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MARCH 1983 NEWSLETTER (Part I)

Hello Everyone!

Do you detest movies and/or magazine articles that end with "to be continued"? I do. But guess what? This March newsletter is going to be just that - continued in a week or so. The reasons (or excuses) for this, whichever may suit your fancies, are 1. Anyone who knows me and my job responsibilities at the end of the month, will understand my situation. I have said a million times that my job really interferes with my social life. 2. Everyone knows that February really does not have an end of the month, which leaves me short of 2 or 3 days which I desperately need, running out of month before I run out of work. I of course, am not responsible for designing the calendar. 3. I was absent from the city for half of February, for which I refuse to apologize to anyone. 4. When the time finally came to start writing this letter, the intestinal flu hit me (welcome home to Toledo), necessitating 3 days off work. So here I sit, with my not so efficient typewriter, my not so efficient mind and body, and looking over my notes, some of them are confusing even to me, as there are several uncertainties. So please bear with me and excuse the items that say anything similar to "details forthcoming". Most of them should be clarified in the March Newsletter Part II. Mother said there would be days like this! I could have and would have postponed this letter, but there are some important items to cover before the March 8th meeting.

The February meeting was called to order by President Jim Merzke and was attended by 9 members, with Connie Williams being the only guest. Either the low attendance was due to my depleting the address of the meeting place from my last newsletter, or everyone was home watching "The Winds of War". I did hear that John Burmeister was busy with the trucker's strike. (Another example of a job interfering with someone's social life.) You are excused, John.

Secretary Lois Merzke read the minutes of the January meeting and indeed did a fine job. (Hope you are feeling better, Lois.)

Treasurer Gayle Snively submitted the treasurer's report, now showing a balance of \$1,092.30

CLUB DUES---THIS IS THE FINAL NOTICE! All membership dues for 1983 are due by the Tuesday, March 8th meeting. Monies in the amount of \$15.00 per person and \$5.00 per spouse should be mailed to Treasurer Gayle Snively at 3343 Hazelton Drive, Oregon, Ohio 43616, or handed to her in person.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER RIDE Gayle suggested since we are hosting no rally this year, perhaps we would be interested in having a progressive dinner ride in the middle of May, which she volunteered to chair up and coordinate. This was planned as an all day event, stopping at 5 or 6 homes, each one hosting a different course of the meal. The original thought was to end up in Cleveland for dessert at the home of Ed and Marjorie Dietz. This seems to not only have been met with approval by Ed and Marjorie, they went one step further and invited us to spend the night, have breakfast with them, then head on home. So we are now talking a Saturday and part of a Sunday. Anyone interested in participating should

contact Gayle. Also, she is particularly interested in having hosts or hostesses living in outlying districts for the other meal courses, to provide us with a nice long and scenic ride. (Florida members, I can hear what you are thinking! I know you are more than willing, but you are just a little bit too far on the outskirts of Toledo for a day and a half affair -- well, for some of us anyway!) Folks, let Gayle hear from you. It sounds like a great and different idea and could prove to be a lot of fun! Remember everyone wanting to do something together?

Road Captain Don Smith gave a final reminder for the 1983 Winter Freeze-Out, reiterated upon a few details, and asked for contributions of firewood, if possible. (You did not forget to ask, Don. My notes prove it. All of us forgot to listen, with the exception of Connie Williams.) The Freeze-Out was indeed held on Saturday, February 26th, and was a smashing success! Details forthcoming. (You didn't really think I could talk about that event in 2 lines, did you?)

Don pointed out the following upcoming events: The Daytona 200 Road Race - Sunday, March 13, 1983- will be shown live on WTBS Channel 17 at 12:30 P.M. EST. (Connie Williams advises the Turner Broadcasting Co. is on Cablevision 9B.) Rubber City Rally to be held May 27th to May 30th. Mini-Rally, Cedar Park, Union City, Michigan to be held April 29th to May 1st. If you wish further information on these two rallies, or possibly would like a riding companion, please contact Don.

At this point in my notes, Vice-President Dan Braun spoke about brake lines. I apologize Dan - maybe I went to the restroom - but that's all that my notes say. I told you my mind was busy packing to leave for Phoenix the next day and probably whatever you said is the next thing I will need to know. My mistake.

Technical Advisor Ed Sutton will be giving a presentation on Water Injection at the March 8th meeting. Considering the problems we had in getting a Technical Advisor, I certainly hope there is a worthy attendance at this meeting for Ed's first presentation.

Dale Foster suggested a membership drive. He also suggested doing something more interesting at the meetings, not necessarily even connected with motorcycles, but something to liven things up a bit and give members a greater incentive to attend the meetings. As an example, he used a study of gems being done by a group he is acquainted with. There are hundreds of possibilities and any suggestions would be welcomed and appreciated. (Since I understand Cathy Burmeister is taking exercise classes along with Marcy Gregory, perhaps we should organize a class of our own.)

Dale advised that if any of your leather products need rejuvenating, after using the dye, you should add a product called "Finisher". This product is available in both shiny and semi-gloss sheen and may be purchased at Tandy Leather Goods at Miracle Mile Shopping Center. (There may be hope for my old boots yet.) Thank you Dale for all of your input.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST/BRUNCH Your guess is as good as mine as to where it has been during February. Much to my dismay, when I returned to Toledo, I discovered the Lucky Steer Restaurant has been closed and for that misguidance, I apologize. For the first Sunday in March, if anyone is interested in Sunday breakfast, give me a call and we'll pick a place. Otherwise, we will choose one at the March 8th meeting. A great invitation that should be given serious consideration came from Bettye Mobley. Bettye states that her home club, The Greater Dayton Riders, would be glad to meet us half-way for Sunday breakfast or brunch at any time. This sounds like a good chance to ride, eat, meet some new people, talk, and ride again home.

While on the subject of Dayton, please mark your calendars. The Greater Dayton Riders are hosting their rally the first weekend in August. Further details coming later.

Two wonderful letters were sent to me this month, which I will be answering soon. One is from Nancy Cunningham and all sounds well down south. The other letter came from someone with a lot of good ideas and comments and was most appreciated. I am not naming this person at this time because the letter did include a PROFILE! Remember that word which I asked for in January? Someone listened and took the time to do it. It is a most interesting profile, will be in the March Newsletter Part II, and once again with absolutely no knowledge of what I had intended for the newsletter, coincides perfectly. You will see what I mean at a later date. Thank you both for your letters.

TAX TIPS (99% unedited)

"Sch. A Medical. The amount spent on prescription and non prescription drugs that exceed 1% of gross income are deductible. Most people cannot use this deduction BUT medical transportation to get the drugs or prescriptions is deductible @ .09 per mile, as with trips to the doctor, clinic, etc. The deduction of .09 per mile is not much, but add this distance to your office calls etc. and it may put you over to qualify for medical deductions.

Here I will quote Federal Judge Learnd Wand (some name)

"Nobody owes any public duty to pay more than the law demands. Anyone may so arrange his affairs that his taxes will be as low as possible. He is not bound to choose that pattern which will best pay the treasury. There is not even a patriotic duty to increase ones' taxes." On the above, example: if you earn \$20,000 per year, you would have to spend over \$200 on prescriptions and non-prescription medicine, but if you live 10 miles from your physician, visit him and then drive 8 miles to get the medicine. You would be allowed mileage of 36 miles or \$3.24 plus the cost of the office call. The only disadvantage of this is that it has to exceed 3% of your gross income of \$20,000, which would be \$600.

I do not know if you understand all of this, but if you don't, find someone that does, if not me. The biggest tax savings for the average person is the Sch. G. If you have had increases in your wages of \$3,000 or more year to year, it may pay you very well to check the Sch. G out, even if you are single and file the short form."

Dan K. Braun, Vice President

Thank you, Dan. I still could not fit your first tax info in this newsletter, as I had to stick to 3 pages due to the problem of the double-sided copy machine which I told you about previously. I promise it will be in March Newsletter Part II. I am wondering why, with your knowledge, you did not put your tax tips in your own newsletters. As a matter of fact, your tax tips are longer than some of your newsletters were! Maybe that is the reason - you didn't want to type them. Thanks again. When it came to the tax writing, I had originally planned to say that perhaps the only certain thing in this newsletter, was the fact we had to pay our taxes. However, since my conversations at the Freeze-Out, that is incorrect also. I really received an education around that fire.

Well friends, I am going to go back to my sick bed and try to get things together. I do apologize for not being quite with it this time--Mother Nature did not quite cooperate this month.

Please plan to attend the next meeting on Tuesday, March 8th. Once again, I am going to give you a chance to find the place on your own.

As always,



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