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WORLD EVENTS

EAST COAST AND CANADA

May 1-2 Iron Cross Anniversary, Montreal
 May 14, 15, 16 Vanguards Vanities "Nights" in Philadelphia
 May 15 Excelsior Anniversary New York City
 May 22 Trenton Bulls at Spike in New York
 May 28-31 Wheels M.C. W-11, Tannersville NY
 June 5 Empire City Bikers Picnic, NYC
 June 11-13 Scorpions Scorpio Rising in DC
 June 19-20 Thunderbolt Anniversary in CT
 July 2-5 Bucks MC Pow Wow
 July 9-15 Spartans World's Fair Tour
 July 17 Iron Guard/Nova Anniversary in NY
 Aug 27-29 MC Faucon Migration in Montreal
 Sept 3-6 Vikings Left Erikson, Boston
 Sept 3-6 Spearhead Roundup, Toronto
 Sept 17-19 Vanguards Septemberfest
 Sept 24-26 Centaurs Olympia in Virginia, PA
 October 3 Hallmen Anniversary, Reading, PA
 October 9 Praetorian Anniversary in NYC
 October 30 Scorpions/Centaurs Sabbat in DC
 Nov 5-7 Lost Angels Autumn Scrambles in DC
 Nov 13 Companions Anniversary, Phila.
 Nov 27 Bucks Santa Saturday in New Hope
 Dec 3-5 L.I. Spuds Horsin' Around
 Dec 11 Empire City Christmas Party, NYC

MIDWEST

May 14-16 Spirits Solo 2 in St. Louis
 May 22 Selectmen Anniversary, Detroit
 *May 28-31 Apollo Grand Canyon Run
 May 28-31 Atlanta 4-Way, Atlanta
 June 11-13 Pioneers Trails End, Kansas City
 June 19-22 2nd City Bike In, Chicago
 July 2-5 RMMC Golden Fleece, Denver
 July 16-18 Chicago Clubs Wild Onion 82
 Aug 6-8 Atoms Anniversary, Minneapolis
 Aug 14 Blackhawk Rodeo, Rock Island, Ill.
 Aug 21-23 Gateway Poker Run, St. Louis
 Aug 28-30 Selectmen Travlin Man, Detroit
 Sept 24-26 Centurion Anniversary, Columbus
 Oct 1-3 Knights d'Orleans Anniversary
 Oct 2 Mid America Meeting, New Orleans
 Oct 15-17 Heart of Texas Rosebud, Dallas
 Nov 5-7 Gateway Show Me, St. Louis
 Nov 14 Selectmen Sweet Charity, Detroit
 Nov 26 Tribe charity Slave Auction, Detr.
 Dec 3-5 Rodeo Riders Anniversary, Chicago
 Dec 18 2nd City Christmas Party, Chicago
 *May 28-31 Texas Clubs Lone Star Four

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

May 29-31 Oedipus Grecian Games
 June 5 Blue Max Changing of the Guard
 June 6 Saddlebacks Open Date
 June 12-13 Argonauts 500
 June 18-20 Warriors/Buddy joint run
 July 1-4 Looocs/76ers joint run
 July 10 Oedipus open date
 July 16-18 San Andreas Christmas in July
 July 16-18 Pacific Coast Black Mountain
 Aug 13-15 Blue Max Red Baron Run
 Sept 3-6 Satyrs Badger Flats

EUROPEAN CONFEDERATION OF MOTORCYCLE CLUBS

May 30 Barbary Coasters One Day run
 June 4-6 Recon Reno Run
 June 18-20 SRGDI Annual Run
 July 2-5 GMC July 4th Run
 July 16-18 Force 5 Camping Trip
 July 23-25 Barbary Coaster Weekend Run
 Sept 3-6 Constantines Annual Run
 Sept 3-6 San Franciscans Chuckwagon Run
 Sept 3-6 Recon Labor Day Run
 Sept 17-19 Warlocks Run
 Oct 8-10 Cheaters Run
 Oct 16 SRGDI Date at Minsky's
 Oct 23 Warlocks Witches Christmas
 Nov 14 GMC Carnival
 Nov 20 ICF Casualty Capers

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Sept 18-19 Oedipus Fenquins Picnic
 Sept 24-26 Argonauts Octoberfest
 Oct 3 Inland Empire One Day Run
 Oct 9-10 Saddlebacks Fall Field Meet
 Oct 24 GSCMG Olympics
 Oct 30 First Ladies Run
 Oct 31 GSCMG Olympics (rain date)
 Nov 13 Buddy Championship Awards
 Nov 14 Blue Max open date
 Nov 26 San Andreas Mixer Party
 Nov 27 Satyrs 28th Anniversary
 Dec 4 Oedipus Royal Dinner

May 28-30 SNC London 17th Anniversary Run
 May 28-31 Loge 70, Schweiz
 May 28-31 Fenine Chain M.S.C.
 May 28-31 S.L.M. Stockholm
 June 4-6 A.S.M.F., Paris
 June 18-20 M.S.C. Rhein-Main, Frankfurt
 June 18-20 S.L.M. Copenhagen
 June 25-27 M.S.C. Belgium
 July 3 Spreadsagle London
 July 9-11 MSC Panther/Black Angels, Köln
 Aug 13-15 M.S.C. Hamburg
 Aug 27-29 M.S.C. Hannover
 Aug 28-30 M.S.C. London
 Sept 3-5 MS Amsterdam EGMG Bike Run
 Sept 3-5 Eagles M.C., Liege
 Sept 10-12 MS Amsterdam
 Sept 17-19 F.S.M.C., Marseille
 Sept 18-19 Midland Link M.S.C.
 Sept 24-26 M.L.C. München
 Sept 25-26 M.S.C. North West
 October 23 EGMG Annual Meeting, Rotterdam
 Oct 22-24 M.S. Rotterdam
 Nov 5-7 Rural M.C., Roermond, Holland
 Dec 31-Jan 3 M.S.C. Scotland

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END OF AN ERA

By FRIAR TUCK

FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS. Over little more than a decade, one significant element of Male History was freed from the Dark Ages and raised to its rightful place in our society. The World of Leather. This achievement was, of course, too enormous a task to be accomplished by just one man -- it took a lot of men -- in a sense even you, reading this now, were one of them. But of all the men who individually or collectively made it happen, one stands out alone and well in front of the rest. He is the President Emeritus of CYCLE. He is the Editor-Publisher of WHEELS MAGAZINE. And now Don Daily (DD) announces the tolling of the bell. It tolls for CYCLE, and it tolls for this magazine. It is time for we who cherish Leather to mourn their passing. Their like shall not pass this way again.

FOR IN THE BEGINNING someone saw the Light, the answer. Simple yet complex:

NEED FULFILLMENT. What did the aspiring Leatherman "need" to fulfill his aspirations? Time and space permit only a brief definitive description of the Leather Evolution. We know it began in the late '60's -- and that it continues even now. But even we who have experienced it up until now, I think, do not fully comprehend it in all its far-reaching effect -- perhaps we have been standing too close to realize precisely what happened, how changed we are. And not just by time. We are changed by the intrusion into our lives of a man called DD, by his vision and by his own particular instruments of evolution. We are changed by

CYCLE AND WHEELS MAGAZINE. From the "Nothing" that was before, there exists now a proliferation of Leather Clubs the world over. All patterned more or less predominantly after CYCLE. From a handful of men attending one CYCLE Fire Island Run in '68 we come to three full pages of runs in current WHEELS MAGAZINE editions. From clandestine after hours entertainments in the Dark Ages, we now have the fun and games at J's and the MineShaft -- any night of the week, the month, the year. And through it all, the fine hand of CYCLE molding, fashioning, organizing and spreading the gospel in the pages of WHEELS MAGAZINE. Some day, maybe, someone will write a book about it. Meanwhile, here we are all together, experiencing the crisis attendant to the End of An Era.

But with its exodus, we are left a living legacy. The legacy of the Wonderful

WORLD OF LEATHER. Not even the impending collapse of the Club Scene as we've known it can diminish, really, the arcane quality of LEATHER. There is still its incredible ability to "Ring-them-Bells," persistent even in the absence of a back patch. A Saturday evening at the Spike or any other Men's bar in town will prove that the manufacturers of motorcycle jackets are not exactly starving for business. Then drop in at the MineShaft. I don't know how many fuzzy sweaters are turned away each night, but I do know the correctly-clad clientele that gets in, with the accent on Leather (naturally), makes for one helluva humpy crowd in spite of however many "wrong numbers" bit the dust at the door with the number 86 embellished on their departing posteriors. The impact, the beauty, the smell, the look, the feel, the masculinity of Leather abides, perhaps as strong as it ever was. It is only the Club Scene that is crumbling, not Leather. Where, then, did we go wrong?

ONCE UPON A MOTORCYCLE, there was the young Don Daily, the young Richard Kjelland, and the young Club Scene. And all those wonderful things that made you feel that you just had to join up -- or die! These things were impelling, but simple. Like:

MOTORCYCLES. In the beginning, CYCLE and the clubs that developed around it in those formative years were really "Motorcycle Clubs." By definition. The bulk of their members not only had motorcycles, they were required to own them in order to be accepted for membership. As time went by, this requirement softened, until now who knows how many clubs mandate motorcycles. Say what you will, this pollution of original intent, no matter how seemingly innocuous or small, diluted the Macho Value of Club Membership. Wearing motorcycle gear without benefit of a bike almost speaks for itself as at least a little bit "fake." And so the erosion has not only begun, but continues

NO DRAG. In the beginning, DD would have anathematized (or at least scalped) anyone who departed from the Leatherman Image of Masculinity.

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LETTERS

TO CYCLE: The rise and fall of the CYCLE-Empire might well turn out to be the beginning of a whole new era in the gay L/L world. CYCLE has been a pioneering force in that world, stemming from a time when the mere wearing of a Leather jacket was no less than a social risk. But, a decade and a half of struggle against the L/L taboo has opened millions of closets in the U.S. and in Europe. Times have changed indeed and CYCLE, again, seems to be the first club to recognize this and to draw the consequences from it.



In more than just one way CYCLE's decision to stop functioning is a sad experience. Especially to the men who invested so much love, talent and even money in a club that was always exemplary to the entire L/L world. Elaborating on that is a task more proper to the CYCLE people themselves. Those men, why not mention a few, like DD, Richard, Cousin Bruce and Gus can perhaps be consoled by the fact that the great friendships they made possible will not die with the organization. They survive and will continue being a creative and stimulating thrust in the lives of many friends that met each other by CYCLE.

Indeed, new times are marching in. New organizations will arise under old ideals of friendship and mutual protection. Recognizing the fact that bars and other institutions have taken over a large share of the social role of clubs will be the end of many of those clubs, but also the start of new ones. In that respect, CYCLE's decision to stop functioning in its classical form is a brave and prophetic decision.

The friendship bestowed on me, in particular by DD and his closest allies will remain. In so far I will cling to my Associate Membership of CYCLE as a proud and meaningful token of the past and future.

To the men of CYCLE, I wish continuous wisdom and, hopefully, the creativity to find, one way or another, a new common ideal as an umbrella for their friendship.

CYCLE, I thank you for what you meant to me and my friends like Hans and Bennie in the past, and I look eagerly forward to your future shape.

Rob "Blue Eyes" Wouters, former President
MS Amsterdam & Associate Member of CYCLE

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MY DEAR RICHARD AND DD. So it is really time. CYCLE is no more. Ron Thomas had told me he'd phoned you and you had told him, but I didn't want to believe it. I feel very sad for you and all the CYCLE members. You had built up such a fine, fun club and WHEELS MAGAZINE has kept us all together with such fine, unbiased views and news. It will be the end of an era.

But at least you can have only happy memories of 14 years of success and a lot of fun and happiness you have given for so many of us.

I don't know, of course, all your reasons for having to wind up CYCLE, but I have been very aware for a few years now that the Club scene has been slowly loosing out against the new freedom the bars and after hours places provide. Seems all the Cycle/Leather clubs are having a struggle to survive on both sides of the Atlantic.

Time marches on and attitudes change. No ones fault, just circumstances. Also, I guess we have to realize we've all got a little older too!

One good thing you can be proud of is the many lasting friendships that your much travelled club has fostered wherever you have been. I am proud to have been a member and shall treasure my original "metal" membership card -- number 11! Also my collection of CYCLE run buttons (in particular the WHEELS MAGAZINE of September 1975) my 60th birthday!

Thank you both, most sincerely, for all those years of organization and hard work. Even if CYCLE doesn't exist as a club, it will still remain a fellowship of great friends.

Love you both,



Felix Jones, Sixty Nine Club,
London, England

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DEAR DD AND RICHARD: I was indeed sad to learn from your letter, the disbanding of CYCLE M.C.

I have so many memories of your trips to Europe -- chauffeuring groups on sight-seeing trips of London -- meeting you all in Amsterdam, Munich, Berlin and Copenhagen -- and those fun parties. Remember the Tudor Court Hotel in London?

I also remember being asked to bartend on some CYCLE bar nights at the New York Eagle. Wherever and whenever we met, there was always a warm, friendly greeting which was much appreciated.

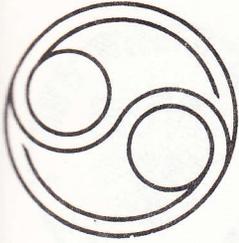
My first "Cycle Week" in New York was a lot of fun, despite the cold weather -- and some of those shows!! Remember dinner at "Les Pits" with extracts from the shows performed after dinner?

Yes, CYCLE has touched me in many ways. I met some wonderful people and will always cherish their friendship.

Long live the memory of CYCLE M.C. Also, I feel a vote of thanks is indicated to all those who put in such hard work to bring so much pleasure to so many people all over the world during the many CYCLE M.C. functions in the past.

Yours very sincerely, Alan Selby, Associate
CYCLE Member, San Francisco, California

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DEAR FRIENDS OF CYCLE MC.

I think it frightfully bold of you to invite comments as to how "Cycle Has Touched You" over the past fourteen years. For, as you know, there are many people on more than one continent, who can tell of the ubiquitous touch of the "Red Shirted Brigade" with more fists and arms than an Indian goddess. Bass



River has a lot to answer for! Do you remember Bass River!!

We, in the Sixty-Nine Club, were especially saddened to receive the bulletin announcing your disbandment. Having gone through your birth pangs as you emerged from the Black & Blues of the New York Motor Bike Club in 1968, there was always a special affinity between our two clubs. We now feel we have lost a Brother -- in body, if not in spirit. We are also very proud of the fact that we received one of your earliest banners (the large white one) which regularly hangs on ceremonial occasions -- and hope we will still be allowed to do so. Speaking personally, I am now more than ever proud that I possess an original black and white CYCLE Pin, and that I was awarded the CYCLE MEMBER OF THE YEAR for 1977.

CYCLE's effect on the club scene over the years is entirely due to the attitudes of dear DD. Today, with Leather almost replacing "fluff" in the gay fashion world and bars, back-rooms and discos so freely available to anyone who will pay the entrance fee -- it is difficult to remember the careful line one had to tread some years ago. DD had this care and dedication and the door of friendship was open to those who sought it out, without the aid of an address list now so readily available on bookstalls and elsewhere. It was also through CYCLE that some of us learned the joys of being well shaved. "SSH" and dear friends are not easily forgotten.

We remember the year the S.N.C. nearly ruined a CYCLE WEEK Show. The theme was fables -- and we offered to present the oldest fable of all. DD built it up with all the crescendo music he could muster and we performed; "In the beginning, God said 'Leather be light', and so Leather was the first word spoken on the waters of the earth!" Thank heavens it was also the shortest fable, as not even half a laugh was heard in the whole of the Abacoa Social Hall. DD saved the situation with even more crescendo music.

Memories are endless and mostly very personal. It would give S.N.C. great pleasure if CYCLE could reconvene for one more weekend and

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join us down memory lane at our 17th Anniversary Run May 28-30 here in the English countryside -- cold water hose pipe and all. Why it would be just like old times!

I still can't believe there ain't no more CYCLE!!!

P.S. Who's going to tell us how to spell "accommodation" now?!

Yours ever,

Fraser Lowden, President
Emeritus, S.N.C. London



LETTERS (Continued)

DEAR DD AND RICHARD: We are sure that we were not the only ones who were in "shock" when we received your letter announcing that Cycle M.C. was disbanding.

We are proud that we were members and an officer for several years and we always wore the Cycle M.C. patch with pride. We, at times, will look at pictures that were taken on Cycle Runs to Bass River, Cycle Week there in New York and other Cycle events -- and remember the good times we had, the many friends we met both from within the city and outside the city. Even today, we think often of the members of Cycle M.C. who we considered very close friends and are sorry that due to distance we do not see them. We think of you, DD, and know how much of your time you put into every issue of WHEELS MAGAZINE and we will miss receiving the magazine, as it helped to keep in touch with what was going on around the States. We know the Cycle M.C. will be missed and there will be no other club that will be able to be a "pathfinder" as Cycle was over the past 14 years. Yes, Cycle has every right to be PROUD!!

Lee and John, Connecticut

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DEAR BROTHERS: The Guardians M.C. of New Haven, Connecticut, wish to thank the members of the Cycle M.C., Inc. and the staff of WHEELS MAGAZINE for all the courtesies extended us through your publication.

We regret that your organization will no longer be in existence, but we feel that like the Phoenix, the Cycle M.C. and WHEELS MAGAZINE will rise again and once more be Our Voice Crying in the Wilderness. This we Believe.

We hope we will continue to see you all at the various club functions both in New York and elsewhere. We wish all of you well in any future endeavors and wait patiently for the rebirth of Cycle M.C. Once again, Thank You. We remain, always -- Yours in Brotherhood, The Officers and Members of the Guardians M.C.

E. Gross, Secretary, Guardians M.C.,
P.O. Box 3966, Amity Station,
New Haven, Connecticut 06525

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It is always a very sad moment in life, when a good friend leaves you forever!

Today, we received a bulletin telling us, that CYCLE M.C. as a club has ceased to exist and is disbanded. Honestly, what a shock!

The CYCLE M.C. has been one of the oldest existing clubs of the world. CYCLE M.C. has been a pacemaker for the development of the club scene not only in North America but all around the world. That worldwide there is an active club scene today, we also have to thank the example the CYCLE M.C. has been to all of us, who remain.

There always have been close links between the CYCLE M.C. and the European clubs. We have been good friends and brothers. Members of CYCLE M.C. and the clubs in Europe met quite often in the past and became good and close friends.

Particularly we have to thank CYCLE M.C. for all the friendship, help and hospitality they showed to our members when they visited New York and the United States.

All this will belong to the past now. We hardly can believe this!

Together with the CYCLE M.C., WHEELS MAGAZINE will cease to exist. Another shock. WHEELS MAGAZINE has been the oldest club magazine giving information about more than just one club. For us in Europe, WHEELS MAGAZINE has always been full of information about the scene in the U.S. and in particular the East Coast. Also WHEELS MAGAZINE will not be there anymore. All that we can do is mourn!

We cannot quite judge what we all will lose with the disbanding of the CYCLE M.C. and WHEELS MAGAZINE. Tomorrow, too late, we all will know what we had in both and what we will miss.

Sad and mournful, the members of MSC Rhein-Main, Frankfurt.

% Siegfried Hoffman, Postfach 40,
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West Germany



LETTERS (Continued)

DEAREST CYCLE: Ronnie and I were very distressed to hear of the demise of the Cycle club and were reflecting on what it has meant to us to have been Associate members for the past 10 years. We list a few.

It meant (1) arriving at that famous house on 25th Street, where you went to bed at night not knowing who or what would be beside you when you woke in the morning. (2) Being greeted at the door by DD and his famous shirt. Some say he doesn't go out much these days because he is ailing. Not true. He doesn't own a pair of pants! (3) It was being shown the sleazier bars in the Big Apple by Cycle members and knowing that wherever you went, there was a guardian angel discreetly observing you to make sure you were safe. (4) It was arriving in a new town, not knowing anyone, and having people introduce themselves only because you wore the Cycle patch. (5) It was travel to Germany, Holland, England, Canada and the U.S.A. No matter what country, when you wore your Cycle patch, other club members knew you were a man of integrity and honesty. They knew they could invite you to their homes and not have to hide the crown jewels.

Cycle meant many things to us. Cucumber sandwiches in Mayfair -- Carmen Miranda making Fire Island hotter -- panic stations backstage -- laughter out front -- "Promises Promises" on stage -- a sea of Leather in the stalls. It meant DD and Richard, Gus Trenkler, Cousin Brucie, Lou Cabral, Joe Casey, Mike Carrigan, Tom Dickerson and the rest of the thespians, past and present.

It meant Friendship. For Ronnie and me, Cycle will never end. It was more than a Leather club. It was Love.

Ronnie Thomas and Frank Blanch, London

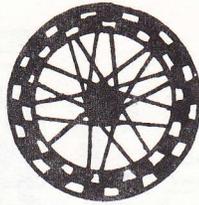
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DEAR BROTHERS: The membership of Rodeo Riders are saddened by your departure as a member of the family of Leather/Levi clubs.

Even though you have disbanded, you can look back at your organization with pride knowing that you were an inspiration to many clubs who wanted to know what Brotherhood really meant.

Your fine publication, WHEELS MAGAZINE will sorely be missed. This publication brought the clubs closer together by allowing articles to be published of various club activities, not only in the United States but worldwide. Gentlemen, we the members of Rodeo Riders wish to extend our best wishes to each and every former member of Cycle M.C. You will be missed. Yours in Brotherhood, Peter Thomas, Foreman, Rodeo Riders, Chicago
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WHEELS M. C. INC.



G.P.O. BOX 615

NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10001

April 12, 1982

THE CYCLE M.C.
254 West 25th Street
New York, N. Y. 10001

Att: Don Daily, Richard Kjelland

Dear Don and Richard:

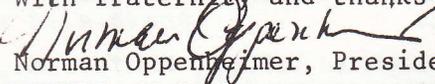
At this time WHEELS, M.C. submits this letter to your archives.

The formation of WHEELS, M.C. in 1969 was directly due to the unqualified support and help of The Cycle M.C. Our charter membership was gleaned from the list of the supporters of The Cycle M.C. who at that time did not have the necessary qualifications for what was then a bike club.

The club scene as we know it today is fashioned from those activities which were first pioneered and formulated by Cycle M.C. Though the bike club was not new to our scene it was the pioneering of Cycle through its President, Don Daily that created the East Coast club scene as we know it today---and which more than a club scene has become a brotherhood.

Though we were always an independent club WHEELS, M.C. was born in the Cycle living room. The history of relations between our two clubs has at times been stormy---perhaps because of the close bonds of our birth. However we are happy to say that these past few years have resulted in excellent relations.

A club is more than colors or organization. It is people so there are no goodbyes. The contributions of Cycle M.C. will live on and regenerate as a result of what all our clubs have learned from them--and will learn from them.

With fraternity and thanks

Norman Oppenheimer, President
WHEELS, M.C. Inc.

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CYCLE M.C. IS DEAD!
LONG LIVE CYCLE!

For all of us around the world -- from Australia to Canada -- from Berlin to San Francisco -- from Brompton Road to West

11th Street -- from the Argos to Bud's -- the news of the disbanding of CYCLE M.C. is sad news indeed! The end of an era, the passing into legend of the greatest of them all.

No matter how predictable the collapse of the L/L scene, (the end of a beautiful dream), the predictions do not in any way reduce the shattering impact. When we, members of the Northern Lights M.C., decided to disband two years ago after five most rewarding years on the scene, we not only hated the very ugly things developing all around us, but we also forecast the doom of what used to be the most wonderful of happenings.

Once upon a time one could (with utmost confidence) lend his apartment keys to any club member in the fraternity. There was a very special kind of mutual understanding and fidelity. One would rather have his right hand cut off than dishonor or betray his fellow club members. With the coming of innumerable new clubs (brought about by the unwelcomed publicity in the media), the strict and impartial screening of aspiring new members became obsolete (except in a very few well established and more mature clubs). It became as easy to join a club as buying a leather jacket and eventually only a pair of jeans could get you "in"! The proliferation of new patches and club names increased at a daily rate so much that (with a lack of imagination) some didn't hesitate to copy the colors and use the name of old established clubs. Some club members robbed their own club member's funds by abusing their position of confidence as officers. Others gossiped, plotted and betrayed their own clubs -- in brief, complete anarchy.

Once upon a time, there was an aura -- a mystique -- a strange unfathomable and irresistible desire to become a pledge in a club. During the six months, or more, probationary period the aspiring member was observed, scrutinized, tried and somewhat indoctrinated in the fundamental ways of the fraternity. The whole experience was superbly enriching by all involved -- peers and siblings alike. The exhilarating joys of club functions, dinners, runs, rallies on motorcycles, etc.

Who can forget during that "Golden Age" the formidable work of Don Daily and Richard Kjelland -- the Bass River runs -- the Cycle Weeks in New York at New Years -- the idyllic mass rallies at Fire Island and those admirably well organized journeys to visit our (more)

Leather brothers all over Europe.

Who can forget that "life-line", the invaluable link uniting all Leather brothers the world over -- the very professional WHEELS MAGAZINE which is also bowing out with this issue?

From the very bottom of our hearts, THANK YOU to CYCLE M.C.: thank you DD, thank you Richard, thank you Friar Tuck, thank you Joe Casey, thank you Fernando (our very superb "Mr Leather" for so many years), thank you Al Gaggini, thank you Harry Horton, thank you Cousin Brucie, thank you Mike Miller, thank you Mel Lerner, thank you Bob Bradshaw, thank you Lou Cabral, thank you Gus Trenkler, thank you Frank Gass, thank you Ed, thank you Tom, thank you, thank you all present and past members of the CYCLE M.C.

It was -- it still is -- and forever will be an honor for me to have known you, loved you, admired you, and you may all rest assured -- I swear, I shall never forget you!

Bob (Dieter) Charbonneau,
Cycle M.C. Associate Member,
Montreal, Canada

LETTERS (Continued)

MY DEAR FRIENDS: It was with regret that I read in your recent communication, that a glorious era had ended. Such news is never easy to accept. People who have known you since your heyday will take the news with a lump in their throats but with a mind full of extremely fond memories of Cycle hospitality and friendship.

Your club was my first overseas contact while I resided in Britain during the mid '70's and served as a 'guiding light'. I am personally very saddened to see that light extinguished. On behalf of my own club, The Jackaroos, I would like to thank you for your pioneer spirit and determination in setting the guidelines for the establishment of the worldwide brotherhood of clubs, of which we are now very proud members. We wish each and every one of you from Cycle "well" as you tread your own independent pathways. I bid you farewell.
Gerry Sabel, Jackaroos, Melbourne, Austr.

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DEAR FRIENDS OF CYCLE M.C. The two French clubs, the FSMC and ASMF have been quite surprised and disappointed to hear you stopped your activities. You were, in fact, the only American Leather Club with which we had good contacts. WHEELS MAGAZINE gave us quite good news of the NYC Leather scene. Your members are always welcome in France by our two clubs. Perhaps it will be possible to meet you in NYC in July. Always yours in Leather,

Bernard Tafanelli, President FSMC
Paul Pagot, President ASMF FRANCE

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Some years ago, moved by a common interest and a great deal of friendship, people got together and formed clubs. One of them was the Cycle M.C. and they emerged as being a leading club for the East Coast.

On this side of the Atlantic, a similar movement started a few years later but due to a different geographical and linguistic situation, there soon appeared a need to coordinate the happenings in every part of Europe and that was the beginning of European Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs.

After nearly 9 years, the E.C.M.C. represents 33 affiliated clubs, 3150 members who have prepared 21 meetings in 1981 and are getting ready for 29 more this year. It also represents 10 languages shared in a fraternal community.

Cycle M.C. has been a witness of this creation, of this brotherhood. Its club members have had the opportunity to see the friendship that linked people from different cultures and social backgrounds. Many European clubs have been honored by the visit of Cycle M.C. and its members, and it was very often an occasion for regional events.

Unfortunately, very few European clubs have organized a tour in the States. But, following the example of Cycle M.C., one could wish to organize, for the members of the clubs of the Confederation altogether, a tour of the American clubs -- and that could be possible in the near future if you just let us know you are interested.

Now, as for the pioneer of the gay Leather movement that has been Cycle M.C., let me express, on behalf of the E.C.M.C., our deep sorrow. We'll regret the regular visits we had, we'll also miss reading the club magazine -- WHEELS MAGAZINE which was a real link between our continents.

Many Thanks, and all the most fraternal wishes to every member of Cycle M.C.

Jean-Claude Sart, Secretariat,
E.C.M.C., BP 61 78001 Versailles,
France

LETTERS (Continued)

THE CYCLE M.C. disbanded. It still is hard to believe -- seems to be impossible. No more WHEELS MAGAZINE informing about the club events of the U.S. - no more Cycle events - Cycle Tours?

It must have been in 1975 when I first met with Cycle. The train ride enroute to Fire Island was lovely, but I was hesitant and did not dare to contact any of the other Leather guys on the train. This changed immediately, once DD and Richard took care of my registration. The most enjoyable weekend made me come back to Fire Island the following year, bringing my German friend, Frithjot, to share the pleasures. There followed more runs on Fire Island and 254 West 25th Street became a second home for me in New York on my frequent trips to the U.S. In all the previous years, I had always felt quite lonesome, despite the fact I liked the city.

I tried to never miss any of the major events of Cycle. I have many pleasant memories that would fill these pages -- Cycle tours to Hawaii, Rio, San Francisco etc. Whenever Cycle was touring Europe, I tried to meet them on weekends in various German cities, Amsterdam and London. It was a great pleasure for me to host the group one time at Wuppertal - trying to make up to a small extent for all the hospitality and kindness I had experienced and almost now was taking for granted as an Associate member.

I am afraid New York will not be the same anymore for me without Cycle. It was at DD and Richard's where you met friends of many years, which you may not run into cruising the bars. Of course, there are exceptions. It was on Fire Island that I met Ron and Roy, and we have been visiting each other over the years in New York, Germany and Switzerland.

But, how about all the others? Will I have to miss Gus Trenkler, the always present "helping hand" and never-tired chauffeur of 25th Street - and his presentation of "Evita"? How about Joe Casey and his splendid performances in so many shows? I will miss the articles of Friar Tuck, even if I did not always agree with his reviews. How do I, as a foreigner, who loves the United States and their club scene get to know all about the club events without reading articles by Roger Pegram?

Dear DD -- I very much appreciate our long recent conversation. Whenever I am in New York I will certainly drop in and you know others will do the same, if there is a Cycle or not. However, perhaps the Board of Directors will reconsider their decision. CYCLE is dead! Long Live CYCLE!! Yours in Brotherhood, Klaus Reipling, Member Black Angels and Panthers of Köln and Associate Member MSC London & Bacchus St. Louis.

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LETTERS (Continued)

GENTLEMEN: We recently received your letter advising us that the Cycle M.C. had disbanded as an active club as of March 1, 1982. To say that this came as a shock to us would be a gross understatement of fact.

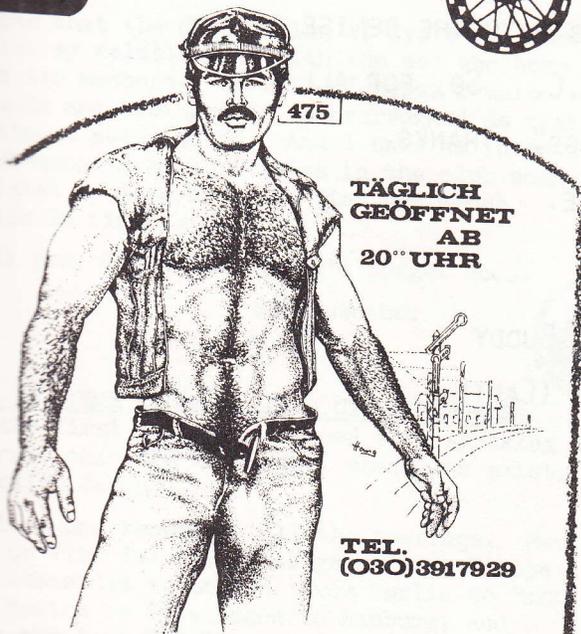
The Knights d'Orleans have been privileged to have Cycle M.C. with us in New Orleans during the carnival season over the past several years. We have always looked forward to these visits and enjoyed your stay with us to the fullest.

Thus it saddens us greatly to contemplate that we might no longer expect to see the Cycle colors displayed in our Crescent City. We are sustained, however, by the expectation that we may continue to host individuals from the former Cycle M.C. and we do hope that you will continue to come and visit with us whenever possible.

In closing, we of the Knights d'Orleans wish to extend our sincere appreciation to the Cycle M.C. in recognition of all that they have done for the Leather/levi and motorcycling fraternity during the past fourteen years. And, if circumstances should warrant it, we would hope to see the Cycle M.C. once more among the ranks of the active clubs at some future date.

In Brotherhood,

Bill Castagno, Secretary, Knights d'Orleans, Box 50812, New Orleans Louisiana 70150



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DEAR DD AND RICHARD: Sadly, ever so sadly, I am responding to the recent announcement of the demise of Cycle M.C. as an "active" club. From my observations over the years, this steadfast bulwark of the club movement, especially through the voice of WHEELS MAGAZINE, will be sorely missed by those of us whose lives are, or were at one time, touched by what I like to refer to as a "very special subculture of a subculture."

The reason for this drastic decision on the part of the Board of Directors is not known to me, and, I must presume, was pointedly and purposefully omitted. There are rumors, of course, but I shall only perceive rumors for what they are until the real truth is made known at some future point in time, if ever.

Suffice to say, I personally was stunned by the news, although I have always been realist enough to adopt the philosophy that "nothing is forever". Hopefully, from the ashes of Cycle's numerous accomplishments and illustrious legacy a Phoenix will arise to fill the leadership void that so many of us have come to depend upon and have so often, alas, taken for granted.

If you will permit me to wax nostalgic for a moment, let me say that I have always quietly and proudly enjoyed my own special status as an "honorary" member of Cycle M.C. Fortunately, maturity does bring with it a unique depth of perception which allows one to toss aside the superficialities and flaws of mankind while savoring only the good and productive elements. Cycle's efforts in molding concepts for the common good have touched me in this very special way.

Finally, let it not be forgotten that Elizabeth T. Hepplefinger (who lies in repose and has, hopefully, gone on to a happier life) and I share a tiny portion of peaceful countryside together while the world goes on about us. In common we shall always have the memories of a long and loving relationship with Cycle M.C.

Farewell, good luck, and Godspeed!

Sincerely,

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DEAR RICHARD AND DD: I was saddened to read your bulletin. I can understand the reasons behind the decision of your Board of Directors, but how it brought the memories flooding back. I took out my metal membership card and remembered receiving it from you. I recall my visits to New York City, to Fire Island (dawn rising over the ocean and the guy on his knees in prayer before me), Mardi Gras and all those parties in London in Cycle Tour special colors. So many friendships made and sealed and so much fun. Thank you. As one gets older, the order seems to change and eras come to an end. Life goes on, but there is still a sense of loss. With affectionate and grateful regards. Tony Hepworth, London (Cont. next page)

LETTERS (Continued)

TO THE CYCLE M.C. "How Cycle Has Touched Me." It sounds like an essay subject assigned by a composition teacher. And yet, it is a subject that I find hard to write about without sounding maudlin.

My first brush with the club scene came when a member of Cycle answered a personal ad of mine. Even before I attended my first club event, I realized that the club members were the ones who consistently greeted me when we met and introduced me to others. What a change from other gay organizations I had encountered, where I was lucky if anyone remembered me from one month to the next!

Even as an independent, I never felt unwelcome at a club event. Only rarely have I felt more welcome than on a Cycle run or tour or while visiting Cycle Headquarters. And, throughout everything, it was Cycle that kept me informed of events in the club scene through WHEELS MAGAZINE.

As an Associate Member of Cycle, it has been my privilege and pleasure to return, in part, the hospitality and friendship that has been extended to me. Whether slaving in DD and Richard's kitchen on a sweltering August evening frying chicken or reporting on another club's run in the page of WHEELS MAGAZINE, it has been a way of saying "Thank You."

Of course, I have received something from my association with Cycle, and it has not been limited to the occasional \$5 reduction in run price, free meal, or party invitation. But how do you place a value on friendship or the support given me during my recent illness. You don't.

I hope that the dissolution of Cycle will not affect my relationship with the men who have been its members. We will, I hope, remain friends and brothers -- as overworked as that sentiment seems to be. And I have no intention of abandoning my activities in the club scene -- at least as long as I can find out about events in time.

Thank you, Cycle, and I won't forget soon.

Bob Guenther

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DEAR DD, DEAR RICHARD, DEAR CYCLE MEMBERS.

For the first moment it seemed very shocking to hear, that the CYCLE M.C. ceases to exist, effective March 1, 1982.

But then one remembers all the meetings. Meetings on Fire Island, meetings here in Europe from Amsterdam to London, from Berlin to Paris, from Munich to Copenhagen to Hamburg, and again the last CYCLE meeting downtown in Manhattan in October, 1981.

And I remember very well my first gathering of a CYCLE night -- we played Bingo. (more)

(It was my first night in New York City and I expected everything else!) I remember best of all the hours I spent -- the dinners I had -- the friends I met at the home of DD and Richard.

And that is what it is all about: We, the guests, the friends and honorable members had great times at the outstanding meetings of the Cycle M.C. But, it was not that what most impressed us. It was the overwhelming friendly atmosphere of the people, the members, all of your members, who did all the efforts, the preparations, the shows, the dinners, the entertaining, the parties, the connections and help.

So, the Cycle Motor Club may go -- but the reminiscences remain. Best of all, the worldwide friendship, the connections and your influence will last forever.



Gerhard Pohl, Founder of MSC Hamburg, Honorable member of the CYCLE M.C. New York and S.N.C. London

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DEAR SIRs: Eras seem to come to an end and with increasing frequency these days, and I don't think it is just because we are growing older. The disbanding of the Cycle M.C. is the end of era.

I have never been a "club" person, as Richard and DD well know, but the Cycle M.C. has certainly touched my life over the past 14 years -- always with friendship, recognition and acceptance. In return I have always admired the dedication I have sensed, and a desire on the part of the Cycle M.C.'s leaders to be organized, and understanding of the less disciplined folks' mistakes, unless these led to hostility and misunderstanding, which they then saw to it were set right.

I shall really miss WHEELS MAGAZINE a lot. It really kept me in touch (what am I going to do without 'Inner Cycle' and 'Too Hot To Handle': and much of the writing was of an exceptionally high and evocative quality (thank you so much for your contributions, Friar Tuck).

God Bless you for all you've done in the years gone by, and please accept my warmest personal wishes for a bright and busy tomorrow. Very sincerely,

Bob Bishop, New York City

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DEAR DD (via Cablegram) -- Received message Cycle disbanded. We both talked about our first meeting you in Amsterdam 1969. Your frequent visits here and our staying in NYC CYCLE-WEEK 1971. Are proud you made us members but sad you decided to disband Cycle. Keep in touch. We remain your friends. Klaus and Arno, München, WEST GERMANY
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LETTERS (Continued)

TO CYCLE: I remember when DD and Richard WERE the club scene. The after hours parties on West 25th Street were famous (or infamous?). In the hall was a little slot where the guys could leave a buck to help pay for the quantities of beer that were consumed. I'm sure that DD and Richard came out on the short end there, but they were good hosts, through countless cases of beer, weekend after weekend. Always lots of heavy Johnny Cash on speakers with room shaking bass, and lots of 'good ol' boys.

When they and members of Empire City came to D.C. for a race at Marlboro Race Track, the capitol got inspired, and within a few months CYCLE M.C. and THE SPARTAN M.C. were formed joining Empire City M.C. to create a club "scene" on the East Coast.

Many a weary traveler, and many a lonely guy have found hospitality, friendship and love through the efforts of these two men and the club they organized. If they had fees for all the psychological help they have unwittingly provided (or made necessary) they would be rich today. Actually, they are rich in the better sense: good achievements, good memories and good friends all over the world.

I drink to that.

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Spartan M.C.



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TO WHEELS MAGAZINE: I am writing with a heavy heart, to say I'm sorry to hear about WHEELS MAGAZINE being put to bed. It gave me many years of pleasure. I have saved every cover of the magazine and now I'm glad that I did. It was 10 years ago, 1972, that I went with CYCLE to Europe and the memory of that trip is as fresh today as it was 10 years ago. I met a lot of great people on that trip.

Richard and DD, you have done a helluva lot of work on the magazine and it is to your credit that the magazine was the success it was. I shall miss Friar Tuck's columns, as he was my roommate in both Munich and Berlin in 1972.

I shall miss the magazine, but the memories will last a lifetime and our paths will cross again.

Best to all my Leather and Bike Buddies over the years. Love you all.

Hal Damro
Petaluma, California

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DEAR DD: When your notice arrived announcing the the Cycle M.C. was disbanding, the news saddened and shocked me immensely. It is almost inconceivable this has happened. Cycle M.C. has, over the years, become to me one of those institutions that one thinks of as destined to go on as long as we live.

When I called you, your mention of all the missives pouring in from friends all over the world came as no surprise. It is a fitting tribute that Cycle M.C. has amassed such a following of good and true friends. In large part, it is due to your efforts over the years and the energy you injected into the club and WHEELS MAGAZINE. Memories of good thoughts of your dream to found Cycle M.C. go back a long way. It never occurred to me that your dream of a great Cycle M.C. would not be fulfilled nor that the club would be so relatively short lived.

On the plus side, the many wonderful events, runs, parties and friendships emanating from the club will always be shared and cherished by more good buddies than you can probably recount.

To you and Richard, and all the great guys of Cycle M.C. over the years, I send my best wishes for all the best life can give. Further, my deep appreciation for having know you all and for keeping us all in touch through WHEELS MAGAZINE. It is the end of a chapter in the lives of all whom Cycle and WHEELS MAGAZINE touched, but not the end of all the good that has been derived from both. The fellowship, integrity and high standards set and maintained by Cycle M.C. has been the model by which many clubs copied -- none better than the leader.

So long Cycle and WHEELS MAGAZINE. God bless you both and I will miss you both like hell!

Love and thanks,

Ron Gardner

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TO CYCLE: March arrived but our copy of WHEELS MAGAZINE did not. What happened we kept asking ourselves?? Then the "bulletin" with its announcement that Cycle M.C. would disband and WHEELS MAGAZINE would cease after this final issue.

Words cannot express our feelings. All of us in the St. Louis club scene are dismayed and saddened by the loss of a super group and the written linkage that we had with all of our brothers through WHEELS MAGAZINE.

In this final moment, the Spirit of St. Louis, Blue Max M.C., Gateway M.C. and Bacchus St. Louis all salute Cycle M.C. and WHEELS MAGAZINE for their unselfish service to and for the clubs. THANK YOU! CYCLE M.C. and WHEELS MAGAZINE. Armand Brunet, Pres., Spirit of St Louis L/L Inc.

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THANK YOU



No good news in these our days from the US ! - But the most stunning and shocking of them for the worldwide leather community including our members is the disbanding of CYCLE New York.

Our friends of CYCLE became the godfathers of MSC BERLIN when they more than seven years ago on occasion of their European tours encouraged and promoted the unification of like-minded leatherguys in this city.

And year by year there were two highlites in our clublife: the fabulous Fire Island Run in May and the CYCLE tour in fall.

Reliably they "invaded" Berlin via Tegel airport: D.D. and Richard and Gus and Brucie and Bill and Lee and Friar and Bob and John and Mike and Jim and Frank and Mel and and and

And reliably we caught the PanAm shuttle and poured on the "island in the sun" - and in case of neverending rain we simply threw a Berlin Party there.

The CYCLE banner was the first American clubflag we ever got. It still today keeps an eyecatching place of honor in our leatherbar "Knolle", a favorite watering hole of the Berlin scene, witnessing the strong ties of mutual friendship.

Le roi est mort - vive le roi! The king is dead - long live the king !
And we feel that's the right way of facing the future.

A corporation has come to an end - but the CYCLE people are alive. And we Berliners are alive. There were many contacts made, there are many wonderful relations existing across the Atlantic - and isn't this the most precious achievement we've worked for both in New York and Berlin !?

Germans rarely say "goodbye" or "farewell" - it always sounds a little bit as if someone is going to pull down the bridge behind him. We prefer saying

Auf Wiedersehen !

and -since you never were a showclub !- it should sound how Fred Astaire once sang:

"...We may never never meet again
On a bumpy road to love;
Still I always always keep the memory of
The way you hold your knife -
The way we danced till three -
The way you changed my life -
No no, they can't take that away from me,
No, they can't take that away from me !"

Manfred & Gerhard

Argr. PR & ECMC
MSC BERLIN e.V.



EDITOR'S NOTE: These worldwide club news highlights were taken directly from the pages of WHEELS MAGAZINE beginning with the first issue.

APRIL 1968 -- CYCLE M.C. and WHEELS MAGAZINE are founded and plans are discussed for Fire Island, Memorial Day, Boston area, Hunting Lodge, and Bass River runs

MAY 1968 -- 24 motorcycles travel in formation to Clinton, New Jersey for Cycle's first "Surprise Run" ** Cycle orders its first patches and a black and white club button ** The International Stud Bar opens on Perry Street ** Padraic Murphy donates the design of the Cycle logo to the Cycle Motor Club ** The Big D Bar on Houston Street is the "unofficial" home bar of Cycle.

JUNE 1968 -- Cycle visits Fire Island for the very first time ** Cycle's 2nd "Surprise Run" to Sandy Hook State Park, New Jersey ** Nine Plus Club opens on West 21st Street ** Five Cycle Members purchase motorcycles ** Tool Box Bar opens at Jane and West Streets ** Report on the founding in April of the Spartan M.C. in D.C. ** Skull (an after hours bar) opens ** First pictures of Cycle Members at Surprise Run appear in WHEELS MAGAZINE.

JULY 1968 -- Cycle orders bronze membership cards ** Europe 69 is announced ** "Simon Says" our first article on motorcycle safety and maintenance appears ** First article from another club (Spartans)

AUGUST 1968 -- Cycle holds their "Blueberry Run" at Tawes in Bucks County Pennsylvania ** New York Motorbike Club re-opens on Christopher Street ** Nine Plus announces its first general membership meeting ** Satyrs M.C. of California auction off a 1969 Harley during their 14th Anniversary ** O.K. Corral (on the site of the present Mineshaft) opens its dining room

September 1968 -- Cycle's Hunting Lodge Run is held in Benton, Pennsylvania ** Cycle Members purchase 5 more motorcycles ** Lefty has his new motorcycle christened at Danny's Bar ** Mai Ling of SMCLA becomes manager of Louie's Bar in D.C. ** Francois Bertrand from Paris is our first foreign visitor at Hunting Lodge Run ** Nine Plus Club begins publication of "Scimitar" ** JB's Restaurant opens in NYC ** NYC motorcyclists win right to park at angle to curb ** Hayloft (private club) opens on site of present Mineshaft

OCTOBER 1968 -- A report on Cycles 2nd visit to Fire Island ** Bob Hullen reports on the Badger Flats Run in California ** DD (in an editorial) takes on the Metropolitan Cycle Association and calls them a fraud -- sure enough, shortly thereafter the mass press exposed them as a "fly-by-night" organization ** Tool Box becomes first bar to place a chain over the bar for hanging helmets ** "Black &

Blue" publication of the New York Motor Bike Club ceases publication ** Motorcycle Inspection becomes law in New York State ** WHEELS MAGAZINE goes from "free" to subscription ** Spartan M.C. announces 1st Autumn Scrambles.

NOVEMBER 1968 -- A Review of Cycle's first Bass River Run ** Danny's Bar celebrates its 1st Anniversary ** 20 Cycle members invade Carnegie Hall for the first Johnny Cash Concert ** Alan Selby forms "MR.S" leather in London

DECEMBER 1968 -- Don Daily starts selling "handcuff tie-tacs" ** Louie's Bar in D.C. renamed "Louie's Spartan Lounge"

1969

JANUARY 1969 -- First CYCLE WEEK a resounding success! During the "show" at the Tool Box, the "Vatican Rag" introduced the first nun on roller skates (Richard Kjelland) assisted by Priest, Tom Claypool. Total cost for the week -- about \$8.00 ** Nine Plus first "Toys for Tots"

FEBRUARY 1969 -- Spartans and SMCLA host Cycle members in D.C. at a "Washington Wingding" ** V-Senses Rubber Club is formed in New York ** Cycle Saturdays start at the Tool Box and were a prelude to "club nights" later on. "Cycleburgers" are served from 1PM to 8PM with kitchen and bar staffed by Cycle Members ** Cycle M.C. flight bags appear on the scene ** Membership of Cycle M.C. approaches 100

MARCH 1969 -- Cycle hosts "BO 2-2269" in "clubless" Boston ** Cycle announces a Memorial Day run to Stokes State Forest ** 2nd City M.C. "re-activates" in Chicago under the leadership of Cycle Associate, Larry Evans ** Shed Bar becomes the L/L bar in Boston

APRIL 1969 -- Cycle celebrates its First Anniversary weekend of March 28th ** Vikings M.C. is founded in Boston ** 2nd City presents its banner to Cycle ** Don Bruce of the Spartans "steals" Cycle Banner from Abacoa Social Hall ** Spartans donate 1st Anniversary pins to Cycle ** Cycle and Spartan banner appear on ceiling of the Tool Box ** Cycle joins with the Spartans, 2nd City, SMCLA and the Vikings to form the Atlantic Motorcycle Coordinating Council (AMCC) ** Rocky Mountaineers form in Denver

MAY 1969 -- Spartans first anniversary is held weekend of April 4th ** V Senses begins publication of "Innertube" ** Wheels M.C. is formed in New York City

JUNE 1969 -- Cycle hosts "Paul Bunyan Run" at Stokes State Forest and the clambake included clams, lobsters, corn-on-the-cob, chicken and sausage (Continued next page)

1973



Fortunately, for all of us in St. Louis, Bacchus of Detroit celebrated their anniversary here the weekend of January 24th. By chartered bus, Bacchus along with club brothers from Detroit,

Toledo and Youngstown (over thirty in all) descended on our club bar, Clementine's. Bacchus of St. Louis prepared and hosted dinner and Blue Max served after dinner drinks. The Spirits held a special club night -- adding to the festivities and honoring our guests. Saturday, there was a brunch by Clementines -- other exotic activities all day -- all ending with a gala anniversary club night put on by Bacchus. To top off the weekend, the Spirits served Sunday eye-openers and Gateway M.C. hosted brunch.

Had the pleasure of joining the Dallas M.C. for their 6th Anniversary. It was a great weekend with all the Texas clubs joining in the festivities. The Dallas M.C. knows how to put on a party, and it was obvious from all the hunky Texans present that this was "The" party! If you haven't tried Texas hospitality you may want to think about Lone Star 4 the weekend of May 28th. Also, I just returned from "cold" Minneapolis but a "hot" Black Guards weekend.

The Spirits are preparing for "Solo Two" the weekend of May 14th. It will be an in-town, hotel based run including (in addition to hot men) Friday supper, Saturday brunch, dinner and show, Sunday brunch, cocktail parties, after hours parties (ask Roger Pegram about these) plus other activities for a very pleasant weekend. Since we are at the center of the Midwest, you can expect to meet muscular corn-fed farmers from Iowa to hunky Texas cowboys. "Variety is the spice of life" and we promise to have it at Solo Two.

Armand Brunet, President
Spirit of St. Louis

THUNDERBOLTS

A TRIBUTE

The demise of Cycle M.C., as we all knew and loved it, is a great loss to the international as well as to the New York club scene. For more than a decade the members of Cycle, under the able leadership of Don and Richard, have been in the vanguard of those men bound to the highest ideals of brotherhood.

During the short time this writer has been involved with the New York area, Cycle members have opened their hearts and homes to him, made him feel welcome at all club functions, and fought for his acceptance in the group. It would be fruitless to belabor the numerous specific contributions individual members of Cycle, and the club as a whole, have made to the development of the positive and healthy club associations we enjoy today. Let it suffice to say .. they are legend. In closing, one final salute to a proud club with a proud tradition. (Roger McEnnis, Pres. Thunderbolts)

JANUARY 1973 -- Fraser Lowden of SNC opens Cycle Week Show with "LEATHER be Light" ** Cycle cancels further Cycle Weeks to open run calendar for other clubs ** Bucks M.C. announce first run ** Celtics form in Mississippi ** Ed Gunther becomes Secretary of Cycle ** Frank Thomas new Captain of 2nd City ** Atlantis begins publishing "Atlantian" ** Lee Pietrangelo begins bartending at Ramrod NY ** Cycle removes their banners from Eagle NY
FEBRUARY 1973 -- Thunderbolts start publishing "The Bolt" ** Vanguards cancel Flag Day run ** 2nd edition of "The Praetorian" appears
MARCH 1973 -- "Krewe of Cycle" and Mardi Gras in New Orleans another success ** Colorado Riders forms in Denver and Falcons in Kansas City ** Cycle foots-the-bill for Wednesday night buffet at NY Ramrod ** Cycle Buddy, Jeff Sammons made Associate Thunderbolt ** Mel Lerner becomes a Cycle Buddy ** Wheels M.C./ Vikings and Thunderbolts present Wintertrio ** Doug White uses Richard Kjelland as a patsy and bounces check for \$1,200 on Thos. Cook ** Saddlemasters forms in Illinois **
LIMBO EDITION (APRIL-MAY 1973) -- Atlantis 1st Dogwood ** NY clubs present Helluva Town ** Iron Cross 1st Anniversary ** 1st Press Section column in WHEELS MAGAZINE ** Cycle displays at 5th Anniversary the first annual (to be rotated yearly) Award for International Club Relations presented by S.N.C. ** NY Levi Guys emerge
JUNE 1973 -- Cycle at Fire Island again and Cycle Buddy show "bombs out" ** Long Island Spuds founded ** "Auntie M" another smash at W-5 ** Bucks 1st club banner goes to Cycle ** Roo forms in Australia
JULY 1973 -- Issue dedicated to memory of Ton Kennedy of Argos Bar, Amsterdam ** Bucks hold first run ** Silver Star forms in Milwaukee ** Rochester Rams form ** Mid West Conference is founded ** Wrangler M.C. formed in Dallas
AUGUST 1973 -- 3rd "Pit Stops" column appears ** Frank Gass re-joins Cycle ** Cycle Member Paul Oele resigns to become President of L.I. Spuds ** Northern Lights forms in Montreal
SEPTEMBER 1973 -- Scorpions host Scorpio Rising ** Omaha MeatPackers 1st Rough Out ** Vanguards accepted into AMCC ** Thunderbolt Clubhouse burns ** Denim Guys born in Australia ** Norman O resigns from Praetorians
OCTOBER 1973 -- Vikings & Thunderbolts co-sponsor Leif Erikson ** Cycle Member, Gary Lemoine critically mugged **
NOVEMBER 1973 -- Vanguards Oktoberfest ** FLLA changes names to Thebans ** Wranglers host Stampede ** Another Cycle Bass River Blast ** Reprint of Norman O's classic "Last Tango at the Eagle" ** Scene and Machine emerges ** Motor Sport Club London founded
DECEMBER 1973 -- Europe 73 reviewed ** Gateway M.C. founded in St. Louis ** Gus Trenkler becomes Cycle Member ** Bucks admitted to AMCC ** Levi 1st Anniversary ** UYA Xmas Party

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1974

JANUARY 1974 -- K.R. (Ken Roberts) is murdered in Puerto Rico while vacationing ** Cycle publishes 'state-by-state' motorcycle laws ** Benefit for Cycle Member Gary Lemoine at the NY Eagle ** John Hayter re-elected Captain of Vanguardians ** Wheels M.C. moves club night back to the Spike ** Bucks Santa Saturday charity ** Gateway M.C. forms in St. Louis

FEBRUARY 1974 -- ECMC (European Conference of Motorcycle Clubs) becomes a reality ** Spike (NY) 2nd Anniversary ** NYOLC forms in Buffalo

MARCH 1974 -- Another successful Cycle Mardi Gras in New Orleans ** Texas Riders entertain Mardi Gras revelers in Houston ** Vikings/Wheels M.C./Thunderbolts "Wintertrio" ** Long Island Spuds voted into AMCC

APRIL 1974 -- First meeting in Philly for proposed Bicentennial run of AMCC ** Norman O rejoins Wheels M.C. ** Ili Holo Hawaii forms in Hawaii ditto Zodiacs in Vancouver ** Trash M.C. emerges in NYC ** Jan and Otto from MS Amsterdam tour NYC ** NY Levi Club accepted into AMCC

MAY 1974 -- 38 Leather Boys from M.S. Köln Tour join revellers at Cycle's 8th Fire Island ** 300 participants attend MS Amsterdam Leather Party ** Skip Klose resigns as President of Bucks MC ** Bob Walsh of Wheels M.C. passes away ** Northern Lights 1st Anniversary ** Friar Tuck's first "major" article ** Wheels M.C. W-6 ** L.I. Spuds 1st Anniversary ** Houston M.C. is founded

JUNE 1974 -- (No publication)

JULY 1974 -- 8 NYC clubs hold Helluva Town ** Cycle's 6th Anniversary party ** 450 people hosted by MSC London at Bedford Head Bar

AUGUST 1974 -- Spartan Marathon ** Cin City Deliverance ** Icelandic Airlines transports Cycle and guests for another European Tour ** Bucks 1776 ** Unicorns Rites of the Full Moon

SEPTEMBER 1974 -- Vikings' Leif Erikson ** DD, Richard and Jeff Sammons made Honorary members of Trash ** Mike Cain made President Emeritus of Entre Nous

OCTOBER 1974 -- Cycle's Bass River #7 ** Mid-West '74 ** Bill Yonke elected President of Bucks ** AMCC '76 Incorporated is all dressed up with no place to go ** Ball M.C. appears in Florida ** First Cycle Presidential Citation to Jeff Sammons ** L.I. Spuds European Tour ** L.I. Spuds unveil their publication "The Dispatch" ** "Cycle Dog Food" hits the market

NOVEMBER 1974 -- Vanguardians Oktoberfest ** SMCLA Autumn Scrambles ** Strap Bar opens in NYC ** Philadelphians born ** Empire City is 10 ** Lou Cabral becomes President of 9 Plus ** Atlantis M.C. resigns from AMCC ** As suspected by WHEELS MAGAZINE the NMA (National Motorcycle Assn) turned out to be a fraud ** Thebans begin publication of newsletter ** Cycle hosts AMCC 76 reps aboard Rotterdam ** Cycle's idea for a cruise for the AMCC Bicentennial run is discussed ** Larry Evans resigns as Vice President and member of T'Bolts

DECEMBER 1974 -- (no publication)

JANUARY 1975 -- Cycle, SMCLA, Vulcans, Thebans, Empire City and Atlantis represented on first "Renaissance Cruise" to Guatemala and Mexico ** Patrick Curran passes away in Toronto ** MSC Berlin arrives on the scene ** New New Jersey park regulations force Cycle to cancel Bass River ** Brian becomes Oedipus Rex XXXIV ** MS Amsterdam turns over S.N.C. "International Trophy" to the Spearhead ** MS Amsterdam hosts first AGM (Annual General Meeting) of ECMC ** Swords form in Montreal ** DD & Richard hosted in London by S.N.C.

FEBRUARY 1975 -- L.I. Spuds present Carnival on Long Island ** Emil Solis new President of Empire City ** Cycle deposits two plane-loads of revellers on New Orleans for Mardi Gras ** Sternwheelers emerge in Louisville ** Fernando sweeps awards at Mardi Gras

MARCH 1975 -- T'Bolts/Vikings Wintertrio ** AMCC votes Atlantic City for Bicentennial Run ** Cell Block opens in Philly ** Walter Krueger begins first of many "Motorcycle Tips" columns ** Mid America Conference boasts 24 members clubs ** First Knights d'Orleans column

APRIL 1975 -- Tim Tully named AMCC President ** Eagle Leathers opens in NY ** Dick Northrup of the Vikings passes away

MAY 1975 ** Cycle Member, Russ Young passes away ** Stan Sussman reviews another fantastic Fire Island Frolic and Jeff Sammons, Joe Casey and Richard Kjelland share the accolades for the fantastic Show ** Northern Lights 2nd Anniversary ** W-7 ** Nine Plus films their version of "Sound of Music" ** Robert Walsh "In Memoriam" published from SPMC ** MS Amsterdam banner to Cycle ** ASMC founded in Boston ** Cycle makes first donation to AMCC Bicentennial Fund ** Tridents emerge in Canada

JUNE 1975 -- MSC Berlin reviews NY and Fire Island Frolic ** George Schoncite elected President of L.I. Spuds ** Fraser Lowden replace Felix Jones as President of SNC in London ** Excelsior M.C. is born in NY ** Brothers form in Jacksonville, Links in DC and Iron Guard in NYC ** SNC 10th Anniversary a winner ** MLC announced from Munich

JULY 1975 -- Bucks 1776 ** Levi Guys host Cycle ** Mini Bikers form in Mississippi ** Wranglers Stampede

AUGUST 1975 -- Spartans Marathon ** World Brotherhood of Clubs roster is discontinued

SEPTEMBER 1975 -- Vikings Leif Erikson ** Happy 60th To Felix Jones of SNC ** Gene Simonar resigns from Chicago Knights ** L/L scene makes Time Magazine ** Cycle Member Frank Derfus passes away ** Ottawa Knights founded

OCTOBER 1975 -- Joint Cycle/L.I. Spuds European Tour ** Cycle invades P'Town ** Dates changed for AMCC Bicentennial Run

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OCTOBER 1975 (Continued) ** Vanguard's Oktoberfest ** ShipMates Carnival ** SNC begins plans for a U.S. invasion in '76 ** Empire City hosts their 'first' major run

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 1975 -- NY Levi Anniversary ** MS Amsterdams 5th Anniversary ** Cycle and SNC London to co-sponsor next Fire Island ** Lanyards "split" in Canada ** Kansas City Pioneers form ** Five Star MC forms in New Zealand ** Gerd Pohl re-elected President of MSC Hamburg ** SNC International Trophy passed on to M.S. Panther (Köln)

1976

JANUARY 1976 -- L.I. Spuds first Horsin' Around ** Eagle NY starts Sunday brunch ** LL scene makes pages of Germany's "Der Spiegel" ** Rurals form in Holland

FEBRUARY 1976 -- Elagabalus M.C. begins in Australia ** Eagle NY begins Sunday tea-dances ** Scene and Machine suspends publication

MARCH 1976 -- "Thank You for Flying Cycle" to Mardi Gras ** Walter Krueger new President of Empire City ** Vanguard's Vantage Magazine begins publishing ** Fernando honored as "Mr. International Leatherman" ** Kelly resigns as Chairman of AMCC Bicentennial Committee ** Fred Dobbs founds Peregrine M.C. in Atlanta ** Rob Wouters new President of MS Amsterdam ** Vikings/Entre Nous Boston Massacre

APRIL 1976 -- Vikings withdraw from AMCC ** NYC (New York Committee) emerges ** Trojans founded in Canada

MAY-JUNE 1976 -- Roy Towns, 1st President of ShipMates passes away ** SNC/Cycle joint Fire Island Frolic nearly sinks island ** Entre Nous resigns from AMCC ** Iron Guard joins AMCC ** Knights of Omaha form ** Associate Cycle Member Bud Barber and Praetorian Bill Watkins pass away

JULY 1976 -- New York City pleasantly over-run with Europeans ** SLM Norway is born

AUGUST 1976 -- Cycle's 8th Anniversary ** Australians invade New York ** Kemo's Kebek 76 ** Prairie Fire in Chicago ** Cycle/Wheels M.C./Spike and Eagle sponsor benefits to help defray hospital costs of Cycle's Jeff Sammons

SEPTEMBER 1976 -- Cycle in P' Town again ** Copperheads form in Connecticut ** Former Cycle member, Jack Kyne, begins LL column in The Advocate ** Selectmens first Travlin' Man

OCTOBER 1976 -- Cycle again crosses the Atlantic for Europe '76 ** After 2 years of planning only 160 people show up for the Bicentennial Run in Atlantic City ** Praetorians float 1,000 people up the Hudson ** Tom Sullivan new President of Iron Guard and Lou Tuck new President of Druids ** MSC Berlin presents Cycle with check for \$400 to send a member to Europe (we later sent Cousin Brucie) ** Druids resign from AMCC

NOVEMBER 1976 -- Vanguard's Vanities VIII ** Entre Nous' P-Town ** Friar Tuck's tribute to Richard Kjelland ** Cycle resigns from AMCC (again) ** Badlands opens in NY

DECEMBER 1976 -- (no publication)

JANUARY 1977 -- L.I. Spuds Horsin' Around ** Empire City kids charity ** Rand Lusby elected Captain of Vanguard's ** Philadelphia's Tri Cen 1 ** Links of DC stage a wing-ding at NY Waldorf ** Tom Claypool completes European ballet tour ** Bob Hutchinson new President of 9 Plus ** David Dwyer (Mrs. Graham) passes away in Canada ** Don Becker of Wheels M.C. also passes away ** Friends L & D forms in Montreal

FEBRUARY 1977 -- Cycle's Mardi Gras in New Orleans ** Spuds and Wheels M.C. drop Eagle club nights ** Spirit of St. Louis forms ** Fernando wins Mr. Leather at Mardi Gras ** MineShaft is slowly catching on ** Keith Battin new President of Empire City ** L.I. Spuds quit Eagle club nights

MARCH/APRIL 1977 -- Entre Nous Equinox ** Don Daily (DD) received first 9 Plus Brotherhood Award ** NYCC bows out and Anita Bryant bows in ** Cousin Brucie becomes Car Captain of Cycle -- 1st issue of "Der Stiefel" arrives from Germany

MAY/JUNE 1977 -- Elizabeth T. Hepplefinger "reviews" Fire Island Frolic ** Jeff Sammons, Mike Carrigan, Lee Mc Millan, Tom Dickerson, Lou Cabral, Bob Monroe, Bob Bradshaw, Rand Lusby, Roger Pegram, Johnny Chains and Angelo Pingitore represent Cycle and Vanguard's at Queens Jubilee in London ** 800 guys descend on Berlin for MSC Berlin Easter Treffen ** Jack Eyler of 9 Plus Club dies ** Northern Lights 4th Anniversary ** Boston Eagle opens ** 9 people die in Everard Baths fire in NYC

JULY 1977 -- Jeff Sammons reviews "Queens Jubilee" ** 432 attend "Lone Star One" in Texas ** 1st Anniversary of Post in Philly ** Kemo's Kebek 77 ** "Bells Are Ringing" wows 'em at W-8 ** Mickey Garber of Iron Guard passes away ** Fraser Lowden re-elected President of S.N.C.

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 1977 -- Manfred and Gerhard from MSC Berlin criss-cross USA ** Fraser Lowden named Cycle Member of Year for '76 ** Gusti sells Ochsengarten in Munich ** Penns-men emerge in Pennsylvania ** Mike Gain new President and Dean Sandford probationary member of Wheels M.C. ** Peter George dies in Vancouver ** Spartan Marathon ** Cycle withdraws club nights at Eagle NY

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 1977 -- Cycle's dear and beloved Jeff Sammons passes on ** New 9 Plus clubhouse opens on West Street * Empire City/Vanguard's Septemberfest

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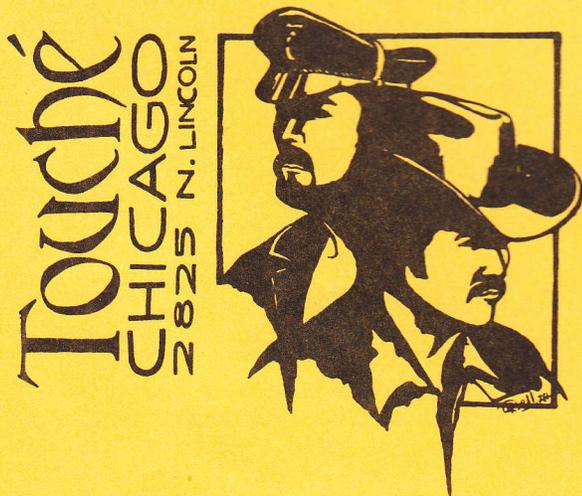
CLUB NEWS HIGHLIGHTS 1968-1982 (Continued)

MARCH/APRIL 1980 -- Entre Nous Equinox ** Pocono Warriors Whitewater ** Red, Hot and Cycle is announced ** Trenton Bulls 2nd Anniversary ** Druids Spring Sabbath ** Cycle once again goes "Flying Down to Rio" ** Excelsior is 5 ** The Tribe hosts 9th Do A Fool in Detroit ** ShipMates 6th Anniversary ** Ron Overby new President of ShipMates ** Druids' "movers" make the New York Post ** Gene Simonar formerly of 2nd City and the Chicago Knight M.C. passes on in Chicago ** Atlantis M.C. cancels Dogwood ** J's Bar opens in NYC ** Cousin Bruce's Erin joins Elizabeth T. Hepplefinger in Heaven

MAY/JUNE 1980 -- Scorpions host Scorpio Rising ** Friar Tuck reviews W-11 show and then goes into hiding ** Bob Guenther reviews Bucks M.C.'s Pow Wow ** Texas clubs Lone Star 3 ** Empire City Bikers Picnic ** MSC Berlin Travelogue ** San Francisco as seen by Hugh Gage ** Al Cataldo new President of Wheels M.C. ** DD tossed out on his buns during in-town performance of W-11 show ** Cycle member David Maxwell hosts club during Gay Pride Week ** FBI escorts Fred de Boer out of the U.S. ** A baker's dozen West Germans visit Cycle Headquarters in a 30 day period ** Sugar wows 'em at J's Bar ** San Francisco as seen by Friar Tuck

JULY/AUGUST 1980 -- Cycle People invade San Francisco ** MineShaft 4th Anniversary ** Friar Tuck reports Cycle Show at Red Hot and Cycle one of the best ever ** Bob Hutchinson new President of Conquistadors ** Montreal and Toronto as seen by Hugh Gage ** Roy Irving of Wheels M.C. hits Seventy in Eighty ** Migration as seen by Bob Guenther ** Friar Tuck reviews the Bar Scene in Ft. Lauderdale, San Jose, San Francisco and Provincetown ** Kevin Coughlin new President of Excelsior ** Rawhide Bar opens in NY ** Bacchus is formed in St. Louis ** Spike Bar begins club nights ** Centaurs Olympia VII

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NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 1980 -- Europe '80 and the curtain falls on Cycle European Tours ** ShipMates host Lucky 13 Carnival ** Brother Help Thyself in D.C. ** Lost Angels Autumn Scrambles ** Rampage of Terror in Greenwich Village -- Jörg Wenz shot dead in the Ramrod Bar and DD later is to locate Jörg's parents in Germany and break the news ** Iron Guard is 5 ** DCA Cellblock reopens in Philly ** MS Amsterdam is 10 ** Guardians Third Pride ** Renaissance Men emerge in Detroit ** Chicago Hellfire reorganization ** Vanguard's hold Septemberfest

1981

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 1981 -- Friar Tuck's Requiescat for Jörg Wenz ** Phoenix as seen by Friar Tuck ** Guardians host Excelsior ** More Horsin' Around with the L.I. Spuds ** Someone in Edmonton starts a club and calls it Northern Lights? ** Thunderbolts are 10 ** Blackhawk M.C. forms in Rock Island ** South Florida Council disbands ** Bob Guenther becomes Associate Cycle member

MARCH/APRIL 1981 -- Cycle M.C. final Mardi Gras in New Orleans ** Confederation of New York Area club (CONYAC) begins to take shape ** MineShaft "tribute" by Friar Tuck ** Excelsior is 6 ** Keith Battin receives 9 Plus Brotherhood Award ** Vikings BO 2 2281 ** Florida as seen by Joe Casey ** NY Levi Club is 8 ** Stellwerk Bar opens in Berlin ** Thunderbolts column reappears in WHEELS MAGAZINE

MAY/JUNE 1981 -- Roger Pegram reviews T'Bolts 10th ** Some Cycle members participate in Wheels M.C. W-12 show ** Norman O. new President of Wheels M.C. ** Friar Tuck reviews W-12 show and again goes into seclusion ** Vanguard's Vanities 11 ** Empire City's Bikers Picnic ** Roger Pegram reviews Spirit of St. Louis' Solo One ** Gold Coast holds Mr. International Leather Contest in Chicago ** CONYAC holds Matinee in NYC ** Max Renick of Nova and Charles Patrick of 9 Plus pass away ** Bob Miller resigns from the Wranglers ** Horst Weinoffer of Koln made Associate of Cycle ** Buddy Bar closes in Berlin ** Cycle hosts Tridents ** Chains of Brotherhood suspend publication

JULY/AUGUST 1981 -- Summer Reminiscence by Friar Tuck ** Joe Casey reviews Starburst (Nova & Iron Guard) and Skinny Dip (Pocono Warriors) ** ShipMates Keelhaul ** Levi Guys resign from AMGC ** MineShaft Anniversary ** DD takes 6 months leave of absence as President and Richard Kjelland is Acting President

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 1981 -- Roger Pegram reviews Cyclefest and declares it a winner ** Friar Tuck "is not impressed" with Cyclefest Show ** Rebel Owen new President of Iron Guard ** Then And Now by Friar Tuck ** Cycle hosts Iron Guard, Wheels M.C. and Nova ** Roger Pegram named Vanguard of the Year ** 4th CONYAC meeting ** Vanguard's are 12 ** Cycle displays 52 club banners during Cyclefest #



VANGUARDS

Hot Off The Press! The Vanguard M.C. was singularly honored on Sunday, April 4, when it received the "Club of the Year" plaque at the big and highly successful Lambda Awards

ceremony in the jam-packed DCA Club in Philadelphia's Center City. Conducted under the auspices of, and underwritten by, the Gay News, Philadelphia's premier gay publication, the annual affair honors those organizations, establishments and individuals in the Delaware Valley (Trenton to Wilmington) who have done most for and in the service of the gay community. This year, and highly significant in this reporter's view, the event was attended by a number of prominent politicians, including several highly-placed City Councilmen and the U.S. Congressman who represents Center City in Philadelphia. Not only did the Vanguard receive the Club plaque, but - to the utter shock of V.M.C. members present - went on to receive the top award of the entire affair: the Humanitarian Award, the first time this has ever gone to an organization (rather than to an individual). The awards presentation was preceded by Vanguard's entertainment by Vanguard Walt Wachter, Vanguard's Disciple Jimmy Murphy, and Vanguard's Associates (and regular Companions Club members) Norman Gabriele and Tom King. We do feel - as indeed we are - honored.

The usual blast of Leather Cocktails in D.C. January 16 gave invitees a chance to glimpse the new Exile on 5th Street. An old meat processing plant, it has been renovated with great flair and imagination and has worlds of space. Drop in to see Centaurs Lou Ritz and Tony Bachrach next time you're in Washington.

The Vanguard's handshake dinner in Philadelphia and the Bucks 8th anniversary banquet in New Hope, both invitational, in January were both amazingly well attended. The Vanguard prepared their own food with chef Angelo Pingitore in charge, while the Bucks relied on the excellent Raven Restaurant.

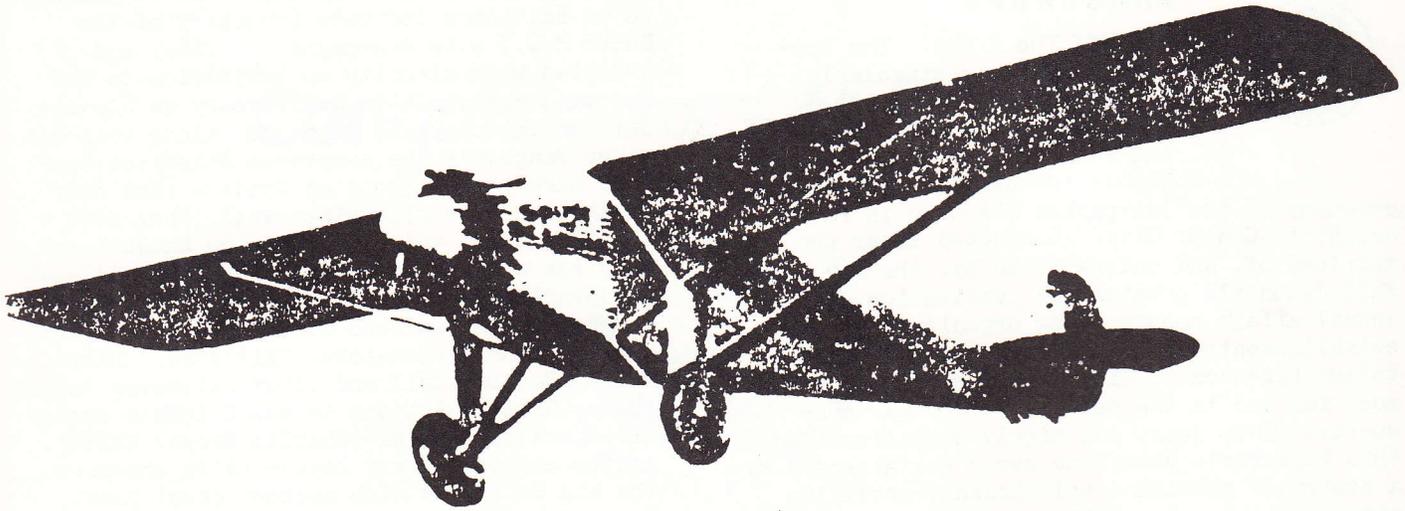
We were ready for the invitational Long Island Spuds Valentine's party at Keith Battin's, with his pool and sauna in constant use. A great party, with 10 clubs represented. Hunk Kevin Coughlin, past Prexy of Excelsior, gave his head a bad bang on a misjudged dive, but he has survived after a longer than anticipated period of convalescence. The next day witnessed the exodus for the T'Bolt afternoon hosting at J's in NYC, where throngs of Leathermen congregated. The T'Bolts made a triumphant return to the city one month later, when they hosted a St. Patrick's Day buffet and bar night at the Spike. Let us hope that the ever-handsome T'Bolts will continue their welcome assaults on points south of Connecticut. How's about favoring Philadelphia with a visit, guys?

The ShipMates 8th Anniversary saw this writer

gaining substantial avoirdupois as he journeyed to Baltimore for cake (courtesy of the Bucks M.C.) with champagne on Friday and accepted with alacrity an invitation to the Spartans private 14th anniversary in Alexandria on Saturday and attended, along with six other Vanguard's the sumptuous ShipMates banquet back in Baltimore on Sunday. (Not only do the Spartans ride bikes well, they cook like Escoffier and the ShipMates banquet and show was a sheer delight). The show will not go down in thespian history, but I've rarely laughed harder as John Dix, David Sallas, Don Craver, John Berkenstock, "Billy El," Lloyd Perry, Pat Driscoll and other ShipMates camped it up. Congratulations to new ShipMate executives headed by C.B. (Charlie Brown) Miller, and to outgoing Prexy Dayton Lilly who gave the big Baltimore club another great year. More congrats to C.B. who won the prized Roy A. Towns Brotherhood Award: the Vanguard's lost out again to the mighty Spartans for the coveted Roy A. Towns Memorial Club Award. Roy Towns was the first ShipMates President.

The Vanguard's Vanities, titled "Nightwings", has kept us busy during the dark dull days of winter. Coming on successive weekends of May 14-16 and 21-23, with two additional week-night performances on May 19 and 20, this will be the final annual Vanities, and we do not expect another big production like this in the foreseeable future from any club. Thus, we urge WHEELS MAGAZINE readers to take this opportunity to get up, or down, to Philly to see this one; it may well set some kind of high watermark for club shows (at least, we hope so) - it's elaborate, it's ambitious, it's delightful. Featuring a live chorus and music, as well as some of the Vanguard's traditional mime, we promise a fun eye-popping evening. A flyer and reservation form appear elsewhere in this issue. As this is written, the final performance (Sunday, May 23) is already sold out. We also plan a "Septemberfest" run this year, falling as always on the last full weekend of summer September 17-19. More on this later, (unfortunately, through other media).

Yes, it's hard - nay, impossible - to believe that this is the final issue of WHEELS MAGAZINE, for which I have written so many thousands of words over the years. The idea leaves me with an ineffable sadness and empty feeling, and this void will only manifest itself and intensify as the months stretch on with no more WHEELS MAGAZINE to look forward to, or write for. I had hoped that DD might consider continuing WHEELS MAGAZINE as a public service, but he has apparently had enough public service (for which one usually receives very little thanks). As the Vanguard's advertisement says, I salute Cycle M.C. and WHEELS MAGAZINE. There seems to be nothing more to say, except Go in Peace and God Be with You. In Brotherhood, Roger M Pegram, Co-Captain Emeritus, Vanguard's, Philadelphia.



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RENAISSANCE

It was with regret that we learned of the disbanding of CYCLE M.C. and the con-current cessation of WHEELS MAGAZINE.

We were saddened by the death in January of Earl Tyler, former president of the Tribe and former member of the Renaissance Men, of accidental carbon monoxide poisoning. It was a terrible shock to his many friends in the Detroit area and elsewhere. He was well known throughout the Mid-America Conference.

Somehow, we seem to have survived the harshest, cruelist winter in decades here in the Midwest. We are now looking forward to spring and the excitement of warmer weather. Plans by the Renaissance Men include a motor home trip to the World's Fair in Knoxville.

Two more bars have recently arrived on the local Leather/western scene. One, formerly Mr. C's, is now C's Saloon and the home of Detroit's newest club -- the Country Men. The other is the newly opened Club House, being operated by members of the levi/Leather club, Baccus. The Country Men join other active clubs including the Tribe, International Roadmasters, Selectmen, Renaissance Men, Baccus and Trident of Detroit.

Club nites continue to be exceedingly popular here. On a recent Saturday night, the Stallions of Cleveland were at the Interchange; the Tower City Corps of Cleveland were at the Club House; the Glass City Champions of Toledo were at the R & R and the Renaissance Men at C's Saloon. Across the river in Canada, Dignity of Detroit was having a bar/club night at JP's in Windsor.

Detroit has already selected three contestants to enter the 4th Annual Mr. International Leather contest in Chicago May 7th to 9th. Contests were held at the R & R Saloon, The Outlaw and the Interchange with the winner of each being sponsored by that bar. Rumor is that the Club House will also select and sponsor a contestant. If this is any indication of the rest of the country, and the world, there should be some hot competition.

In closing, we would like to thank CYCLE M.C., publishers of WHEELS MAGAZINE, for their contributions to the bike club scene during its emerging years.



R.L., Secretary, Renaissance Men, Detroit, Michigan

WHEELS MAGAZINE

THE CYCLE M.C.

OTTAWA KNIGHTS

The bulletin from CYCLE that announced the disbanding of the club both saddened and astounded all of the members of the Ottawa Knights. Most of us have known the Cycle Members as friendly and supportive of the movement of the Leather and denim people. Many of us have been guests at the various Fire Island Frolics -- fantastic weekends! All of us have read with pleasure and interest WHEELS MAGAZINE. Indeed our columns used to appear regularly in WHEELS MAGAZINE. We all hope that the day may come when CYCLE will decide to again become a vital organization. We wish the best of luck to all of those great persons who have made up the club in the past and who will hopefully stay somehow with the L&D scene.

Meanwhile, the Ottawa Knights remain a small but "together" club. We have added a few new members and have shuffled our executive.

To try to recount all the places we have been and the clubs who have hosted us would take the whole of this publication. Just let it be said that being part of the L&D scene has enriched the lives of all of us Knights. In no other way could we come in contact with such a rich assortment of the greatest men in the world! Special thanks must go out to the Rochester Rams and the Syracuse North Stars for their most generous contributions to our "Toys for Tots" last December. We were overwhelmed.

Once more, all warmest best wishes to the late CYCLE M.C. and its past members. We won't forget your CLUB SPIRIT!

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A.S.M.C. of Boston will be celebrating their 7th Anniversary in Boston, June 11th to 13th.

NEW OFFICERS of the Stallions (Cleveland) are: President, Brian Molnar; Vice President, Richard Hobbs; Recording Secretary, Frank Petrekovich; Treasurer, Paul Pulsinelli; Sergeant-at-Arms, Jim Hayde and Corresponding Secretary, Jim Blevins.

NEW OFFICERS of Cin City CC (Cincinnati) are: President, Les Bradford; Vice President, Tom Littlefield; Secretary, Giovanni Mucci and Treasurer, George Moore.

NEW FLORIDA CLUB. Gaucho M.C., 3219B W. Obispo Street, Tampa, Florida 33609

SABER M.C. has a new address -- PO Box 030367, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33303

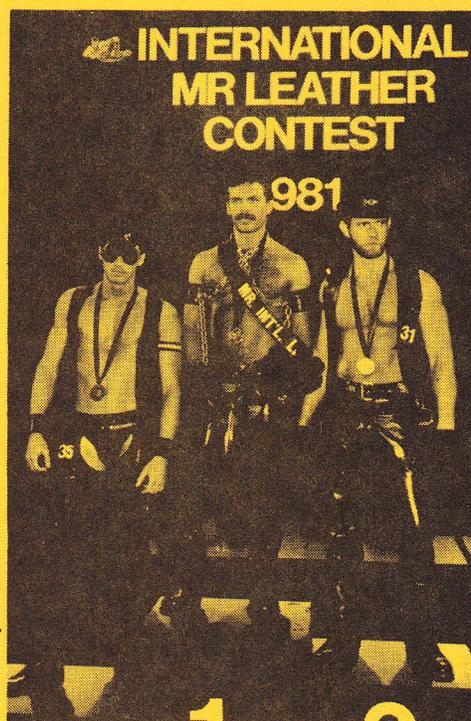
EXCELSIOR MC new address -- P.O. Box 31, Old Chelsea Station, New York, NY 10113

S.N.C. LONDON - At the last Annual General Meeting (AGM) the following were elected to office: Richard Focke, Treasurer and Alan Hiley, Secretary. The Members of the Committee are: John Borrie, Gordon Briggs, Pat Hennigan, Rod Svenson and Ken Warburton. Fraser Lowden stood down as President, but then agreed to stay on as President Emeritus until a new President is forthcoming.

SPREADEAGLE of London new officers are: President, John Rolls; Secretary, Mike Cook; Social Secretary, Brian Armstrong; Treasurer, Mike Bailey and Liason Officer, Peter Dee. Their address is in care of The Princess of Prussia, 15, Prescott Street, London E.1, England.

GUARDIANS M.C. 5th Pride Anniversary Run will be held in Springfield, Massachusetts from September 24th to 26th. Partners Cafe on Crown Street in New Haven, Connecticut (home of the Guardians M.C.) will be holding their Softball Benefit Show May 6th and 8th. Admissions sold at the door. For those of you have seen it, and those who have heard about it, the Guardians will be performing their version of Caesar and Cleopatra both nights. Following the Saturday show, the Guardians will be holding their Bar Night -- raffles, prizes and good times.

FOLLOWING our printing in the last issue of WHEELS MAGAZINE the minutes of the Ohio Conference they printed (using the information in WHEELS MAGAZINE) a complete listing of worldwide runs for the conference clubs. Good work! Please note a number of changes in our listings this month, especially in Europe. Also we have included this month, Southern California.



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Winners of the 1981 International Mr. Leather Contest, left to right, are Boyd Turner, 2nd runner-up, representing Great Lakes Products/Hardware; Marty Kiker, 1981 International Mr. Leather, representing The Brig, San Francisco; and Bill Shepherd, 1st runner-up, representing Stud, Inc. of Los Angeles.

INTERNATIONAL MR LEATHER CONTEST. Leathermen from all over the world will take command of Chicago from May 6-9. Besides general admission tickets, a weekend package is being offered for \$25, which includes private parties, admission to the contest and show, tickets to the Black-and-Blue Ball at the famous Man's Country Baths, discounts at Chicago's leading Leather shops, bars and businesses and a variety of goodies.

The 1981 contest broke all records for number of contestants and crowd attendance. Competing for top honors were 36 hot men representing levi/Leather businesses and organizations from all over the world. While the United States had the majority of contestants, the international flavor of the contest was emphasized by the geographical diversity of the over 1,000 Leathermen in attendance. Included in the audience were representatives of Australia, Canada, England, Germany, Italy, Mexico and Sweden.

International Mr. Leatherman 1982 will receive over \$5,000 in prizes, including a new motorcycle. Chicago's Leather community invites everyone to be on hand as contestants from around the globe assemble for the selection of International Mr. Leather 1982.

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* Webster defines the word "ineffable" as "incapable of being expressed in words". That is how it is as we write this, and no matter how we word it, there will be those who will misinterpret what we are trying to say. When the Board of Directors of the Cycle Motor Club, Incorporated announced the disbanding of the Cycle M.C., it was stated that CYCLE would "cease as an active club". That is: no more structured club -- no more officers -- no more sponsored runs and events or tours -- no more meetings -- no more club nights -- no more club decisions -- no more worries that the airplanes and hotels would be there for the Cycle People -- no more magazine deadlines, etc. It was also stated the Corporation would remain to protect the name and the Cycle Logo. However, the corporation is presently dormant. Webster defines dormant as "temporarily in abeyance yet capable of being activated or resumed". It is extremely unlikely that the Cycle M.C. will ever again be an "active" club, but the founding fathers and the Board of Directors have wisely left this legacy. Also, only the Board of Directors could make any such decision.

As to we, the members. It is not true that we were all lined up before a firing squad or, worse yet, shot into outer space never to be seen again. If anything (with more time on our hands) we should be more visible than before. Most of us, will continue to wear the patch with pride. Even though the club is now "inactive" -- it has a proud tradition around the world and that Cycle patch is worn on the arm or back of men of integrity. Now, we will have even more time to attend and enjoy the events of other clubs and we will continue to enjoy one another for Cycle was more than a club -- it was a family, and the family remains. Further, our "taste" for Leather and the Leather community has not waned one iota. For the deadwood members (unfortunately, just like other clubs, we had a few deadwood members) life will go on as usual, but for those of us who viewed CYCLE as a labor of love in the day-by-day, month-by-month, year-by-year administration of the club, this inactive status comes as a welcome respite -- and a time for treasured reflection of the thousands of people we have met and loved just because there once was CYCLE! 254 West 25th Street also remains and we hope to continue, as we have in the past, to welcome our many friends from around the world. You see, you cannot inactivate LOVE!

* With this issue, WHEELS MAGAZINE also will cease publication. After 14 years and 132 issues we are putting the magazine "to bed" for the last time. With a few exceptions, such as Cousin Bruce and Richard Kjelland making hundreds of trips to the printer and some of the members who regularly helped collate the finished pages, the major burden over the past 14 years has fallen on This Editor. Any printed page will have "typos" (typographical errors). There have not been too many over the years in WHEELS MAGAZINE, thanks to our faithful proof readers, Tom Dickerson and Joe Casey. We hope that this publication has provided a service to the worldwide club community over the years. We are sorry that it is no longer physically or monetarily possible to continue publication.

* Compiling the "Club News Highlights" in this issue was akin to proof reading the Manhattan telephone directory. It was necessary to read every issue from cover-to-cover to glean these highlights -- and this was only the tip of the iceberg. Readers should be advised that the information was taken from the pages of each issue and therefore the actual "event" or "happening" may have taken place a month or so earlier. Back issues are available for all but the first three issues at a postpaid cost of \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Make remittance payable to Richard Kjelland and mail to -- Board of Directors, Cycle Motor Club Inc., 254 West 25th Street, New York, NY 10001.

* Subscriptions. In the past, WHEELS MAGAZINE has been sent to subscribers for a period of 6 months after expiration. At this time the major portion of subscriptions are nearing expiration. (During the past 2 months, we have simply returned the checks of any potential subscribers). However, for those of you who feel you are being short-changed we will attempt to pro-rate your subscription. Because of the nearly triple size of this issue, tripled printing costs and near-tripled postage, this final issue will be counted as 3 issues in pro-rating. Due mainly to soaring postal rates, this publication had very few issues in "the black" and was constantly subsidized by the parent club. Therefore, any subscription refunds will have to be from the personal pockets of The Board of Directors. Please address your requests to the address in the above paragraph.

* Just five days after the announcement of the disbanding of Cycle as an active club, we learned that another respected club had folded -- M.C. Kemo in Montreal. Just a few years earlier another fine club in Montreal disbanded -- The Northern Lights.

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TOO HOT TO HANDLE (Continued)

* The other night we were watching the movie "Outrageous" starring Craig Russell on one of our pay TV channels. In some bar scenes, we were surprised to see, albeit briefly, patches of the Spearhead and 2nd City. In the New York City shots we saw the Anvil, the Ramrod and Peter Rabbit. Also, there were plenty of shots of guys wearing the D.C. and N.Y. Eagle tee-shirts!

* Over the years this publication has tried to steer away from negativism, so please forgive us in our final hours for just a little negative reporting. Over the years only a handful of clubs have had the courtesy of paying for a subscription to WHEELS MAGAZINE. For each issue we sent out notices of deadlines and dutifully we printed as many club columns as we received. We then dutifully paid for the paper and printing costs and later splurged for the postage to mail copies to the clubs. Over the years, these costs have soared into the thousands of dollars. And, as we said, only a handful of clubs reciprocated. Even the run flyers were billed to the clubs at exactly half of our regular advertising rate. Okay, so we have it off our chest.

* Please keep us on your mailing list so the Board can advise the Cycle People of worldwide club events. Address: Cycle Motor Club, Inc. Attention Board of Directors, 254 West 25th Street, New York, NY 10001. Tel: 212-243 5585.

* As to payments for advertising. We were fortunate. Only about a half dozen refused to pay over the years -- namely The Interchange in Detroit and Ty's Bar in New York, and most recently the Folsom Street Hotel in San Francisco.

* Olympic Jamboree. We are happy to report, that with 2 or 3 exceptions all non-Cycle members received their donations back within two weeks after cancellation of the event. Why did Cycle cancel -- Simple. It was a sheer lack of interest. After the heaviest promotion ever extended for a Cycle event -- 3 weeks before the scheduled event only 45 people had signed up and only 10 of those belonged to any club. We would have needed at least 130 people to break even. In addition to having to return the donations, Richard Kjelland forfeited the \$3,000 deposit. Additionally, all promotion costs were also lost.

* And now for Your Editor's final words. At this time, Richard Kjelland is winging his way for a weekend business trip in London. Upon return he checks into Lenox Hill Hospital for an undiagnosed ailment. The poor baby has lost over 50 pounds in the past 60 days. Please join with us in praying that God will make our Richard strong and healthy real soon. God Bless You One and All.

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