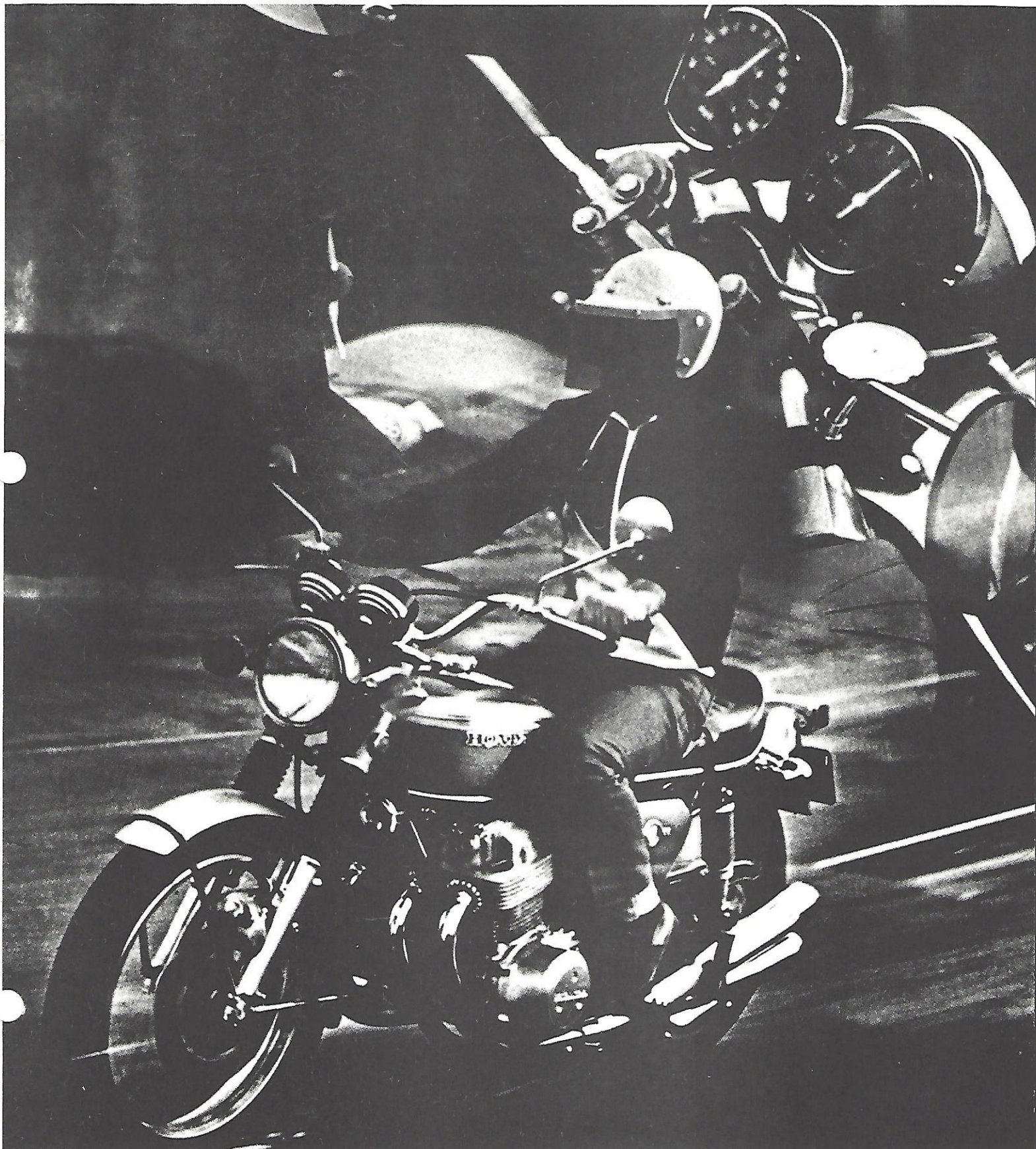
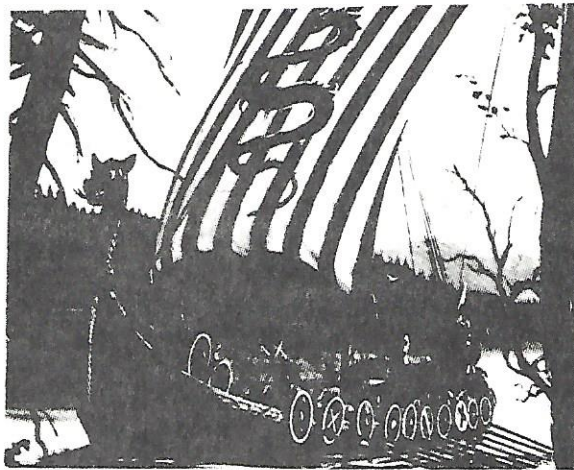


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FROM ODIN'S CHAIR.....

The Leif Erikson Run, 1969, proved a number of things. The Vikings certainly put their best boots forward, to the delight of our guests. Many compliments were showered our way by every out-of-towner. London and Toronto were particularly impressed, and as you know, Empire City, M. C. were all triumphant. Putting the best boot forward was not always the easiest thing in the world, for not all winds were favourable in our direction.

Our planning, by a club not used to doing such things, got started a little late. Many of us had to do things for the first time, and sometimes we did not know exactly what we were to do, nor where we were going. However, to the loyal core who met without fail, every Wednesday and Sunday, giving up summer activities and holidays, bountiful and great thanks should be due from grateful Vikings. The out-of-towners have thanked us all, and continue to do so with every telephone conversation I receive.

Having proved that we could rather elaborately put on a spectacular run, the colourful aspects keep coming to mind. In Boston Harbour, the Vikings launched forth on the venture in rewarding style. Never looking nicer, than at night, Dame Boston sparkled in pleasant splendor. There were a number of persons who had never seen the Old Lady before. They were pleased. Getting acquainted with guests was enjoyable under such pleasant circumstances, and many personalities sparkled due to the spirits and the spirits of the party.

In spite of these ravings of delight over planning, chores and tasks well done, it must be stated that the run did also prove that certain things could have been done better, and perhaps with more cooperation. However, there is going to be a "next time", in which to improve. (It is interesting to note that the only adverse criticism, which is not really worth being too concerned with, came exclusively from Bostonians.

One such criticism, which came to these ears, actually came from someone who had not even attended!!!!)

That real beauty can be manifested in many directions was impressively proved at the run site. If any of you took the time during the nights, while the moon was shining, to view the unusual tents from the ridge above, the picture was impressive. Ray B. certainly has good taste in tents!

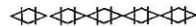
Although Odin did not see it, the Clambake must have been something to behold in its own right! Certainly, the lobsters and clams that were saved for those of us who had to be away during parts of Sunday were delicious. The food was truly great and this applied to the meals for the complete run.

The "beautiful people" were our guests. Becoming acquainted with Mac and Wheels, M. C., with Jordan, and Empire City, M. C., and reacquainted with DD, Richard and Cycle M. C. as well as with members of Apollo M. C., a Spartan, and having an S.M.C.L.A. in our midst did much to make and cement relationships and friendships.

As we sail forth, it would be well if we kept in mind that Knowledge said, "I know all of this," and that Wisdom responded, "I can not truthfully say that I do!" Sail forth in peace, and know that I remain,

Gratefully,

Odin



THE IMPROPER BOSTONIAN.....

Sorry Mike, you only came in second in the Mosquito Bite Contest Charlie, what was the real reason your tent was pitched so far away from the rest of the camp? Was our Viking Chief really observed standing at the bow of the boat calling, Veraaaaa, Veraaaaa. To the one who said, "I came up from New York to your run to make it a success". We hope you will do as much for the other clubs!. Next time Doug, you had better keep your feet inside the tent Never seen so many people interested in the Twister Game before Pete, wasn't steak and lobster enough? Did you have to eat all that lasagna too? To the Spartans; Get Dick to model the award he brought home from Beantown Our dictionary gives the first meaning for empire as; absolute authority. And in our book They certainly were Somebody should tune that Viking Horn. Especially when it is blown at 6:30 in the A.M. Bob, if you are going to acquire banners in that manner, you had better lean to find better hiding places Did Bob K. really go to a Square Dance after all One guest just could not understand that the Vikings were here long before that Italian fellow arrived

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

FROM THE EDITOR.....

Well guys, we seem to have made it through our first six months. That might not seem like such a long time to some, but if you will take a minute and think back to last March, you will see that we have come a long way. There were many a dire prediction then that we wouldn't last a month. Well we have not only lasted, we have prospered. Most of the difficult and thankless tasks of organization are behind us, and I am now sure that we can all begin to enjoy the club.

We have two runs to our credit. The last of which was our way of showing our friends that the Vikings have come of age. The Lief Erikson run could not have been a success without the concentrated effort of all club members. Cooperation is not an endowed gift, rather it is an acquired skill and we have proven that even imaginative and independent thinkers can, if they desire it, work together for a common goal.

It is true, our numbers have been reduced from the original twenty-eight, but that is only natural and in some ways may prove to be beneficial. All clubs and organizations find that there are always some who, for one reason or another, cannot accept the will of the majority. When we were in the early stages of our formation an officer of an other club said to me, "In six months you will probably have lost half of your original members, but then you will wind up with the real hard core club." Well we didn't lose half, but I do believe we did end up with the guys who most want and will work hardest for a great club.

A very important thing to remember is that even though we have lost members, there are some swell guys waiting to get in. New blood in an organization always has the powers to regenerate. The new Vikings will have some good ideas and the club cannot help but benefit from these new additions. However, the responsibility for determining who our new Viking brothers will be is a serious one and ultimately rests with us all.

I had confidence in us in the beginning, I have confidence in us now. Our future is bright and once more I find myself in the enjoyable position of saying, "I am proud to be a Viking."

FROM THE CONSTITUTION OF THE VIKING M.C.

PURPOSE

Organized to further the cause, enjoyment and benefits of motorcycling and related activities as a hobby, by compatible group possessing similar tastes, we affirm our purpose as follows:

With dignity of our endowed masculinity, a prime concern and emphasis is on gentlemanly manner in an effort to effect an improvement of the image of motor-cyclists and motor-cycle clubs in the eyes of the general public.

With loyalty to the group, individuals are expected to aid, assist and encourage fellow members within the bounds of reason, in matters pertaining to the common goals, interests and requirements.

With tolerance toward each other as distinct individuals and personalities, our charity as a group shall be manifested beyond our limits as needs are revealed and made known.

ACROSS THE U. S. ON MOTORCYCLES

It all started with an image, Peter Fonda star of "Easy Rider," which had its New England premiere at the Charles Cinema, Wednesday, July 30, was on tour promoting another film when he conceived the image of two young men experiencing "the ultimate freedom," as they saw it, a trip across the country on motorcycles. There would be no schedule, no timetable, just the desire to "dig" the country along the way. When they wanted to stop, they stopped.

The more Fonda thought about the idea the more he felt it could make a new and daring type of motion picture. He called his long-time friend Dennis Hopper and told him the idea. Hopper was ecstatic and immediately the pair began planning the project.

It was to develop into the biggest and most important project with which either young man had been involved. It would be a labor of love. Before it was finished the film would entail the traveling of thousands of miles and the utilization of the largest motion picture set ever devised--the entire southwestern portion of the United States.

Early in the proceedings it was decided that there would be no studio shooting, all filming would take place in actual locales, the feeling being that to shoot a picture of this type in the confines of Hollywood sound stages would be to completely stifle the creativity of the personalities involved.

Roles were decided upon, Fonda would produce and Hopper direct. The story "Easy Rider" concerns a search for the real America today. Two young men symbolically cast off their wrist watches, climb aboard their motorcycles and start out from Los Angeles for Mardi Gras, several weeks and a thousand miles away across the great Southwest, in New Orleans.

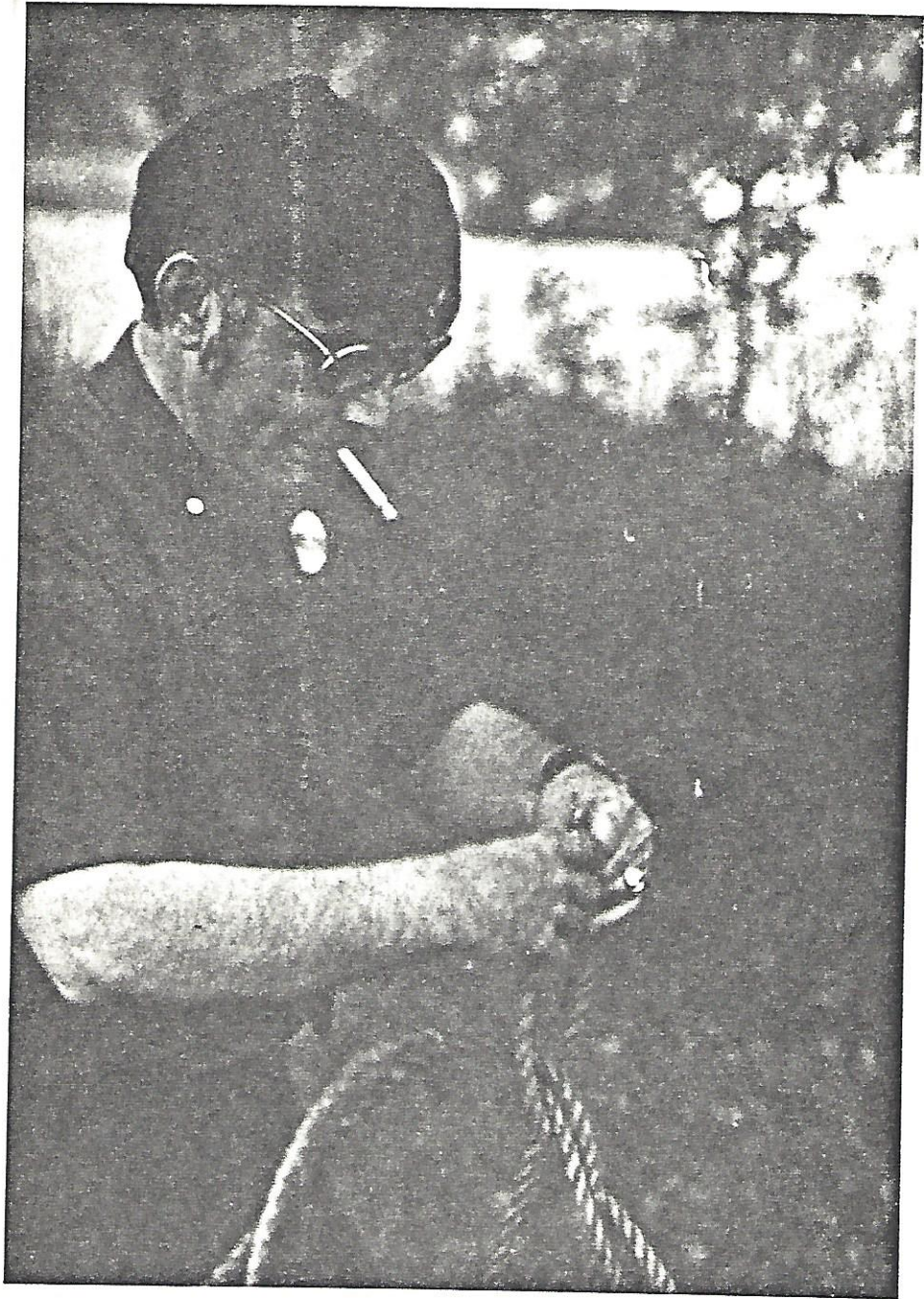
Although the basic screenplay had been blocked out completely by Peter Fonda, Dennis Hopper and Terry Southern, a great deal of the film just "happened," as the two men were interested with all those they met along the way.

The film in addition to the stars, features Launa Anders, Luke Askew, Toni Basil, Karen Black, Warren Finnerty and Robert Walker. In addition to Hopper's directional award, "Easy Rider," also received the International Film Prize from the International Film Centre at the Cannes Festival.

Thought you might be interested in seeing this film.....Charles

ELECTED OFFICERS 1969-1970

PRESIDENT	GEORGE J. SURPRENANT
VICE PRESIDENT	MICHAEL CAIN
SECRETARY	CARL BANKS
TREASURER	WILLIAM GOULDING
MASTER AT ARMS	RUSSELL LEWIS



AWARDS

LIEF ERIKSON RUN SEPTEMBER 1969

OVERALL CLUB AWARD

EMPIRE CITY

FURTHEST DISTANCE TRAVELED – BIKE RIDER

ALEX J. TORONTO, ONT.

FURTHEST DISTANCE TRAVELED – NON-BIKE RIDER

RON S. LONDON, ENGLAND

POKER RUN – BIKE RIDER

WALTER W. APOLLO M.C.

POKER RUN – BUDDY RIDER

BILL C. WHEELS M.C.

POKER RUN – DRIVER OF BUDDY RIDER

WALTER W. APOLLO M.C.

OVERALL INDIVIDUAL POINT WINNER – BIKE RIDER

FERNANDO A. EMPIRE CITY

OVERALL INDIVIDUAL POINT WINNER – BUDDY RIDER

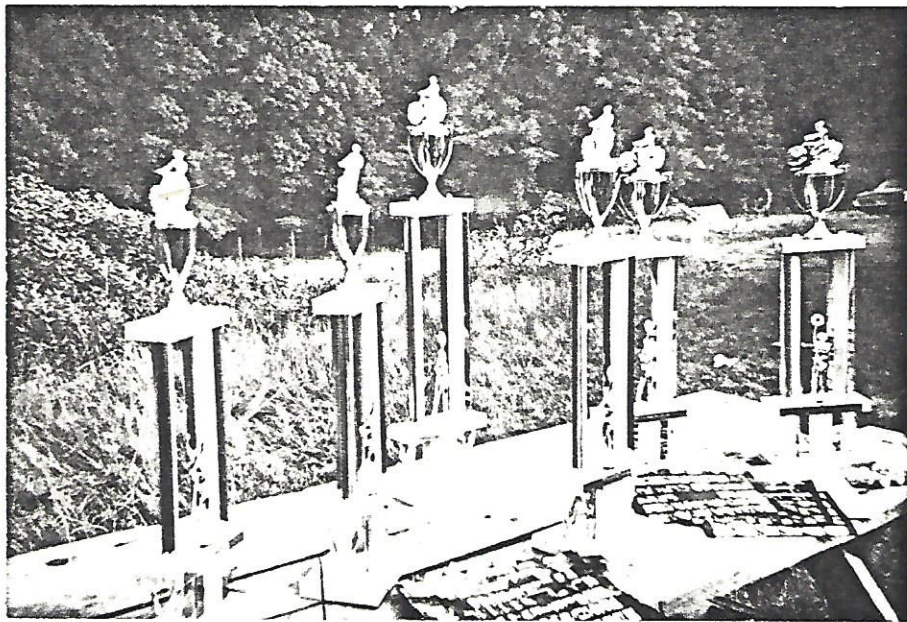
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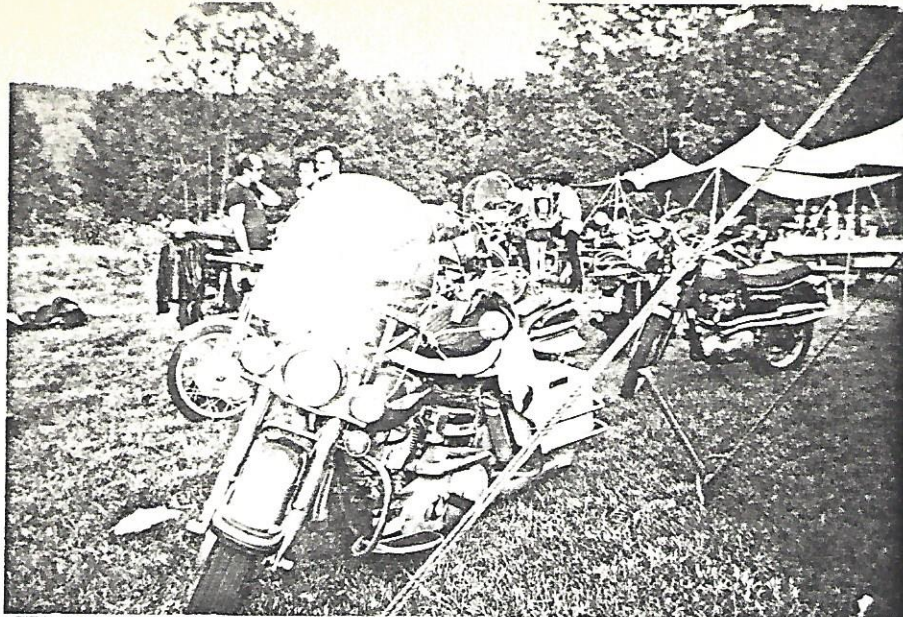
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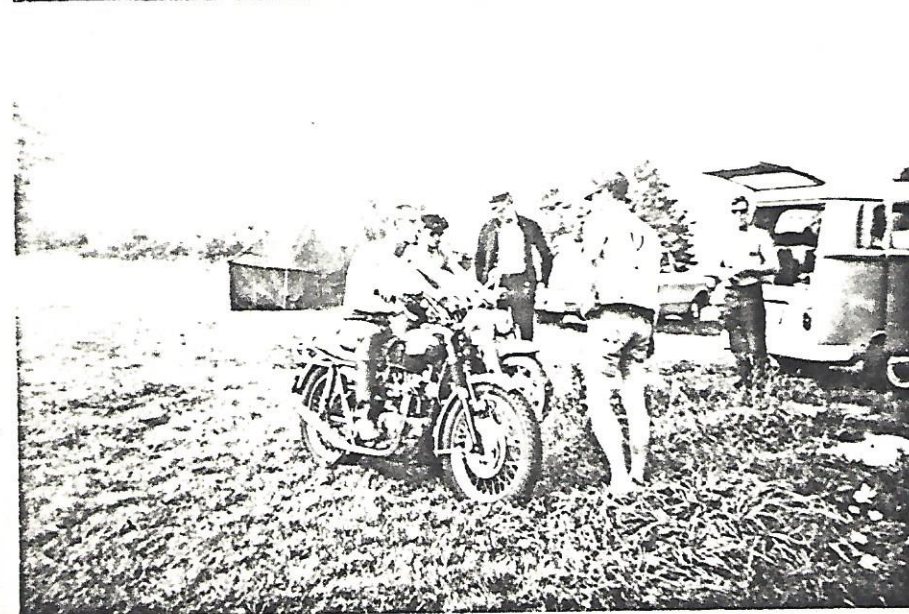
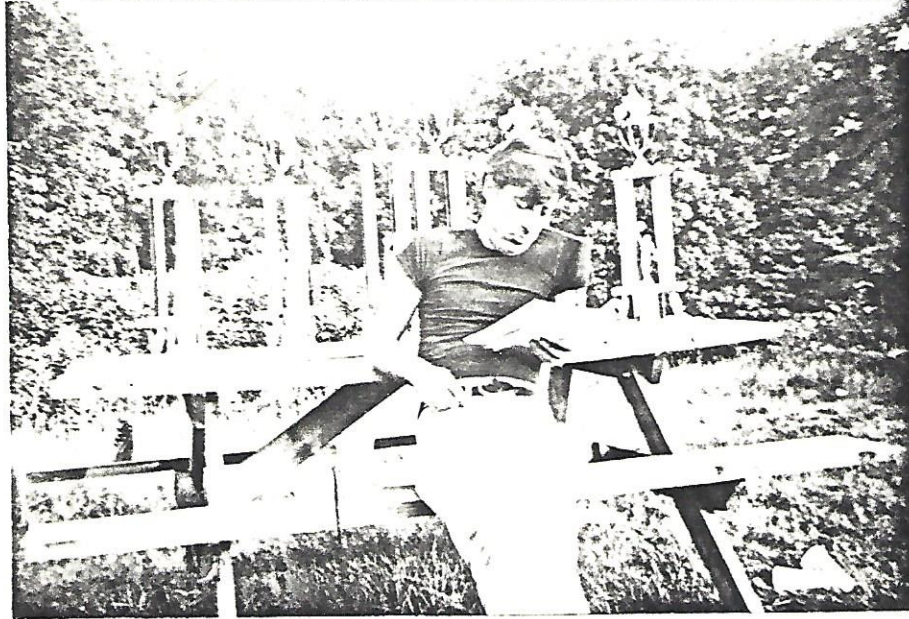
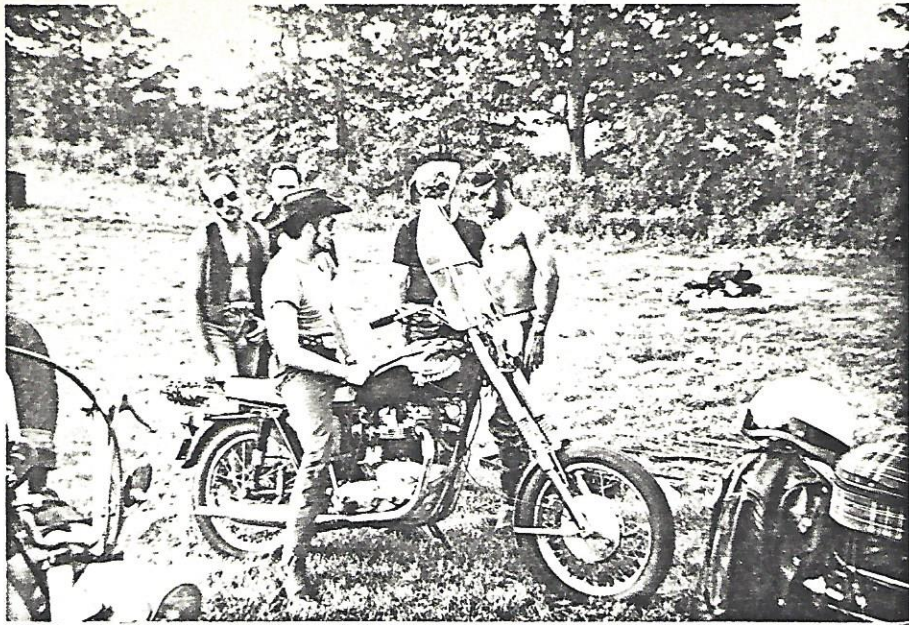
DICK N. SPARTAN M.C.

MAC M. WHEELS M.C.

FRANK GUEST









*"I don't care if there were no Negro Vikings. I
want Leif Ericson's ship integrated."*

NEXT MEETING

SUNDAY-OCTOBER 5, 1969. 2 P.M.

WEDNESDAY-OCTOBER 22, 1969 7:30 P.M.

DUES

3rd QUARTER DUES ARE NOW DUE