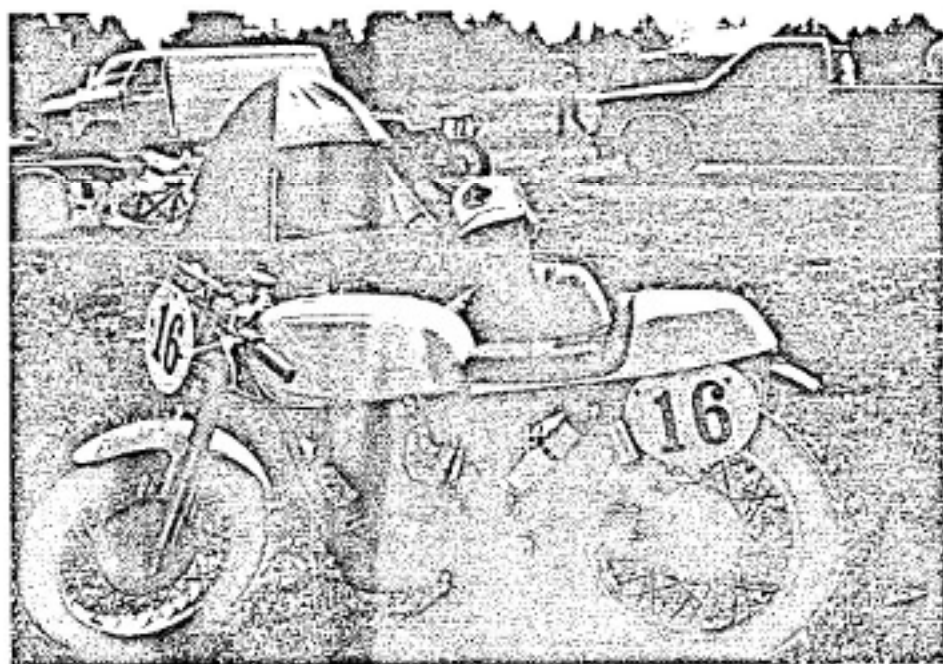


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NEWSLETTER



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Next Meeting(s):

The next general meeting will be held at Black Creek Public Library (south-east corner of Jane and Wilson) on Friday, April 12 1985 from 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

The date and location of the following meeting is unscheduled at this time.

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FROM THE EDITOR:

Tim Lahey

Spring has arrived! At least, Wednesday March 20 marked the vernal equinox at about 11:14 EST. Here in the frozen semi-north, however, there are but a few patches of grass showing through the snow. (Good deal! Maybe I won't have to cut the grass or use the snowblower for another month.)

A PLEA FOR HELP!

Dust off those vintage racing pens and scribble a contribution to the newsletter!

Technical articles (how to, how NOT to), book reviews, (auto)biographies, cartoons, puzzles, games, where-to-find-it lists, where-to-get-it-done lists, great roads to ride (or avoid), trivia, etc, etc, ...

all would be welcome.

Photos for the cover (or inside) are also invited. Just attach (or write on the back) a brief description of the subject and identify the photographer so credit may be given. Photos will be returned at the next meeting, or by mail.

YET ANOTHER PLEA!

Please note Jim Garrett's request (see the Minutes) for volunteers to assist in organizing:

- 1. entertainment at general meetings
- 2. the annual banquet

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IMPORTANT REMINDER TO MEMBERS:

March 31 1985 is the deadline for membership renewals.

If you have not renewed by that date, you will receive no further mailings from the VRRR.

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SUBMISSIONS:

Submissions for publication are invited! They need not be typed, merely legible. Photos should preferably be black and white. Send all contributions to the editor, address as above.

Please provide identifying information with photos. They will be returned at the next meeting or by mail. Other contributions will be retained on file, unless otherwise requested.

The deadline for submissions is the 10th of the month. The newsletter will be sent for printing on or about the 12th of the month.

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COVER:

This month's photo shows the editor with his Ducati 250 at the VARAC Vintage Festival weekend last summer.

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**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING** Julie Shakespeare  
**Friday, March 1, 1985** Acting Secretary

(These minutes are subject to acceptance at the next meeting, Ed.)

1. Minutes from the January 25/85 meeting were read and accepted. Motion: Dave Hughes, Seconder: Manzi Warwick.

2. Some appreciation was expressed for the high quality of Tim Lahay's newsletter. Tim is still looking for material.

3. It was announced that the Competition Committee has taken on the responsibility for the organization and execution of the dinner to be held on the Saturday evening of the VRRR race weekend, Aug 24-25, 1985.

4. Jim Garrett has asked for someone to organize general meeting entertainment (e.g. films or slides). It is hoped that not all the meetings will have contentious issues to discuss, and we can all relax and do some bench and screen racing.

5. Jim Garrett will be looking for people to help organize the annual banquet. Volunteers are welcome!

6. The Treasurer reports that we have \$3,704.82 and 74 members. Some people still have not renewed their memberships.

7. The CVMG has approached the VRRR with the idea of having a mini rally in conjunction with the VRRR weekend. This would be arranged with the proviso that there would be no concurrent events. In the light of what D. Hughes said later, this may not be feasible.

8. The Canadian Warplane Heritage Foundation has approached the vintage motorcycle groups to display pre-1953 motorcycles at their "Classics of the Golden Age" show on May 11-12, 1985. Anyone in the Hamilton-Brantford area willing to help organize this should contact Jim Garrett, 648-5263 or 525-9140 x4856. I know that pre-1953 racing hardware is hard to come by. I'll phone them and see if I can move their cutoff date.

9. Dave Hughes made a Competition Committee report. Hopefully, the Comp. Com. Report will be elsewhere in this newsletter. Other points Dave brought up were:

a) The Comp. Com. has recommended that the Overall VRRR Champion Award be discontinued. Feedback from the members on this is welcome. Class championships will be retained.

b) The Comp. Com. has recommended that we adopt the points system similar to that used by F.I.N., A.C.U., A.M.A., R.A.C.E. and who knows who else. That is, no points for heat races and points only for the final 15, 12, 10, 8, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, and one point for each finisher. In VRRR races, a finisher is someone who drives a motorcycle under its own power across the finish line. Small trophies for 1, 2

and 3 in the heat races is being considered.

c) Bob Coy of the Classic Racing Assoc. of U.S. of A. is scouting around for a second U.S. based Can-Am Challenge race. Dave is discouraging him. With the current exchange rate on the dollar, it is unlikely that Canadians will be able to afford two trips to the east coast. Approx. 10 members at the meeting expressed an interest in going to the Loudon area twice in one year.

d) D.H. wants to have some Sunday morning fun at the VRRR weekend event. We will be having a Concours competition and the parade lap(s), but Dave suggested a bicycle relay race (like the "old days" at Shannonville), or a pocket rocket race. How about an egg & spoon race through the infield? D.H. would like to have a sponsors race.

10. That old bugaboo about bumping into larger displacement classes was discussed a bit. No motions were made.

11. Gary McCaw reported that our June 1,2 race conflicts with the I.O.M. T.T. (I wonder if the TT folks are worried about losing their audience?)

12. The question of the use of Commando cases in Atlas racers was discussed for the better part of an hour. At the end of it, two opinion polls were taken of those at the meeting.

a) In favour of allowing the use of Commando cases: 11; against: 12.

b) In favour of leaving the decision in the hands of the Technical Committee: 31; against: 1.

In the future, the Tech. Committee will install a firm deadline for applications of this nature.

13. Eric Tunissen was pleased to award the Vintage Racing Trivia award to John Ciniglio Sr. John Sr. is required to identify the piston before using it in his Gold Star.

14. E.T. has been approached to put on a Vintage Racing Motorcycle display at the Motorcycle Swap Meet on March 31. This was approved by a show of hands: 5 in favour, none opposed.

15. Dave Hughes announced that he has been talking with VARAC. They are going to Mosport this year, and it is unlikely that we will be having a joint meet. The problem comes from the installation and removal of hay bales.

16. D.H. also announced that racers at Shannonville will have their entry fee refunded upon registering to race. No racing registration fees were announced.

17. Julie Shakespeare announced that the date of the Canadian Vintage Motorcycle Group Invitational Rally was reported incorrectly in the last newsletter. The date is June 21, 22, 23

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## MINUTES (Cont'd)

1985 at the Welland County Motorcycle Club park. Participation in the Rally is by pre-registration only. Registration is open to anyone with a bonafide vantage machine (10 years old or older) or anyone who is a member of a recognized vintage group - VRRRA for example and BSA Owners Club, Vincent Owners Club, etc. Day visitors and spectators are welcome. More details are available from:

In Canada: M.J. Lawson  
302 - 262 Glencarry Ave.  
Hamilton, Ontario  
L8K 3R9

In U.S.A.: Rose Chillian  
Box 113  
Merrick, N.Y.  
11566

18. Gary McCaw recently announced the sale of a MANX with spares for \$300.00, somewhere in the U.S. Those machines are still cut there in the chickensheds!

19. Motion to adjourn at 10:00 PM: Tom McGill, Seconder: Manzi Warwick

Minutes taken by Julie Shakespeare - Thanks Jewels,

Minutes written up by Jim Garrett - 850302.

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## FROM THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE Paul Bowyer

In order that the N.G.K. representatives can have spark plugs available for the VRRRA members at the racetrack, we need the following information:

Make, year and model of machine,

Type and manufacturer's name of the spark plug(s) you have been using, for cross-referencing.

Please drop a note to:

Paul Bowyer  
RR#6  
Cobourg, Ontario  
K9A 4J9

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## NEW MEMBERS Manzi Warwick

The VRRRA welcomes the following new members:

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|-------------------|---------------|----|
| Pat Conroy        | Glenside      | PA |
| Brian Morrow      | Brampton      | ON |
| Nancy Morrow      | Brampton      | ON |
| Brian Kenyon      | Thorahill     | ON |
| Holly Stephen     | Whitby        | ON |
| Michael Liebscher | Columbus      | ON |
| Douglas Holzauer  | Whitesboro    | NY |
| Nancy Hulley      | Toronto       | ON |
| Kenneth Yeasey    | Cambridge     | ON |
| Geoffrey Davies   | Toronto       | ON |
| Yelit Chong       | Niagara Falls | ON |
| Ian Sutherland    | Toronto       | ON |
| Keith Browne      | Brampton      | ON |

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## SHOW CONTEST RESULTS

Manzi Warwick

The following are the results of the photo identification contest held by the VRRRA at the Motorcycle Manufacturers Council show held at the CNE in February.

Member's award:  
1965 Jawa 50cc Piston John Ciniglio Sr

Non-member's awards:

1st prize,  
free membership: Jim Armour  
148 Glamis Rd  
Cambridge, ON

2nd prize,  
T-shirt: Brian Smith  
182 Season St  
Toronto, ON

3rd prize,  
VRRRA crest: N. Murray  
RR#1  
Orangeville ON

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## BUY / SELL / SWAP:

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\* PLEASE NOTE \*  
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Advertisements will be appear for one insertion only, unless the editor is advised otherwise at the time of placement of the original ad, or prior to the deadline for submissions for the next issue.

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For Sale: 1971 Triumph Bonneville 650 cc, very good condition, \$1200.

For Sale: 1972 BMW R-50-5 500cc, unregistered. Needs reassembly. Ideal road machine. \$750

Doug Warwick  
1870 Spruce Hill Rd  
Pickering, Ontario  
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(416) 839-7464

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by Alan Cathcart \$27.00

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by Foote & Willoughby \$17.50

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Box 410  
Sydenham, Ontario  
K0H 2T0  
(613) 376-3766  
Richard Lobb

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FROM THE COMPETITION COMMITTEE

The following dates have been selected for the 1985 NGK series.

Mosport MAY 18-20  
Shannonville JUNE 1-2  
Shannonville JULY 20-21  
Shannonville AUG 10-11  
Shannonville SEPT 14-15

The series has been extended to five races this year as the majority of returned questionnaire's indicated that we should include the Mosport R.A.C.E. date. With the exception of the MAY 4-5 weekend (which it is hoped will be used as a warm up meeting) all Shannonville dates have been included in the series and we hope this will eliminate the sparse turnouts that were experienced last year at the non points events. In addition to these dates there will be a vintage class at the following R.A.C.E. weekends.

Gimli, Manitoba JUNE 15-16  
Sanair AUG 17-18  
Sanair AUG 31-SEPT 1

C.R.A.-V.R.R.A. CHALLENGE

Shannonville AUG 24-25 VRRRA weekend.  
Loudon N.H. AUG 31 SEPT 1.

If you plan to go please let us know ASAP.

OTHER NOTABLE DATES

Ducati Owners Club. Shannonville JUNE 15-16  
CVMG Rally, Welland JUNE 22-23

The Competition Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who responded to the recent questionnaire and assure you that your comments and suggestions were very much appreciated.

DAVE HUGHES

KEVIN FLETCHER      JACK PATERSON  
NORM SHEPPARD      PETE SNOWDEN