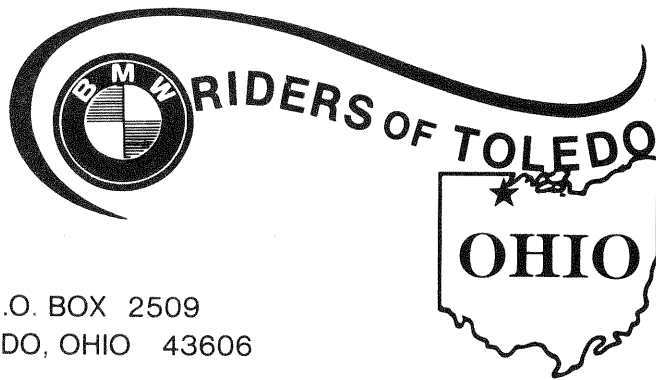


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December Newsletter

Season's Greetings:

Where were all those parties back in February, when there was more time than invitations? Now everyone's giving a Christmas party. But if you can't make them all, be sure you keep Dec. 8 open for the BMW Riders of Toledo banquet. If my timing is right, this should get to you on Dec. 7 or 8--a reminder to those who have made reservations. Ho! Ho! Ho!

November meeting

We had sixteen members and three guests. Current balance is \$1718.82. (Christmas banquet will reduce that by a couple of hundred.) Bill Morgan received a letter from ChiTech about 1000's that burn oil--contact him for details. Bob Jasko talked about the NWOMA banquet on Dec. 1 (whoops, I missed it). We agreed to donate \$10 to the American Cancer Society in memory of Bob Klear's dad. There is a possibility that the Crystal Cave KOA may not be available for our rally (the owner's lease may not be renewed). Breakfast will continue to be at Star and Lil's. The major item of business was election of new officers. Let's give them our congratulations and our help.

New Officers: President: Gayle Snively  
Vice President: Ed Cook  
Secretary : Dan Braun  
Treasurer : Rita Morgan  
Road Captain: Bob Peck  
Technical Adviser: Huntz Gregory  
Newsletter Editor: Ralph St. John  
Rally Chair: Don Smith

For Sale:

Compact 12V air compressor. Bob Klear  
1976 R90/6, fully dressed. Ralph St. John

Rider Profile

For this cheerful time of year, we feature two of the nicest people we know. Some of you know them as the "canoebenders"; others know them as Frank and Myra Shirey. Frank and Myra live near the yacht clubs on Point Place--where all the rich folks live! They have two children, a boy and a girl (a man and a woman these days!), and two grandchildren. They have also hosted high school students from Sweden and Brazil. Frank works for Chevrolet. Myra is retired--she was a lampshade duster for a while, but gave it up for housekeeping.

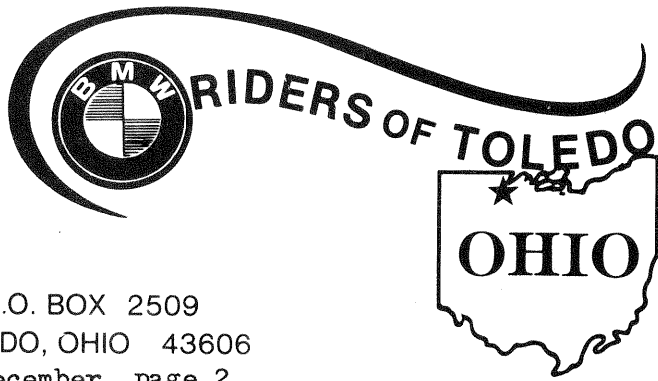
Frank started riding in 1972, on a 1965 Honda 305 Dream. He has since moved up to a two-up BMW and a side-car-equipped BMW. He used to ride the sidecar rig 365 days a year until the Camaro made a "softie" out of him. His garage is a collection of everything in spares--makes Huntz' place look empty! He does a lot of work on his bikes--rebuilds them, etc. Has also crewed at Nelson Ledges (for Myra's brother).

Both Frank and Myra love music. Myra plays guitar and has her own organ. They ride to Wheeling every year to listen to their "favorite" music (C & W). Some of you also remember their dancing and singing ("YMCA") at the '79 Midwest Rally.

Frank is one of the club "speed demons"--you've got to clean out that carbon somehow! Both are regular members of the Sunday breakfast group. They are also regular

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poker players--sometimes host "gambling" evenings. Frank has a very green thumb--has an impressive orchid collection and a greenhouse on the back porch.

Remember the Martians at the Halloween Party at the Gibsonburg Rod and Gun? Great costumes, guys! They also love clambakes, but Myra's clams end up as fishbait--try a little more cocktail sauce! Coming back from a trip to Florida, Myra took advantage of the "privacy" of a sidecar to pull a strip job to cool off--keep your eyes peeled for those sidehacks! Next time you ride to a sidecar rally with them, make sure, too, that you've got lots of gas, 'cause they have a wierd way of finding gas at 2 a.m.

Let's hear it for our youngest grandparents and good friends!

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, Dec. 11, at 8 p.m. at Woodland Estates Trailer Park on Oregon Road. See you there.

Merry BMW Christmas,

*Ralph & Marcy*