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explained the itinerary for the weekend. This Friday night, the Fish Fry kicked off. The Saturday night dance would be held UAW Hall, 3900 Goodfellow, and the after-parties and breakfast were going to be at the clubhouse.

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## THE CROWN ROYALS M.C. KIRKWOOD, MO



Frank Reed, President

I took off in the wee hours of a Friday morning from Houston, Texas to attend the Crown Royals M.C.'s Annual Fish Fry, Dance and Party the weekend of September 29-31, 1995. At 7:00pm Missouri time, I stopped, called for directions and a Crown Royal member came to pick me up, which happened to be Gus Parker. We didn't have far to go, the clubhouse is about five blocks from the main drag of Lindburg Avenue and I-44 East on 324 Memphis Street.

At the entry gate to the clubhouse, I met President Frank Reed, who introduced me to a few of their many members and

**THE CLUBHOUSE:** The clubhouse property takes up one side of Memphis Street with a large grassy lawn on the right side of it, a patio in the back connected to a three-car garage, and designated automobile and motorcycle parking on the left and front side of the building. The designated motorcycle parking is strictly enforced from April-October. The lawn and patio has lots of picnic benches and tables, placed under huge shade-trees. The whole conglomeration is enclosed in a chain-linked fence. Across the street is land, which they also use for automobile parking. Imagination and hard work is how the clubhouse came to be. Photos on the wall of the dance floor were of a severely dilapidated, burned out and condemned 3-story apartment building, full inside and out, of trash, junked cars and debris from storms and rain. In spite of the mess, members of the club was able to see a foundation with which to build their status in the community. After negotiating the purchase of the building in 1988, member expertise was employed to make rebuilding and remodeling as cheap as possible, only two jobs had to be hired out: plumbing and having the building re-wired. The project was finished by 1989 — approximately 9

months later. The first floor has a full bar and kitchen, restroom, dance floor, front, side and back doors. On one side of the second floor is the game room with dart board and pool table, TV and card table, with a back door leading to an outside stairway. The other side is the executive office — complete with showers, lockers and member lounge. The third floor is a small area used for storage for the time being.

**THE MEMBERS:** The Crown Royals M.C. was founded in 1975 and consists of 38-40 members. The first President, John Ewing (Boss Hog) ended his term in 1993, and Frank

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Reed become the second. Lee Brown is the Vice President. The celebrated their 20th Year Anniversary August 30, 1995.

Besides general maintenance and upkeep, members are assigned to various "divisions." For instance, there's an Investigative Committee who, when a new member is being considered, does background checks and talks to family and friends, in keeping with the strict and upstanding reputation of the club. There's a Judge who upholds club policy, fields complaints, assess fines and demand payment. (Somebody got to do that dirty work!) Smokestack, the Club Artist, takes care of club alterations and sews patches. Cisco is the Secretary. And, of course, the positions of Secretary, Treasurer, and others are complete with assistants. New members have to be invited into the club, rules and policies are stricter than the

CIA's! Women are not allowed to become members, although wives and "very serious significant others" can wear the patch. They do not work in the clubhouse or for functions, but they must adhere to the same club policy as does the members.

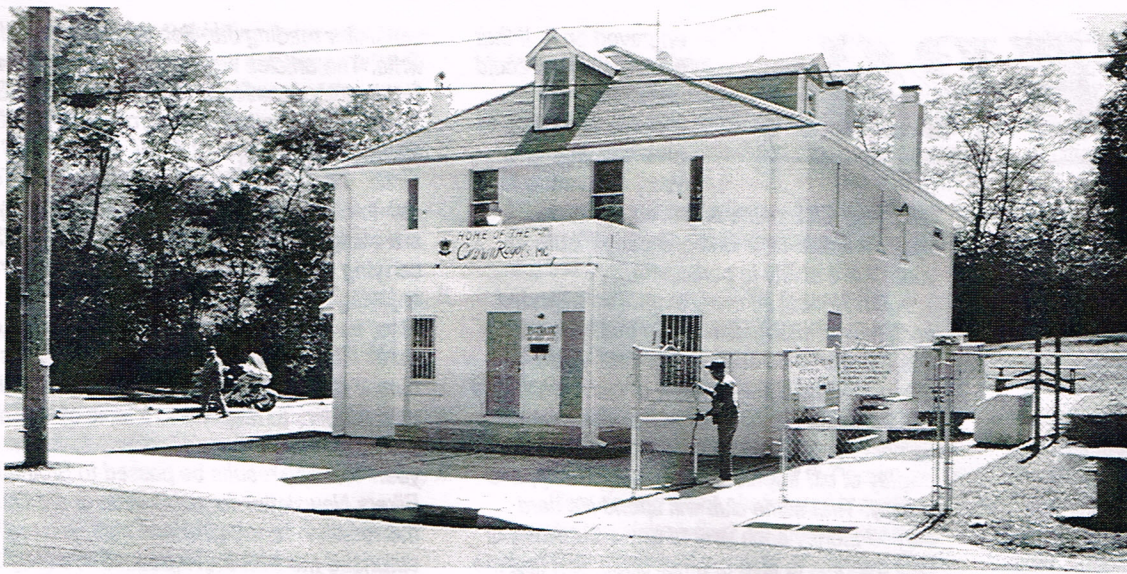
**GENERAL:** Just to give you a little insight on the club, the organization is a working club and virtually self-sufficient. They own their work/gardening/repair tools, restaurant-size barbecue pits, deep

freezers and storage areas to keep drinks, food, as well as useful items like construction cones and signs for barricades, etc.

They have two events per year — one during the first week in June and the other is the last weekend in Septem-



Lee Brown, Vice President and his daughter, Breon



**The Clubhouse**

ber. The rest of the time, they ride.

The Crown Royals M.C. designate their riding season from April - October, in which members can ride to compete for Longest Distance, Most Mileage, etc. The mileage is noted in April and counted by October. A club Awards Banquet and Ceremony is held and incentives are awarded for those competing.

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After the grand tour of the clubhouse, I got a room, took a shower, laid across the bed for a minute, and next thing I knew, it was 6:00am the next morning ... So much for the Fish Fry report for Friday night.

I went back to the Clubhouse at 8:00am, Saturday, and many who were there the night before was still sitting at the bar. **Dallas Thibodeau, Billy Walker and Wilbur of Zodiacs M.C. (MO) and Midnight Star M.C. (MO, NE)** made it in early afternoon. Of the Crown Royal members, I met **Fleetwood, Windy Poo, Copperhead, Chicken Hawk & Hitch Hiker, Percy, Black Moses, June Bug and Big Charles.** A few clubs and riders present were: more **Zodiacs M.C. (MO), Heavy Metal M.C. (OH), Blue Flames M.C. (OH), United Brotherhood M.C. (MO), Road Warriors M.C. (CO), The Untouchables M.C. (IL),**

**Kawboys M.C. (MO), Black Angels M.C. (MN), Hit & Run M.C. (IL), J-Hawkers M.C. (MI), and a few riders were Stefanie and Fred, Joe and Pepper from Pittsburgh.** The clubhouse and grounds were jammed by 8:00pm, people were getting ready for the Dance that night. The Club arranged for police security who not only kept an eye on things, but also warned riders to stay at the clubhouse and off their motorcycles if they were suspected of having one too many, which was gratefully obeyed. Better than the alternative ...

The Dance was a huge success, according to Frank Reed, and it gets better each year. The ever-popular **Gay Rose D.J.**'d this event. As

you might have noticed, the dance was a success according to **Frank Reed** ... I slept through that one, too! (Now you know why I made those New Year's Resolutions - travel with others, don't work so hard, etc.)

Sunday morning breakfast was at the clubhouse, after which clubs and riders started pulling out for the long trip home. Some left after the dance, some early that morning, but many still hung around

until 1:00pm. The clubhouse was sparkling clean, everything put away in the garage and locked up, the grounds were cleaned, trash hauled off. When all was said and done, people who were still around congregated on the back patio with the Crown Royals M.C. for a few minutes of relaxation, laughs and jokes to end a great weekend.

L.H.



A few Crown Royals M.C. members (l to r): **Big Charles, Percy, Copperhead, Gus Black Moses, June Bug.** (Back) **Terminator X of Black Angels M.C. (MN)**