

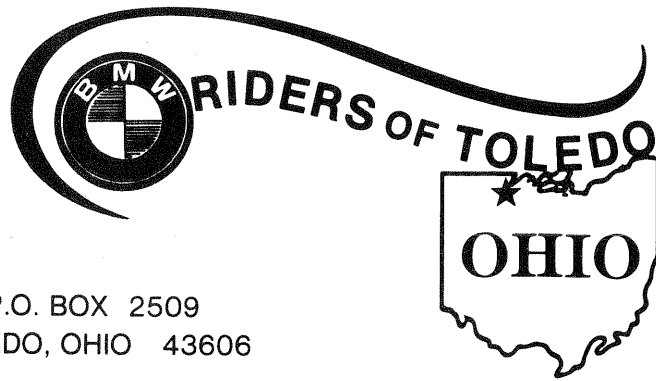
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JULY NEWSLETTER



Hi!

This one is going to be a little later than usual. Things sort of slipped my mind, but anyway, better late than never.

June Meeting: There were 18 members and 2 guests present. The treasury balance is \$2663.95, but there are still some large unpaid bills from the rally. It looks like when all the debits and credits are added up, we will have made about \$200 (very approximate) on the rally.

We had a lengthy discussion on whether or not to hold a rally next year. Concern centered around starting early on organization, getting people to work on committees, getting a rally chair-person, whether or not the rally chair-person should be an officer, etc. Someone suggested that we sponsor a Poker Run instead. Then the problems of scheduling, the work involved, where to ride, etc., were discussed. In order to get everyone's opinion, we decided to send out a questionnaire with this newsletter. Please fill it out, sign it, and return to Don Smith.

Dale Foster read the attached Butler and Smith Service Bulletin on the subject of unleaded premium. Between this and the article in the BMWMOA News, we now know everything there is to know about this problem. Now when will the factory wise up?

Our Xmas Banquet will be at the Holiday Inn in Perrysburg. Don Smith will make arrangements. Date of the banquet and meal choices will be discussed at the August meeting. Our club picnic will be on September 16, with Ace Freeman in charge. We decided not to have the club picnic jointly with Bettye Mobley's BMWRA rally. (Of course, club members are still invited to attend this rally--sorry I don't have the date--it'll be in the next newsletter (help!).)

We had a long discussion on financial support for the AMA. After many impassioned pleas and pro and con arguments, we agreed to donate \$100 to AMA, but that our letter to them would state that this money must not be used to oppose helmet legislation, but rather should be used for an activity like rider education.

We also talked about moving the election of officers up one month. That is, nominate in October, elect in November, and install new officers at the Xmas Banquet. This way, new officers would be ready to go in January, particularly with regard to early decisions and advertising about the rally. This decision will be made at the August meeting, once everyone has read about it in the newsletter.

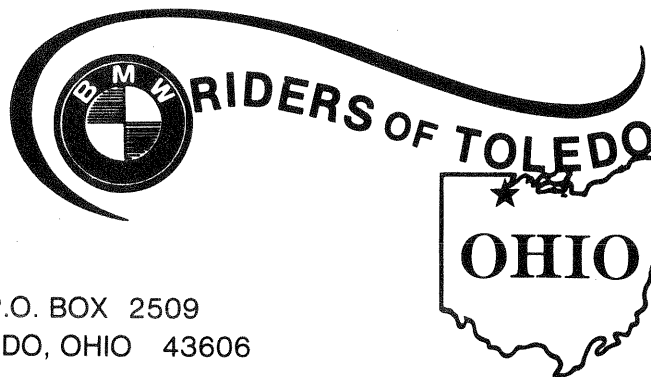
Rally Departures: For those of you going to Minnesota, and looking to ride with someone, Don Smith is leaving Tuesday, July 17, and Norm Radtke is leaving Tuesday or Wednesday.

Wanted/For Sale: Dan Braun is looking for a motorcycle tent camper to buy or rent. Also Dan is an accessory dealer on the side.

Rider Profile: This month we feature our current Vice-President, Ed Cook. Ed has been a member of the club for many years, but only last year became a real member (whatever that means), since his previous machines were from the Land of the Rising Sun. (Honda 500 and a well-equipped Honda 750--he treated this one

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like family). Ed now rides a 1977 BMW 100/7.

Ed works at Fisk Bros. Refinery in Toledo. In the winter, he is also a "ski technician" at Churchill's, and in the summer he also runs a busy accessories supply business out of four garages behind his apartment. Ed is single, but he has often been seen around town and elsewhere with Donna DeLong.

Those who have traveled with Ed know that he always travels well-equipped. You'd be amazed at what he'll pull out of those saddlebags! Mid-West rally-goers remember Ed as the the Snackin' Cake and Coffee Man. Speaking of food, Ed likes to go first-class on this. No prime rib on the menu, no Ed Cook in the restaurant. (Unless of course there's a cooing Southern belle batting her lashes at him from inside that restaurant.)

Among Ed's more memorable riding experiences is his attempt to ride on a flat tire which he "fixed" with a can of that air and goop stuff. Seems that doesn't hold very well at 50mph. Ed went over the top, took the windshield out, and he and the bike fell in the ditch. How do those ribs feel now? Ed still thanks that 18-wheeler who cut off the cop on his tail--missing that one on the CB must have helped convince him to get the radar detector.

Ed's other interests include skiing--he is an active member of the Toledo Ski Club, and former downhill ("crazy-guy") champion of the club--and whitewater canoeing (like Frank and Myra). Finally, if you're thinking of riding with Ed, no late-night hell-raiser need apply. Ed is an early-to-bed, early-to-rise type.

Our helmets are off to the converted Honda rider!

Next Meeting: There is NO July meeting.

RALLY QUESTIONNAIRE

Please return to: Don Smith, 28180 Oregon Rd., Lot 177, Perrysburg, OH 43551

- 1. Should we sponsor a rally next year? Yes No
- 2. Would you prefer a poker run instead of a rally? Yes No
- 3. Would you be willing to be rally chair-person? Yes No
- 4. Would you be willing to chair one of the rally committees (e.g., registration, coffee, meal, tour, etc.)? Yes No
- 5. Would you be willing to work at the rally? Yes No
- 6. Should the rally chair-person be made a club officer? Yes No

Please write your name _____

Any suggestions on how you would work to improve our rally? (Use back of paper, if necessary.)