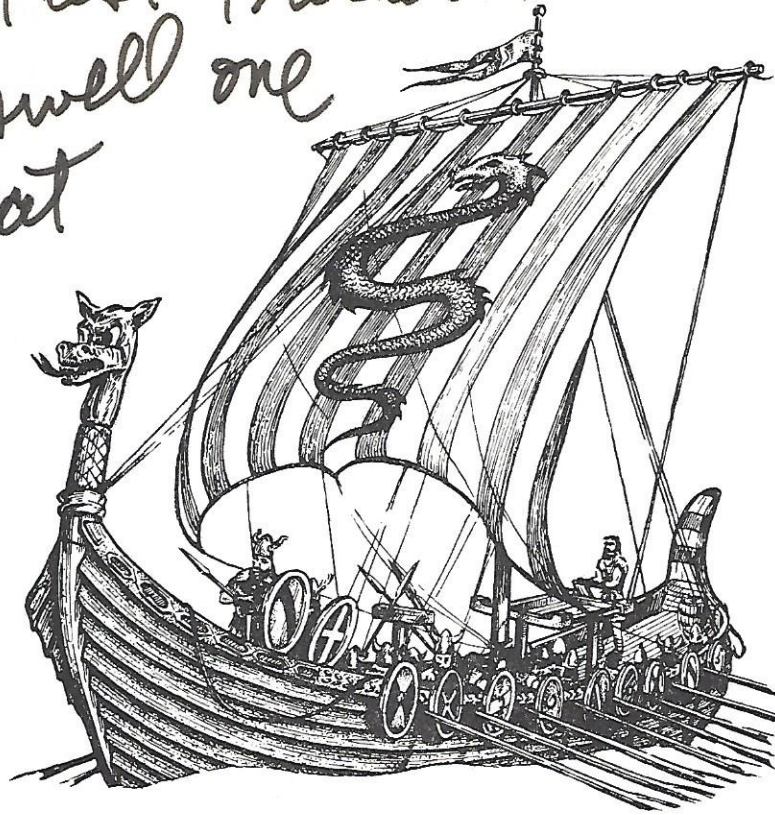


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To the Past President
and a swell one
at that



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A MEMORIAL MINUTE

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

One year ago on April 30, 1971, the life of one of our beloved members was taken. He was a Viking for only a short time, but to many of us he had been a friend for many years. We dedicate this issue of the Longship to

Paul Chapman
Viking brother and friend

A Message from Eric

BO-2-2272 is now behind us and, all of us should be proud of a job well done. Ahead of us is Leif Erikson '72. The run is well into the preliminary planning stages; all that is needed now is all of the Vikings - and I mean every Viking - to do his share. There will be enough committees set up to utilize each member according to his particular talents in at least one important task. I hope to see every member volunteer for each one of these assignments. If we all work together, as we have done in the past, this run will be a tremendous success as well as another well-done to add to the past list of Viking accomplishments.

I would like to comment regarding my methods of chairing our regular business meetings. I have been criticized by some of you for not maintaining tighter control on the membership at meetings. My policy at the start of my elected office was to conduct our meetings in a democratic way, and it still will be. In other words every Viking has a voice no matter how right or wrong he may be in the eyes of the majority of the members. No Viking member will be stifled (to borrow a phrase from All in the Vikings) at a meeting because he doesn't agree with the majority of the club or the executive committee. I feel that every Viking's opinion is important. My nature is easy going, and you will find me a good listener and I feel this is one of the reasons for my having been elected President.

However, one of my future goals is to reduce the length of our meetings. To accomplish this, I shall do the following: Some of you at times have been redundant during discussions concerning various motions from the floor. In the future if a fellow member is being redundant, in other words if he agrees with the motion being discussed, he will be directed by me to vote in the affirmative and relinquish the floor. Discussion of motions on the floor will be limited to only that information pertinent to the particular motion. If we all observe this simple guideline in the future, I will guarantee that our meetings can be reduced by one hour.

Fraternally,
Eric

The Vikings M.C. would like to welcome you to our:

THIRD ANNIVERSARY

President	Skip C.
Vice President	Don J.
Secretary	Frank D.
Treasurer	Marvin K.
Road Captain	Tom O.
Master at Arms	Russ L.

President Emeritus	George S.
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Club Historian	Carl B.



The Vikings M.C. came into being as a club on March 1, 1969, however, the club in the following year adopted Washington's Birthday weekend as the official anniversary and we have celebrated on that date ever since.

The official emblem for the club was designed by George S. and symbolizes the crossed horns which were used by earlier Vikings to call the clan together.

We also have a club anthem and a drinking song. The anthem, "Voices Of The Vikings", words and music by George S. and "Lift Up Your Steins Men" by Sean O. & Woody B. will be heard this weekend.

Our official club voice is The Longship. The newsletter received its name from Carl B. our first editor. Bill G. is currently in charge of this publication.

"Congratulations on your Third Anniversary!" The Cycle M.C.

"With you. Happy Anniversary and many, many happy returns," Denis M., M.C. Kemo

"Best Wishes from the Spartan M.C." Bob L., Treasurer

Dear Friends: "It is with the greatest pleasure that I send to you the warmest congratulations of the Spartan Motorcycle Club on your approaching anniversary. For our long years of comradeship I say thank you and wish all the members of the Viking Motorcycle Club the greatest success in 1972." Roy J., President

"Best wishes to you and all your members for a really memorable BO-2...."Richard K. Cycle M.C.

"With our best wishes for the success of BO-2-2272, and kind regards, we remain Sincerely yours, Empire City M.C. "

"We wish you all the success in the year ahead, and I look forward to hearing from you." Jack B., Co-Captain Vangards, M.C.

BO2-2272

Friday began an exciting trip for most, for some, the trip was into a rosy, alcohol-filled daze that lasted the better part of the weekend, yours truly included.

Yes, our BO-2-2272 was off to a great start with a get-together a registration at the Shed. Everyone met his friends from all over who had braved the dangers of our frozen New England and the Montreal Express.

However, Saturday afternoon began with a promise of a fun-filled evening as everyone gathered at Marvin K.'s for our cocktail hour. The history of our club was carefully presented by David Ev. for the enjoyment of all. Many thanks are due to Marvin and David for kicking off the evening so nicely.

As the warm glow of fellowship began, we began to feel the first pangs of hunger. But to everyone's delight along came our Viking feast. It can be truly noted that it was just that - a feast.

After many champagne corks had flown and many seconds were served, it was on to the show, which began with a beautiful serenade by Sean O' and Bob C. that must have been good because I remember that as well as what followed. After our newest probationary member, Little Tom, had managed to climb onto his stool, we were entertained by his comedy routine. I thought it was hilarious, and besides he did not even fall off. This could be considered quite an accomplishment. Finally, last but not least - All in the Vikings. Need I really say a thing about this production. Great work, you actors!

Many new members joined the ranks of various clubs as our super supper and show ended amid boisterous song. For many it was time for bed. Yet for others the night was young, and they proceeded to various parties around the city. Rumor has it that few, if any, were disappointed in the night.

Sunday dawned about eleven o'clock for me with bleary eyes (and a bushy tail, I hope-Ed.) and a frightful hang-over. To compensate for this terrible condition, a Brotherhood Brunch with Bloody Marys and a fabulous meal of carefully prepared eggs with all the trimmings was served. The highlight of the afternooed, thanks to M. C. Kemo, was the showing of The Kemo Fairy Tale. Thanks go to Don J. for his efforts in coordinating this affair and making it the success that it was.

With fond memories, new friendships and thoughts turning to future runs and encounters, goodbyes were exchanged as BO-2-2272 drew to an exhausted close.

Jim W.

From the Treasurer

I would like to personally thank the individual members who made BO-2-2272 the success it was. First for the food for which the Vikings are famous, the Oscar should go to Sam J. for his outstanding efforts in decor and dinner arrangements. Second to David E. for his outstanding cocktail party and his very moving slide show, which I'm sure took a great deal of time and love to create. Third to Tom O. and Bill G. for their creativity, patience, and flare-ups in producing the show, "All in the Vikings." They took amateur actors and turned them into neurotic, frustrated hams. Thanks also go to the actors themselves; to Frank D. for his love and devotion to the sound; to Fred K., who ran the lights and tended bar, a solo performance in miniature; to Carl B., Don J., and Don S. for their wonderful contributions; and last but not least to all the members who made an effort toward the success of our birthday and to Skip C. for all his detail work on the raffle. To all others I say, "A little work next time won't kill you!"

The Vikings I feel is a self-sufficient club and being such should not be obligated in any way to another organization. There are ways to thank other clubs for their assistance without making reciprocal endowments. The case in point is our contribution of liquor for a club's after-hours party. This contribution constitutes an obligation on our part for a cocktail party given at Leif Erikson. That cocktail party was unsolicited and given out of the goodness of their hearts. Our reciprocating by supplying beer for their after-hours party set a precedent - a precedent of obligation. The same money could have been spent in another way to show our appreciation and high esteem for them without reciprocating in kind. Such alternatives were presented at our last meeting; I was not present, and maybe these proposals presented to the club were not explained to your satisfaction. I personally am disappointed that the Vikings have put themselves in such a situation of obligation. To my way of thinking, the Vikings do not have to prove themselves to other clubs - that has been done again and again. However, what is done is done. I just hope that in the future the Vikings will be a little more independent and snobbish, if that is the word to use. I think that we have earned the right to be looked upon by other clubs as the best club in the country. We have created an image for which our past executive beard worked hard. Let's face it; it's so much better being on top looking down. Also as a point of interest, I have learned that after each run given by other clubs their members are assessed to make up the deficit incurred. Let me make note that the Vikings M.C. is solvent, and I hope it stays that way. After listening to how other clubs function, I would say that the Vikings outshine them all as far as finances and brotherhood are concerned. In the future I shall bring a motion to the club that we make a great effort to accumulate enough money to enable the club to make a one or two-week trip to Europe. For a club such as ours to undertake such a project is not inconceivable. We would be the most envied club in the country. Let me conclude this point by saying that we have received overwhelming respect and admiration not by buying it, but by our outstanding social activities.

Another point that I would like to bring to the club's attention is the personality conflicts that exist among us. Basically we all like each other. This feeling of brotherhood is essential in a club such as ours; otherwise we could not function as a unit as we do. Our problem is that we do not always draw a line between club business and friendship. Sometimes we tend to bring our club differences into our individual social life. What I'm trying to say is that lawyers who are very close friends often take different points of view in court. They argue their case but socially still remain friends. As far as our club disagreements are concerned, these dissensions should not in any way be carried over to our personal relationships outside of club meetings. This may seem impossible, but I am sure that we are mature

enough to differentiate between our feelings during a club business meeting and our personal social feelings for which we respect each other. We became Vikings because we like each other. No one is perfect, and no one person is everything you want him to be. We all have imperfections. I have found in my life a formula which I follow: Every person I meet has good and bad qualities. I weigh these, and if I find that their faults outweigh their good characteristics, I have nothing more to do with them. If their good qualities outweigh their faults, I must overlook these faults to be honest with myself and create a friendship that will be longlasting. Friendships do not happen; they must be nourished and worked upon. If you cannot do this and if you feel constant hostility toward your brother Viking, then leave the club. You do yourself harm and you do the Vikings immeasurable harm. As a proud Viking my only concern is for the Vikings. I honestly consider all of you my friends and shall remain your friend whether you are a Viking or not. If you really set your mind to it, our differences are not so great, that a little thought and understanding cannot overcome them.

As long as I'm shooting my mouth off, let me say that anything carried to an extreme is harmful whether it hostility or democracy. A democracy is only as good as its people, and its people are only as good as their leaders. It is now time to make arrangements for Leif Erikson. Let's start now, and I say this not as your Treasurer but as a member. Within the next two months I would like to see a run site selected. Once this is done, the other committees can be appointed to make Leif Erikson '72 more successful than the last one. It's tough climbing a mountain alone; let's work together to make an outstanding run a perfect run. Can we top the success of Leif Erikson '71? You bet your ass we can!

From the Vice President

Spring is just around the corner, I hope. Old man winter and the Montreal Express, no relation to the M. C. Kemo, held his fury until B02-2272 and then let us have it with a triple header. Not to be deterred, all B02-2272 guests arrived in time for our third anniversary. About 137 plowed through the snow on Sunday to attend the Brotherhood Brunch. Old man winter had little effect on the happenings of the weekend.

I enjoy the in-city events in the winter, but as spring arrives I look forward to the runs to be held in the great outdoors. From Fire Island to Montreal to Washington, Philadelphia, New York and New Jersey the mileage will quickly add up as we make the rounds to the spring runs. We in the motorcycle clubs must at all times observe the rules of the road and drive defensively. Good driving habits are a must in all seasons.

Seeing old friends and making new acquaintances is a pleasure I always look forward to. Drive and travel with caution so that you may join us on our annual cruise around Boston Harbour in September for many years.

Hope you enjoy the upcoming run season.

Don J.
Vice President

Are You within the Law

Since the Vikings and their associates are a traveling lot, let me fill you in on how many ways you could break these zany laws in different parts of the world.

In England you had better figure on eating Yorkshire pudding with your roast beef on Sundays and Holidays; it is a crime not to. If you are wearing a mustache you had better carry your passport to prove you are not Irish; mustachioed Irishmen in England are subject to arrest.

It is also technically illegal in England to smoke a cigarette on the street, share a taxi, eavesdrop in restaurants or buses, or tell a fairy tale over the phone.

Our good neighbors to the north are carrying on the daffy Anglo-Saxon jurisprudence. Strolling along a Toronto street, you are suppose to walk in the right side and give a hand signal before turning. And relax if you miss a streetcar, because it is against the law to run after it.

If you drive in Ontario, be careful not to scare a horse; if you do you will have to stop your car and lead it past your car.

If you are riding a bike in Edmonton, Alberta, you must signal with your arm before making a turn, and a bike rider must keep both hands on the handlebars at all times.

Public kissing in Italy is legal only in railroad stations, and false teeth are forbidden in Switzerland. In Kansas if two trains meet at a crossing, both shall come to a full stop, and neither shall proceed until the other is gone.

Funny, it is the law.

Russ L.
Master at Arms

My Life As A Probationary Member

My whole relationship with the Vikings has been a time of learning. Through the past year I have developed a part of my character which came through my association with the Vikings M. C. I believe that every contact with the Vikings during my probationary membership has shown me what it is to belong. What is it really like to be a probationary member? It is really not as bad as I had expected, as a matter of fact, it is a time to develop one's own feelings about the Club, and it allows members of the club to get to know and to guide a new member in all the procedures and club traditions.

To me probationary membership was an eventful experience, a time to learn, and a chance to belong.

David D.

V. M. C. NEWS IN SUMMARY

Recently elected to the Constitution Committee are: Jim D., Chairman, Sean O', and Bob C.

The Vikings welcome the following individuals into the club as full members: Jim W., Fred K., and David D. Ralph M. and Joe H. have been voted into the club as probationary members, and Bob W., Wheels M.C. and Lenny F. as Associate Members.

The July Outing will be held the weekend of July 7-9. This event is open only to members of the Vikings M.C.

Sam J. has been appointed Artistic Editor of the Longship.

Congratulations to Carl and David on their first born - a cat named Hitler.

Congratulations also to Juan on his second born - a new Honda 500.

Make plans now to spend Labor Day Weekend with the Vikings M.C. for our fourth annual Leif Ericsson Run.

A Change of Colors

Sunday March 28 besides being the final day of the Entre Nous run was a milestone in the business life of one of our new members - yours truly. On the way to the Sunday brunch at Spirits of '76 Skip S. of Philadelphia and I, who were recovering from a wild night came upon three members of a prominent brokerage firm in Boston dressed out in their Sunday fluff. Needless to say they were taken aback to see two riders strolling along so early in the morning. It didn't take long for tongues to wag and phones to ring.

Upon arriving at work Monday, I was met by sly remarks and some giggles. After a few hours of wondering if my overlay were showing they finally confided in me that the word was out that I had joined Hells Angels and had been seen Sunday with one on Cambridge Street. I have heard rumors to the effect that Skip S. was forming a new club in Philadelphia but a Hells Angels branch - never.

Fred K.
Vikings M.C.

Days of Equinox

Although the weekend started at 7:00 in the evening with registration at Mario's, your author did not arrive with his guests until 10:30. Things were well underway, and the room was already filled with enthusiastic guests, lining up for their ticket books and run buttons, with more people arriving all the time. There was food prepared for those desiring it and many free drinks at the bar. Many members of Entre Nous were busy circulating to inform guests of the weekend's festivities and where to stay.

After the bar closed, many of the guests went to the after hours party, which was given through the courtesy of the B. B. C. and with free beer provided by the Vikings M. C. Our hosts were Tom and Bob of B. B. C., and their basement provided an appropriate setting for the evening's festivities, even including new linoleum on the floor. The party finally broke up at about 4:30 in the morning; the remaining guests literally dragged themselves to their accommodations.

The next morning a well-planned in-town poker run was held for those who were able to drag themselves out of their beds. Nearly 100 participated. This consisted of visiting four homes in the South End, each of which was well stocked with beer and envelopes containing the lucky cards. The fifth and final stop was 1270, where the final envelope was picked up. After all the envelopes were opened and properly recorded, a buffet lunch was served.

At 4:30 the show began. It was entitled "Odds and Ends" and consisted of many short skits, musical numbers, and a series of well-staged stills entitled "Conquerors of the Ages," including many famous men from Attila the Hun to Hitler. It was all extremely entertaining, and all that attended were very enthusiastic in showing their appreciation for a first-rate performance.

Later in the evening everyone met at the Spirits of '76 for a sit-down dinner and more drinks - many more! The meal was prepared by the management and was very appetizing. After dinner was over and coffee had been served, everyone settled down to an evening's entertainment, although I think it was pretty unanimous that the most original skit of all (and it is not because I am partial) was put on by the Vikings M. C. It was entitled "This is your Life - Entre Nous." Walter B., Mike C., and Dick L. were asked to come forward and were seated in front of the stage. The master of ceremonies, Ralph (Ted H.) Edwards then proceeded to go back a few years, covering some humorous events in their lives. Many talented Vikings, including Jim D., Carl B., and Marvin K., participated. The entire skit was done in extremely good taste. Carl B., Sean O., and former V. M. C. member Woodie B. should be congratulated for an Academy Award script. After the various performances were over, everyone that was able to went back to the same locale as the previous night for a continuation of the after hours party.

Sunday morning came around with many big heads, I'm sure, and at 1:00 in the afternoon everyone arrived at the Spirits of '76 for an early afternoon brunch and more drinks. No one can complain about not getting his money's worth during this weekend.

Then came the awards and presentations; I have not seen so many impressive trophies since my last visit to Emblem and Badge. Entre Nous presented some plaques to its own members for outstanding achievements, as well as to the B. B. C. and the V. M. C. The Betty Davis award was presented to Denis M. of M. C. Kemo for his performance the night before. The major awards for club participation were presented to Wheels M. C., the Druids, the Vikings M. C. (who had 70% of their club in attendance) and M. C. Kemo. There were many club banners presented to Entre Nous, as well as the S. P. M. C. banner presented to the V. M. C. by Lee H. The Vikings M. C. presented a little humor to the festivities by awarding Mike M., corresponding secretary of Entre Nous, with his own personal leather holster for carrying his own deoderant. This was presented for his reference in a letter he sent to the V. M. C. to B02-2272 as "many future B0's." The Vikings M. C. also presented Entre Nous with a walnut plaque, engraved "To Entre Nous in Appreciation - The Vikings M. C. - 1972," containing a silver figure of a Viking standing on a pedestal.

Many guests started on their way home after the awards, but the weekend was not over yet. Many of those remaining went to another party at Herbie's Ramrod Room to have another free drink and more food. After this was over, these still standing went to Walter B.'s home for a farewell drink. I wonder how many actually got home Sunday night.

I enjoyed Days of Equinox very much as I am sure everyone else did. Our hats are off to Entre Nous for a tremendous weekend.

Eric

B02-2272 Raffle

The following ticket numbers and individuals or clubs are the lucky winners of our B0-2-2272 liquor raffle:

First Prize	#1621	Russ W., New York	One case of liquor
Second Prize	#2325	Jack M., The Eagle, New York	One-half case liquor
Third Prize	#2395	Vanguards M.C., Phila., Pa.	Champagne
Fourth Prize	#2704	Steve B., c/o The Eagle, New York	Four cases of beer
Fifth Prize	#2048	Ric T., Wheels M.C.	Three Bottles of wine

We would like to extend our thanks to all those clubs and individuals who contributed to our raffle, making it the success it was.

The Vikings M.C.

Bike Column

Honda City, 78 Brookline Avenue, Boston, is having a bike sale. While they last, they have 1972 Hondas and Kawasakis available as follows:

		<u>Was</u>	<u>Sale Price</u>
Honda	750's	\$1850.00	\$1775.00
	450's	1249.00	1175.00
	350's	939.00	839.00
Kawasaki	Mach III	\$1195.00	\$1095.00
	F8-250	895.00	795.00

The following is a list of bike events scheduled during the month of May:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Place</u>
May 7 (Sunday)	Enduro	Somers, Connecticut
7	Trials	Meriden, Connecticut
7	Hill Climbs	Monson, Massachusetts
7	Scrambles	Middleboro, Massachusetts
7	Poker Run	Worcester, Massachusetts
May 14 (Sunday)	Trials	Marlboro, Connecticut
14	Scrambles	Lunenburg, Massachusetts
14	Poker Run	Springfield, Massachusetts
14	Poker Run	Middleboro, Massachusetts
14	Poker Run	Sutton, Massachusetts
May 18-21	Enduro	Middlefield, Massachusetts
21	Hill Climbs	Lebanon, New Hampshire
21	Scrambles	Lisbon, Maine
21	Field Meets	Adams, Massachusetts
21	Poker Run	E. Bridgewater, Massachusetts
May 28	Enduro	Southwick, Massachusetts
28	Trials	Arcadia, Rhode Island
28	Hill Climbs	Monson, Massachusetts
28	Scrambles	Middleboro, Massachusetts
28	Poker Run	Worcester, Massachusetts

There will be many more events scheduled for June and July, so read your next issue of the Longship for the dates and places.

For further information on the above events, contact the following people:

Enduros	Ross Faneuf	617-646-2266
Trials	Dave Russell	401-231-7964
Hill Climbs	George Bosquet	413-58322954
Scrambles	Andy Calisewski	413-665-2000
Field Meets	Hoosac Valley	413-443-0638
Poker Run	Bob Frink	617-885-5221

An Epistle from your Constitutional Committee

This is a letter of constructive criticism and is not intended to alienate any person or persons. We sincerely hope the opinions we express will help to simplify and expedite club business.

This is the statement of the club's purpose according to the constitution:
"Organized to further the cause, enjoyment, and benefits of motorcycling, and related activities as a hobby, by a compatible group."

The constitution was never intended to be a set of chains and shackles to bind every movement the club wishes to undertake, but was designed as a guide for its smooth sailing. We feel too much emphasis has been placed on detailed interpretation of the constitution. This, as we all well know, has many times led us into lengthy, unpleasant, unnecessary, and even childish discussions concerning the interpretation of the constitution rather than the subject matter at hand. We do realize that we must at times refer to our constitution for guidance; however, once the president has made his determination, the discussion should revert to the subject matter and not a debate on its constitutionality.

We feel the constitution as it now stands is a good, workable, and fair guide. We will propose changes for simplification or clarification as we feel they are needed or as specific items are referred to us.

As constitutional committees in the past have done, we hope that we too will be able to serve the best interest of the club and its constitution.

Please accept this epistle with all the good intentions with which it was written, and perhaps recall what we have said if matters should ever get out of hand again.

Let us not lose sight of the fact that the fun, enjoyment, and comradeship we have are important elements of our group as well as achieving our goals.

Fraternally,

Jim D., Chairman
Bob C.
Sean O'.

Spring Sabbath

The Druids M.C. run was held in Washington D.C. during the weekend of April 14-16. The Boston contingent consisted of fifteen Entre Nous headed by Mike C., Captain, and your author. We flew "Agony Airlines" from Boston to Baltimore. I thought the run was supposed to be in Washington? The piece de resistance of the flight was not the stewardess's throwing snacks from five feet away but the nose wheel's falling off at Logan Airport before departure. This caused a forty-five minute delay in departure. We were never told the reason for this either by the stewardess' aboard or the ground hosts. Is this any way to run an airline? Thanks to Mike C.'s call to Washington we were met at Friendship instead of National Airport by the Druids M.C. hostess wagon. Roger P. and David C. acted as co-hosts. It was not long before everyone settled back to surprise cocktails, and snacks.

After a short ride we arrived at the Eagle's Nest for registration and were met by some of our hosts including Fred D., president, Kelly, Louis Z., and Jerry W. It did not take long for everyone to get into the spirit of the Sabbath. Our congenial bartender was Bill E. of Centaur M.C. What a smile! We could use a few smiles like his behind the bars in Boston and also such fast and efficient service. A delicious buffet was served and for four fun-filled hours those attending the run became acquainted or re-acquainted. The after-hours party was held in that famous house with three fun-filled floors. To squelch any rumors to the contrary, that guy on the radiator has fully recovered; take note Jack G., Entre Nous, pictures or no pictures!

The party continued until the wee hours. On Saturday the poker run began at 11:30 with stops at the Washington Monument, a 1915 Harley-Davidson, moon rocks, and Dali's "Last Supper." The fifth and last stop was a three-hundred-pound bird near the Japanese Lantern (The Eagle's Nest). The few stalwart souls that went on the poker run stopped here for Bloody Mary's. Next a picnic was held in Rock Creek Park, where a great chicken feast was prepared by Fred D. Many lavender cocktails were enjoyed by the guests. The bike events came next. The highlight of which was weenie snatching by the buddy riders. The weenies were held by an Entre Nous member who was very ably assisted by Skip S. of Philadelphia. Even though Jack G. of Entre Nous did not take a prize in the event, he sure is to be congratulated. Boy, can he handle a weenie. Richard of Cycle M.C. really did it differently; he rode backwards.

We were all sorry to see that Gerry D. of S.M.C.L.A. was involved in an accident at the picnic. The police report quoted the woman defendant as saying, "I saw a tall bald-headed man walking down the highway (with a strange leather costume), and I just lost control." I wonder who that could have been? After the picnic some of us made it back to our individual houses for a quick nap or something like that. The mighty Druids Art Players presented Macbeth in a most unusual form. The entertainment was brief but fun-packed. Highlights of the show included Fred D., Gerry W., and Louis Z. of the Druids M.C. as three witches. This writer has seen many different birds in my time but never have I seen an Eagle in a witch's snatch. Very clever Jerry W. and Garry F. of Wheels M.C. who stole the show with his pantomime complete with leather bra and chains of "Boots". David L. made a very unusual Birnam Wood, especially when this fine leather craftsman from New York turned his back to the audience only to display a split pair of leather pants whis his buns sticking out. Kelly gave a fine performance as MacDuff. On Saturday evening at Louie's Bar we enjoyed a scrumptious dinner presided over by Claude and Wayne of the Scorpions M.C.

One of the funniest performers was Ed N. (Miss Scarlet) as Lady Macbeth. With all that sniffing going on back stage it is no wonder poor Lady Macbeth did not know when she was supposed to be on or off stage. Late Saturday night we journeyed to the Eagle's Nest for more drinks and then on to that house for another evening of fun and games. That party closed at 6:30 in the morning with Fred D., David L., Frank and me cabbing home. If David looked stunning on stage, you should have seen the strange sight outside a church waiting for a cab. Really David, that big black flap in the back hanging out was too much as was your trying to hide it with your Wheels M.C. overlay.

Sunday's festivities started at Pier 9 which has to be seen to be believed, and a magnificent brunch was served. Many fine awards were given. Boston captured two: Entre Nous the Participation Trophy and I the Mr. Congeniality Cup. All too soon goodbyes started as some less fortunate people had to leave for home. Anyone who was lucky enough to stay over found the Happening still on. Monday morning an impromptu cocktail party was thrown at Louis Z.'s after which I was escorted to Friendship Airport in the executive car. I would like to thank all the Druids M.C., the assisting clubs, and all others too numerous to mention for making this run the real blast that it was.

I am sure that you will all agree that a special vote of thanks should be given to Mr. Ambassador of the Druids M.C.-Kelly, whose co-ordination made the run the fun event it was. Thanks Kelly.

Fred K.
Vikings M.C.

April Affair

Have you ever wondered what happens when a bunch of guys get together for a good time? They call it April Affair.

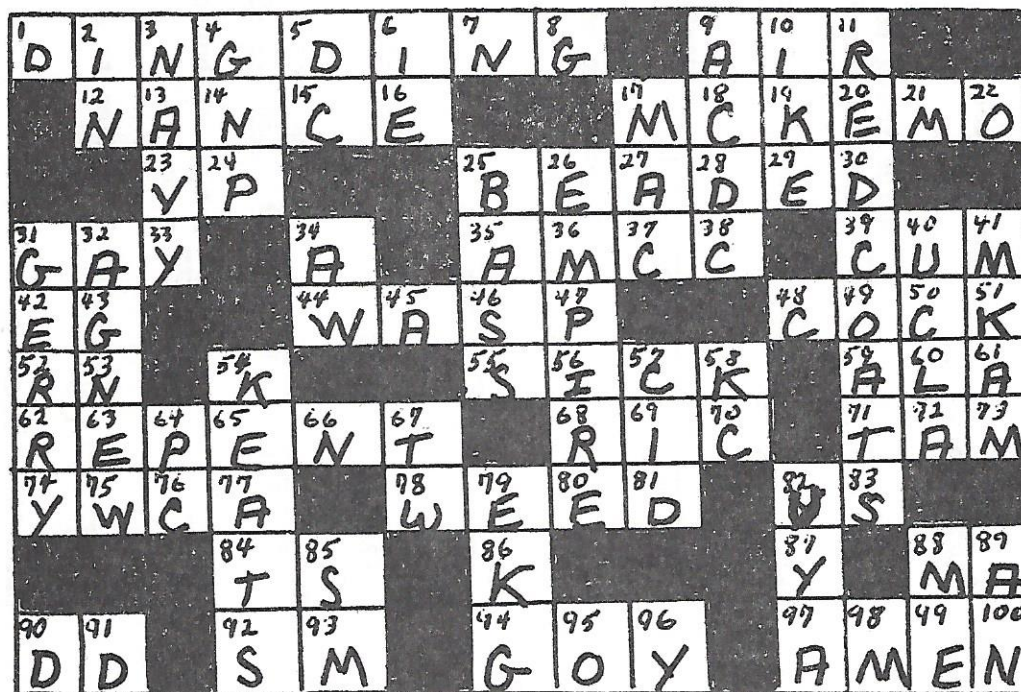
Anyway, I'm quite sure that after a pleasant, congenial brunch our friends were ready for the afternoon's entertainment. By popular demand All in the Vikings was repeated to the delight of our friends and guests. Then we were entertained as Sean O. and Bob C. serenaded our little group. (about 120).

David E. helped wrap up the afternoon with his slide show which was followed by the door prizes which various bars had so generously donated .

Don J. and Bill G. deserve much credit as well as all those others who gave so generously of their time. This function made the Vikings a few new friends and was time and money well spent even though there was no admission charge and no profit realized.

Jim W.
Nebraska

Solution to the Viking Puzzler as appeared in the last issue of the Longship



THE VIKING SCRAMBLER

Directions for Puzzle

Don't let the definitions scare you; most of them are easy. If you can guess five or six of these words correctly from the clues given, you are well on your way to solving the Scrambler. When you have filled in a word, fill in the dashes, and also write each letter in its correspondingly numbered space in the diagram. When all the spaces in the diagram are filled in, you will have written a quotation from a published work. Blank spaces in the diagram indicate the end of a word. All words end at the end of each line unless there is a hyphen. You should be able to see words and phrases begin to form in the diagram on the basis of having just a few letters. Enter the letters you can guess into the diagram and in the dashes on the clue sheet, and you'll find yourself working from words to the diagram and back, thereby solving the puzzle. This puzzle is a two-sentence quotation followed by the name of the author. The letter appearing after the number on the diagram refers to the corresponding letter of the clue for cross reference.

The puzzle appears on the following two pages, and the solution will appear in the next edition of the Longship.

SCRAMBLER CLUES

- A. 117 65 32 50 118 16 Something necessary at a meeting.
- B. 10 27 3 80 1 108 92 96 What every Viking must be.
- C. 115 59 38 106 76 107 The VMC is the only club that has one.
- D. 46 64 81 Half a Viking's nickname, or to court.
- E. 95 14 9 112 18 99 35 An article of apparel.
- F. 86 84 56 26 Something the VMC does well.
- G. 94 91 114 45 69 62 7 A scene redolent of Leif Erikson '69-'71.
- H. 42 63 74 109 41 20 The Vikings give these too.
- J. 11 66 78 89 43 A type of tire pattern.
- K. 101 23 90 An onomatopoeic expression of a desire for quietude.
- M. 44 98 102 ~~Small~~, or half a euphemism for micturation.
- N. 30 53 31 49 71 37 79 87 100 60 A fun place to be, especially in the summertime.
- P. 5 48 85 Before (poetical).
- Q. 97 119 36 40 Vikings' mead.
- R. 47 4 51 105 34 A fun thing to do, and it's constructive too!
- S. 57 113 61 A watering hole or lair.
- T. 83 8 58 25 104 82 12 A western airline.
- U. 67 93 21 52 72 Supposed to be a good book.
- V. 73 68 75 39 33 15 Calm.
- W. 28 54 103 29 In these environs.
- X. 77 111 22 116 17 19 Half of a Spenserian title i.e. The ... Queene (arch.).
- Y. 88 6 55 2 70 A type of button sometimes seen on runs.
- Z. 13 24 110 A numeral applied to a crowd.

Have fun. Frank D.

The Viking Scrambler

1B 2Y 3B 4R 5P 6Y 7G 8T 9E 10B 11J 12T 13Z 14E 15V
16A 17X 18E 19X 20H 21U 22W 23K 24Z 25T 26F 27B 28W 29W 30N 31N 32A
33V 34R 35E 36Q 37N 38C 39V 40Q 41H 42H 43J 44M 45G 46D 47R 48P 49N
50A 51R 52U 53N 54W 55Y 56F 57S 58T 59C 60N 61S 62G 63H 64D 65A 66J
67U 68V 69G 70Y 71N 72U 73V 74H 75V 76C 77X 78J 79N 80B 81D 82T
83T 84F 85P 86F 87N 88Y 89J 90K 91G 92B 93U 94G 95E 96B 97Q 98M 99E
100N 101K 102M 103W 104T 105R 106C 107C 108B 109H 110Z 111X 112E 113S 114G 115C 116X
117A 118A 119Q

The directions for the Viking Scrambler appear on the preceding page.

Improper Bostonion

I would like to report in the Longship an unusual event which occurred during Days of Equinox.

It seems that Entre Nous planned the weekend to a T. Everything was perfect, and then towards the last event on this run came the proof that Entre Nous used every source in town to make the run a complete success.

When we were going over to Twelve Carver, we saw some out-of-town guests laughing; so when we asked what was so funny, they said, "How did Entre Nous get the Astor Theater to play that movie this weekend: Get Carter - starring Michael Cain?"

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You can take Woo Woo out of the country but take him to a chic South End brunch and he refers to Quiche Lorraine as egg pie.

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A question asked of the Editor of Longship, "Who is Ed.?" Now really!

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A quote from Entre Nous Corresponding Secretary, Mike M., "May I wish you continued success, I look forward to many, many "B.O.'s". Again my sincere thankyou."

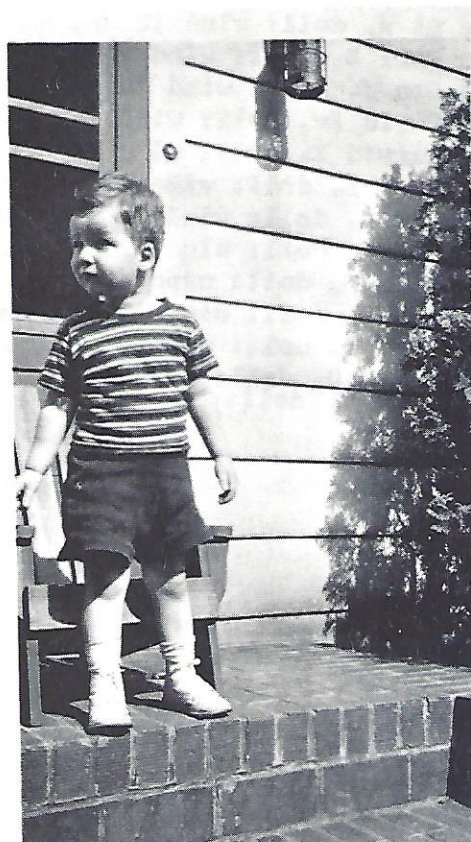
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This will make your eyes light up. Tom O., the Vikings Road Captain, has been absent from quite a few meetings lately. We are wondering if it has anything to do with the incident at the rehearsal for BO-2-2272 where Tom O. and Fred K. were testing the lights, and Tom grabbed a bare wire while Fred was plugging it in - the cable that is. Reports say Tom was glowing from end to end. Is that any way to treat an officer?



"How many bottles of duty-free booze are we allowed to take back?"

Guess Who The Pretty Baby Vikings Are?



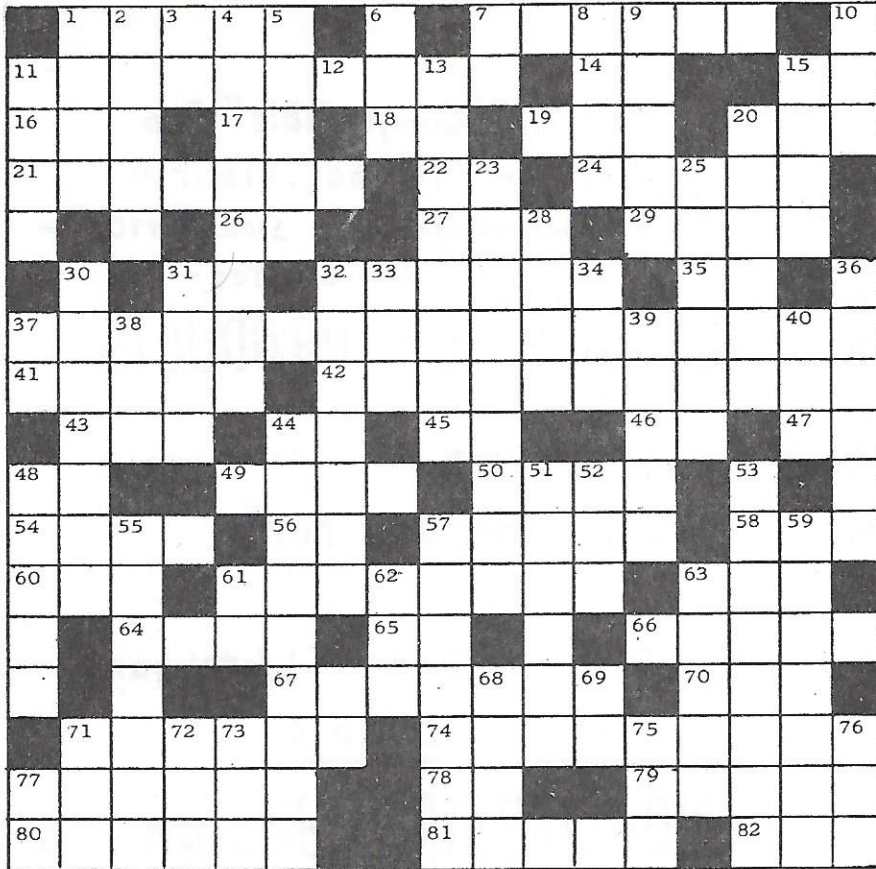
The answer to Guess Who the Pretty Baby Viking Is which appeared in the last issue of the Longship is Skip C., President of the Vikings M. C.

Vikings Dolls

The Sam J. doll: wind it up, and it makes an amendment.
The Ric T. doll: wind it up, and it showers and showers and showers
The George S. doll: wind it up and it spurts out incense.
The Sean O. doll: wind it up, and it grows hair and sings.
The Al W. doll: wind it up, and it eats.
The Carl B. doll: wind it up, and it drinks bourbon and tells you what it thinks.
The Don J. doll: wind it up, and it throws a brunch.
The David Ev. doll: wind it up, and it washes its car.
The Marvid K. doll: wind it up, and it still won't give you any money.
The Russ L. doll: wind it up, and its asp bites.
The Jim C. doll: wind it up, and it takes a steam bath.
The Tom O. doll: wind it up, and it just doesn't stop.
The Dick N. doll: wind it up, and it runs out of gas.
The Joe S. doll: wind it up, and it keeps you up all night.
The Bill G. doll: wind it up, and it runs over your tent.
The Frank D. doll: wind it up, and it stops eating.
The Skip C. doll: Can't wind it up because its spring is clogged with cigar butts



V. M. C. PUZZLER
By Ted H.



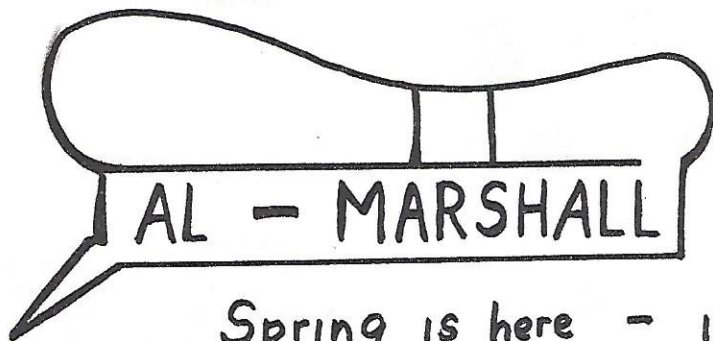
The author of this Puzzler gratefully acknowledges the inspiration of Carl B's Puzzler in the previous issue of the Longship.

DOWN

- 1 All two
- 2 Boston watering spot seldom favored by Vikings (15T W/D.)
- 3 Draw a pair of rings
- 4 We used to go here more than we do now
- 5 A 44 down can have one with an 80 across
- 6 An — in the hole
- 7 Exist
- 8 1st two words in the name of a Boston restaurant; also 1st 2 words in the name of a brand of suntan lotion
- 9 Fortune-telling cards
- 10 Busy as a —
- 11 Most of us would like one
- 13 A most distinguished journal
- 15 Frequently heard from 23 down
- 20 Pierces slightly with something pointed (see 66 across)
- 23 Mass. town, north of Stoneham, known for its baked goods
- 25 Can sometimes be found in 19 acr.
- 28 Nothing more than
- 30 We like to give & go to these
- 31 Another place to find 25 down
- 32 Apple; piano; associate of 8 down
- 33 Consumed
- 34 Tom's son Tom (abbr.)
- 36 Patron saint of the Shed (2 wds)
- 37 Warner Bros.
- 38 Max, Pat & Vern put it in Coke
- 39 All in the Viking Family had 'em rolling in this at BO-2
- 40 Age
- 44 If you weren't one, you wouldn't be trying to do this puzzle!
- 48 Wheels member — Bauer
- 51 Vikings are — !
- 52 Found on walls of university buildings
- 53 Young things can be tasty
- 55 This is always delicious
- 57 Was a real pal to Mom
- 59 What we all are
- 61 This is something one may do to 55 down
- 62 First name of several Vikings
- 63 A type of 11 across
- 68 When you're all alone & have nothing to do, beat this
- 69 These places are very popular with some Vikings
- 71 A Federal agency (initials)
- 72 Registered Nurse, indeed!
- 73 On a telephone dial: first "8", last first "4", last "7"
- 75 Anger
- 76 — offensive
- 77 White — Peasant! (abbr.)

ACROSS

- 1 These are made for walkin'
- 7 Home of 59 down
- 11 One way to go on a 29 across
- 14 Each (abbr.)
- 15 Exist
- 16 Last 3 letters of a four-letter word describing Regency
- 17 That is (abbr.)
- 18 5th and 15th letters of Greek alphabet
- 19 Some Vikings spend more time here than they should
- 20 What Vikings do when they've spent too much time at 19 across
- 21 Bird in — (2 words)
- 22 A point of the compass
- 24 When in Montreal we visited this (1st word of name)
- 26 Point of the compass
- 27 Leg (obsolete term)
- 29 Vikings often go on a — of one kind or another
- 31 First cosmonaut (initials)
- 32 A tisket, a tasket, a — !
- 35 Defunct Boston organization (1st two initials)
- 37 Happiness is a — (3 wds)
- 41 Past President AMCC
- 42 Annual high point of Hub social season
- 43 (.verbba) tnuomA
- 44 Fixes you when you need fixing
- 45 3.14159265
- 46 Hitler's boys
- 47 Country presently suffering religious war (initials)
- 48 AC/DC
- 49 Gropes
- 50 What not to see, hear, speak
- 54 For some, a favorite room; for others, a favorite stop
- 56 Oui (Sp.)
- 57 Better than a lemon twist?
- 58 3 letters that follow G, C, and J on typewriter keyboard
- 60 Employ
- 61 Successor to 23 down
- 63 Hi, Irving (abbr.)
- 64 ytilibisnesni fo etats
- 65 There once was a time when we resented being asked to show one!
- 66 Male fowls (they're nice)
- 67 Moistly
- 70 14th, 11th, 9th
- 71 A bilingual Viking
- 74 Erik is, Thor and Odin were
- 77 Aphrodite's boy friend (also name of an old fizeek mag)
- 78 Draw a pair of horseshoes here
- 79 Cowboys (and some of us) are quite at home on one
- 80 Every 44 down needs one
- 81 Another way to go on a 29 acr.
- 82 Faster than sound!



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