

Name: George Bosak

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Born: March 10 1931

Voted in to the WCMC 1947 – 1957 & 1994 to present

First Bike : 1930 Harley-Davidson, 45 c.i.

Current Bikes: Gave up riding after 72 years due to declining health and strength needed to hold up a large motorcycle. Last bike I rode was a 2009 Suzuki Boulevard 800 c.c.

Bikes owned: 1930 Harley-Davidson 45 c.i., 1936 – 4 Cylinder Indian (or Henderson?) (only about 200 in Canada), 1940 - Indian Scout, 45 c.i., 1950 Harley-Davidson, 61 c.i., full dress, 1964 Harley-Davidson, 74 c.i. (Cop Bike), Club Photo, Yamaha 650 cc, Model Year Unknown, Kawasaki, 85 c.c. (Atlas Cycle), 1973 Kawasaki Enduro (Atlas Cycle), 1970 Honda 750 c.c., 1970's (?) Yamaha 650, 1970's (?) Honda 350 c.c., 1974 Honda 750 c.c. (fancy multi-colour paint job), 1988 (?) Yamaha 1100, 2009 Suzuki Boulevard 800 c.c. and Now Electric 3 Wheel Scooter (not mobility type)



1930 Harley-Davidson, 45 c.i.



George at our Club Banquet

I became interested in motorcycles when I was about 12 years old. At that time there were motorized bicycles, Power Bike with motor on the back and Whizzers with the motor in the frame. I saw Audrey Sherk (Alexandre), riding around on her Harley-Davidson which really brought on the urge to ride.



1940 Indian Scout



Florida, January 1968, George, 37 years old,  
4th bike, 1964 Harley-Davidson

The reason I joined the club was I started meeting other riders in Port Colborne hanging around a local restaurant. Some of them were Skyhawks MC members. I informally joined the club. Membership was very informal and the club consisted mostly of a group of young guys hanging out together. In 1957 I left the Skyhawks, built a house, sold my bike, sold my car and got married, in that order.

I rejoined the Club in 1994 with family responsibilities and career mostly behind me.

I bought my 1930 Harley-Davidson at age 15 with money saved from summers and after school work at the Robin Hood Flour Mill in Port Colborne. I didn't know how to ride so pushed it home then fiddled with controls trying to figure them out. I finally got the bike started, then immediately lost control as soon as the clutch was engaged. It took off down the driveway across the road into the ditch.

I became a Carpenter starting at age 16, learning the skills from my father. For many years I worked with my father and various construction companies and went on my own at age 27 doing repairs, renovations and new housing as well as commercial work.

After a back injury at age 39 I spent a number of years selling houses for Beaver Lumber, a large popular lumber supplier. From there I went back to contracting and building custom homes. I had a crew of 4 or 5 at one point. Retirement came as a slow scaling down of the type and volume of work I took on between age 65 and 70.

On rejoining the Club in 1994, I was overwhelmed by the heavy cigarette smoke at the time. I admit I was ahead of my time asking for some controls on smoking during meetings. None was forthcoming. I decided to leave the Club. Come spring when annual dues were due I was informed some members had come forward and collectively paid my dues in the hope I would reconsider. The gesture of fellowship was so moving I did reconsider. I haven't looked back since.



George Pouring Footings 3rd Addition

I personally felt an obligation of my membership was to make a contribution to the club by using my skills and experience.

Some of the projects that I have volunteered are listed below.

With the help of, now deceased member, Farmer & his big truck, straightened up the leaning pavilion and braced it.

Straightened up the pole barn, lifted trusses in place for the roof and installed the metal roof.

Built the storage / workshop on the west end of the pavilion.

Designed 3<sup>rd</sup> addition to the Clubhouse and headed up the construction. We completing under estimated cost. The product of negotiating on materials. Another \$1000 was saved negotiating a reclassification of the building permit with the City of Welland.

*George in no sailor on shore leave when it comes to money. DT*

Maintaining bleachers, springtime ritual.

Sold advertising for race program and signs for 20 years. Averaging \$10,000 a year.



George, Top Gun (?),  
Annual Club Trap Shoot



George collecting his due recognition  
at WCMC Annual Awards Banquet,  
with Lillian Scott



25 Years of Service to the Club from Welland MPP Jeff Burch

*WCMC Member Profile Assembled from telephone interviews with George by fellow WCMC member Dave Thomas*