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FEBRUARY 1983 NEWSLETTER

February brings us Ground Hog Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Valentine's Day, Ash Wednesday, Washington's Birthday, The Freeze-Out, and hopefully continued good weather for Ohio. To those who observe any or all of these special occasions -- ENJOY!

JANUARY MEETING

The January 11th meeting was called to order by President Jim Merzke, with 17 persons answering the roll call. The guest list included Shirley Shoulders, driving in from Cleveland with Marge Dietz, Judy Rostelli accompanying Gayle Snively, and a long-time-no-see guest, Don Arquette. For anyone unacquainted with Don, he is a BMWMOA Ambassador and a former member of the BMW Riders of Toledo (several times a former member, according to Don Smith). We thank all members and guests for your attendance and especially for your many contributions to this particular meeting, which could have been a bit of a challenge to our new officers. All duties however, were carried out calmly and confidently. When you hear the soothing words "What's your pleasure" coming out of the mouth of a new president, holding his first meeting, you get the feeling that everything is going to be okay.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Treasurer Gayle Snively reported existing club funds of \$1,012.89 and suggested transferring these monies from the Gibsonburg Bank to a more accessible bank, not only for her convenience during her term of office, but for the convenience of future treasurers. Everyone in attendance agreed with the suggestion and the details will be announced when the transaction is completed.

Club Patches Gayle announced there are BMW Riders of Toledo Insignia Patches for sale at \$5.00 each. There were approximately 10 patches available at last count, so if you are interested, speak up quickly. Price is subject to change at any time. (I found that out in a hurry - as soon as I said I wanted one, Ralph St. John tried to up it to \$7.50.) One of the nicest features of this particular patch is its' large size. (About the size of a 45 RPM record, says Dan Braun.) If you buy several, your patch display garment can be filled quickly, thus preventing the necessity of going anywhere else to get a lot of small ones. Think of the time and money you are saving (not to mention the fun you are missing.)

Club Dues Just a friendly reminder your annual membership fees are due NOW and absolutely no later than the March 9th meeting. The cost is \$15.00 per person and \$5.00 for spouse. Monies are to be mailed to Treasurer Gayle Snively, at 3343 Hazelton Drive, Oregon, Ohio 43616, or of course, hand delivered to her. Officers are exempt from paying dues, as you may or may not be aware of. We are sorry to inform you that all positions are filled for this year, but you might keep self-nomination in mind in October, for 1984. I cannot begin to list the plans I have made for the \$1.25 per month which I am saving by accepting my present office. If you have already mailed your payment, kindly disregard this notice.

Technical Advisor We finally have one! Ed Sutton was elected for the office, but only after asking what was expected of him, was told what was expected of him and he felt he could fulfill his obligations. After he was elected, he was told what he REALLY was expected to do. Welcome aboard, Ed!

High Octane Gas Available Huntz Gregory advised that premium leaded gas is being sold for \$1.17 per gallon at Petrol Point Gas Station, located at Dixie Highway and Echo Junction Road in Perrysburg.

Rally Chairperson John Annesser John resigned as Rally Chairperson for 1983. Don Smith put a motion on the floor that we hold no rally this year. The motion stayed on the floor for a long time, a lengthy discussion ensued, and finally the motion was seconded, voted upon and passed. THERE WILL BE NO BMW MID WEST RALLY IN 1983!

Road Captain Don Smith If your Christmas bills are still coming in for 1982 and the last thing in the world you are thinking of is Christmas 1983 -- think again. Don made a suggestion which was affirmed by a show of hands and arrangements are now underway. The 1984 BMW Riders of Toledo Christmas Banquet will be held tentatively at the French Quarter in the Holiday Inn, Perrysburg.

Mileage Contest Marge Dietz and/or Huntz Gregory raised the question as to whether the mileage contest could be run from January to January to accommodate our stout hearted winter riders. Don shook his head "no" and said he will announce the dates of the contest via the newsletter. Dan Braun suggested there be two mileage contests - one for the folks who work and another for the non-working folks, so the working folks could have a chance to put 20,000 miles on their odometers during the contest year. Huntz Gregory stated you can work AND put 20,000 miles on your bike in a year's time. Sorry Dan, but since statistics, even among some of our club members, support Huntz's statement and since the contest rules are made at the discretion of the Road Captain, there probably will be only one contest.

The Freeze-Out Date: Saturday, February 26, 1983. Place: Van Buren State Park, Van Buren, Ohio. Directions: Exit 164 off Interstate 75. Price: Camping Fee is \$3.00 per unit (camper, van, tent, car or whatever). Food is \$1.00 per person. (It's about time, Don.) The meal is planned to be served at 7:00 P.M. The meal includes vegetable soup and grilled ham & cheese sandwiches. Trophies will be awarded following the meal. IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND THE DINNER, PLEASE CONTACT DON AT 666-2528. (He needs to know how much extra water to add to the soup.) Bring your own anti-freeze and anything extra you may wish to bring! Don will arrive at the park around 2:00 P.M. and set up camp. I guarantee you will have no difficulty in locating our group and you can probably leave your bug repellent at home. If you should arrive and find no one at the campsite, Don will have a notice on his camper as to where and how to find us. Aside from the freeze-out, February 26th is a special occasion for Don. If you cannot or do not wish to camp for the night, the least you can do is stop out for a little while and show some appreciation to someone who has done so much for the club. I guess I'd do anything short of begging you to support this function. Remember the January meeting? We will find out who are the talkers and who are the doers!

SUNDAY BREAKFAST For the month of February, Sunday breakfast is being changed to Sunday Brunch, to accommodate the club members who attend church services. Brunch will be held at the Lucky Steer located at Interstate 75 and Fremont Pike, at 12:30 P.M.

MOA DISTRICT DIRECTOR Don Arquette informed the club members that Gary Hoffman is being considered for this position and would be an excellent choice.

The January meeting of the BMW Riders of Toledo was adjourned.

#### MISSING PERSONS REPORT

No one of course was really missing--we just did not know where we put them. However, everyone is now accounted for. Conrad Pritscher was present at the January meeting, seemingly recovered from his surgery. Darrell and Montie Fultz attended the January 23rd Breakfast (sorry that I was the one missing that morning--flu bug struck). Although I had not mentioned Judy Peterson in my last missing persons report, some folks wondered where we put her also. Relax everyone. She called my home while the January meeting was going on.

#### CHANGES OF NAMES, ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS

Jim Brower 8001 A Cedar Point Road Oregon, Ohio 43618 419-836-7383

Merle and Nancy Cunningham Telephone 813-793-0998

Bob Klear 1909 Wells Road \$299 Orange Park, Florida 32073

Jim and Lois MERZKE Not Merzki

Judy Peterson 23055 Windfield Genoa, Ohio 419-855-7593

Skip and Marty Smith 3843 Rushland

Ed Sutton 3629 Garrison Toledo, Ohio 43613

LETTERS FROM OUR FLORIDA CLUB MEMBERS

Two very welcomed letters were received from Florida this month, one from Nancy Cunningham and one from Bob Klear, both containing messages for club members. Nancy writes "Our phone number is 813-793-0998. If anyone wants to call, tell them to do it after 11:00 P.M. It's cheaper and we're still up at that time." Nancy - you sound very happy! Hope everything stays okay. Bob writes "At the end of this letter, I will give you my address. So if anyone comes down, they will be able to find me. The big race in Daytona will be in March. Hopefully someone from the club will be going. Daytona is only a two hour drive from here." Bob also sounds content, although he is working 10 to 12 hours a day and sounds tired. But, he says "It is better than unemployment". Merle, Nancy and Bob all plan to rejoin our club for at least one more year. P.S. Bill - Gina is Bob's fiancée.

FOR SALE

1977 Honda CB 750A (automatic transmission). Full dress plus custom seat. S.W. air shocks, cruise control, new battery and new chain this past summer. Very good condition. Asking price \$1600.00. Contact Rita Morgan at 419-483-2535. (Getting a new Silver Wing Interstate)

Lots of pre 72 /2 parts available plus parts for the R26 and R27. Contact Dale Foster at 417-726-8117.

For the following NEW items for sale, contact Ed Cook at 419-698-1288.

Krauser Chrome Safety Bar. \$60.00      Krauser Chrome Pallet Rack for BMW S and RS. \$20.00

Krauser Cafe Racer Mirrors for BMW "S" Fairing. \$85.00

Hang Two Double Bucket Black Seat for /7 BMW. \$150.00

Dry Rider Rain Suit Poly/Nylon (Jacket, Trousers, Glove Covers, Boot Covers, Hood and Storage Bag) Men's Small Yellow Only. \$40.00

Olympic Saddle Bags. Will fit right on Krauser or BMW Factory Hardware, Black Only. \$135.00

EDITORIAL

For those who were not present at the January meeting, you may or may not be wondering why I labeled it as a "particular meeting". For those who were present, you may or may not be wondering when and what I was going to say about it.

As I mentioned earlier, John Annesser resigned as Rally Chairperson for 1983 and we chose not to hold a rally in 1983. I will not dally on the rally, as it seemed obviously unanimous that everyone was more than willing to take a year's break from holding this function. With 10 more newsletters to write, you can be assured the word rally will appear more than once, but for now, I am putting it on hold. The upsetting part occurred when John announced his intent of divorcing himself from the club. (Hopefully this will only be a separation.) John gave his reasons for initially joining the club, not unlike most of our reasons, including camaraderie, riding and fun, to name a few. He was more than willing to take on the responsibility of being Rally Chairperson; in fact had most things already lined up. However, he felt the criticism regarding his plans came too early in the game and saw nothing but hassles coming in the near future, which he did not need or want. John already had a lot on his mind at the time and he felt he did not really need the added aggravation. Even if he had nothing else on his mind, he did not really need the aggravation and I do not see that his foresight was unwarranted. As he left the clubhouse, he thanked his friends and those who had supported him; to the others he said he really didn't give a damn. When almost the first statement that was made after John's exit was "Do you think we can get him back?", what else could have crossed my mind except "Gone With The Wind", with John of course, unintentionally playing Rhett Butler and the rest of us playing Scarlett O'Hara. A long discussion followed this incident, occasionally chaotic discussion when trying to listen to 12 people at once, but at least people were finally talking. Many fine suggestions were made concerning things we could do as a club.

Ralph St. John even hinted that maybe we could ride our motorcycles as a group. (I do not know where you come up with all of your original ideas, Ralph!) In any event, it sounded like a productive discussion. One word was used in conjunction with each and every suggestion. It is a beautiful word and most appropriate for this month. You will find the word under the heart at the end of this newsletter.

As for John, he is now recovering from bilateral hand surgery, soon to be leaving for much needed and deserved R & R in Florida.

Again, the members were reminded of the fact that certain folks would not be rejoining the club. Concern was expressed and efforts were to be made to contact these people. The names were given! However, most people must still be playing Scarlett and are going to worry about it tomorrow, because I know how many people have been contacted (or should I say I know how many people have not been contacted?)

One more letter was sent to me this month, ironically arriving two days after the January meeting, with the writer being totally unaware of the context of that meeting. I considered calling the writer to obtain permission to print the letter, but since it was written to me, it is legal for me to print it, should I so desire -- and I do so desire. I do not believe the writer took the time and effort to say what he did for my benefit alone.

Here It Is - - - - - UNEDITED

"Hi Carolyn,

First off, let me say I enjoyed your newsletter. This is the first one in quite sometime that I could say that about. Got a kick out of your definition of newsletter editor - the hamburg recipe - tidy needlepoint - books - etc. Yeah! That's about the way I felt when I had the job. I was about ready to write a newsletter on 4 wheel drive trucks, just to see if I got any reaction - or if anyone cared.

No, Rita and I will not be joining the club again. We both joined the Travelers last June. We have had a great time, with a great group of people, and have been made to feel most welcome. Now hold on, I don't mean to criticize the Riders of Toledo. All of the above applies to the Riders of Toledo too, it's just that the format is different, and the Travelers is more active. Poker runs, pig roasts, dances, feather partys, meetings every Friday night during season, off season (winter months) - meeting once a month on Friday and Pot-luck once a month on Sunday. Something going on all the time. Great. I sometimes thought the only reason some of the people belonged to the Riders of Toledo was to go to the meeting once a month - no one seemed to be interested in doing anything else. I used to send out 43 newsletters every month. Set up a ride or a camp out - anything - you will get the same 4 or 5 people showing up - never see or hear anything from the rest of the people. The club doesn't do anything as a group - don't even camp together at the Rallys - Road Captain will lead the club on a ride!; Joke - 4 or 5 bikes - other 25-30-35 members nowhere to be seen, maybe at the meeting next month!! To each his (her) own. We just wanted more from a club than this. No hard feelings, but it's just not for us.

We were really surprised to hear about Bob Klear leaving Toledo. Haven't seen Bob for about a year and a half so wasn't up to date on his employment, girlfriend (wife?) status. We will be in Jacksonville in March and will see if we can find Bob. If you should get a new address for Bob before March, would you get it to us?

Well Carolyn, I didn't start out to be so long winded, was just going to write a short note about the newsletter. So take care - wish you the best."

Bill and Rita (Morgan)

Thank you Bill and Rita. I appreciate your opinions and your positions. You could not have timed your letter more perfectly, had you tried. An ounce of prevention is always worth more than a pound of cure. But for the Scarlett O'Haras of the world, there are so many more tomorrows!

The February meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 7, 1983. Let's see if you can find the place without directions this month.

I will be in Phoenix, Arizona from February 10th to February 20th so that I may spend Valentine's Day with a very special little person. Any information you may want to send to me, feel free to do so. It will be in the same pile as my bills, and you know they are always there. Dale, be ready to come and get me just in case the snow is so bad that I cannot return to Toledo. (You members may be unaware that Dale Foster is a pilot and has his own plane if you should need or want one, whether it be for business, pleasure or emergencies.)

Attention Marcy Gregory: Lois Merzke says to please go to your exercise class any other night except the second Tuesday of the month - she would like to see you at the meetings, as would we all.

As Always,

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P.S. To Dan Braun -- Many thanks for your Income Tax Information. I tried every way possible to get it included in this month's newsletter, but could not have done your article justice by squeezing it in. I was lacking about 3/4 of a page more. So, if everyone will wait until you receive your next newsletter, Handy Dan's Tax Tips may help you save some money. I just wanted you to know I appreciate your efforts and time and that you are not being ignored. Priorities. You know how that goes!

  
Carolyn