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Dear Dick:-

We were very glad indeed to get your letter of the 20th, telling of your plans for the marriage and for your visit here in Michigan.

August 26th will suit us very nicely for your visit with us---or will any other time except August 20-23. That particular week-end is going to be a hectic time. Verna is getting married on Aug. 21, and on Aug. 22nd the national hill-climb is held at Muskegon. (I probably don't have to tell you that the whole Smith tribe is going to that---a family of motorcycle nuts couldn't hardly be expected to pass up the grand national hill-climb when it is going to be held in our own state, could we?) The 23rd is Jean's birthday, the 25th is Verna's (even though she will be on her honeymoon (she and Al will be riding the wedding-present, a green Harley-Davidson "61" OHV twin) and, with you and your bride coming to see us on the 26th, that will round out a truly and pleasantly full week.

In fact, your coming to see us makes me feel a bit easier in my mind about neglecting to answer so many of your letters. I have been intending right along to answer your one of June 17th as soon as it got a little riper---and now I won't have to answer it at all---we can chew the matter all over while you are here. I will be particularly glad to see you because I want to get a really scientific slant on a concept that I wanted to put into "Galactic Patrol" but didn't quite have the nerve---and also decided it would fit better in the next yarn. The thing is negative inertia---remind me about it in case I forget to bring it up in the flurry.

As to giving you a peek at the MS of "Galactic Patrol"---try and keep me from it. In fact, I think that you and I will have to banish the women somewhere for one solid evening---that doesn't sound promising, either; as I'd have a three-days bride out after me with any heavy, blunt instrument she could reach! Anyway, we'll have to work in some discussions some way---there are a lot of things I want a ~~fresh~~ fresh (but not too darn fresh, remember) viewpoint on.

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We will all be mighty glad to see you both, and until then-----

Cordially your friend,

Doc *Paul*

My dear Dick and bride-to-be - It certainly will be fine
having you here, if you can stand the Smiths
fare, etc, guess we told you Rod is married and
a pappy, baby, born on "Doc's" natal day, May 2nd,
a girl Jacqueline Jeannette, "Jackie" Rod is attending
summer session this year and they are
living at Lake Cavanaugh, about 18 miles from
here and Rod commutes on his motorcycle.
He has about 18 miles or so to go to Ann Arbor
every day.

We will see one bridal pair off and
welcome another most heartily

Gran

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