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NEWSLETTER--FEBRUARY, 1979

Greetings--

This is our first attempt to put out a newsletter. Sure hope this works out OK! Thanks again to Bill Morgan for the super job he's done over the last couple of years. We won't replace him, but we'll try to come close to what he did. Although there is supposedly only one editor, this is really a joint effort by both of us.

Meeting: We had a good turnout at our January 9 meeting. Guests included Sharon Hart, Kathy Weiner, Donna DeLong, Darlene Keil, and Ed Dietz. Current balance is \$1503.11. There will be a BMWRA breakfast meeting in Clyde in February--details at our next meeting. Anyone interested in going to Daytona should contact Marge Dietz or Floyd Whitcomb.

AMA: A motion was made, seconded, and passed to apply for an AMA club charter. Cost is \$15 per year. All AMA members should notify Marcy Gregory of this and let her know what your AMA number is.

Dues: Please pay your dues (\$10 single, \$15 couple) by the March meeting. If you can't attend, mail your \$\$ to Rita Morgan. Members who haven't paid by then will be dropped from the roster.

Paraphernalia: Please bring all club property to the next meeting so that Dave Keil can earn his keep as Vice-President. Besides, his doberman needs to practice her guard-dog tactics. Dave will make up an inventory of all the stuff we own.

Rally: Gayle Snively and Ace Freeman have agreed to co-chair the Rally Committee. Gayle has already make arrangements to get the rally patches updated. Various campgrounds will be investigated and details presented at the next meeting. We will decide then where to hold the rally, which will be held the weekend before Memorial Day.

For Sale: 1968 R69S with low seat. \$1100 firm. Contact Ace Freeman (726-7014).

1977 R60/7 with trunk, fairing, etc. \$2600 (pre-season). Contact Marge Dietz (216-845-6579).

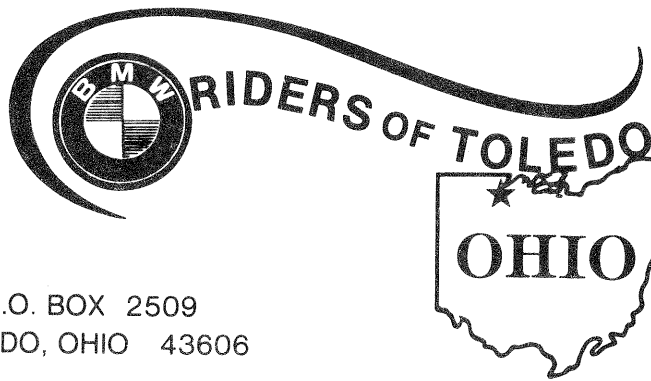
Cycle Sound (new). \$48. Contact Joyce Beck (668-9129).

Camp-out: The (last?) Annual Frostbite Campout will be held February 24, 1979, at VanBuren State Park, beginning at approximately 1 p.m. No electricity, no toilets, no heat, no showers (hot or cold), no brains. Don Smith will have some of his infamous tent-warming chili--guaranteed to work all night! Awards may be presented if anyone shows up. Call Don Smith (666-2528) if you dare to attend.

Rider Profile: In an attempt to help new members learn more about club leaders, we are introducing this new feature, which we hope to continue on a monthly basis. Our first column, fittingly enough, introduces our President, Don Smith. (Remember him from the preceding item?)

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Rider Profile, cont.: Don was born on February 26, 1939, in Toledo, Ohio (a local boy!). Don's first bike was a 1951 Puch, and his first BMW was a 1953 R51/3, which he bought in Germany while "vacationing" with Uncle Sam's finest. Smitty has since owned a 1957 R60, a 1964 R50 (his first new bike) which he later chopped, a 1966 R60/2, and his current mount, a 1974 R90/5. In addition, Don has owned the remains of at least a dozen wrecks. Smitty works at the Jeep Plant, where he runs the biggest floating concession in town. (He claims he'll market anything.)

Don's biggest thrill was riding in Rocky Mountain National Park, and his biggest bummer was a blowout at 70-plus mph (of course he managed to stop it without dropping it). He hopes to someday take the Bob Beach tour. Don was a founder and the first President of BMW Riders of Toledo, was a founder and an original Director of BMWMOA, has been Vice-President of the Northwest Ohio Motorcycle Association, and served as a spark plug survey rider for Champion.

Smitty has the shiniest boots in town and the shiniest bike. He also owns more BMW "junk" (pins, ash trays, emblems, shower curtain, and a pair of BMW under-shorts) than anyone known to this writer. He also has a BMW emblem with a re-conditioned Opel stuck to it. His pastimes include shooting pool, bowling (brought his own ball to Rutland), visiting Montréal, and getting shot down by the French chicks in Montréal ("Voulez-vous coucher...?"). Don is known as a fast cruiser (usually around 85), but he never makes great time. Maybe if he didn't stop so often to polish his boots... (Just kidding, Smitty!)

Next meeting: Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 12, 1979, at 8 p.m. at Woodland Estates Mobile Home Park, 28180 Oregon Road. See you there!

Together we can.

Ralph & Marcy St. John