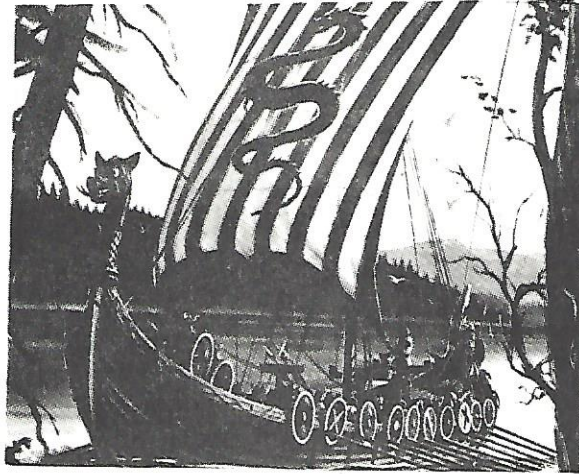


THE LONGSHIP



VIKING M.C. NEWSLETTER
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FROM ODIN'S CHAIR.....

Complete concentration on the LIEF ERIKSON run is a must at this time. Any ill-timed red herrings thrown either at the VIKINGS or into the Longship are out of season. We are all in the same ship. By choice, we have all made this so and now that the favourable winds are blowing we are compelled to take advantage of them.

In the most archaic form of Anglo-Saxon, the very word LIEF itself means willingly, gladly, freely. We will have to count on a hell-of-a-lot of WILLINGLY and possibly a lot of FREELY. However, we are counting mainly on GLADLY. Therefore, we should just as LIEF, venture forth.

Gratefully..... ODIN

N E X T M E E T I N G

Date August 3, 1969
Time 1:00 PM
Place SHED BAR

Note: There will be unscheduled meetings of the club every Sunday at 1:00 PM at the SHED until the run.

D U E S

Second Quarter dues are due NOW !! There are only a few weeks of grace period left.... Many members are still UNPAID.

AN OPEN LETTER FROM THE V.P.....

After careful consideration, patient observation and the evidence obtained from participating in club activities of the Viking M.C. and other clubs; the following recommendations are respectfully submitted for club members to scrutinize. It is hoped that quick, effective and positive action will be taken.

Besides being a memorable and thoroughly enjoyable weekend, the Bucks County run was also educational.

Since the Vikings, as a group, have subscribed to the A.M.C.C., it must be kept in mind what that participation implies. A close social relationship in both casual and official capacity is called for.

Certainly the most important obligation the Vikings have to the A.M.C.C., is to sponsor two officially sanctioned runs a year. These should be of an equal to at least match, and hopefully surpass, those runs sponsored by other clubs participating in A.M.C.C.

The Viking M.C. has been in a position of social and financial embarrassment, due to the excuseable fact that we have been a new club. However, the time has come for the Viking M.C. to grow up, puberty is over. We are either going to stay in the A.M.C.C., and if so fulfill our obligations, or we should get out, and concentrate all our efforts to the internal effectiveness of the Viking M.C.

It is my opinion, that after five months of intense activity as a club, that we do have the ability, energy and capacity to fulfill what is

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expected of us, not only as Vikings, but also as a participating member of A.M.C.C.

We, the Vikings, have not done a bad job, as a club, but I'm sure we can do a hell-of-a-lot better. We need action, not today, but yesterday.

In closing, let me say, that the excuse, "we are a young club" will not hold up any longer. The milk feeding period is over and I am sure that we can now all hand feed ourselves well and meet all the responsibilities of the Viking M.C.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.....

We would like to invite all Vikings to a MEXICAN FIESTA at our place on August 9th. The party will be from 7:30 until 10:30. Mexican food and beer will be provided. Each Viking may bring a guest. Also, would you be good enough to give us an R.S.V.P. by August 5th.

Doug & Gill
742-3613
44 Chestnut St. apt 1B
Boston (Beacon Hill)

(Ed. Note: Please see the Column, FROM THE EDITORS for more details on the above event.)

FROM THE EDITORS.....

First of all, we wish to gratefully acknowledge the many compliments paid to us for our first issue of THE LONGSHIP. We feel certain that the newsletter cannot help but improve in future issues with the many suggestions so many of you have so generously offered.

Even though this issue is being printed in July, it will also serve as our August issue. Due to the immense amount of work to do between now and September, it will be necessary for all of The Longship staff to concentrate their efforts toward the run. However, our Publisher has indicated that our September issue will be something to look forward to. Knowing Charlie and some of his ideas, we can assure you it will be an issue to be proud of.

As most of you know, it was determined that our outing in September would be called the Lief Erikson run. For those of you who missed the last meeting and did not hear the Road Captain's report, we have a campsite. It is the "Hayloft" and it is located in Brookfield, Mass. This site is located five miles north of Old Sturbridge Village. The run will include a two hour cruise of Boston Harbor, Friday night. (On a boat)

By the time you read this issue you should all have been made aware of the particulars concerning the Lief Erikson run. If for any reason you have not been contacted concerning this event, please get in touch with either Odin or a member of the Road Captain's committee, to find out how you may help to make this run a smashing success.

As most of you know our treasury is quite low. To overcome this situation, we are planning a few fund raising events. The first such scheduled event is the MEXICAN FIESTA, being given by Gill and Doug.

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All food and beer will be furnished by the hosts. HOWEVER, a Viking Horn will be available for donations. It has been suggested that as each person has a beer, he make a donation. The amount of the donation is left up to the generosity of the individual. No person will be compelled to donate of course, but keep in mind, this is almost a painless way to raise the level of the treasury. The money raised at such events will be turned over to a member of the Executive Committee at the end of each function.

There is another such party in the planning stages and you will receive the details soon. If any of you have any further suggestions along this line for fund raising, don't hesitate to let us know.

Finally, if any of you have ideas or letters for The Longship, you may mail them to Carl Banks, 226 Church St., Newton, Mass. 02158. Remember, any letter sent for publication must be signed. However, you may request to use only first name or initials. We hope to hear from many of you in the near future.

THE IMPROPER BOSTONIAN.....

Was that really a flying nun we observed crash landing in the dunes at Cranes Beach! What a way to crumple a habit..... Has anyone seen a Leather Bunny lately? Rumor has it the hungry wolf finally got him..... Congratulations to D.P. on his latest acquisition. Of course I mean the house!..... George, where in the world did you find out that Kitty Litter was the best thing in the world for leaking motorcycles..... Would you believe a hurricane blew in from Miami recently. The Huntington Ave. area was worse hit..... We seem to have a Mis-Sing-Lee. No that's not another Chinese lady.

(Note: Items submitted to T.I.B. need not be signed)



RIDES A
MOTORCYCLE--
DRINKS NOTHING
BUT SIDECARS!