brother-hood, we try our best to practice it. You'll always be welcome in our family.

Jack G.

COMMENTS FROM YOUR BUSINESS MANAGER

And then there's the story about the man who _after having been befriended countless times by his neighbor over many years_turned down his friend's request for a small loan. Stunned, the friend demanded an explanation.

"Well, Charlie," his friend explained. "Let's put it this way: What have you done for me recently?" Such is the longevity of gratitude.

What have I done for you recently? That is a good queston, and one that deserves a answer. All too often I am concerned only with Club Business, and may over look the individual club member. I would like to take the time now to offer you some assistance that may help you to keep your financial boat afloat.

Now that the New Year is here, the December bills are due, and 1973 ushered in new Social Security taxes. Learning to live with your bills and additional taxes calls for immediate action.

First, recognize that, with fewer dollars to spend, you shoud cut spending. Where to cut? Look at all of your current spending together. Cutting several categories a little causes fewer problems than big cuts from one or two kinds of spending.

Second, look for immediate spending cuts. There's little you can do about such fixed expenses as rent or mortgage payments, club or union dues, insurance premiums, or car payments. Concentrate on entertainment, food buying, clothing, and dayto-day miscellaneous impulse spending. These are the kinds of spending you can do something about today.

Third, don't crawl father out on the credit limb. You may be tempted to use credit to make up for the difference. But, short-term credit becomes due all too quick. By spending on the cuff now, you merely postpone the date when spending must be cut.

The combination of after-Christmas bills and increased takes that lower take-home pay call for strong measures to keep your financial boat afloat. The earlier you begin, the sooner your problems can be resolved.

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It was a mad rush to Back Bay Station to meet my two traveling companions to Cycle Week. But meet e did, and just in time to board our Am-Track express (?) While it did take some five hours to reach New York City, the trip was not uneventful. We managed to find the club car and help deplete it's stock of liquors; and our sometimes reckless statements like "Take me to Cuba" and "I'll tear this train apart" added to the consternation of the rest of the passengers.

We arrived in time to register for the grand auction at Abacoa Hall. Although we were given hundreds of dollars in "Cycle Money" to bid with, we first hit the excellent buffet and got some of the beer that was provided to wash the food down. Then we were able to place our bids for such handy items as a slave, leather jock straps and the like. While we didn't bid high enough to bring home any of that loot, we did manage to go out looking for something else to bring home for the night. Thanks to the tickets provided in our CYCLE WEEK books we had our choice of many bars in which to do our "hunting." We chose the Spike and succeeded not only in "making new friends, but in renewing old friendships." (Where have I heard that line before?)

The next day found the three of us scattered around the city (visiting with our old and new friends); so, by telephone we decided to do some sightseeing and tour a few museums. (Who's dem dat says us Entre Nous aint got cultured?) It was decided that we should all meet at the Empire State Building (Jimmy said he always wanted to take it from the top, or something like that.) So intrepid tourists we became, and like yokels we immediately managed to get ourselves lost on the N.Y.C. subway system. After e few hours of investigation we came up to ground level for air, and Jimmy finally got his wish. From there it was on to the Museum of Natural History to gape at the fantastic wildlife exhibits as well as some nice views of living New Yorkers.

Dinner was, as last year, a delicious and filling repast served in fantastic surroundings. Shortly after dinner it was again time for the Cycle Week show, with its various acts and skits provided for the amusement of all. We even got to see the Vikings' new clothes! The highlights came in the second act with Dick Forest telling the whole truth, Re-Cycled Media with Gary Fowler, and a new superstar, Lee Pietrangelo, as the nurse with the May West actions. The finale closed the show with bells ringing, shackle throwing, confetti and streamers flying, balloons popping and the yells and cheers of a very happy and appreciative audience.

The excitement continued at the Nine Plus Club through the wee hours of the morning; and the next day we were trudging around getting more culture in the movie houses on 42nd St. (Was culture ALL you guys could find in those movie houses?--Ed.)

The weekend for all Entre Nous ended at a party at the home of two of our Brooklyn associates, Dennis R. and Adam M., who once again gave their all to entertain us on New Year's eve.

Twenty-four hours later we had to pack up and depart for Boston, carrying with us the memories of another great Cycle "event" as as well as those of that wonderful New Year's eve party.

We're all looking forward to our next New Year, and there's no question as to where and how it's going to be spent. Cycle Week, here we come !

Mike M.

1973 --- The Year of Entre Nous

Recently all Club members received a flyer stating the events for "Equinox '73." Upon receiving the flyer my first thoughts were that "Equinox" has to be and will be the event of the year.

The only way that we can make "Equinox" the event of the year is if all members start to help out $\underline{\text{NOW}}$. If we say, "I'll start tomorrow" we may find tomorrow too $\overline{\text{late}}$.

I have attended both "Equinox" runs to date, and am proud to state that each was fantastic. Hopefully "Equinox '73" will be greater because we, as members of Entre Nous, will make it greater. We can only achieve these goals by working together. In the past there has often been dissension between Club members. This year we must again join together, as we have done so many times before, and work for a common goal. We must show our great Boston hospitality to our guests, our respect for each other, and most of all our unity.

The year 1973 will bring many activities to all Entre Nous members. We have "Conway '73" as well as our now annual "P'town" run in October, which proved to be one of our greatest innovations and successes. I say let's make all of our events great so that 1973 will be remembered as the year of Entre Nous.

In concluding I would like to say that at "Equinox '72" we awarded our Captain a "gravel" (I mean gavel); this year let's give every member an award--that of belonging to the Club of the Year. Remember, with unity, dignity and hard work we can achieve our common goal.

EMPIRE CITY

Our trip to Empire City started off very calmly Saterday morning with all of us drinking in the Club Car of the AMTRAK TURBO. We were the bartender's best customers for those next four hours. Arriving at Penn. Station, we immediately headed for our destination. We were to stay at Rick T's house with the exception of Tom S. By the way Rick, thanks for putting some of us up for the night and being such a good host.

After resting a while Ed I, Rod H, and I then went out to buy our gifts for the party. During our little shopping spree, Ed and Rod were both checked out in Spanish by the local help. It seems they happen to like tall Americanos. When we arrived at the apartment we found Mike C. was fast asleep, as usual, the train ride being exhausting. Rick offered us sandwiches and upon finishing them we began getting ready for the might's activities.

Walking to the Meat Rack, five of us across the sidewalk, my head was in a downward position, naturally, and I picked up sonething—a \$10.00 bill. At this time a wise remark was made; "At least you'll be able to pay for a trick tonight."

We arrived at the bar around eight, registered, and began drinking again. It was an open bar from 8:00 P.M. until midnight allowing us to have any drink we pleased. We were among the first to arrive, but it wasn't before the place started to fill up.

The food was served at about 9:30, at which time a line was formed which just about reached the Spike. It was served buffet style and consisted of the tradetional Christmes dinner with desert being apple or mince pie. The line was so long I decided to skip dinner but my money was put to good use at the bar. That open bar idea is great but too much of a good thing isn't so hot, as I found out the next day!

During the party movies were shown which proved to be both educational & enteresting. All in all the party was a big success. The food was good; the entertainment lively; and the booze was flowing. The nicest thing, though, was the way everyone opened up their hearts with gifts for the orphand, making a happier Christmas for some unfortunate children.

Thanks Empire City for a wonderful time.

Jim D.

RUNS AND EVENTS

February 9-11

February 16-19 March 2-7

March 23-25

April 13-15

April

May 18-20 October 12-14 Closed Conway weekend for Entre Nous members, associates and invited guests only. Vikings' "B02-2273" in Boston. Cycle M.C. "Real Mardi Gras" in New Orleans. ENTRE NOUS "Days of Equinox" in Boston. Druids' Spring Sabbath in Washington, D.C. Atlantis M.C. Dogwood Run in Atlanta. Centaurs' "Olympia III" Cycle M.C. "Fire Island". ENTRE NOUS "P'town '73" Third Anniversary Celebration in Provincetown, Mass.

ODDS AND ENDS

With the new year upon us, many of our members have taken it upon themselve to proprose resolutions for various other members. Through intensive bar snooping on our part we have managed to over hear the following suggestions:

Tony M. feels "Jason S. should dress more conservitive."

Jim C. thinks "David S. should stop being such a chicken hawk."

Tom M. fells "Bob W. should not drink go much."

Dennis K thinks "Mike S. & Frank B. should attend more club functions."

Ken M. thinks "Jack G. should avoid love triangles."

Bill J. thinks "Roh H. should be less vocal at meetings."

Tom S. says"Jim DuP. could do just as will by avoiding Wash. & New York in his search for a lover."

Fred L. thinks "Mike C. should get out of Politics."

Horace S. feels "Dick L. should remember bannaes are for eating."

Dick F. feels "Ed I. should play with his own organ for a change."

Larry W. thinks "Paul P. should attend more runs."

Mike N. thinks "Woody M. would do well not to over expose himself in bar rooms."

George G. feels "Bud G. should live close to Boston."

Jose G. thinks "Mike N. should go back to records."

Jack R. feels "Joe K. is in the wrong business."

Dick C. feels "George N. should be more controversial."

Vince C. feels "John R. should be less controversial Recently overheard:

Jim D. saying "my office party was a real drag."

"Whats wrong with margerine?" Gug B. said "all you said was you needed mazzola for the party."

"Can you imigine Me in Jail," said Dick L. "I've never been unruly in my life."

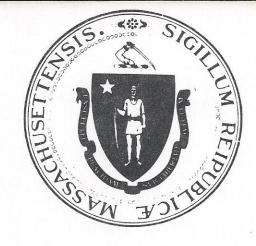
Tom M. & Mike M.





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MASSACHUSETTS -- part 2 BOSTON'S EARLY SETTLERS

Boston's first settler, William Blackstone (1595-1675), a gentle scholarly hermit and formerly a Church of England preacher, built a hut on Beacon Hill. He planted an orchard on what is now Boston Common. Blackstone read his books, farmed a little and traded with friendly Indians. He was fortunate enough to breathe air uncontaminated by any other white man.

His seven year solitude was shattered in 1630 by John Winthop and 900 colonists who settled in present Charlestown. Their settlement would be difficult to defend in event of an Indian attack. Blackstone invited them to settle on his peninsula. They eagerly accepted.

More than 200 colonists failed to survive their first winter. In the spring a long overdue provision ship arrived. Famine was averted. Later that year the freshly tilled soil yielded a good crop. The colony survived and expanded.

Fisheries were established. Fur and lumber were exported. By 1634 more than 4000 colonists all English had arrived. Twenty villages were established around Boston. A Puritan commonwealth was in the making.

Sunday gave colonists a brief respite from the six hard workdays that preceded. Women, with spinning, weaving, family clothes to make, children to tend, meals to prepare, had little time for social intercourse. Pioneer life was hard and drab with few comforts.

Divines were preoccupied with dismal theological abstrations, but statute books reveal there were secular souls who displayed a wholesome proclivity for life. Tobacco smoking, tippling, cardplaying, dancing and bowling caused the town fathers much alarm. Sunday strolls an street kissing were subject to heavy fine, Christmas, reminiscent of popery, was banned.

Boston, dedicated to Calvin, neither understood nor admired toleration. Quakers and other nonconformists were ruthlessly persecuted. Roger Williams (1603-83) was banished for having "broached and divulged diverse new and dangerous opinions against the authority of the magistrates." Mistress Anne Hutchinson followed Williams into banishement. Quaker Mary Dyer was hanged on Boston Common in 1660; Mary Jones, Mary Parsons and Ann Hibbins were hanged as witches. The town fathers were content to sacrifice freedom in their attempt to achieve unity. The colony leaders planned a social order in which individual freedom was subordinated to God's will as interpreted by His clergy.

Plymouth's Pilgrims had little in common with the gay community of Merry Mount (at the present site of Quincy) founded by Thomas Morton, a fur trader and seller of guns to the Indians. They also set up a Maypole, wrote Plymouth's horrified Governor Bradford, drinking and dancing aboute it many days togeather, inviting Indian women for their consorts, dancing and frisking togeather like so many fairies. Capt. Myles Standish captured the post and deported Morton to England in 1628.

"Independence" had real meaning to these Yankees. They raised their own vegetables and grains in field and garden. Lack of factories and stores developed the classic New England jack-of-all-trades.

Puritan excesses led to a declining interest in religion. In the 1650's Puritan forces focused on Quakers, Beaten and banished, they returned. Willful persecution turned people against the clergy and magistrates. Younger people, who had not suffered for their religion, together with the rising commercial class demanded a less theocratic government. They won their first victory in 1657 with the adoption of the Half-Way Covenant.

Sometimes in our history, unfortunately, emotions and prejudices overbalance reason and sound judgment. Witches have been hung on Boston Common and books burned. Boston saw antiabolitionist mobs leading William Lloyd Garrison with a rope around his neck.

Every day Massachusetts residents and visitors, particularly those in the Greater Boston area, see evidences of their history: jutting skyward is the Old North Church's sturdy, slender white spire atop the belfry in which Revolutionary plotter Paul Revere saw the signal lantern.

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