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Overseas Newsletter of the
PIONEER MOTOR CLUB.

INTRODUCING....."MEGAPHONE".

Dear Member,

This is the first of what we hope will be a series of newsletters straight from your Club to you. Such a project has been in the minds of the Committee for a long time, but has only just become possible, chiefly owing to lack of addresses of overseas members. It is an attempt to provide you, as a member of the PMC at present serving overseas, with news of the Club, and of Christchurch and N.Z. motorcyclists in general. We cannot hope to give you all the news, or to reach everyone, but we'll do our damndest. We hope to re-establish the links between our cobbers overseas and those at home, to give you news of our Club personalities, and a glimpse of reunion on the not-distant future. We hope "MEGAPHONE" will give us all pleasant memories of the beach and the Miniature T.T. and the road circuit and the trials section, and equally pleasant feelings of anticipation of joys to come - the bark of another kind of megaphone and the tang of "Castrol R" drifting across.....

If you like "MEGAPHONE" drop us a line, and let us know your ideas for improvement ... what you want the Club to do in the future, and so on. Also, if any past or present members are in your vicinity, let them see your "MEGAPHONE", or, if this can't be done, send their full postal addresses. We hope to increase the copies of "MEGAPHONE" with each copy. It can be done - with your help.

..... and now, after which preamble, Here is the Headline News.

THE PIONEER MOTOR CLUB, although sports events have been few, has kept busy this Year with Committee business....protecting the affairs of the Club, both present and future, and planning for The Day. The Club has been put under "Emergency Rules", providing for quick action if necessary, Club property has been given better insurance, and so on. Of perhaps even greater interest will be the news of our activities in connection with the future of both the PMC and of our sport in general. Early in the Season, contact was made with leading British authorities, resulting in the PMC receiving much up-to-the-minute information of the greatest value. More has yet to come in, and great improvements are possible as a result. You will hear more, and yet more, of these matters. Once more, if you ponder these things during the night watches, let the Club have the benefit of your meditations.

One of our most interesting contacts has been with the famous British Club, the Sunbeam MCC, whose equally well-known Secretary, Mr. F.W. Pinhard, has made the happy suggestion that his Club's "Pioneer Run" for old-timers, is indeed a link with the PMC. Mr. Arthur Bourne, Editor of "The Motor Cycle" and Mr. T.W. Loughborough, General Secretary of the ACU London, are amongst other well-known motorcycling authorities with a keen and practical interest in the affairs of the PMC. Their best wishes have been extended to all members of the club, wherever they may be.

PERSONALITIES.

Departures from the Committee for wider fields during the past year: Peter Phillips...has introduced aircraft boundary-riding into Canada; Trevor Kemp, now on his way to take over "Kemp's delivery service"; George Bennett...on a "glorious tropic isle", and with a new respect for the driving capabilities of the Allied Nations; Doug Dunlop... now departed in a somewhat northerly direction after a longing look at a certain Beesa. G'luck, fellas.

Also heard of recently -- Dave McMillan...Crasher Torrens...Jack Lang..."Eye" Ward...Butch Pearson...Jim Reid...Morrie Wear....Charlie Sheard...all well.

Addresses wanted: Lew Gorinski... Ern(Speed-Twin) Harris... and anyone you know who hasn't received this copy of "MEGAPHONE".

RECENTLY IN CHRISTCHURCH were Bill Alexander, outwardly well, but inwardly pining for a little stretch of road called the "Back Straight"...Bruce Webster, on leave from OCTU Course, and married...

Harry Mitchell still runs that motorcycling nerve-centre in Manchester Street, camouflaged as a hairdresser's. Harry does a great job in keeping the boys in touch.

SPECIAL, recently, was the news of Gil Laurenson's mention in despatches. Gil has had his commission for several months, and word of his latest effort gave his friends a great kick. Congratulations, Gil.

HERE IS ONE, told by Crasher, of the airman on a Pacific station who woke one night and found two mossies sitting on the end of his bunk, talking about him. Said Mossie 1 to Mossie 2: "Do we eat 'im here or carry 'im down to the swamp?" "Think we'll eat 'im here, replied M.2; "If we cart him down to the swamp, the big ones'll take him off us!"

AND THAT, CHAPS, IS JUST ABOUT THAT. The Annual General Meeting, held next month, means news for you. Keep your own letters rolling, and, as we said before, if you like "MEGAPHONE" help us to keep it barking.

SO A PRAYER that the starter's flag may soon flash down once more, and a cheerio from all.