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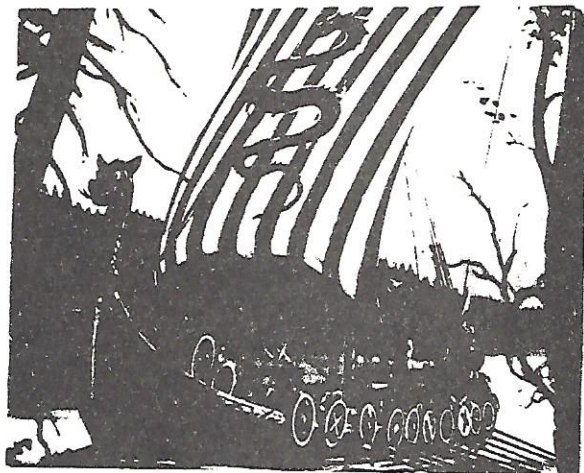


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EDITOR.....MIKE A.

FRONT COVER.....AL W.

## NEXT MEETING

MAY 3, 1970 - SUNDAY 2:30 P.M.

MAY 20, 1970 - WEDNESDAY 8:00 P.M.

## DUES

DUES FOR THIS QUARTER BECAME DUE APRIL 1, 1970

FROM THE EDITOR

The LONGSHIP, on one occasion, was used to further the interest of one member of the Viking M.C. rather than expressing the ideas of the club. This had a profound and far-reaching effect on the Vikings. As the newly appointed editor of The LONGSHIP, I think it important that the organization of the editorial staff, its functions and its objectives be made clear.

First, the editorial staff consists of a publishing editor, a managing editor and a committee of two members to assist in the collection and preparing of material for publication. The function of this staff is to see that an issue of The LONGSHIP is printed and ready for distribution by our first monthly meeting of each month. Probably, the most important part of our job is to keep The LONGSHIP a club orientated publication. That is to say, all articles and reports will be carefully edited to insure no use of The LONGSHIP by any one person to further his cause in relationship to the Vikings, the AMCC or any AMCC member.

I would like to thank you in advance for any article that may be submitted for future issues of The LONGSHIP, but please keep in mind that you will help us immensely by remembering the above mentioned points as you write your article.

Congratulations to David S. from the Viking M.C. on his graduation. We all had a good time at your party.

Mike Ames

FROM ODIN'S CHAIR

Every once in a while we forget that we sponsored Wheels M. C. into the fellowship of the A. M. C. C. At the time, the Vikings M. C. was fairly young, and the A. M. C. C. was even younger. Our time was taken up with formation problems, and indeed they were great: greater than some of us realized at the time. Fortunately, it seemed well-worth the efforts, and now we are a well-respected Club, which in turn has respect for the other A. M. C. C. - affiliated groups. Especially for Wheels M. C. do we have a double fondness. In many ways, they seem to be the most similar to us, and they are constantly reminding us that they are grateful for what was done in the past.

TREAD, the newsletter of the out-spoken, the big, the little, and the turning Wheels is something that you all are reading very carefully, we both hope, and assume! Recently, that Club held a kind of poll to ascertain the general feelings of their individual members toward the publication. Personally, we are pleased to see that it is a NEWSLETTER, for in being nothing more, its conciseness and readability present a picture of clarity of what is going on within Wheels. In the latest issue, which was distributed at our meeting of 12 April, one can see clearly that some of their problems have been, and are, some of ours. We can not recommend too highly a careful reading of that latest issue. Please refer to it again, and we are sure that some of the true messages will ring out almost too "close-to-home-for-comfort". Their lessons could well be ours.

Congratulations, Carl, upon being not only our own spectacular Secretary, but now of being Secretary of the A. M. C. C. We are proud of you - and proud of your abilities.

Odin

## AS I SEE IT

Leaving Boston for Washington Friday should have given us some clue that we were in for a wild week-end, what with people arriving at the gate at the last second and air line hostess flying their last flight.

On our arrival at National we were met by what appeared to be a leading S.S. Officer in a current movie. He quickly rounded up the club officers and led them outside where he gave a sharp whistle. In response, a long sleek black Cadillac limousine, complete with a uniformed chauffeur, pulled majestically to the curb.

From the airport we were driven into town and given a sight seeing tour of the nations capitol at night. For approximately one and one half hours we had sites and shrines pointed out to us. As it was my first trip to D.C. I was immensely impressed with the city and overwhelmed with this gesture of Franks.

We were then driven to a spot to deposit our luggage and given a chance to have a few drinks. Needless to say, the limousine and driver sat sedately outside the bar waiting for our return. When we had collected ourselves from the hazards of air travel we made our way back out to the car, and proceeded with all due haste to the house on haunted hill. Once inside we found the place consisted of three floors. The first floor was used mainly for registration, the second for meeting old freinds and the third for meeting strangers (its amazing how many old friends popped up here also).

There was an excellent buffet on the second floor and beer was available in every corner of the house. It was a hell of a party and now I finally know what the inside of a Charles Adams house looks like.

On Saturday afternoon there was a club officers brunch held at Louies. All the officers and there respective clubs were introduced.

Following the brunch the AMCC meeting was held. The main item of business being the election of AMCC officers. I congratulate and welcome the new officers - Don B., SMC - President, Mac, Wheels M.C. - Vice President, Carl B., Vikings M.C. - Secratary and Gene S., Second City - Treasurer.

Around 170 people showed up for the dinner Saturday night. After we had eaten our fill we moved into the bar for more to drink. At this time the door prizes were announced. This writer again won a bottle of champagne.

As the bar closed a great many of the guests continued onto Jay's for an additional example of Southern hospitality.

A brunch was held Sunday afternoon for the final day of the triple anniversary. Again the food and drinks were consumed with great rapidity.

Due to weather conditions both the Vikings and Second City had to stay over an extra day. Jay had another party which was great

and probably the best that I have attended in the past year.

Thanks to all the people who managed to arrange housing for us both during the run but also when twenty of us stayed an extra day.

MIKE CAIN

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WHISPERS FROM VALHALLA .....

Rather than repeat all of the same praise you have read in our column in WHEELS concerning the "April Fool's Party" in New York, I will suffice by saying it was great and then some. I am afraid we have come to expect a lot from Wheels M.C., but then why not, they have never let us down. For those of you who have not had the good fortune to have been a guest on a Wheels sponsored event. I can only say, too bad fellows, you don't know what you're missing.

Many have recently asked about the "bar situation" in New York and the only way to answer you is to give you my impression of the places I visited a few weeks ago. KELLERS: A long time friend; Vikings are especially welcome; drinks very good (even for my taste); attire, 99% leather and levis; not overly crowded and a good place to meet people. TOOL BOX: Not what it used to be; I hear that Thursday night is still good, however; attire, some leather. THE DEN: Lively to say the least; you will see many new and familiar faces here; attire, same as Kellers; a must visit on Friday or Saturday nights. THE ZOO: Upon advice from friends I did not go, but understand some of you might enjoy the activities there. EAGLE'S NEST: Did not make it here in the evening, but Saturday and Sunday afternoons were great; plenty of old friends, Cycleburgers on Saturday and brunch on Sunday a must. (Pigeons take note: The food here is just what you are looking for.) JULIUS'S: Another old friend; for Sunday hangovers, try anisette and coffee here about 1:00 P.M. or for the more conventional, the Bloody Mary's are excellent.

With all of the above mentioned places in mind, the best place to end up is still in the apartment of a hospitable New York club member.

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NEW A.M.C.C. OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	DON B.	SPARTAN M.C.
VICE PRESIDENT	TOM M. (MAC)	WHEELS M.C.
SECRETARY	CARL B.	VIKINGS M.C.
TREASURER	GENE S.	2ND CITY M.C.

## AS I DON'T SEE IT

As Treasurer of this club it is my responsibility to insure that we have enough money to meet our needs, both present and future. We have our monthly expense of The LONGSHIP, its mailing expense, material for Banners and Run Flags, pro-rated A.M. C. C. expense. From where does this money come? One would think that each and every member would start by paying his dues. Why do we have three members who have not paid their dues since last quarter?

Our financial needs are rather great. We are only a few months away from hosting another major run. Our last major run cost in excess of two thousand dollars. Our intent was to break even, and we did. I realize we are not a corporation in existence for the purpose of making money; however, we are not so affluent that we can afford to lose two thousand dollars, either.

Now that everyone is aware of the problem; let us one and all find a solution. A raffle has been suggested, and I understand it is forthcoming. Carl and Dave have so graciously offered the use of their place for another Monte Carlo Party. This is a step in the right direction; however, it will not solve the problem completely. The Executive Committee is open to any suggestions that will help us solve our problem.

Dues are now due and the Office of Treasury is open day and night to assist you.

I am most unhappy being Treasurer without a Treasury.

## THE IMPROPER BOSTONIAN

One of the Vikings Road Captains is still wondering with whom his seven plus year old cowboy hat is making out with!

A long procession did happen at the April Fools, every time the clubs turned around, another Viking popped up.

Speaking about April Fools, the secret Fun House was kept very secret.

What happened? There were no club or state transfers after the Triple Anniversary & the April Fools, all Viking were accounted for.

Dafynition: BRUNCH - To some people is a bowl of potato chips and a dill pickle!

While visiting in Washington recently we noticed that Mai Ling does not have a dining room table.

History does have a way of repeating if self as we note that a certain Egyptian Princess was seen entertaining a Reich Field Marshall recently.

During a recent Queensbury Y party an observant Viking noticed certain similarities exist between station wagon rear windows and a well travelled overlay.

Very unlikely--but still a possibility--the June issue of The LONGSHIP may contain some of Emory's favorite cassarole receipts if he can stay off the phone long enough to complete them.

Odin, are beaded bags "in" this season?

Some Bostonians think that ferrys (fairys) run to Long Island year round while other think they run only during the summer - does anyone know for sure?

What was the Treasurer doing while the President and Editor were in the alley?

### \*\*\* O N T H E R O A D \*\*\*

#### ANNIVERSARIES "3" & APRIL FOOLS CARNIVAL:

We wish to thank each and every member who turned out for both or one of these excellent runs. It was overheard that some people were suprised to see so many Viking at the Carnival only a week after Anniversaries "3". Good show, now we are rolling, let us not stop.

#### THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

May 3rd -- The "Fund Raising" buffet following our meeting -- guests are encouraged.

Hot Island, we mean, Fire Island is getting close, get your app in very soon.

A Monte Carlo Party:  
Bring your friends in May!



Things to think about (continued)

"W-2" A good time for all -- the more the merrier.  
(Storm troopers in a resort area???)

Make plans now for the Initiation and Summer Outing in June. (Glad ?? we are in the same "LONGSHIP" as most Viking -- never had one!!) (Vikings Only)

We want to see many many raffle tickets sold, Enough said?

How about a weekend in July for our New Hampshire overnigher?

### THE VMC VILLIAN

I am very grateful to the editor of The LONGSHIP for allowing me to publish a by-line column under the title of The VMC Villian, which I hope will be lively, humorous, and provocative. It should be understood that I speak only for myself and not for the Vikings or for the staff of The LONGSHIP. I do not believe in creating controversy for the sake of controversy, nor do I believe in suppressing it for the sake of maintaining a facade. I am sure that the LONGSHIP will be able to ride over any waves that I might create.

Al W.

### The Auto Show - N.Y.

Eat your heart out man! Auto worship goes on and on. Kids crawling all over the new jobs, receiving an early indoctrination. The plaid (etc.) vinyl tops are a good idea, but few of them were very well matched with the bottoms. The Buick 'Sun Chariot', shaded from yellow in the front to deep orange in the rear, offered one of the few practical innovation in design. There's something brutal about dangling seven, eight, and ten-thousand-dollar (plus) cars before the public. It's hard not to feel resentful; but then, we shouldn't lose our aspirations, should we? Datsun makes a neat looking truck in the low price range. the experimental cars were spectacular - and long. The Pink Panther "extravaganza" (an orgy room on wheels) was a complete affront to the public. O.K. as surrealist art, but not an honest pursuit of good automobile design (if that is at all the intension of the show).

### Boots !

Beware of "Walkers" for boots. Their prices are often between

four and six dollars more per pair than those of some other stores.

### Peace Brother !

More people turned out for the Boston April 15th rally than I had expected, but, of course, fewer than last October. The differences were obvious - less well organized, less festive, and the speakers generally dull. Last October was a high point and I really got my head cleaned out! To one radio talkmaster who asked of a caller (in regard to the Harvard thing) "How do you expect to achieve Peace through Violence?" I would ask in return "why don't you extend this logic to our policy in Vietnam?" To another talkmaster who advocated that "you either accept violence (in all cases) or you reject it," I would answer "unless you're a CO, which I'm not you've got to make distinctions. Can allowinw yourself to be forced into violence against your will be more honorable than violently resisting those who would force you to do so?"

### Apollo 13

Unlucky for Apollo 13, but lucky for us that we were spared the complete boredom of the usual successful mission.

NOTE: I hope to get future articles into a lighter vein. To come - "From The Gallows", "Prairie Pete", "Un-club News", "Villianese", "Cynthia Clubtalk", "Dilda", etc, etc.

Ya betta watch out, cause I'm a VILLIAN!!!

Al W.

