

Acknowledgments: Prior Officers

A Very, Very, Very Small Tribute to Those That Helped Get Us Here

By Ian Foster

It takes a certain type of person to volunteer to run an International Club. From my experience as Chairman of the "Classic Bike Club of Hong Kong" I have nothing but admiration for anyone who takes upon themselves such a position and responsibility. They have to be generous with their time, outgoing and friendly, thick-skinned (as you can never please all of the people, all of the time!), and they have to be fanatical about their chosen hobby.

Hidden behind the scenes, over the last few years, has been a trilogy of enthusiasts based in Northern California. I have met these guys personally numerous times during my annual CBXing 'sorties' to the good ole US of A. They have made my visits all the more enjoyable. They have given me help and friendship in a foreign land. It was my pleasure to write these few words of thanks to the past-committee, when asked to do so by Mike Barone.

Rod Libby, our President since 1997, has kept the Club on course from his position at the helm. Although extremely busy with his successful business, and commitments with ageing parents, Rod has given his time generously to the Club. Annually he personally organizes the Death Valley and Morro Bay ICOA Rallies with great success, as I can personally attest!



Rod Libby



Rod Libby (third from left), Peter Ruff (second from right)

In September Rod's technical knowledge of the CBX came into play when he managed the Tech. Session at Morro Bay by breaking down my freshly blown '79 CBX engine (Hopefully next year he'll put it all back together again!). At that ICOA Meeting, on announcing his resignation, he received a standing ovation from the gathered CBXers. It is rumored the last time Rod counted his CBXs they totaled 12 complete bikes (not including sheds full of spares!) including some gems like the French Moto Martin framed Special! We wish Rod good luck and happy CBX riding!

Pete Ruff, the Membership Director, has given countless hours sitting at a computer organizing all our subscriptions, our address changes, our Membership forms, responding to queries, etc. If you haven't met Pete, let me try and paint a picture for you. He is the kind of bloke you'd be happy to have as a friend: down to earth with a very pleasant personality; he is a fanatical CBXer who can recite CBX production figures and paint codes. When I think of an "all-American motor-head" I have a vision of Pete with his bikes and Corvettes. He has an in-depth knowledge of the CBX, so never argue

with him - when 'Corbin' had problems of badly fitting saddles on the CBX they went to Pete. Pete owns a CBX from each production year, all in splendid condition and kept in his living room. I look forward to many more jugs of Sangria with him and the gang at Death Valley.

Pete Ahrens, the Xpress Editor and WWW Master. For many years I have been bemused by the poetic lyrics oozing from the Editors Report in the Xpress ... the writer obviously must have been enjoying his task. It wasn't until in 1998 when I met Pete in Death Valley that I saw from whence these 'Homeric odes' were originating. I concluded that Pete was on his own planet, flying parallel to ours, but I wished I could see more of his - it seemed like a lot of fun! Check out his website for more enlightenment. When we met at DV98 Pete was on his very nicely detailed and upgraded twin-shock CBX, I see from the latest photos he is astride an '81. Whichever, we wish Pete happy riding and may his lyrical poems flow freely.



Pete Ahrens

The trio are still going to be active members in the Club. It is now time to hand on the reins to some new faces. It's time for the old-guard to sit back and take it easy surveying the wonders of the Club they helped to establish and nurture . . . we wish them all good luck in the Preservation of the CBX.

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