



MOTOR CITY CUSHMAN CLUB

Newsletter – May 2013

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Treasurer's Report for May 2013

Balance Forward	\$290.44
50/50	24.00
Dues	40.00
Bank Charge (returned)	5.00
Fed Ex Office Copies	<u>-12.72</u>
Ending Balance	\$346.72

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In Remembrance

It is with deepest sympathy to inform you that our fellow member and friend, Russ Yager, passed away on May 26th, 2013. He will be greatly missed by our club.

Welcome New Member

William R. McCoy from Imlay City has joined our club. He says he has too many scooters to list. We are very happy he has joined us and are looking forward to meeting him.

Meeting Minutes

President Tim Brandt called the meeting to order at 1:22 P.M on May 26, 2013 in Battle Creek, Michigan with 24 members present. Tim welcomed and thanked everyone for coming out to Binders Zoo. Tim thanked Paul and Diane Jones for hosting this event. Saturday's ride included one guest, Dave Kline.

A motion was made to accept the minutes by Russ Yager, and it was seconded by Mike Niefert. The motion passed with a majority show of hands.

Treasurer's Report

Diane Brandt gave the treasurer's report giving an ending balance of \$346.72.

A motion was made by Don Frasure to accept the treasury report. It was seconded by Frankie Hayes and the motion passed with a majority show of hands. **Just a reminder: Dues are due next month, June.**

Old Business

Diana Edmondson wanted to report that we received a thank you note from Colleen and Mike Niefert for the club's support from when her brother passed away.

Hats and shirts will be available at Portland.

Tom Milanov wanted to let everyone know about the Battle of the Brits Motorcycle Show and Swap Meet on Sunday, September 8, 2013. For more information contact Tom.

If anyone is interested on going on the Old 27 Tour, contact Paul Jones.

New Business

Curtis is doing the Gilmore Museum on June 28, 29, 30 if anyone is interested. Also, he is doing a ride the following weekend if you would like to leave your bikes at Curtis' that is fine.

The ride will be on Saturday and will be leaving at 11:00 A.M. There are hotels near the Gilmore Museum and Camping is free, but they are asking for a donation. Scooters will be set up near the diner.

Tim gave a short talk on bike safety. He reminded everyone to maintain your staggered position while riding and to use hand signals.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Russ Yager to adjourn the meeting at 1:38 P.M., second by Paul Jones. Motion passed.

From the desk of the Safety Officer – Tim Brandt

I don't want to preach, but just to let you know that I, myself, in the past have been guilty of not following safe riding procedures. To avoid any mishaps or accidents in the future, I am trying to correct that and encourage the club to ride safely also.

It has come to my attention that some riders refuse to ride on the right side position and will only ride on the left side for staggered riding. This can cause an unsafe condition

where two left side only riders are behind one another. The rider directly behind has a limited safety distance without causing a large gap between riders. In the future, if you do not wish to ride on the right side, please position yourself on the left side so that you are staggered in the group. Do not follow another left side rider. This rule applies to right side only riders too. This may mean moving to the middle or rear of the group.

Also, remember your hand signals:

Left arm extended for left turn.

Right arm extended bent straight up for right turn.

Two fingers in the air indicate staggered formation.

One finger up indicates ride single file.

Left hand pointing down indicates left side road hazard.

Left hand over back of head pointing down to right indicates right side road hazard.

I would also encourage riders to move up to side by side formation at a light or stop sign only. Remember we want everyone to be safe. Thank you for your cooperation.

Motor City Cushman Club: 2013- 2014 Schedule of Events

Listed below is the approved schedule for this year as voted on at the Planning Meeting. Any additions or changes to the schedule can be submitted to the president or proposed at a club meeting. If attending an event please, RSVP to the Host as soon as possible to make their job easier.

June 28, 29, 30: Gilmore Museum Tractor and Cushman Show and Swap Meet - Free entrance to show if displaying a scooter, rustic camping on grounds for a donation. Club meeting on Saturday. Call Curtis Blowers for more information 517-765-2035, 517-617-3693.

July 6: Ride and dinner - Carol & Curtis Blowers to host a ride which will finish up at a restaurant in Battle Creek for dinner. R.S.V.P. Curtis or Carol at 517-765-2035 or 517-677-3693 cell

Our address:

11620 Q Drive South

Burlington, MI 49029

There will be a mid-morning brunch at our home at 10 A.M. Paul Jones will be cooking pancakes and sausage on his grill and there will be an assortment of pastries and other breakfast type foods. Coffee and juice will also be provided.

Club members are welcome anytime Saturday morning after 8 am. Please bring any other beverages of your choice, and lawn chairs.

The Club meeting will follow the brunch before the ride starts. **The ride will start at 12:00 noon. Please be prompt!**

The ride will be approximately 80 to 85 miles in length. During the ride there will be an ice cream stop (to be determined), and a comfort stop. We will return to the Blowers home sometime mid-afternoon and proceed from there to have an early dinner at a restaurant.

We request that anyone planning to attend R.S.V.P. by July 2 so that we will have plenty of breakfast foods and a count for the restaurant prior to Saturday.

Hotels:

Quality Inn & Suites (some of you stayed here last year)
11081 Michigan Ave. E
269-964-3000

Firekeepers Casino Hotel
11177 Michigan Ave. E.
269-962-0000

Hope to see you July 6th. Any questions please call. **House # 517-765-2035 Curtis
cell # 517-677-3693**

July 20 - 24: The Vintage Bike Meet - Portland, Indiana - A meeting will be held on Monday at the fairgrounds which will give all out of state members an opportunity to attend at least one club meeting.

August 11: 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., we will stop for lunch. The ride will continue on and finish back at the airport. 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. Motels are also available in the area.

August 20 - 25: Cruise Old Highway 27 - Paul and Diane Jones will host this event. You do not have to do the whole ride, you can come in and leave anywhere on the route. More information will follow. R.S.V.P. 313 605-3831

September 15 or 22 (TBD): Motor City Cushman Club At The "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.

September 27-29: Fall Trailster / Road Ride – Alpena, MI - Paul & Diane Jones will host this event. Lots of riding, plus a ship wreck glass bottom boat ride, and more. R.S.V.P. Paul at 313-928-0182/

October 6: Franklin Cider Mill Ride - Lee and Sandra Phillips will host this event. More information will follow. Rain day is October 13.

November 10: Thanksgiving Dinner and Meeting - Larry & Diana Edmondson will host this event at the Big Bear Lodge, 25253 Telegraph Road, Brownstown Twp, MI 48134. More information to be given in future newsletters. R.S.V.P 734-783-4927.

December 8: Christmas in Plymouth - Tom & Vickie Tucker will host this event. There will be more information to come in future newsletters. R.S.V.P. 734-453-2955

January 12, 2014: Club Planning Meeting - Flat Rock, Michigan - Larry and Diana Edmondson will host. If interested in going, please contact Diana. 734-783-4927. Meet at 1:00 P.M to plan the rides and events for the coming year. Please come with your calendars and ideas.

Birthdays:

Fred Raimond – July 22
Bill McCoy – July 23
Jim Becker – Aug 3
Ray Hilliker – Aug 3
Mike Hayes – Aug 4
Tom Milanov – Aug 6
Steve Jeffers – Aug 9
Mike Dupuis – Aug 9

Diana Edmondson – Aug 12
Doug Young – Aug 13
Rita Coviets – Aug 16
Joe Drugich – Aug 20
Bob Mels – Aug 21
Colleen Niefert – Aug 24
Chris Bonacci – Aug 31

Motor City Cushman Club website: www.MotorCityCushman.com

Want Ads

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 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.** C.S.T. 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.

For Sale: 1964 Super Silver Eagle, black, Gullion engine, electric start, makuni carburetor, Arcadia wheels, pinstriped paint job - \$5200.00. Call Jamie Coobatis at 248-888-1437

For Sale: Parts from Super Silver Eagle - Buco saddle bags, buddy seat, original wheels, windshield, Makuni carburetor. Call Jamie Coobatis at 248-888-1437

For Sale: Throttle Governor Engine - \$250.00. Call Jamie Coobatis at 248-888-1437