

BILL SHARPLESS



1986

Corduroy
Enduro

THE BRITISH EMPIRE MOTOR CLUB
WELCOMES YOU TO
THE 33RD ANNUAL CORDUROY ENDURO!

On behalf of the Club, and the more than fifty members involved in this weekend's event, welcome to the 33rd annual Corduroy Enduro! We believe we have organized an event that can be finished by the junior and is a challenge to the master. In addition to entrants from across Ontario, we offer a special welcome to our friends from the Province of Quebec and from the United States. It looks as if we will have a total entry of about 200 riders.

The British Empire Motor Club has been in business since 1928, and has been a key factor in the organization of amateur and professional events for both cars and bikes for nearly sixty years. While its competition activities are now restricted to circuit racing at Mosport for cars, and the Corduroy for motorcycles, we continue to work at providing quality events.

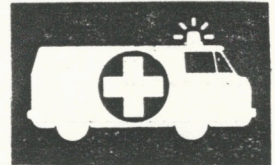
So - enjoy this weekend's event and ride competitively, but ride safely!

Kerr Chalmers

1986 Organizing Committee

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Haliburton Hospital	457-1392
Ambulance	457-1721
Police (Minden)	286-1431
Fire	457-2323



KEY PEOPLE

CMA Referee	Bill Sharpless
Event Chairman	Kerr Chalmers
Trail Boss	Ken Daniels
Scoring	Lloyd Howell

THE BRITISH EMPIRE MOTOR CLUB'S

33rd ANNUAL CORDUROY ENDURO

September 20th & 21st 1986.

H E L P F U L N O T E S

- The Junior class has 90 minutes to D.N.F. All other classes have 60 minutes to D.N.F. (SUPER VETERAN CLASS ALSO HAS 90 MIN.)
- Should you get lost, follow the arrows to the next corner. The number on the arrow at the corner corresponds to the number on your route sheet.
- If you break down and need assistance please stay on the trail so that our sweep crew can find you.
- All riders must hand in their route cards at the end of their ride so everyone can be accounted for.
- Free gas trucks are provided by Honda. Please label all gas cans, tools etc. with the labels provided at sign up location. Labels must have your name and rider number. Chain lube and refreshments are provided.
- We utilize danger arrows, however, use caution and common sense as every situation cannot be covered.
- Saturday arrows are white and red.
Sunday arrows are orange and black.
Portions of the trail are used on both days so watch your colours !!!

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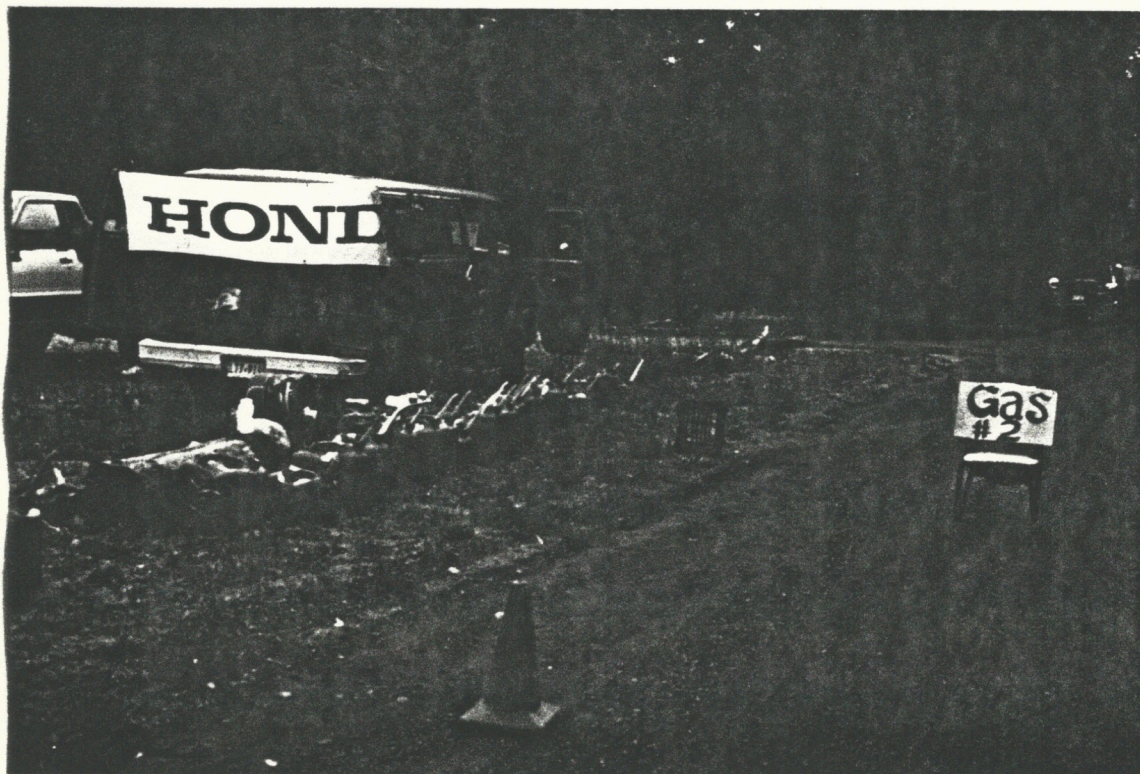
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"Mr. Snivel"



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LAST
YEAR'S
GAS
TRUCKS

1953 CORDUROY

by Bill Sharpless

It was Canada's first two day Endurance Run. The start was at the Glen Eagles Hotel just east of Toronto (it's still there by the way). Bring enough money to buy gas for 500 miles!

We were told Saturday's route would zig-zag up through southern Ontario to scenic Haliburton, where we would spend the night at Les North's luxurious Gold Rock Lodge. Sunday would be another 250 mile route back to Toronto.

Sounded like just the challenge for a teenager on a 500 Norton twin who had already completed two road enduros!

Some of the other machines were "real" dirt bikes with knobby tires, high exhausts and no batteries. Many were regular road bikes like mine with lights, mufflers, batteries, etc. removed and a Grasshopper rear tire installed (not enough room for a knobby). And some were completely stock road machines! They were mostly English motorcycles: 200 cc "Devoid-of-Power" two-strokes and 350 to 1000 cc four-strokes some weighing 500 pounds!

Saturday proved too long and tough for much of the entry as they ran out of daylight! But most of them did manage to straggle into Gold Rock, the ones without lights being led by those with. After 10 to 12 hours of riding a 400 pound motorcycle with 3½ inch travel, Gold Rock really was luxurious, especially the steam bath!

Some of the riders would have preferred not to ride Sunday, but eventually did because they had to ride back to Toronto anyway -- the few trailers and pick-ups were already full, and the Van hadn't been invented yet!

By today's standards the 1953 trails were easy, but because of the machines used then and the length of the course, it truly was an Endurance Run!

****Editor's note:**

In 1953 (the year of the first Corduroy Enduro) the winner was Basil Jackson of Toronto on a 500 Triumph.

In 1955, 1966, 1967 Bill Sharpless won the enduros on a 650 Ariel and 250 Bultaco

In 1983, 1984 Blair Sharpless won the enduros on a 250 Can Am.

Last year the Corduroy was won by Brian Mull on a Husky.

1955

This year it could be you !!! **THIRTY YEARS LATER... 1985**

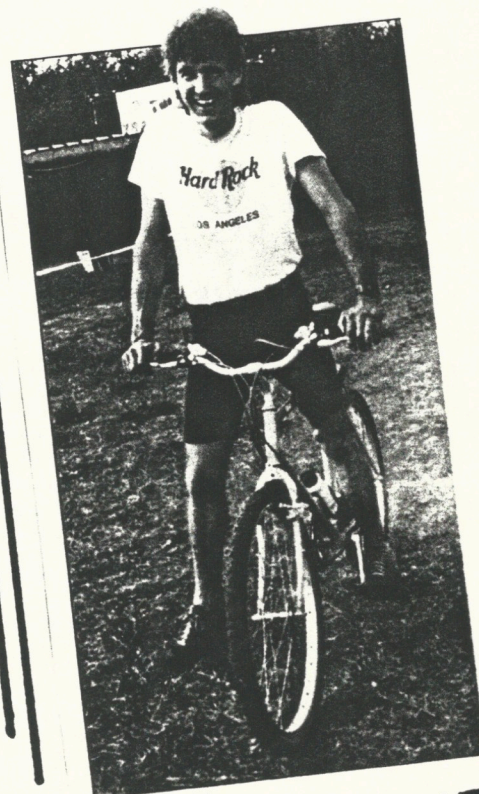
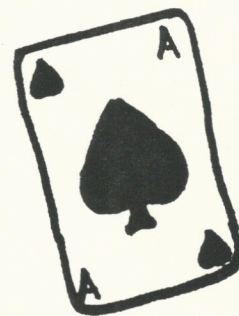


Enduro Widow





"ACE LANGDON"



Drew Smith

SOUTH OF THE
BORDER COMPETITION

THE MACHINE

BRADFORD

FORTY MINUTES LATE

I'd twisted my leg
and bent a peg
and run the last four miles on RESERVE
when I caught a root
with the heel of my boot
and lowsided an off-camber curve

The bike slid straight
pinned itself under a gate
the throttle opened wide.
A passing tractor stopped
the farmer down he hopped
and held the kill button till she died.

"Friend", I said; and I felt like a clown
"thanks a lot for shutting her down
and I'm really sorry about your gate."
"Some nails are pulled out of the wood
and I'd fix it right now if I could
but I'm running this enduro and I'm forty
minutes late."

"Son," he said, "aint nothing to ~~worry about~~
I hit that gate a dozen times, with my 45
Indian Scout."

Then he pointed up the hill
and inside an old saw mill
was a bike in a sorry state.
Wired over it's light
was a remarkable sight
and old Sandy Lane number plate!

"That old bike runs real fine
most of the time
but it's been months since I lit her fire
this time of year
we keep the dogs out here
and the bastids chewed off the back tire."

"Dad, things like that I hate to hear
but I got problems right here
and I know it looks like I busted my ass
the big problem of mine
is; I'm running out of time
and I sure need a gallon of gas."

We siphoned some fuel from the tractor's
tanks,
then I lit out with scarcely a thanks
the clock was running and I couldn't wait.
I went like heck
all the way to the check
still hit that sucker forty minutes late.

Then I got honking along near the speed of
sound

missed an arrow and got turned around
rode every trail in the lower half of the
state.

My boots were just about full of brine
when I finally crossed the finish line
don't you know? exactly forty minutes late.

I was creaking in my joints
as they totalled up my points
while I sloshed down a cold can of beer
they said; "you won LOW SCORE, we think."
I said, "that's nice, but what else you got to
drink
I don't care WHAT it is, bring it over here!"

Damn if I didn't win LOW SCORE award
running on rusty old gas from a Ferguson
Ford
No trophy: just a gift from a dealer.
He promised a tire: knobby, any size.
Not bad for a LOW SCORE prize
and he included two cans of sealer

The dealer's name was Steven
I caught him as he was leavin'
and I said as we walked out;
"I sure appreciate the prize
now here is the size:
for the back of a 45 Indian Scout."

FROM THE BOOK " 80.2 CHANGE TO 27 MPH "

BY ED HERTFELDER

CORBUROY ENDURO
Spectator Sheet and Gas Stop
Sept. 20, 21 / 1986

SATURDAY

1. Start -- Bill's Hill's Wilberforce 11:00 a.m. - 12:30

2. ^{29.1 km.} GAS STOP # 1 -- Gooderham -- From Bill's Hill's turn left (south) onto highway 648. Follow Highway south to TORY HILL. BEAR left | onto highway 503 to GOODERHAM. Turn left (south) onto highway 507 and go 0.1 km to Contau Lake Road. Gas is at the intersection of Contau Lake Road and highway 507.

Keytime ~~12:37~~ 11:37

3. ^{76.6 km.} GAS STOP # 2 -- Catchacoma -- From Gas stop #1, continue south on highway 507 28.9 km. Then turn right (west) onto a Fire Access Road (gravel road located 1.9 km south of Trapper Inn). Continue 100 yards and park on north side of road in parking lot.

Keytime ~~1:53~~ 12:53

4. SPECTATOR POINT -- WATER HOLE -- Five point parking lot 11.3 km north of Gas # 2; 2.2 km north of Baldwin Bay Road or 2.5 km south of the Pencil Lake Road on highway 507. Park in lot and walk south on trail 300 yards to water hole. Watch for oncoming riders!!

Keytime ~~2:27~~ 1:27

5. SPECTATOR POINT -- IRONDALE RIVER CROSSING -- 3.3 km east of Tory Hill turn south off highway 121 onto Hadlington road. Drive 3.5 km and BEAR west onto unmarked road. Proceed 1.5 km to trail on left. Watch for arrows and oncoming riders. Walk in trail to river crossing.

Keytime ~~3:21~~ 2:21

6. Finish and Cross Country Special Test at Bill's Hill's in Wilberforce.

Keytime ~~3:44~~ 2:44

OPT. GAS 136.5 km. 1:37
1st road E of Tory Hill (~1 km)
S off #121

CORDUROY ENDURO
Spectator Sheet and Gas Stop
Sept. 20, 21 / 1986

SUNDAY

1. Start: Bill's Hill's in Wilberforce. 8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.
2. SPECTATOR POINT-- IRONDALE RIVER CROSSING -- same as Saturday.

Keytime 8:26

3. OPTIONAL GAS STOP -- Only use if necessary -- parking is limited. From Gooderham on highway 507 drive 12.0 km. south. (2.2 km south of Salmon Lake Road) Watch for arrows crossing road.

Keytime 9:08:30 50.1 Km.

4. GAS STOP # 1 -- Same as Saturday #2 Gas Stop

Keytime 9:50:08 76.9 Km

5. GAS STOP # 2 -- Irondale -- From Gas stop #1 return north on highway 507 to Gooderham. Turn left (west) onto highway 503 and proceed to Irondale. Gas Stop is located south of the bridge on the Irondale Road.

Keytime 11:30 140.3 Km.

6. SPECTATOR POINT -- BURNT RIVER CROSSING -- North from Kinmount on highway 121 to Haliburton #1. North on Haliburton #1 and turn right onto road just south of Gelert Gardens Diner. Proceed on this road and turn right onto the second road you come to, cross the abandoned RR line and park. Walk east through gate for $\frac{1}{4}$ mile to river.

Keytime 12:08 154.7 Km.

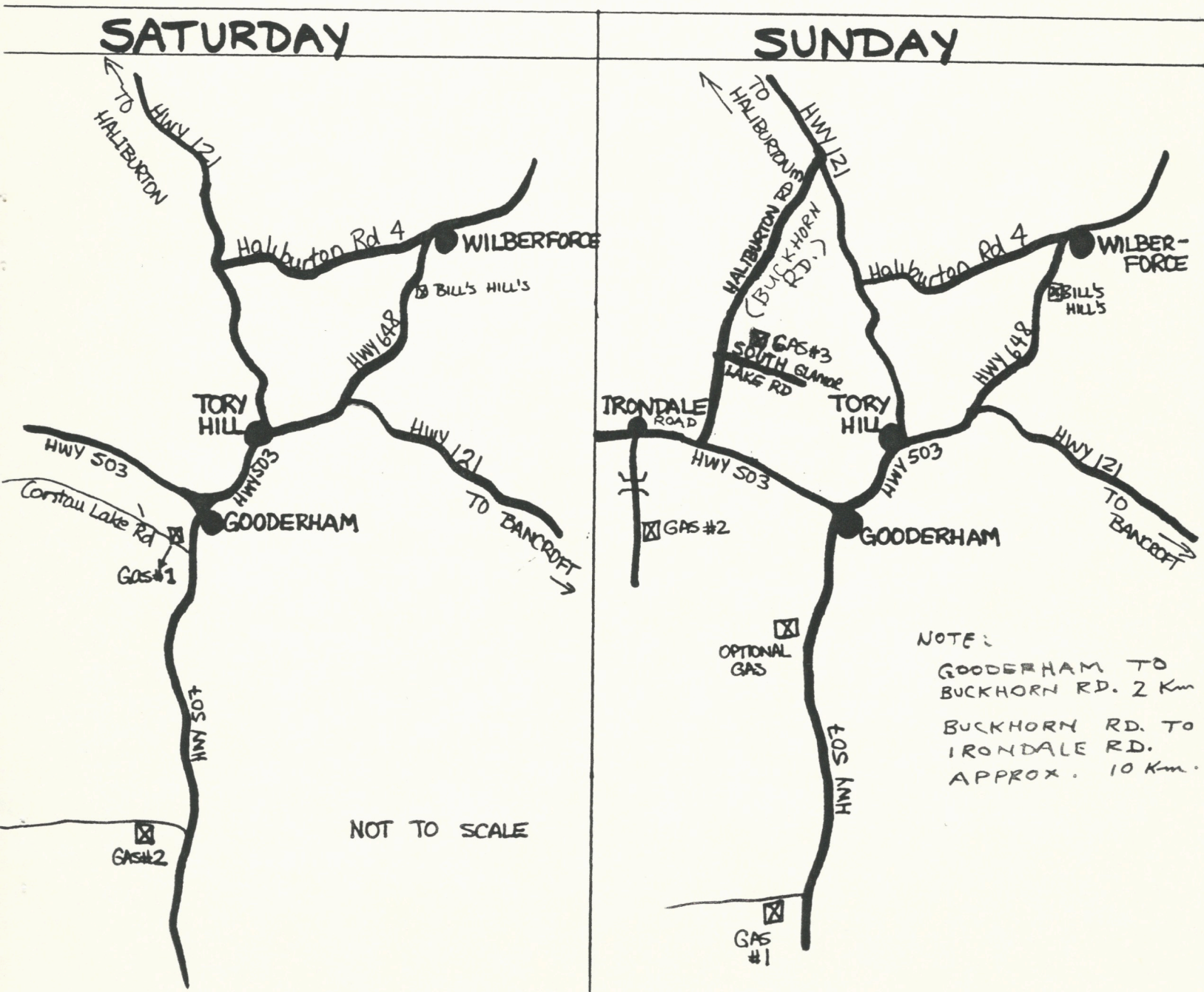
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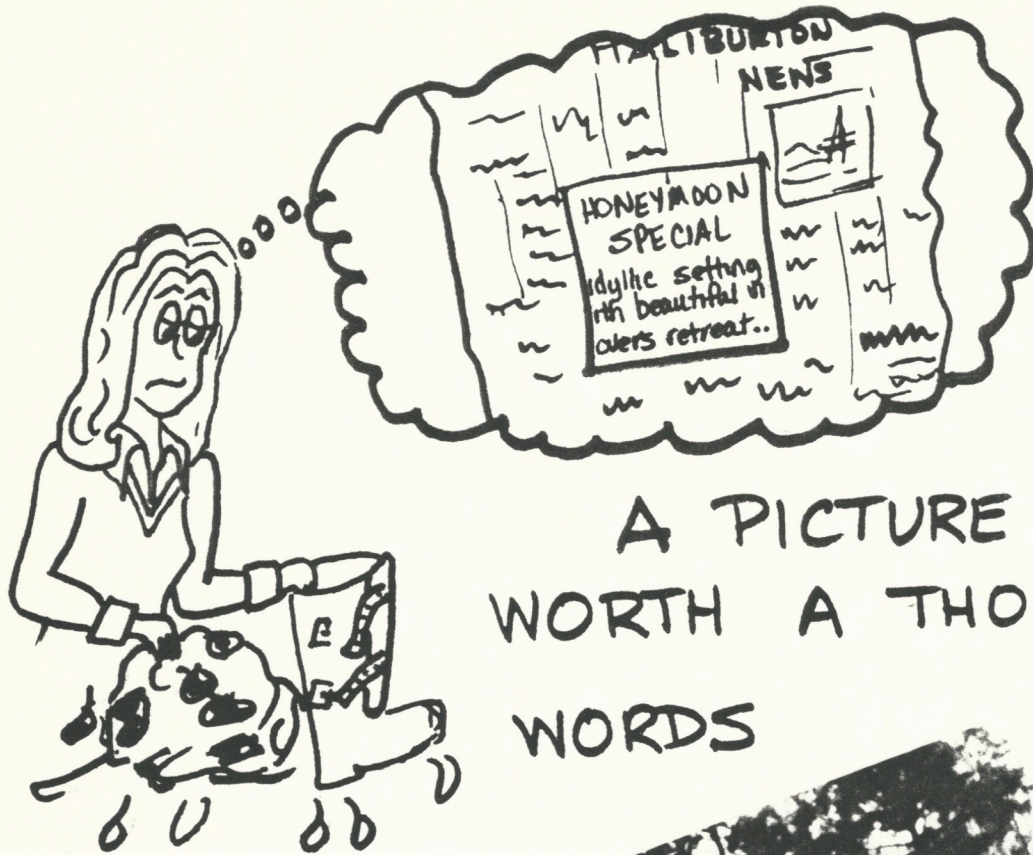
7. GAS STOP # 3 -- West from Gooderham on highway 503 to the Buckhorn Road or Haliburton 3. North to the South Glamor Lake Road. East 0.1 km to gas area.

Keytime 1:07

8. Finish and Cross Country at Bill's Hill's in Wilberforce.

Keytime 2:06





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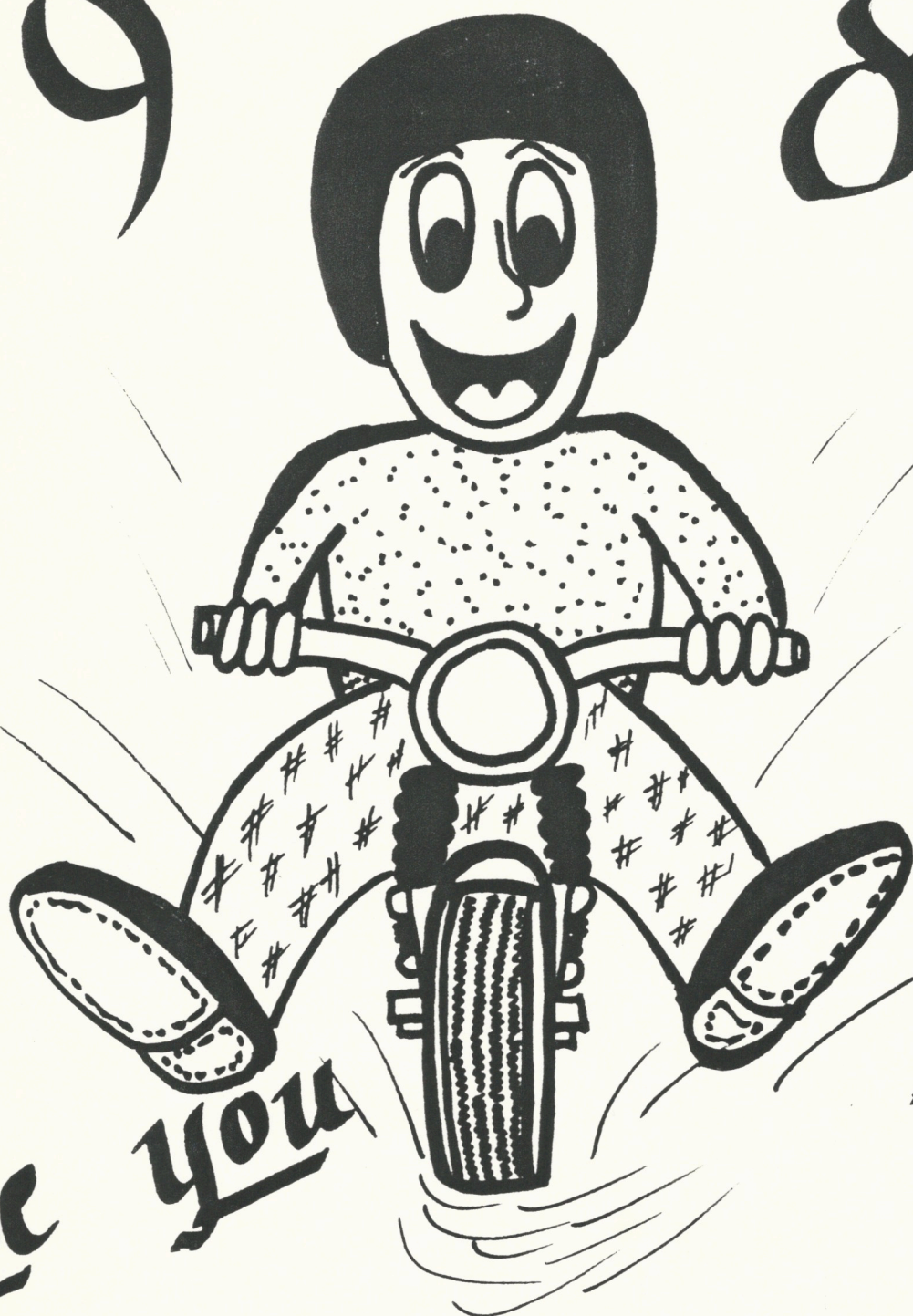
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hope you have
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