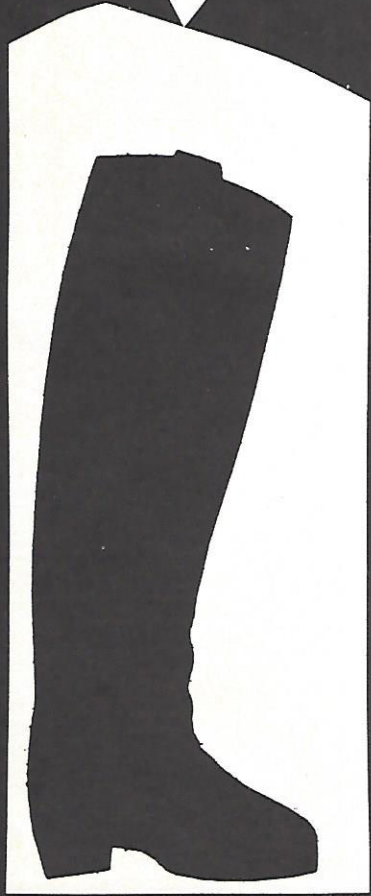


THE LONGSHIP

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FIRST

ANNIVERSARY

FROM THE EDITOR.....

THE VIKINGS ARE ONE YEAR OLD THIS MONTH, AND ITS VOICE, THE LONGSHIP, IS A LITTLE BETTER THAN HALF THAT AGE. BOTH HAVE PROSPERED AND BOTH ARE DOING WELL. IT SEEMS WE HAVE SUCCESSFULLY LEARNED TO WALK, BUT WE STILL HAVE MANY LESSONS TO LEARN BEFORE WE CAN EXPECT TO RUN. WE HAVE CERTAINLY MADE OUR SHARE OF MISTAKES AND IT WOULD HAVE HARDLY BEEN HUMAN IF WE HAD NOT. HOWEVER, IT IS TO OUR CREDIT THAT WE HAVE PROFITED BY THESE ERRORS AND HAVE NOT COMMITTED TOO MANY OF THE SAME MISTAKES TWICE. FOR MANY, IT HAS BEEN THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO WORK TOGETHER IN A GROUP WITH SIMILAR INTERESTS AND I AM SURE ALL HAVE BENEFITTED AND LEARNED A GREAT DEAL.

AS A CLUB WE CAN LOOK BACK WITH PRIDE TO OUR TWO MAJOR RUNS AND ALSO TO OUR MANY LESSER EVENTS. THERE HAVE BEEN MANY PARTIES, DINNERS AND GENERAL GOOD TIMES AND YES EVEN A MEETING OR TWO. LOOKING AHEAD, THE FUTURE SEEMS BRIGHT. MUCH OF OUR OPTIMISM STEMS FROM THE NEW VITALITY THE CLUB HAS RECEIVED AS A RESULT OF THE ENTHUSIASM SHOWN BY OUR NEW MEMBERS. THESE NEW VIKINGS CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO THE SUCCESS OF BO 2 2270.

WHEN ANY OF US WORK AT SOMETHING FOR A LONG TIME WITHOUT BEING EXPOSED TO NEW IDEAS FROM OTHERS WE HAVE A TENDENCY TO BECOME STAGNANT. GROWING "OLD" IS NOT ALWAYS JUST GAINING IN YEARS; QUITE OFTEN IT IS CLOSING THE MIND TO DIFFERENT IDEAS AND OPINIONS. THIS IS THE WORST KIND OF AGING AND IT CAN JUST AS EASILY HAPPEN AT TWENTY-FIVE AS AT FIFTY. STAGNATION CAN HAPPEN TO AN INDIVIDUAL, A CLUB OR EVEN A NEWSLETTER. THIS OBSERVATION BRINGS ME TO THE FINAL NOTE OF THIS COLUMN.

WITH THE PUBLISHING OF THIS ISSUE, I HAVE DECIDED TO STEP DOWN AS EDITOR OF THE LONGSHIP. IT HAS BEEN A PRIVILEGE TO SERVE THE CLUB IN THIS CAPACITY OVER THE LAST EIGHT MONTHS AND I FEEL THE NEWSLETTER HAS COME A LONG WAY SINCE THE FIRST VERY PRIMITIVE ISSUE LAST JUNE. FOR TWO IMPORTANT REASONS I NOW FEEL IT IS TIME FOR SOMEONE ELSE TO FILL THIS POSITION. SERVING ALSO AS SECRETARY FOR THE CLUB, I HAVE FOUND MY DUTIES IN THIS AREA INCREASING AND I DO NOT FEEL CAPABLE OF HANDLING BOTH JOBS EFFECTIVELY. THE CLUB DESERVES A FULL TIME SECRETARY AND A FULL TIME EDITOR. THE MOST IMPORTANT REASON, HOWEVER, IS THAT THERE ARE SEVERAL EXCEPTIONALLY CAPABLE INDIVIDUALS IN THE CLUB WHO COULD DO THE JOB WELL.

THIS NEWSLETTER DOES SERVE AS THE VOICE FOR THE CLUB AND THE MORE PEOPLE PARTICIPATING, AS HAS SO OFTEN BEEN POINTED OUT, THE BETTER. CHANGING EDITORS WILL ALSO GIVE THE LONGSHIP NEW BLOOD, REFRESHED VITALITY AND DIFFERENT IDEAS. I WISH MY SUCCESSION THE BEST OF GOOD FORTUNE AND ONCE AGAIN WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE CLUB FOR HAVING GIVEN ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE THEM AS THEIR EDITOR.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carl", is written at the bottom of the page.

FROM ODIN'S CHAIR

That B02-2270 was a complete success is all due to the wonderful members of the Viking's M. C. Never have I been prouder to be one. The waves have crested but the ripples still remind us of great brotherhood and intense love for each other, and for our kindred brethren who were our guests. For many days it appeared that B02-2270 was going to continue forever. It was a difficult decision for many to terminate the wondrous experience.

The officers of the Vikings performed in the exceptional way that was expected of them. Therefore, I wish to thank Mike, our great V. P. for hours of work, and wonderful cooperation. Also, many, many thanks to our extraordinary secretary Carl for more of the same. Our treasurer, Bill G. performed almost too many tasks, however, everything that he did was perfection. Many thanks to him, also. Our Master - at - Arms, Russ, deserves many thanks for splendid work. To the Co-Road Captains, Jim, and Fred, many thanks. Excellence in performance deserves tremendous praise; that is why, good Vikings, that I am taking this time to thank all of you for hours of work, co-operation, and impressive initiative.

One of the outstanding observations was the apparent ease with which some members crossed from the duties of one committee to another. Dave E. found that his tasks embraced a vast territory. Mike A. was eager to do more than his share. Many thanks, great guys, for all of your efforts. THANK YOU, EACH AND EVERY VIKING, from your very proud President, Odin!

AS I SEE IT

After several weeks of preparation, February 20th and BO 2-2270 finally arrived.

Registration tables were set up downstairs at the Shed, as were tables for beer and food. In fact, I'm told one club president was so thirsty that he was served while waiting to register.

As eleven approached it became apparent that most of the guests had arrived and were spreading themselves around, both upstairs and down.

We were happy to greet old freinds and welcome many new ones, from Washington to Maine, and from as far away as Chicago and Montreal.

Saturday night started early, with a few drinks, giving everyone a chance to meet the late-comers who had arrived that day. With the Shed closed to the public until that evening, it gave us all a great opportunity to really talk and get to know some of the guests.

As the time approached for the bar to open to "outsiders", the Viking smorgasbord was announced. The sight that met our eyes when we walked into the dining room was slightly unreal. Where the hell did all that meat come from? The food was excellent and the kitchen staff had obviously been working at least an hour to prepare it.

After dinner had been served, the guests were presented "The A.M.C.C. Coloring Book". Several functions of the A.M.C.C. as well as club presidents were depicted pictorally. The club owes George and Mike A. a debt for this excellent presentation.

Following this the door prizes were given and the awards announced. Dick M. was presented his patch and Jim D. received a medal from the club for having made the most contribution towards making the run a success. In addition, a medal was given to the non-Viking who had given the most help in every way. I'm happy to congratulate Dave S., a Boston S.M.C.L.A. and thank him for all his work in our behalf. The S.M.C. banner was presented to us and now hangs in the Shead along with the S.M.C.L.A. banner. Wheels M.C. won the trophy for having the most A.M.C.C. members attending the run.

After the Shed had shuttered for the night everyone moved to various parties being tossed and hosted by different members of the Vikings and freinds of the Vikings.

The final day of the run, Sunday, the club held a private party with the open bar at the Shed. For three hours beer, bloody marys and screwdrivers flowed far more fluidly than the Charles.

For the crowd who remained over until Monday a few impromptu parties were given and several instances of fasanating inovation occured.

I would personally like to thank Nick for the run of the bar as well as his help in many areas. Also, a thank you to Sandy and Nicki for Friday and Saturday nights. My thanks to the entire club for this outstanding show of togetherness.

MIKE CAIN

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.....

To Odin and the entire Viking crew who manned the Bostonian longship in its maneuvers this past week-end, I would like to extend a very hearty thank you and congratulations for the smooth sailing through the voyage of BO 2 2270.

My feelings of gratitude for the hospitality shown to the neighboring clans and nomads like myself who were fortunate enough to join into the festivities will probably be reflected many times but I wanted to tell you all anyway. In one sentence the week-end may be summarized as a period in which those who attended will long remember, even though the gods may not.

Hope Thor's thunder will resound throughout the East Coast and everyone will attend BO 2 2271 next year. Once again, congratulations and thank you.

J.J. - New Jersey

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Just wanted to say thanks for showing me a really swell time. I almost didn't leave. Hope when you all come to New York again we can make you as happy as we were.

Lee S. - Wheels M.C.

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Thank you all for allowing me to attend your run. I had a wonderful time and could not have been more pleased with everything. I would really appreciate becoming an associate member of the Viking M.C. Again thank you all, George, Doug, Walter, Jim, Chris, Dave, Carl, Dick and any other Viking whom I failed to mention. I shall have many fond memories of this past week-end and when you arrive in New York I will extend a welcome to all. With fondness and friendship,

Joe H. - New York

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To the officers and members of the Viking M.C. BO 2 2270 means success. The Viking M.C. again has succeeded. I have been to many runs but have never enjoyed them as I do those of the Vikings. As before, I have but one complaint, it must come to an end. How I wish they could go on and on. I wear my Viking run pins with pride for your club and the honor of being part of your runs.

I hold Wheels M.C. deepest in my heart and hold the Vikings closely behind. I am looking forward to future runs of the Vikings and hope in the near future of seeing you all, not only as a member of Wheels M.C. but as a friend of the Viking M.C.

Ric T. - Wheels M.C.

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LETTERS (Cont.).....

Greetings: BO 2 2270 was my first and I hope not my last run. That I was able to attend was due to my association with some of the "Spartans" and to my sovereign "Mai Ling". Had I not met so many nice people in the Spartans and S.M.C.L.A., I do not believe that I would have ever made the run. Had I not made the run, I would not have met the "Vikings".

It would be difficult to thank all of the members in your club who went out of their way to make my visit with you such an enjoyable time. The President, Vice President, Officials and members all extended a warm welcome and constant attention when I started to slip away from the crowd through my not knowing so many. I enjoyed the program during the dinner from beginning to end as well as the parties given by members and those associated with the Vikings. It was really something!

Should I be fortunate enough to go on any future runs and have half the fun I had in Boston, I will be more than satisfied. To you all up there in "Bean Town", my deep appreciation and kindest regards.

Bob L. - York, Penn.

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I really want to thank you for the hospitality shown over the recent week-end. I awoke this morning to "0" degrees and a wind of 40 MPH plus. Color Maine chilly. The memory of BO 2 2270, however, is to be colored warm.

Again, thank you and please pass my regards to the club. I'm very proud to be associated with you.

Dan E. - Orono, Maine

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My thanks to all the Vikings for a wonderful week-end. Your run was a great success and I had a ball. The dinner was elaborate and bountiful, the entertainment original and your hospitality warm.

Congratulations on BO 2 2270 and also on your first anniversary as a club. May you have many more.

Jerry C. - New York

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(Ed. Note: We regret that space prohibits us from printing all the letters which we have received. However, the Vikings deeply appreciate all the cards and letters sent to us.)

ON THE ROAD

BO 2 2270:

THE ROAD CAPTAINS WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION FOR THE SUPERIOR COOPERATION OF ALL THE COMMITTEES FOR THEIR FINE JOBS, THE CROSS COMMITTEE ACTIVITY WAS GREAT; WE FEEL THIS CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO THE SMOOTH SUCCESS OF THE RUN.

THE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE HAD EXCELLENT THOUGHTS AND CARRIED THEM THROUGH (HOW ABOUT THOSE VIKING POSTERS!!!).

THE ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE PERFORMED A TASK WHICH WAS WELL RECEIVED, COLOR US THANKFUL.

THE REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE FUNCTIONED, AND FUNCTIONED AND FUNCTIONED --- WHAT CAN WE SAY? AND JUST WHO WAS THAT KEEPER OF THE KITCHEN --- SIMON LA WHO??? A JOB WELL DONE.

BOTH ROAD CAPTAINS MUST EXPRESS SINCERE PERSONAL THANKS TO THE HOUSING COMMITTEE, OUR GUESTS WERE BEAUTIFUL. WE FEEL WE CAN SAY DITTO FOR THE OTHER CLUB MEMBERS.

GOOD WORK, AND WE MEAN WORK, FELLOWS --- LETS DO IT AGAIN.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

THE TRIPLE ANIVERSARY IN WASHINGTON D.C. ---
LETS HAVE A GOOD SHOWING.

THE FORMAL DINNER --- LETS GET ROLLING ---
DUST OFF YOUR LEATHER TUX.

HOW ABOUT THAT SUGGESTION MADE BY WHEELS M.C.??

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET THE BLOOD BANK PROPOSAL,
SUMMER IS COMING AND ACCIDENTS ARE NOT ALWAYS
AVOIDABLE.

WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE A LONG PROCESSION GOING TO THE
APRIL FOOLS PARTY OF WHEELS M.C.

LEATHER ON FIRE ISLAND? --- IN MAY!
SOUNDS KINDA HOT! --- WHY NOT? WHAT A WAY TO GO
SO LETS SUPPORT CYCLE M.C.'S EFFORT.

LOOK WHAT WHEELS M.C. DID FOR OUR FIRST ANIVERSARY!
LETS DO THE SAME FOR "W-2".

A "V.M.C. WEST" --- GOOD LUCK DOUG AND GIL.

Jim & Fred

THE IMPROPER BOSTONIAN

A word of caution to the cardigan set. Calling BO 2 2270 will cost you a dime and only cause you more frustration.

To watch D.D. chase Yankee Doodle Pigeon you have to get up very early Saturday morning.

"It Happened in Boston" has now been banned in Boston. Good thing it happened in Newton.

"San Francisco's gain is Boston's loss" is happening a little too often lately. We may have to tighten our "emigration" laws.

A recent Sunday afternoon in Boston was really shades of 1939. In Berlin!!

We hear the Eagle's Nest is a great place to go; even for Pigeons.

Bill, we hear that Mike still has not collected his door prize. However, he assures us that he is going to keep on trying.

Someone in Boston recently tried Mac's toothpick trick. They nearly choked to death.

What roommate actually ended up with the phone number, Huh Fred.

To the person in New York who keeps insisting that the Viking M.C. is controlled by one individual; we remind you that our every major action and decision has been voted on and passed by a majority of the club members. A claim not all can make.

With the impression Wheels made in Boston this time we can expect another mass exodus to New York.

For some people BO 2 2270 became BO 2 2470. Happy landing Lee.

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SPECIAL NOTE

To the members of THE SPARTAN M.C.: As a result of our excitement over being presented with your banner we neglected to also present the cash door prize which you generously donated to the run. We sincerely apologize for our goof! We made good use of the prize, however, as it was donated to the Heart Fund in the names of both our clubs. We again thank you for your gift and appreciate your understanding in this matter.

