

THE LONGSHIP



**"from o'er the sea in ships they came,
VIKINGS - bold, brave and daring...."**

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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE VIKINGS, M. C.

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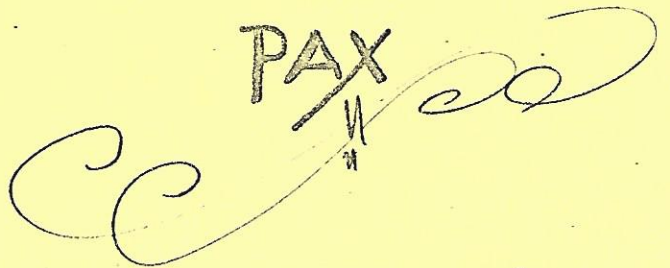
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THIS ISSUE, BEING THE FIRST OF VOLUME II., IS DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF AN EVENTFUL SUMMER, NOW ENDED, WHICH WAS GLORIOUSLY CAPPED WITH THE LIEF ERIKSON 1970 RUN, BUT MORE ESPECIALLY IS IN HONOUR OF THE OFFICERS CURRENT WHO HAVE COMMENCED SERVICE TO THE VIKINGS, M. C., AND WHO, WITH OUR HELP AS SINCERE, CO-OPERATIVE, & GENTLEMANLY MEMBERS WILL EFFECT A NOBLE, BRAVE, AND EMPYREAN NEW, & MORE GLORIOUS YEAR.

PAX
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A large, stylized handwritten signature or set of initials, possibly 'CC', is written in dark ink. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right. Above the main signature, the word 'PAX' is written in a bold, blocky font. Below 'PAX', there are two smaller characters, 'W' and 'H', stacked vertically.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT.....

I would like to convey to all of you my deep appreciation for all the efforts expended during our recent run. If the letters we have received are any indication, then I think we can safely assume that the run was a success. We can not expect to please every person all the time; that our out-of-town guests left well-satisfied should be praise enough for us. The success or failure of any venture can be measured by the amount of co-operation shown, and in this regard all Vikings can be very proud. Co-operation is the natural and legitimate child of mutual respect, wedded with compromise.

As a group of MEN we have faced many problems together in the past, however, when things looked darkest we have always managed to rally, and to meet the crisis. Now, as a group, we face another problem; this one perhaps more complex than any we have yet faced. The problem evolves from the individual nature and personality which we all possess.

This individuality creates in each of us a differing concept of what the Club should be. Therefore, I urge each of you now to give serious consideration to your ideas of what the Club should be. If we think back to why we joined, and also of why we have remained, it should provide us with a common ground for agreement. However, we should remember that even if we do find this common agreement, no two views of the Club will be exactly the same, (and there is no good reason why they should be).

Each of us has a different amount of time and energy to devote to the Club because of jobs, other social commitments, families, etc.. This brings me to a very important point. None of us should expect everyone to give the same amount to the Club because some of us have more time than others, and none of us should give more than we enjoy giving. No one should be made to feel that the Club is a drag because he has been forced into doing more than he was prepared to do when he joined. Everything given to the Club is not a tangible, as loyalty and devotion, which are two of the most important commodities a member can give.

If the Vikings, M. C. is a brotherhood, and I firmly believe it to be, then we must overlook some of the flaws in fellow-members and, when we can, offer assistance to each other if it is needed. When we banded together, we did so to fight common problems, not to fight each other. I suppose it is natural after any election that there will be some wounds which need to heal. I sincerely hope these wounds will heal quickly, and that the scars soon disappear. To go forward we must be united, and united we must be in order to influence others. Our closeness and unity can be our best publicity agent. We have already affected our local environment with the formation of the Club. We can bring about many more beneficial changes if we stick together in purpose.

As I said at the election meeting, "Give me a chance to try, and I will do my best," however, to do so I must have your co-operation and good-will. I am still an optimist by nature and look forward to a great year for the V. M. C. There are many exciting challenges ahead of us, and in brotherhood with you, I look forward to meeting them.

CARL B.

September 1970

.....ECHOS OF ERIKSON

The Lief Erikson - 1970 Run was one of the most enjoyable events that I have experienced. Sufficient was the excellent planning to the extent that an extended week-end in N. Y. C. prior to the Run was a reality! The Vikings, M. C. as a Club are all to know that my personal gratefulness can not be measured; neither in mathematical terms of space, nor in words of any language.

From the first planning stages, with Skip's marvelous design of a Viking ship, to the striking of the whole set when the last tent peg was pulled, weeks of thought, hard work, brotherhood, and loads of fun made Lief Erikson - 1970 great! Thank you, men, multi, maxi-Thanks!

David E. made an excellent record of the happenings. The slides were shown at Marvin's house, as our conclusion to Don B. night, in conjunction with B. B. C.

By this time, I am sure that you all know who was responsible for "what", however, there were many unique little touches that certainly added to the entire scene. Among the unique there was one touch that was not so "little". I remind you of that breath-taking setting for the Sunday evening buffet which was the work of Dick D., of B. B. C. Dick will never know how much happiness he brought -to all of us!!! He is beautiful people! Keep thanking him, he surely deserves it!

ODIN

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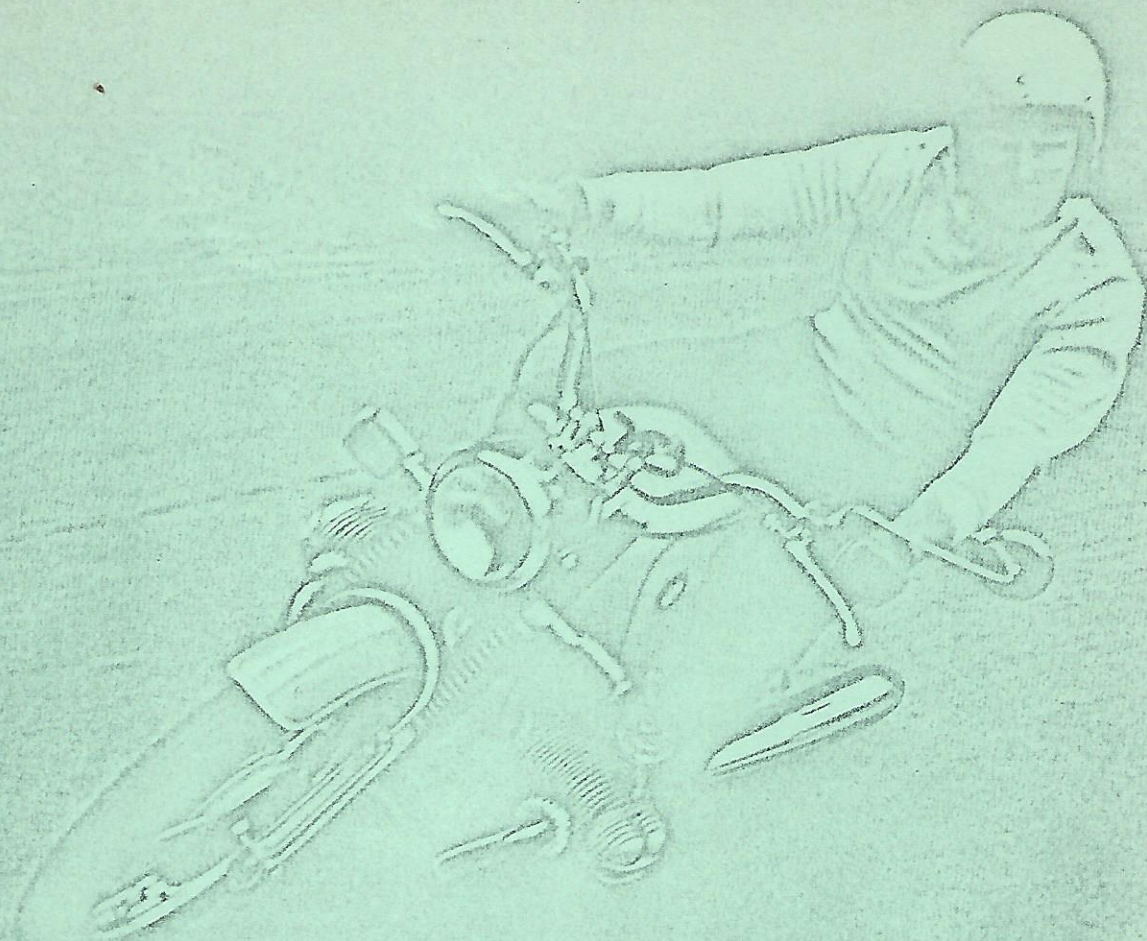
.....ANOTHER VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU

What wonderful things you do for people, Vikings! The dinner that we all enjoyed that Saturday about a fortnight ago was both a warm and fraternal affair. How is it possible for me to adequately thank you all for "thanking me for being the first president"? You were more than kind, and my heart truly o'erflows with love for my beloved Viking brothers. Our fraternity has never been so strong - my pride in being a Viking constantly grows.

Thank you for a long-t^e-be-remembered evening, for the thoughtful gifts which will be constant reminders, but more especially, THANK YOU for the name of ODIN, which you have given unto me for as long as I remain a Viking. At this time, I hope that it is forever!

Could more honour be heaped upon one person? Yes, and the VIKINGS found another, and very touching honour - something that I cherish more than anything that ever could be given to me. I thank you with a mystical and tender tranquility for the greatest honour; President Emeritus. You have wrecked me! - it is hard to believe--however, I am very grateful!!!!!!!

Odin, President Emeritus



TROPHIES AT THE LIEF ERIKSON - 1970 RUN

Best Participation by an A. M. C. C. Club
WHEELS, M. C.

Participation, Second Place, (ditto)
2ND. CITY, M. C.

Honourable Mention for Participation
THE SPARTANS, M. C.

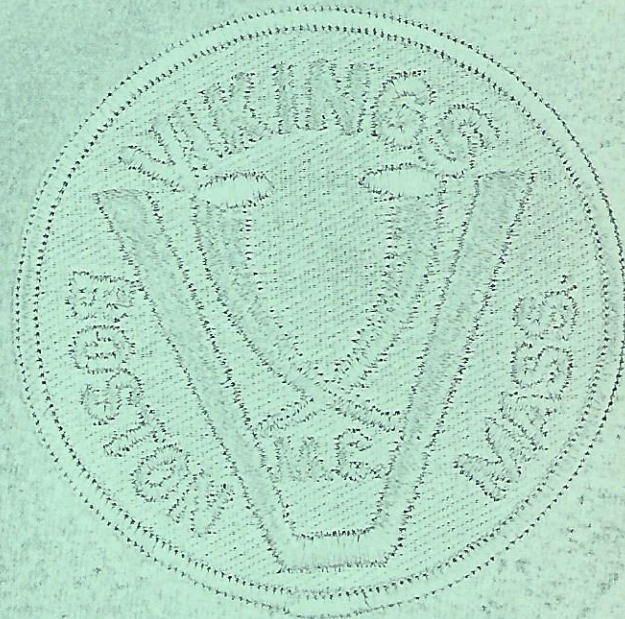
Motorcycle Events

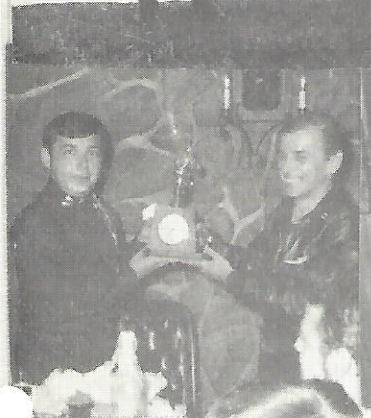
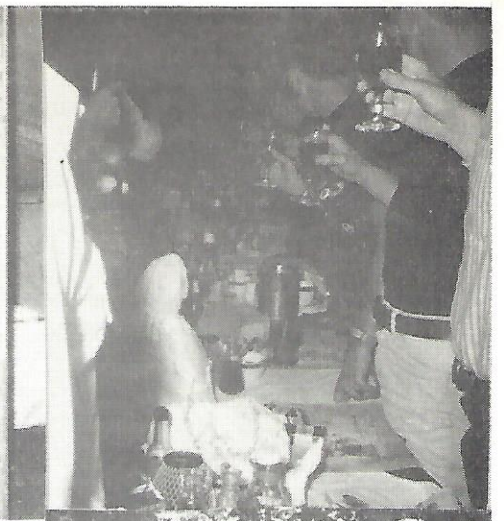
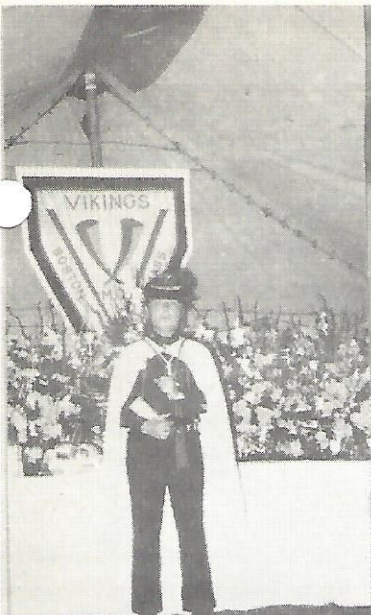
STEVE O., THE SPARTANS, M.C.

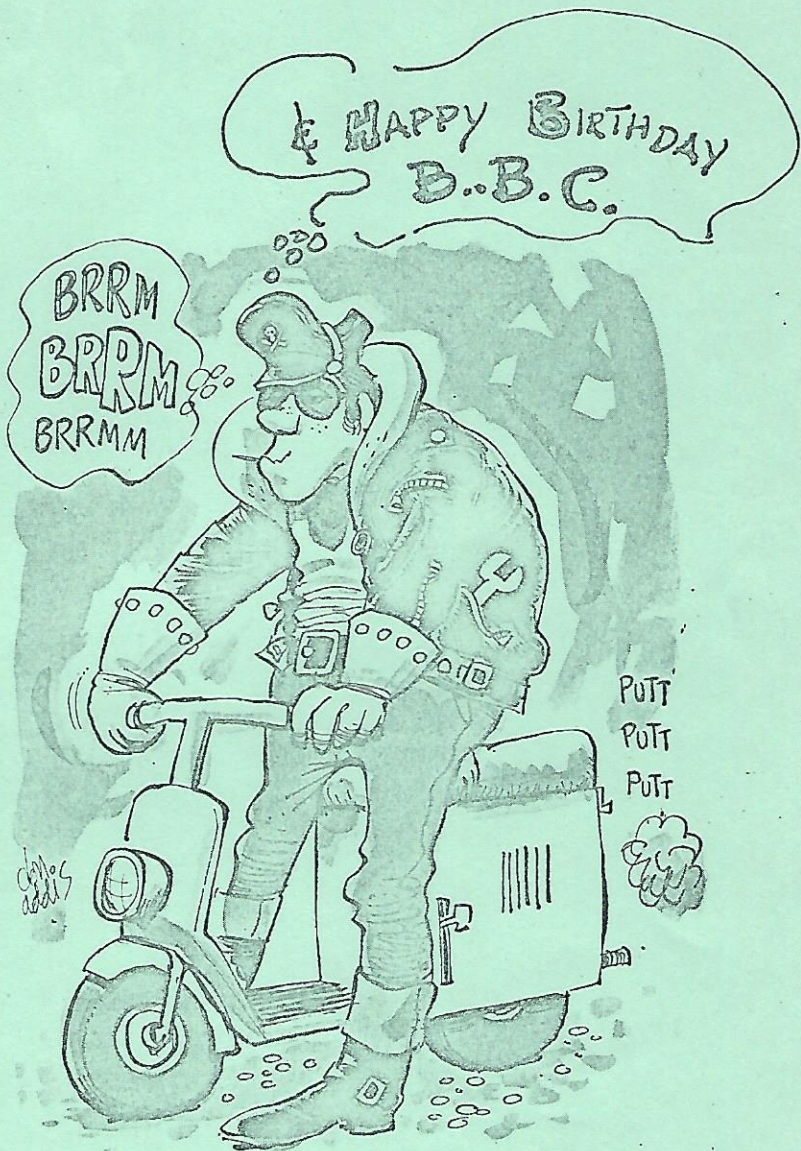
People Events

DON B., WHEELS, M. C.

(Token Medal Awarded to the Non-Viking
contributing the most to the Run -
Dick D., B. B. C.)







BEST OF LUCK, & TO Y'ALL
CONGRATULAYSHUNS !!!

THE VIKINGS, M.C.

STRIP YOUR GEARS WITH THE POPPER BOSTONIAN

OCTOBER 16, 17, 18, 1970

The First Anniversary of The Boston Bike Club

Friday Nite

Registration nite at Shed
Free Beer in Club Room
Time to Get to Know Each Other
Assigning Housing



Saturday

Sat. Afternoon - Country Cocktail Party
Sat. Evening - Free Beer & Social Time
Dinner - Presentations & Raffle

Sunday

Brunch at Shed
1 to 4 P.M.
Farewell Partings

Send to: Boston Bike Club c/o Richard Dyer, Millis, Mass. 02054 - Tel. 617 - 376-5445

Name: Club:

Address: Phone No:

City/State Housing Required (yes) (no)

Do you plan on riding a bike?
Deadline for applications - October 7, 1970.

All Club Members \$18.00

Non Club Members \$20.00

Please make checks payable to Richard Dyer.

.....THE IMPROPER BOSTONIAN.

only in boston is it possible for one to be so properly improper.
have you noticed how conspicuously conservative some uniforms
have become?

B. B. C. HOSTED A MOST PROPER COCKTAIL PARTY. HOWEVER, IT WAS AGREED
THAT THE PARTY CONTRIBUTED SOMEWHAT TO A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF IMPROPRIETY
LATER!

speaking of "rowing around in circles", how about a club whose first
editor finds himself the president, and whose first president finds
himself the editor?

NOT ALL HOSTS CAN SO GRACIOUSLY INVITE GUESTS TO PARTAKE OF BEER IN THE
BATHROOM. WE THANK YOU, NEWTON HOST, & IT WAS TRULY A GREAT MEETING!

Overheard: "Mirror, mirror on the suburban wall, who is fairest of them
all in that charming ash-blond splendour? Is it the Lovable
Leprechaun, or is it Pixilly Pixle? So tell me, already!"

WHILE VISITING IN N. Y. C. IT WAS VIKING - NOTED THAT THE REAL TRUDY TREAD
NOT ONLY "STOOD-UP", BUT "STOOD-OUT". CHARMING, CHARMING CREATURE, & SUCH
A PERSONALITY! A PATONTHEBUTT FUH YUH, M'DEAH! (IN N. Y. C., OF COURSE,
NOT IN BOSTON!!!)

obviously, juan and odin behaved so improperly that wheels, m. c.
promptly closed all future business meetings to visitors - now we ask
you!

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING LIEF ERIKSON - 1970, DON J. DISAPPEARED. SOMEONE
STRONGLY SUSPECTS THAT HE FOUND MORE THAN BACON & EGGS IN THAT EXTENDED
VISIT TO "THE CITY"!

question from a viking, "i know where the toothpick goes when you kiss...,
but where does it go at other times?"

IT HAS BEEN NOTED WITH SOME GLEE THAT A SIGN SOMEWHERE ALONG ROUTE 95
IN CONNECTICUT READS, "HE WHO HAS 'ONE _ FOR _ THE _ ROAD' HAS TROOPER
FOR CHASER." MAKE YOU THINK OF ANYONE?

major problems on the last run concerned cigars & zippers for one member.
(ed. note - his dog acted none too properly, either!)

Request - of - the - month: Will the other, and/or real Mrs. Smith
please step forward?

LABOUR - DAY WEEKEND HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY DECLARED OVER, AS OF 1 OCTOBER!

**THE POTPOURRI
& SPARKING PLUGS**

State troopers do



N.Y. Times - 12/9/70
**'Appalled' Perelman
Going Eastward Ha!**

The United States is about to suffer a total loss of one of its least expendable national resources—the humorist S. J. Perelman.

Mr. Perelman has made an apparently irrevocable decision to move to London in October, there to live as a self-exiled American. He will become a "resident alien," with no expectation of returning to the nation in which he has won acclaim as lampoonist laureate.

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He said that after his move there would be no diminution in the United States of his writings. He will continue to write for The New Yorker from London, and he expects that his books will appear at irregular intervals.

He added, "Today the news in this country is so filled with insanity and violence that the newspapers, from which I derive many of my ideas, have scant room for the sort of thing that turns me on—the bizarre, the unusual, the eccentric. In Britain they still have the taste for eccentricity."

**WELCOME TO
THE CLUB -**

**NEWEST FULL
MEMBERS!**

MARVIN K.

CHRIS M.

NEW "P" MEMBERS

JIM C.

FRANK D.

TED H.

JOE S.

.....VIKINGS, M. C. KALENDAR

OCTOBER

- 9 - 12 SPEARHEAD, M. C., visit to Boston, & the Vikings
9 - 12 Rocky Mountaineers' MOLLY BROWN BALL++++(A.M.C.C.)
16 - 18 BOSTON BIKE CLUB, First Anniversary
21 - Scheduled Business Meeting of the Vikings, M. C.
23 - 25 ØKTOBERFEST "70"
30 - 31 SECOND CITY, M. C., Hallow'een
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NOVEMBER

- 1 - Scheduled Business Meeting of the Vikings, M. C.
13 - 15 SMCLA AUTUMN SCRAMBLES++++(A. M. C. C.)
18 - Scheduled Business Meeting of the Vikings, M. C.
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DECEMBER

- 12 - EMPIRE CITY, M. C., Christmas Party++++(A. M. C. C.)
13 - 9 PLUS CLUB, Toys For Tots

1971

FEBRUARY

- 19 - 22 VIKINGS, M. C., B02-2271++++(A. M. C. C.)
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HAVE YOUR DUES BEEN PROPERLY PAID TO DATE?

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS; ANNUAL DUES ARE IN ORDER.

N. B./ Jim D., our esteemed Road Captain, has been quite unwell. At this time he is making recovery at the residence of Carl B., in Newton. The sending of a note or a card would be most proper.

By all reports current, Don B. is making good progress. May renewed health attend these brother spirits.



BMW introduces Quicksilver.

The most potent hunk of shimmery, silvery, two-wheeled machinery ever to streak its way out of Bavaria.

The new BMW comes on strong. Very strong. Very fast. Around town. On the highway. Even in the rough.

And riders who once thought of BMW as just a beautifully-crafted touring bike are wondering what got into the younger generation.

One answer is a massive dose of new horsepower from a completely new version of our famed horizontal twin-cylinder engine. Your choice of 500, 600, or 750 cc.

BMW's more logical flat-twin layout gives better balance. Plus more exposure to air,

for better cooling. Less friction, for longer engine life. Less vibration, so you can ride longer with less fatigue.

Built for street, sport, and dependable long distance touring, the new BMW is lighter, more agile. Higher off the ground. You can lean into a corner at 45°.

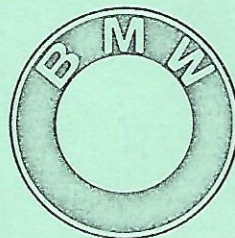
But, what if you don't like silver? Even quicksilver?

Okay.

You can also get the new BMW in quickwhite, and quickblack!

See your nearest BMW dealer, or write: East: Butler & Smith, Inc., Norwood, N.J. 07648; West: Flanders Company, Pasadena, Calif. 91101; Canada: BMW Motorcycle Distributors, Toronto 12, Ontario.

Bavarian Motor Works



Editor's Choice

