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This issue of the LONGSHIP is dedicated to itself. Yes, the Newsletter has had another birthday. This month it is two years old. It, like most other worthwhile publications, has not always had smooth sailing. (pardon the pun) It has been late, not seen at all some months, controversial at times, not interesting enough at other times, but nevertheless, it has survived. In many ways it has paralleled the history of the club it serves. It has never been the desire or purpose of the LONGSHIP to rival or surplant any other magazine or newsletter. Rather its purpose has been to keep members informed of club activities and to let our friends in other cities know what is going on in the HUB city. HAPPY ANNIVERSARY LONGSHIP, may you have many more.

* * * * * MEETINGS FOR JULY * * * * *

SPECIAL NOTE: At the last V.M.C. meeting the club made the following changes in meetings dates for July as a result of our first Sunday meeting date falling on July 4th.

July 11 (Sunday)	Place: Wellsley, Mass.
	Your Hosts: Jim & Ted
	Time: 2:30 P.M.

July 26 (Mon!.)	Place: The Edwardian
	Your Host: Tom
	Time: 7:30 P.M.



Well the Vikings are now sailing along in fine style preparing for LEIF ERICSON. I can personally assure you, after talking with the planning chairmen, that things are going well. The refreshment committee has most of its planning completed. Also, the entertainment committee has its ideas well in hand. Individuals responsible for publicity are completing their tasks. There is still much work to be done, but I believe we know our individual responsibilities and will carry them out to the best of our abilities.

We are a smaller club now than we were when we started preparation for this run. This will undoubtedly mean a little more work for us all. I sincerely regret the fact that we have lost these members, however, I remind you that this is the way of any organization. We have lost members in the past but we have also acquired many new members. This is the way a club grows; not simply by numbers, but by the degree of interest shown by those who remain.

The club is a serious thing but we should not take ourselves so seriously that we lose sight of our true objective; that being to enrich our lives with fraternity and sociability. This has been the objective which many of us, over the years, have tried to foster.

This brings me to the final point in this article. Various members are now declaring themselves for future office in the V.M.C. I am personally very pleased to see so many wishing to serve the club in a position of leadership. I am further encouraged that we have so many capable candidates. The campaigns should be exciting and fun, and I am sure that the best men will win.

As most of you know I have served the club in many capacities since its formation; as Editor of Longship, as Secretary for a year and a half, and finally as President. I feel that the time has now arrived for me to step aside and allow someone else the opportunity to serve you. I wish to serve, in the future, only as a dedicated member, therefore, in the coming nominations and elections I ask that my name not be considered for any elective office. I will continue to fulfill my term to the best of my ability and then look forward to enjoying the club with you as a loyal brother. The Vikings over the last few years has been a big part of my life and I am sure it will continue to be. My best regards to you all.

Fraternally,

Thor

THE YAMAHA SILVER CUP

The evening of June 10 saw many Vikings flocking to the Boston Garden to see the five thousand dollar Yamaha Silver Cup races. This was the first time that such races had ever been held at the Garden and we were all anxious to see how they would turn out. When we took our seats and noted that the bikes would be racing on the wooden floor with only short stretches of straight-away in which to accelerate. We were to say the least a bit skeptical.

Our skepticism proved to be justifiable. About 12 races were held and in every case except one, the bike to be first away from the starting line was always the winner.

The bikes were all under 250cc and as might be expected the announcers were always sure to pay particular homage to the achievements of the Yamaha entries, somewhat to the detriment of the Bultaco, Harley, Benelli and what have you competitive makes.

Yamaha had a number of their little mini-trail bikes on display in the center of the arena. During the intermission some of the race contestants came out and put on an exhibition race with the minis. Amazingly the mini-trails went around the course almost as fast as the competition bikes did in the actual races. The fact that these little bikes were more manoueverable on the wooden track almost made the exhibition races more exciting than the real thing.

We were happy to see several members of the Entre Nous in attendance and we were furthermore gratified to note the absence of any outlaw gangs which might have caused trouble. To me the pungent smell of two-cycle exhaust fumes brought back memories of the midget car held at Seekonk and Lonsdale arenas in Rhode Island many many years ago. In all it was an enjoyable evening but it didn't prove to be as thrilling as the dirt track events held up in Pepperell.

Dave E.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY

23-25 SPARTANS M.C. (Marathon "71" in Maryland)

AUGUST

6 -8 CENTAURS (Olympia I in Virginia)

6 - 8 V.M.C. New Hampshire Outing (Limited to first 25)

SEPTEMBER

3 - 6 VIKINGS M.C. (Leif Ericson Run)

24 - 26 CYCLE M.C. (Bass River Run - By Invitation Only)

JUNE OUTING.....

The third annual June Initiation Outing for the Vikings is now a thing of the past. However, the piercing screams echoing through the woods will remain in our memories until we next gather at the Viking tree to perform our ritual sacrifice. With the ceremony comes a new dedication to Viking loyalty and purpose as was the case with our original namesakes.

On a less serious vein the day was well spent in an orgy of eating, sports activities and motorcycling. It was a bit disappointing that some members could not stay for the evening meal and as usual we had enough food to feed twice our number. The beautiful weather and clean air made for a perfect weekend.

The club is extremely grateful for the generous quantities of food and liquid refreshment donated by many members. A special thank you goes to Bill's parents for their warm and sincere hospitality.

FROM YOUR "MASTER AT ARMS'" CORNER.....

When I say "corner" that means I am coming our fighting. Fighting for a little more recognition as an officer and as the person responsible for maintaining order at our meetings.

Someone asked; Who runs the meetings? The President runs the meeting, but the Master At Arms is responsible for whether the meeting is a success or a disaster. When your Master At Arms calls for order, that is just what it means. There is no reason for a rebuttal back and forth. If a person is constantly rude and out of order he will be reprimanded each time. Minds so small or paranoid that they can't take chastisement has not the Viking spirit in mind. So some members, shape up, as I intend to do my duty.

Vikings please give thought to the above or you will constantly be on the carpet. Remember, loose lips sink ships, and they also play hell with a Viking meeting.

Russ Lewis

We welcome back our two wandering nomads, Sean and Woody. I am sure they will have tales for us of how the west was REALLY won. Welcome home fellows.

WHAT THE STARS FORETELL.....

CANCER

Moon children have a sensitive and retiring disposition with many changes and ups and downs of position. They have a fertile imagination, are somewhat sentimental, sympathetic and talkative. They are fond of home and family; are industrious, economical and anxious to acquire the goods of life. Fear of ridicule or criticism makes them discreet and conventional. They have a tenacious memory. Their emotions are strong and they delight in beautiful scenery and in romantic or strange experiences. They have psychic faculties and are very receptive to new ideas. They are adapted to pursuits of a fluctuating nature, such as catering to public needs and desires. Cancer is ruled by the Moon.

Ted L. and Marvin K. were born under this sign.

THE IMPROPER BCSTONIAN.....

Famous Quote: "Come on over, relax, have a drink, go for a swim and cut your foot off".

Has anyone heard from "Big Ethel"?

Good to see some new "P" members coming in. Was wondering who was going to open the beers.

Noticed that one club did not include "Leif Ericson" in their list of established summer runs. Really guys, how many years do you have to hold it before it becomes "established"????

A Trip and a Run have only one thing in common. A run is an OUT-ing and a trip is an OUT-of-place.

A couple of Vikings have a very elegant puppy. He prefers a genuine oriental to newspapers. Nothing wrong with his papers!

Dave, do you really think the "Victors" are impressed with your wheels.

Speaking of Wheels; how was that VW cocktail Steve?

Tom, how about this for a campaign slogan, "An olive in every home"

Marvin is it true that when Sam suggested "chicken in a basket" you said "bagel in a box" would do just as well?

Rumor has it that Big Al is working on a serial article for The Longship. Is this a revival of "Dilda" or could it be the continuing saga of "As the stomach turns in Conoaga Falls"?

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July 3rd/Road Event, Poker Run (Road Knights) Watertown, Ma.

July 4th/ Road Event Poker Run (Road Runners) Beverly, Ma. Scrambles, Moto cross (Me.) Sports Riders) Leeds Junction, Me.

Trials, Trails (Springfield) Minot, Me.

Drags, N.E. Dragway, Epping, NH

July 5th/ Enduros, Pinetree (Springfield) Minot, Me. Hillclimb, Cian C (Meriden McClub) Meriden Cn.

July 10th/Road Events, Poker Run Road Events, Poker Run (New London Mcy Club) New London, Conn.

Road Events, Poker Run (Manchester Mcy Club) Manchester, NH

July 10th/ Scrambles, Moto Cross (N.E. Sports Committee)

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July 11th/Hill Climb, Sportsmen (Qusboag Riders) Holyoke, Mass.

Road Events, Poker Run (Road Runners) Beverly, Mass.

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LEIF ERIKSON-1971

"The Town, Country and Sea Run"

friday evening, september 3

HARBOUR CRUISE: From 10:00PM to 12:00 Midnight.
(Registration will be at Dockside and On-Board)
BUFFET: In conjunction with late arrival registration at the Shed.

saturday, september 4

DEPARTURE: From Boston at 10:00AM (From the Shed).
LUNCHEON: Upon arrival at the Hayloft in Sturbridge.
SWIMMING * FUN * GAMES
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name:

address:

club affiliation:

I (Am Am not) Riding a Bike. I (Shall Shall not) require housing friday evening.
note: Tents will be provided at the Campsite, However bring your own Sleeping Gear!!!

"I understand that the Vikings M.C. is not responsible for injury or personal property. I also certify that I am 21 years of age or older."

Signed

COMPLETE INFORMATION WILL BE SENT AS SOON AS APPLICATIONS ARE RECEIVED