



MOTOR CITY CUSHMAN CLUB

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DEDICATED TO THE PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION OF CUSHMAN MOTOR SCOOTERS

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Treasurer's Report for May 2012

Balance Forward	\$51.06
50/50	28.00
Extra	1.00
Fed Ex Office Copies	-12.83
Memorial (Margaret Ocobock)	<u>-50.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$17.23

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Meeting Minutes

President Tom Milanov called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M. on May 20 at the home of Tim & Diane Brandt in Sterling Heights. There were eight members present - Mike & Frankie Hayes, Bob & Ellie Mels, Al Copp, Tom Milanov and Tim & Diane Brandt. Tom thanked Tim & Diane for hosting the meeting and ride today. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Al Copp and it was seconded by Charley Bob Mels. The motion passed with a majority show of hands.

Treasurer's Report

Diane Brandt gave the treasurer's report ending balance was \$17.23. A motion was made by Frankie Hayes to accept the treasury report and it was seconded by Al Copp. The motion passed with a majority show of hands.

Old Business

Your membership dues are due now. Please make out your checks to Diane Brandt and send in A.S.A.P. As you can see, the treasury balance is at an all time low.

New Business

Tim passed out the information on Safe Riding Tips and talked about how our club should be using them as a guide to avoid any accidents and make everyone aware of the basic hand signals that all riders should use.

It was suggested by Tom that this information be gone over again at the Sandusky Meeting, since there was such a small turnout at Tim & Diane's event.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Frankie Hayes to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Charlie Bob Mels. The motion passed with a majority show of hands.

From the Desk of the Safety Officer – Tim Brandt

Since most of you did not attend our event and missed out on the Group Riding Tips seminar, I would like to mention a few things here that should be stressed to avoid any future accidents or mishaps. We are all guilty of breaking these rules, myself included, but I think it's important that we are all on the same page about riding safely. I will expand upon these points and pass out the information at future events.

- Come to the ride prepared.
Arrive with a full tank of gas and an empty bladder
Make sure your bike is in running order, and that the brakes, lights, etc work.
Bring appropriate riding gear for the expected range of conditions
- Novice or riders that are new to group riding should ride at or near the back unless the riders wish to ride elsewhere.
- Always ride in a tight but courteous staggered formation or single file. Single file only as directed by the lead road captain by positioning his left hand over his helmet with his index finger pointed upward. An index finger and pinkie finger pointed upward indicates staggered.
- When riding staggered, stick to the side you picked, don't drift from side to side. The open space next to you is the safety zone for the rider behind you in that lane.
- Riding side by side is dangerous and against the law in some states. The only time bikes are side by side is when the group is stopped at an intersection.
- Never come up on the bike in front or beside you.
- Maintain a constant speed. This helps prevent the "rubber band effect"
- Your eyes should be watching a few bikes up the road from you, not fixed just on the bike in front of you. Always be looking at least four seconds ahead.

- In a staggered or single file formation, do not pass the bike in front of you.
- When in a tight curve, the rider on the outside of the curve is required to give room to the rider on the inside in case the curve is too tight to negotiate at that speed without crowding.
- If it isn't safe to go through an intersection or turn – Don't do it. In other words, don't follow the group if a light turns red.

Motor City Cushman Club: 2012 - 2013 Schedule of Events

June 24: *Motor City Cushman Club - Sandusky Airport Fly-In Breakfast and Get-together and Ride* - Chip & Janey Weyeneth will host. Please have your scooters fully gassed and ready to ride. Meet at the Sandusky Airport (two miles north of Sandusky) at 7:00 A.M. for breakfast in the big hanger, which is put on by the Sandusky Flying Club - Price - \$6.00. The ride will start promptly at 9:00 A.M. and go about 57 miles to the Port Hope Light House where we will stop for lunch. The ride will continue on and finish back at the airport for a total of 114 miles. After the ride, there will be a nice sit down dinner at a local restaurant for those who are interested. There is rustic camping available at the Airport. RSVP 810-648-3396 or cell 810-334-2831.

July 9 - 13: *Vintage Bike Meet - Portland, Indiana.*

A meeting will be held on the fairgrounds which will give all out of state members an opportunity to attend at least one club meeting.

August 3 - 4 - 5: *Firekeepers Casino / Gilmore Museum Ride & Show Weekend* - Curtis and Carol Blowers will host. We will be leaving the Quality Inn Hotel at 9:00 A.M. and doing a 28 mile scooter ride to the *Gilmore Museum* where the *Red Barn Car* show will be going on all day (\$15.00 registration fee admits scooter and two people into show). We should be returning on scooters around 4:00 P.M. to the hotel. The evening can be spent at the casino or hotel playing games (individual's choice). There will be more information to follow in future newsletters.

August 18: *Woodward Dream Cruise* - Tim Brandt will host a ride early morning ride 8:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. going from Huntington Woods to Pontiac. If anyone is interested, contact him at 586-254-1278.

August 21 - 26: *Cruise Old Highway 27* - Paul and Diane Jones will host this event. You do not have to participate in the whole ride. You can come in and leave anywhere along the route. More information will follow in future newsletters. R.S.V.P. 313 605-3831

September 16: *"Somewhere in Time" Car Show - Trenton, Michigan* - Mike & Colleen Niefert will host this event at Elizabeth Park. Food and beverages will be available on site or at the "Taste of Trenton". Bring your own chairs. You must pre-register to participate. Contact the Niefert's at 734-676-1522 for more information. A downloadable application will be posted on the web.

September 27 - 30: *Fall Trailster / Road Ride - Newberry MI* - **Tom** and Vickie Tucker will host this event. There will be a Trail ride planned for the Trailsters on Friday. You must have a Cushman Trailster, a current O.R.V. sticker, and a spark arrestor on your Trailster to participate.

A Saturday road ride to Mackinaw City is planned for the regular Cushman Scooters. R.S.V.P. 734-453-2955.

We plan on staying at the Comfort Inn in Newberry (906-293-3218) Thursday and Friday nights. (Sept. 27 & Sept. 28.) We plan on staying at the Baymont Inn in Mackinaw City (866-331-7737) on Saturday night (Sept. 29). Check the internet for best pricing and availability. Hope to see you there.

October 14: *Franklin Cider Mill Ride* - Lee and Sandra Phillips will host this event. More information will follow in future newsletters.

November 11: *Thanksgiving Dinner and Meeting* - Tim & Diane Brandt will host this event. More information will follow in future newsletters.

December 2: *Christmas Dinner and Party* - Lee and Sandra Phillips will host this event. Bring a dessert to share after dinner at their home. We will be collecting for "Toys for Tots", bring a toy / game from "Toddlers thru Teens". More information will follow in future newsletters. R.S.V.P. 248-539-3953

January 13, 2013: *Club Planning Meeting* - Mike and Frankie Hayes will host. Meet at 1:00 P.M. We will be planning the rides and events for the coming year. Bring a dessert or hors d'oeuvre to share and your own beverage to drink. More information will follow in future newsletters.

Happy Birthday:

David Hayes – June 19
Don Frasure – June 25
Fred Raimond – July 22

Motor City Cushman Club website: www.MotorCityCushman.com

Want Ads

For Sale: Cushman leather tool pouches, tour packs, saddlebags, shop aprons, sweatshirts, and many other items. These are great gift ideas for the collector who thinks he has everything. For more information, e-mail hayescd@mindspring.com or call Carl Hayes at 1-734-260-0987.

Ed's Cushman Shop carries a full line of Carpenter reproduction parts and we have many used parts and truckster parts. We also have some scooters for sale. We do repairs on scooters; rebuild motors, transmissions, and carburetors. We have a source to repair flywheel keyways, crankshaft, keyways, end's and turn crank throws. Hours are Monday - Thursday 9 A.M. to 6 P.M. Ph: 217- 874-2771, 430 W. Main St., P.O. Box 195, Dalton City, IL 61925. We accept Visa & MC. We ship UPS daily. Please call before coming as we go to different shows and meets.