



Vincent Owners Club

Lone Star Section

Newsletter May, 2001

The Newsletter: I am making an effort to jazz up the newsletter a little. Bear with me. I got a good response to my request for photos and have a nice library to choose from now. I will include a shot of a LSVOC members bike each month. Depending on the number of Photos this could take 15 minutes or so to download.

Membership: My request for \$10 dues was well received. If you paid and I missed getting you in the roster please let me know. I have included the roster at the end. If your name is not on it you have not sent me \$10 and I assume you want to be dropped.

Also please check your VOC membership status and let me know if it is not correct. If you are not a member of the VOC please join. Getting MPH and 10% off spares through the Club is worth the \$40 or so cost per year.

We have three new members. George Missetzis from Houston, Lloyd Lindsey from Santa Fe, and George Missbach from Atlanta. Welcome to the Section.

Finances: We accomplished our goal of raising \$300 for a banner. With the new dues added to the previous funds we now have \$401.00 in the kitty. Big money.

Austin Motel Weekend: This was a rollicking success as always. We were blessed with good weather and six very nice Vincents. Sadly none from Austin. This was a big Comet weekend with Parstabar, Johncock, and Martin all Comet mounted. Nance, Hartner and Morales all on Twins. This was the first outing for the Hartner Shadow. It ran beautifully and Dave rode it well.



The gang was getting pretty rowdy when this shot was taken. Normally I wouldn't care but they were in our room.

We had a good turnout. The deadly Dallas trio of Jenkins, McMasters, and Hartner. From Houston Ernesto Morales, John Martin, and Milton Tepe. From Vanderpool, Allan and Debbie Johncock and George Nance. From Austin, George Smid, Laurent Fouillet, Richard Green, and Bill Houlihan. From San Antonio, Sia Parstabar.

New member George Missbach and wife Sue flew in from Atlanta.



Here is a great shot at the Motel of the Vincents and their handsome riders. Left to right: Martin, Nance, Morales, Parstabar, Hartner, and Johncock

Friday dinner was at Threadgills as always. It was as good as Grandmas. Desert was a round or two of tequila shots at the Mexican outpost across the street. Breakfast was of course at Guero's and was gourmet excess.

Derryl was out this year with family commitments and had Richard Green lead the Saturday ride.

We had a big crowd on the ride with the Vincents outnumbered by other bikes both old and new. Sia made the point, and it is a valid one, that the great number of non LSVOC riders and bikes other than Vins takes some of the magic out of the ride for the faithful. Even so, it was a great ride through the Hills and around the lake to Marble Falls and the Bluebonnet Cafe. This is a great lunch spot specializing in chicken fried everything. The chicken livers were the hit of the day. Chicken fried of course.

The return ride stopped in at Herb Harris's for a look at his latest acquisitions. Herb was kind enough to host us a couple of years ago but since then he has built a new addition for his machines and added some really neat stuff. He has some epic original Phil Vincent memorabilia recently acquired from Phil Vincents family. These are hand drawings done by Phil in the 20s when he was a student at Cambridge. Awesome stuff if you are into Vincents.

Herb also has the record breaking Marty Dickerson Rapide, a couple of Broughs, the original BSA Earls Court cutaway Gold Star, the best Series "A" Vincent twin in the

world, the last Dick Busby Black Shadow restoration, a perfect Manx Norton, the Reg Dreaden supercharged Lightning, and so on. If you missed it, you missed a big one.

Herb had cold drinks for us and expert commentary. Thanks Herb and Richard for a memorable day.



*Roadside
Stop.
All Vincents
running well.*

Debbie Johncock was the lone lady present and bravely rode pillion on the Comet for the Saturday ride. Derryl Meisinger and Steve Tufts joined us for Dinner Saturday evening. Dinner at Art's Rib House was followed by traditional tequila shots at the Broken Spoke Saloon.



*Vincent revelry at
Art's Rib House.
Debbie and Jenkins
seem to have a
thing going. I
better check on
that.*

After breakfast at Guero's Sunday morning we split for home.

New Ulm: The BMOA Rally in New Ulm was May 18-20. We took the 48' Rapide and my 1930 Model 18 Norton.

The LSVOC had a good turnout with the Johncocks, Martins and the Morales showing in force. We had daughter Xan her beau Dana, and 4 grandkids. Ernesto had wife Estrellia and the boys, Gabriel, David and Daniel, all rabid motorcyclists. The Martins had kids and two grandkids. Other LSVOC members were Milton and Pam Tepe, Butch Hudkins and Emily, Mike DeCesare, Laurent Fouillet, Bill Wally, George Missbach, Steve Tufts and Sia Parstabar.

Bill Wally was on his Rapide with the Francoise Grosset electric starter. He gave us a demo with his fingers crossed but it was very impressive. It is virtually invisible to the eye except for the bigger than standard battery. There was a great technical article in a recent MPH on the Grosset system. Good reading if you like the idea of electric starting your twin.

Vincent everywhere. Sia Parstabar, Comet. John Martin, Comet. Allan Johncock, Rapide. Bill Wally, Rapide. Ernesto Morales, Shadow. Mike Decesare, Shadow.

The low spot of the rally came on the Poker Run on Saturday. The magneto died on John Martins Comet. We pulled over to check it out and the Butch Hudkins Gold Star refused to start. Bad magneto!. You wouldn't read about it

Ernesto won a first place plaque for his immaculate White Shadow. Mike DeCesare won a second, and my Norton won the Concours so we did good.

It was a good Rally and seems to get bigger and better each year.

North American Rally: As you know this year the N.A. Rally is in Washington State at Cascade Locks on the Columbia River.

So far just the Johncocks and the Nances are attending. Any more takers?

Bike of the Month: Our member from Arkansas, Jim Gattis, sent me a shot of his very pretty Black Shadow ages ago. Here it is:



Jim Gattis' Very nice Black Shadow

Utopia in the Fall: The next LSVOC event is not till the fall. We will have our “Vincent's in the Hill Country” weekend Nov 2-4. With a little luck this will be leaf turning time when the Texas Hill Country is at its most beautiful. Its a little early to make reservations but put it on your calendar and have the time put aside for this very special event. As in past years we will be at the Clear Springs Cabins.

The British Singles Ride: This week long test of man and machine is set for Sept 8-15. We will be doing the traditional route To Fort Davis then down into the Big Bend. Although not a VOC exclusive this ride has been mostly VOC in the past. Vincent celebrities Bruce and Ella Mutton and Alex Smith are coming over from South Australia for this world class event. Other Section members signed up to go are George Nance and Janna, John Martin and Josie, the Johncocks, and Sia Parstabar. If you are interested let me know and I will send you info. awjohncock@ricc.net

The Ad Hoc Ride: Last month I wrote of the great impromptu ride that John Martin put together. We stopped for a photo shoot on the top of Canyon Lake Dam. Sia Took this panoramic photo of the four Vins and it is a beauty.



LSVOC Logo: Vin McMasters has been working on a Section banner. He shot me this at press time. The Texas flag with a touch of Vincent! I like it. What do you think?



We need a reference to “Lone Star VOC” in there Vin as that is the official name of the Section.

LSVOC Roster. 5/24/01:

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NAME	VOC	CITY	STATE
Challinor, Pete	N	Colleyville	Tx
DeCesare, Mike	Y	Houston	Tx
Fouillet, Laurent	Y	Austin	Tx
Gattis, Jim	Y	Charleston	Ak
Graham, Bruce	Y	Austin	Tx
Green, Richard	N	Leander	Tx
Harris, Herb	Y	Austin	Tx
Hartner, Dave	Y	Dallas	Tx
Houlihan, Bill	N	Austin	Tx
Hudkins, Butch	N	Spring	Tx
Jenkins, Bill	Y	Dallas	Tx
Johncock, Allan	Y	League City	Tx
Kish, John	N	Humble	Tx
Kopyar, Paul	Y	Houston	Tx
Lindsey, Lloyd	N	Santa Fe	Tx
Martin, John	Y	Houston	Tx
Martyn, Denis	N	Flower Mound	Tx
McMaster, Vin	Y	Dallas	Tx
Meisinger, Derryl	Y	Austin	Tx
Missbach, George	N	Atlanta	Ga
Missetzis, George	N	Houston	Tx
Morales, Ernesto	N	Pearland	Tx
Nance, George	Y	Vanderpool	Tx
Parstabar Sia	N	San Antonio	Tx
Smid, George	N	Austin	Tx
Statz, Tony	N	Jourdanton	Tx
Temple, Tony	N	Austin	Tx
Tepe, Milton	Y	Pearland	Tx
Tufts, Steve	N	Leander	Tx
Wally William (Bill)	Y	Houston	Tx

Isn't It great to live in Texas; the Vincent center of the world.

Cheers.....Allan