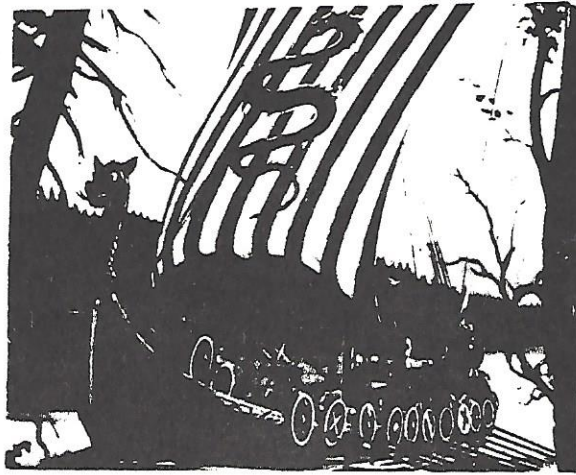


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ONCE UPON A TIME IN THE FAR AWAY LAND OF THE VIKINGS...

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JUNE 7, 1970 - SUNDAY 2:30 P. M.

JUNE 24, 1970 - WEDNESDAY 8:00 P. M.

DUES

DUES FOR THIS QUARTER BECAME DUE ON APRIL 1, 1970

FROM THE EDITOR

When an organization such as ours moves to sponsor an event and this event is a success, the club is spoken of in a favorable light. Unfortunately, the governing body is seldom the recipient of praise out of context of the entire group. It's all too easy to forget that the executive committee is responsible, in part, for much of what the club does and how it acts. The behind-the-scenes activity that keeps us together and functioning is a time consuming and tedious duty. For every general club meeting the executive committee is required to find time for a planning board type of meeting; they spend almost twice as much time as the general membership in club orientated activity. For this reason the editorial staff commends George, Mike C., Carl, Bill and Russ for an excellent job.

On the lighter side, it seems appropriate to mention that there would appear to be a very warm feeling on the part of the Viking's for New York and New Yorkers. One of topics of conversation each time we get together seems to be that of much activity in the big city to the south and the over whelming reception we receive there. Needless to say some VMC members are near expect on the subject; in fact, recently two prominent Viking found the draw of hospitality so great that extra time than originally allotted was required to fulfil their curiosity.

So, with this in mind let's hope we have the opportunity in the not too distance future to show our appreciation to our friends from New York; and, when they are in Boston let's remember the way we were received in their city.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike C.", located at the bottom right of the page.

FROM ODIN'S CHAIR

There must be times when it is difficult to decide whether this particular section of the LONGSHIP is an editorial, a sermon, a letter of chastisement from a parent, an epistle of encouragement, or merely an outlet for the "letting-off of steam" by a duly-elected officer. Because the LONGSHIP is supposed to be nothing more than a Newsletter, to be perused mainly by Vikings, but shared with anyone who might be interested in it, it is disquieting to learn even indirectly that one person on the outside could be in any way upset with this column. The intent of this column has always centered around encouragement, with the slant of objectivity and positivism aimed squarely at Viking viscera.

That many members of Wheels M. C. have constantly thanked us for sponsoring them in A. M. C. C. membership supplied the impetus for the last message from this writer. In the event of literacy, and even the most casual acquaintance with the Odin current, it should be glaringly obvious that the glowing reference made to an issue of TREAD had to do with opinions concerning week-end guests of no long friendships, suddenly becoming the most desirable and necessary candidates for Club memberships, with the sponsoring of them becoming as imperative as the finding of a rest-stop on a long ride to a run! With those thoughts in mind, and with the supporting motives, it is dishonest to assume that in the remembering, or the praising of one Club we are at the same time down-grading or insulting another. Our purposes are somewhat loftier than that, regardless of our eccentricities and personalities!

As we have our problems, so, too, do other Clubs. However, the responsibility for any Club's image lies directly on its own shoulders, and none but the individual members can do anything about it. Collectively, therefore, and as a Club, let us always support and assist any A. M. C. C. Club who might either directly or indirectly require our positive actions. Individually, in like manner, we must support each other, and insure our own positive Club image. Verily I say unto you, nothing, yea, NOTHING, of a negative nature will ever besmirch the pages of the LONGSHIP concerning any Club. To assume otherwise is a frank admission of emotional disturbances smacking of paranoia, or of guilt complexes arising from the confusing of personal problems with those of a group. (There is a difference!)

Odin

**** AS I SEE IT ****

Ramblings & Reflections - appropos of nothing:

"New York, New York, it's a wonderful town", so the song goes.

After spending two weeks there recently, I thoroughly concur.

I arrived on a Friday night and repaired quickly to the Tool Box. Despite persistent rumors of the demise of this pub, I can assure you that it is still alive and panting.

Saturday is a "must" at the Eagle's Nest where Cycly presents "CYCLE-BURGERS" and cold draught beer. On my first Saturday in town I was pleasantly suprised to be informed of a party in honor of Cycle M.C 's second anniversary. Jerry performed wonderous feats and the event was well received and lots of fun.

Wheels M.C. the largest East Coast club, certainly knows how to make an out-of-towner welcome From dinner to drinks, to small dark rooms. These fellows are certainlu an active bunch. Thanks one, thanks all.

I had the privilege of attending a Wheels committee meeting (larger than our entire club) and was extremely impressed as to how their Road Captain conducted it. I also attended a full membership meeting, at the invitation of their President. One of the minor points I noticed was that apparently every club has a Walter B. It is also apparent that this club has, indeed, many similarities to our own.

Perhaps in the near future someone would condescend to inform all A.M.C.C. clubs the exact definition of "NYF".

The fund raising event just may, not only have been the most "turned-on" event this year, but financially the most successful. I hope to see many of the guests again at our upcoming Monte Carlo party, if not before.'

Welcome to the club: Rick S. & Chris R. Also understand that we are losing another member to the VFW. I wonder if anyone else can carve turkey?

When in NYC be sure to go to the Barn, a new after-hours bistro. You will see some familiar faces, Mitze behind the bar and Carl, the manager. I understand another late bar is scheduled to open shortly, the S & M, in the near vicinity of the Eagles Nest. Also a new restaurant in operation, T. Goldfargs. Frankis is behind the bar and the drinks are excellent. The food is far above average. And the story behind the name of the estableshment just can't be for real.

Movie of the month -- FELLINI SATYRICON.

Song of the month -- I'll Never Fall in Love Again.

State of the month -- Connecticut.

Mike G.

WHISPERS FROM VALHALLA

IT APPEARS, THAT EVEN THOUGH LATE, FINE WEATHER HAS COME TO NEW ENGLAND. BECAUSE OF THE LENGTH AND SEVERITY OF OUR WINTERS, SUMMER, WHEN IT FINALLY DOES ARRIVE, IS GREATLY APPRECIATED. WITH THE ADVENT OF LONGER DAYS AND HIGHER TEMPERATURES, IT IS HOPED THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN MANY MORE OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.

WE HAVE OUR "JUNE OUTING" PLANNED AND ARE ALSO LOOKING FORWARD TO THAT OVERNIGHT CAMPING TRIP IN NEW HAMPSHIRE. THERE IS ALSO A SPARTAN MARATHON RUN COMING UP (IN JULY), WHICH PROMISES TO BE A GREAT "OUT-OF-CITY" EVENT. FOR THOSE WHO ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO WPEND VACATIONS AWAY FROM THE ATLANTIC SEABOARD, THE RUNS BEING HOSTED BY 2ND CITY M. C. (JUNE) AND DENVERS ROCKY MOUNTAINEERS M. C. (JULY) ARE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED.

SOME OF YOU ARE BUYING NEW BIKES AND THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT WHAT YOU WILL BE DOING MOST WEEKENDS. PERHAPS YOU MIGHT FIND IT ENJOYABLE TO TEAM UP WITH SOME OF THE "AUTO MEMBERS" AND VISIT SUCH PLACES AS TANGLEWOOD IN WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS OR THE VIKING MONUMENT IN NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND. REMEMBER EVEN THOUGH YOU MAY WANT TO TRAVEL DIFFERENT ROUTES TO YOUR ULTIMATE DESTINATION, YOU CAN HAVE A PREARRANGED MEETING PLACE AND TIME. MORE THAN ONE BIKE RIDER HAS FOUNG THAT IT CAN BE HELPFUL TO HAVE A COUPLE OF "FOUR-WHEELED VARIETIES" AROUND WHEN SOMETHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY OCCURS.

FOR THE MEMBERS WHO FIND IT IMPRACTICAL TO OWN A BIKE AT THIS TIME, NOTHING STOPS YOU FROM GETTING OUT IN THE COUNTRY IN YOUR AUTOS ON THESE BEAUTIFUL SUMMER WEEKENDS. A TRIP TO MOUNT WATAETIC OR THE NEW HAMPSHIRE AND MAINE COUNTRY SIDE STILL AFFORDS YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO CLEAR YOUR LUNGS FROM "CITY AIR". NOT ONLY DOES CLEAN AIR HELP YOU BREATH BETTER BUT YOU ALSO THINK CLEARER AND SOME CONTEND IT EVEN IMPROVES THEIR LIBIDOS.

FINALLY FOR BIKES AND CARS ALIKE, THERE ARE THE "SCRAMBLES" WHICH ARE HELD IN SPENCER AND PEPPERILL, MASSACHUSETTS. THESE ARE EXCITING RACES AND FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE NEVER ATTENDED ONE, THEY SHOULD BE A MUST ON YOUR CALENDER THIS SUMMER. THERE WILL BE SEVERAL TROPS PLANNED TO THESE AREAS AND ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS STAY IN TOUCH TO FIND OUT WHEN A GROUP OF US WILL BE GOING.

WE ARE A CLUB OF BIKE RIDERS, AUTO DRIVERS AND, YES, EVEN A FEW "WALKIES" AND IT WILL BE TO OUR DEFINITE ADVANTAGE AND CERTAIN ENJOYMENT IF WE PLAN OUR ACTIVITIES TOGETHER THIS SUMMER. BIKE RIDING IS GREAT; AN AUTO TRIP TO THE COUNTRY, HEALTHY AND RELAXING AND WALKING STRENGTHENS YOUR LEGS. SO NO MATTER WHAT YOUR METHOD OF TRANSPORTATION IS, GET OUT OF DOORS DURING THIS FINE WEATHER.

CARL B.

THE IMPROPER BOSTONIAN

What do you mean - Juanita Pouta makes Sparks in New York???

Is it true that Wheels M. C. has allocated part of its treasury to rice sales??

Contrary to belief - Mike C. and Carl B. were not lost in New York, they were just waiting for the truck strike to end.

FLASH - fares to New York may go down soon, due to increased travel from Boston to that city.

POINT OF INTEREST - rain did not put out all the fires on Fire Island.

The "on again, off again" arrival time of our V. P. had some Vikings quite upset. Now it appears that our secretary is pulling the same thing.

A recent telephone call to Washington found two Presidents in excellent "spirits".

The close of our "Fund Raising Buffet" found the Treasurer sitting in the corner with a silly grin on his face. The event must have been a great (\$) success.

D. D. - we all agree with you, you do look better serving cake rather than wearing it.

What was the matter with Jose a few weeks ago? Did he find it too cold for swimming?

R. K. of N. Y. C. recently entertained some of us with a great display of underwater photography.

Is it true that there is a play room in the Eagles Nest?

Understand Mike A. and Lee S. wave as they pass each other on the Boston - N. Y. C. route.

Stay away from Lee S. whenever there is food or drink around.

We have heard of a bull in a china shop, but what BBC member recently played bull in an antique shop?

There is a "reward" for the return of that Road Captains' hat - - See the V. P. to collect, preferably during 'W -2'.

Congrats to Odin - for the first time in many moons a new 'SF' has arrived.

Walter B. - those bottles that you sell are they non - returnable, or do we get a deposit back?

To the Membership

It has been brought to our attention that the attendance record of our meetings is a disgrace to our gracious President, who, at your own request has assigned you to various committee work. Due to your lack of consideration for your work on these committees, with so fine a club, as shown by such frequent absenteeism, it has become necessary for us to revise some of our policies. The Executive Board orders the following changes into effect as of today:

SICKNESS

No Excuse - We will no longer accept your doctor's statement as proof, as we believe that if you are able to go to the doctor, you are able to attend meetings.

DEATH

(Other than your own) This is no excuse. There's nothing you can do for them, and we are sure someone else with a lesser position can attend to the arrangements.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

(For an operation) We are no longer allowing this practice (Don J., take note). We wish to discourage any thoughts that you may need an operation as we believe as long as you are a Viking, you will need all of whatever you have and you should not consider having anything removed. We accepted your application as you are and to have anything removed would certainly make you less than we bargained for.

DEATH -

(Your own) This will be accepted as an excuse, but we would like to have a two-week notice, prior to a membership or committee meeting, as we feel it is your duty as a Viking to find an appropriate replacement for the committee.

B. B. C. CALLING

"All for one, one for all"

Spring is that time of year when there is a renewal of old stock and a beginning of new ideas.

The clubs in Boston have renewed old friendships and have succeeded in promoting several new ventures, designed to fulfill the ideals of those guys who feel that much more can be attempted, of a social benefit, for all concerned.

The purpose of this article is to show that a group of people, with differences of opinions, can succeed in an enterprise based on a common denominator.

I feel that all of the affiliated clubs have a common basis and idea. It is at this point that all efforts should begin.

Whether it be two or four wheels or two legs, let us remember that we are all trying to arrive at the same destination.

The start of a new season should begin with a re - affirmation of comradeship between all, for the sake of all.

To the new clubs that are forming, success to you!

Fourteen months ago, nineteen eager individualists grouped together to form what is now the VIKING M. C. It is a very tedious task to organize many different minds to coordinate as one. Of that selected few, seven managed three suppressive and minor hardships to pull through.

Now!, VIKINGS M. C. can boast nineteen proud members with an eagerness to belong, cooperate and fully aid the club and each other.

In the past five months, attendance has soared to a gratifying 90%. A little effort on the part of a scant few could bring it to 100%!!

Is that asking too much? The VIKINGS want you to remain as members, but you must also want to be VIKINGS.

Master - at n ARMS

RUSS LEWIS

THE VMC VILLAN

"Dilda Doosh"

Once upon a time in the far away land of the Vikings, there lived a hardy little girl named Dilda Doosh. As fate would have it, Dilda, unlike all her blond, blue - eyed playmates was born with villan black hair and eyes as brown as yesterdays coffee. Although there were many murmerings in the castle between the dungeon keepers and the chambermaids, nothing was ever said in the presence of the "proper" Royal Parents (Dick and Liz).

Like the fabled invisible suit which the King was persuaded to believe was the most beautiful garment in the world, the official stand was that Dilda had the most beautiful golden tresses in the Kingdom (a notion reinforced by the occasional use of the Royal nickname "Gilda") and that her eyes were as blue as the bluest Scandinavian sky.

This Royal position unfortunately preserved the reputation of the Queens Royal hairdresser, Manuelo (the only dark one in the castle) who, God knows, could have stood the slanderous implications of some masculine misadventure - but it did not dispell the popular feeling that Dilda was a "different kind" of girl.

Of all the activities in Dilda's busy week, perhaps nothing gave her more pleasure and adventure than walking her pet owl "Balz" in the forest. She would set her hourglass for three in the morning and as soon as the last few grains trickled through the aperture, Balz would be over flapping his wings in her face to wake her up.

It happened that one night during which the change was made to daylight - savings - time, Balz, feeling very energetic from his extra hours sleep, strayed from his usual path in the forest. Dilda, seeking him out, was startled to see the forms of Norsemen lurking in the shadows. "I wonder if they're lost?", she thought to herself. "They seem to keep walking around without knowing exactly where they're going." Suddenly one of the Norsemen came stumbling through the bushes and Dilda was confronted by his fierce, massive hulk.

"Dearie!" he screamed, "what are you doing here?"

"I've lost my Balz!" she blurted distressingly.

(to be continued)

NOTE TO THE CONSTRUCTION WORKERS

There isn't a government in the world that won't let you agree with it's policy. Do you want ours to become one that won't let you disagree?

Many thanks to a very special guy, Hank A., who created the caricature of "Dilda", upon whom the cover of this issue was based.

Ya better watch out - - - 'cause I'm a villan!

Al W.

NEW HAPPENINGS

A couple of months ago, the Boston Bike Club, the Vikings M. C., and the Boston Chapter of the Spartan M. C., Lost Angels met at my apartment.

The meeting was informal and was called to discuss the possibility of opening the downstairs room of the Shed for our use. After a lengthy discussion, we decided to approach Nick with our proposal. We also discussed the possibility of initiating a Sunday brunch; we wanted to use the Shed for this too. All of the members were enthused with this idea and decided to support it.

We think our ideas for the downstairs meeting place are interesting ones and we will fill you in with more details later.

Keep in mind that this is a joint venture of all the Boston clubs. So far everyone has contributed a great deal and it looks sucessful. We want to thank Nick for all he has done for us.

Respectfully,

David Sherman

April 21, 1970

To the Editor
The Longship

Dear friends;

Forgive us our long silence. So much has happened since we have set up our new home in "BAGHDAD - BY - THE - BAY".

We're settled at last! It is a groovy pad (at least we think so) with lots of room to make visitors welcome.

We think about our VIKING brothers and our adopted city, Boston, very, very often. The last issue of the Longship has been read and re-read. The pictures we have of all of you have been passed around pride (and unfailing regularity) to our friends here in San Francisco.

Frankly, we miss you. Being a VIKING has influenced our lives so very much. How can we thank you for making two strangers so welcome in the beautiful city of Boston? We had heard about "New England Frost Bite", but, thanks to you - all, never suffered from it.

May we offer an invitation to each and every one of you to visit us, call us, or get in touch by carrier - pigeon? We want to remain close to you.

Don't forget us - we will never forget you.

Gil Nogueira

and

Doug Peterson

THE MOTORCYCLE RUN OF THE 70'S

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THE BIKE

BETWEEN WASHINGTON & NEW YORK ON THE EASTERN SHORE

FOOD & BEER WILL BE FURNISHED

PLEASE BRING SLEEPING GEAR

DONATIONS ARE:

- *\$20.00 CLUB MEMBERS
- *\$25.00 FOR OTHERS

SPACE IS LIMITED SO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY

DEADLINE IS JULY 1st FOR RESERVATIONS

A.M.C.C. SANCTIONED RUN



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RIDERS RUN

THE MARATHON TROPHY WILL BE GIVEN TO THE RIDER WHO HAS RIDDEN THE LONGEST DISTANCE TO MARATHON "70"

TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED FOR:

- *CLUB PARTICIPATION
- *THE CLUB WHICH HAS THE LARGEST NUMBER OF MEMBERS ON BIKES
- *WINNER OF THE POKER RUN
- *WINNERS OF THE BIKE TRIALS
- *BUDDY RIDES TROPHY

EVENTS PLANNED:

- FRIDAY NIGHT
- *COLD CHICKEN DINNER
 - *GET ACQUAINTED PARTY

SATURDAY

- *BRUNCH
- *POKER RUN
- *BIKE TRIALS
- *SWIMMING
- *S.M.C.L.A. COCKTAIL PARTY
- *DINNER
- *MOVIES

SUNDAY

- *BRUNCH
- *AWARD PRESENTATIONS

1970

JULY 24-25-26

MARATHON

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NAME _____

CLUB _____

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CITY/STATE _____

I PLAN ON RIDING MY BIKE _____ YES _____ NO

*ALL NECESSARY DETAILS WILL BE SENT TO YOU WHEN APPLICATION AND DONATION IS RECEIVED.

