

Reading Motorcycle Club 100th Year History Book Reviews

George M. Meiser IX,

George is a past President of the Berks County Historical Society and he writes:

“The history of the RMC is a fabulous publication. Really high quality in all regards. Genuinely impressive. I’m delighted to have a copy.

Patty Rhoads,

Patty writes:

I got the book a few minutes ago in the mail...cool!
Giving it as a 50th b-day gift tonight..perfect..and thanks again.
What a great idea and great book!!

Michael Pedersen from Denmark,

Mike writes:

I got the book today, thanks a lot, it’s a very beautiful book, and with a lot of very good pictures.

AMA March 2012 Issue, Ups & Downs Column,

The AMA writes:

Thumbs up to the Reading MC for producing one heck of a historical book on the club. The five-year project was written, designed and published by club members. It includes a number of vintage photos and a full account of club history. It’s a great example of what members can do when they work together.

Rae Tyson writer for a PA History Magazine,

Rae writes:

I was delighted to see the piece on the new Reading (PA) Motorcycle Club book. I just completed a major story on the history of motorsports in Pennsylvania (for a history magazine) and had an opportunity to work with those guys. I was absolutely impressed with the job they did. Even if you didn't know the club - or the area - the 100th anniversary book represents an impressive documentation. I initially found out about the club when I viewed an exhibition at the Berks County Museum on the history of motorsports in the Reading, PA region.

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Historical Review of Berks County Magazine – Spring 2012 Issue

Author George M. Meiser IX writes:

At the close of 2011, the Reading Motorcycle Club released a commemorative hard-bound volume of 208 pages that traces, largely through high-quality photographs, the centenary of its existence. The members who compiled this volume produced one of the finest local histories we've seen. It's been reported the nine-member committee that self published this work spent some five years in its preparation. It's obvious the group reached far and wide to gather the mass and variety of material presented. The book is outstanding in all regards, particularly in the comprehensiveness of its overview.

For the record, the volume is printed on encyclopedia-like coated paper, which brings out the best in the more than 600 pictures included, the most of which are in color. The most striking aspect of the book is its attractive layout, which has the general appearance of a coffee-table production of the highest caliber. Its table of contents lists and describes 20 segments that comprise the work, from the clubs start in Reading to its eventual move to Oley Township, where it has been for most of its years.

Today, The RMC has about 1,200 members, many of whom appear – on their motorcycles – in elongated full-color photos in the final 14 pages of the book. To the compilers' credit, virtually *every* person, whether alone or part of a group, is clearly identified.

There are so many fascinating pictures of local sites and events of yesteryear that any local history buff – male or female – will find this volume well worth having. Included are historically significant views, never before published, of the hill climbs up South 13th Street in Reading. . . the motorcycle polo matches in Glenside in the shadow of the House of Good Shepherd, aka Marymount on the Schuylkill . . . panoramic foldouts (nearly a yard wide!) of local old-time bikes on their Reading Standard motorcycles, lined up along Penn Street, etc, etc.

Perhaps even more surprising than the overall attractiveness of this publication is its modest selling price: \$37.10, tax included. To secure a copy, call the club's headquarters at 610-987-6422 or check out its Web site: <http://www.readingmc.com>