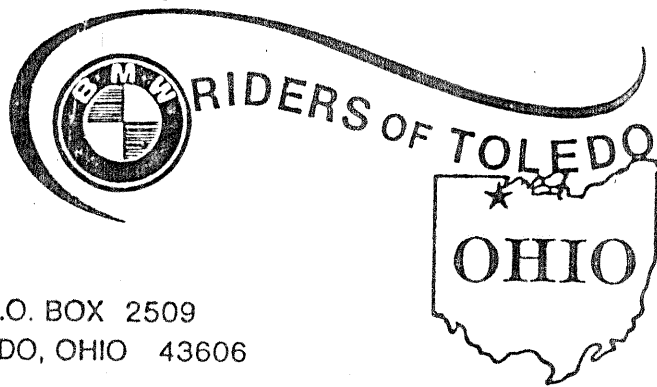


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April Fool to you all! This is neither the March Newsletter II nor the April Newsletter. I am combining those two into just the April Newsletter, which will be out in a few more days. This is an interim newsletter being done mainly because of one article - the mileage contest. Assuming you receive this letter on April 2, 1983, you have 10 days to enter. Being forced to hurry sometimes builds character - at least that is what I have been told all of my life. So here's your chance to build some.

MILEAGE CONTEST Road Captain, Don Smith

"There will be 3 different awards for the mileage contest this year.
High Mileage.
Most States Visited.
Most Events Attended.

To enter, call Don at 666-2528 and give him your odometer reading. The deadline for entering the contest is Tuesday, April 12, 1983, the night of the April BMW meeting. Contest will run until meeting night on Tuesday, October 11, 1983. The contest is open to all club members in good standing and is being conducted on an honor system basis. Each entrant will keep track of his/her states and events visited. Any club function, AMA event or Rally you enter or attend can be counted. At the end of the contest, I will expect a list from each entry.

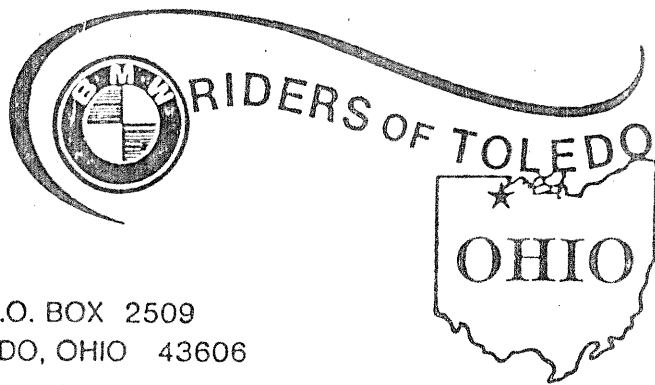
If you wish to be in contention for this contest, get odometer reading to Don Smith by April 12, 1983. Awards will be presented at the December Banquet."

SUNDAY BREAKFAST For the month of April, beginning April 10, 1983, the Sunday Breakfast will be held at the Batch Plant Restaurant on Woodville Road - across from Sun Oil. Time: 10:00 A.M. The restaurant is CLOSED ON EASTER SUNDAY, April 3, 1983, so anyone interested in breakfast, call me - we will find a place to go.

Help! Dan Braun needs to borrow a 14 mm x 1.5 tap and die for threading. He also needs some lead (to keep, not to borrow). If you can be of assistance to him, please give him a call at 666-3989.

You'll be hearing from me again in a few days. Happy Easter Everyone! Please keep in mind the fact that Easter was not originated by the Easter Bunny.

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MARCH 1983 NEWSLETTER PART II
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APRIL 1983 NEWSLETTER

Hola amigos,

This will be the final newsletter for some of you, if Treasurer Gayle Snively has not received your membership dues for 1983 and/or no one has heard from you with regard to your intentions. To those members deliberately not planning to renew your membership, I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your participation in the past. Your cooperation, loyalty and hard work will be remembered in the same fashion it was given. If there are any reasons such as financial hardship, illness, or just plain forgetfulness preventing anyone from renewing their membership, please contact someone in the club. We would appreciate knowing where we stand so the new roster can be finalized. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POKER RUNS Road Captain Don Smith announces the following Poker Runs:
April 10, 1983 1:00 P.M. Williams County Fairground Montpelier, Ohio
April 17, 1983 1:00 P.M. Wheeler 826 Emerald Avenue Toledo, Ohio

FOR SALE Two nearly-new Yamaha Fiberglass Full-Coverage Helmets;
1 size medium (7-7 $\frac{1}{4}$) silver metallic.
1 size large (7 $\frac{3}{8}$ -7 $\frac{1}{2}$) large metal flake red. \$40.00 each or best offer.
Contact Ralph and/or Marcy St. John at 1-352-8715
(Marcy recently acquired a 1981 Yamaha X5400 and along with the bike, she inherited the two helmets listed above, which she and Ralph do not need as they invested in new Electro's last year.)

CYCLE RIDER SPECIALTIES boasts a new owner, Ray Smith. If you need or want to spend some money, give your business to a nice person and fellow club member. Ray can be phoned at 419-882-2936 or visited at 5825 Glasgow, Sylvania, Ohio 43560. (A word of advice---call him first---he keeps some weird hours!)(His machine will always answer.)

THE SHAKAMAK RALLY will take place this year after all. The date has been changed to May 13th-15th. Connie Williams has an extra pre-registration form, should someone be interested.

IT IS MY UNPLEASANT DUTY TO REPORT THE FOLLOWING: Darrell Fultz is hospitalized in the Intensive Care Unit of St. Vincent Hospital, having recently undergone coronary bypass surgery. We wish you the best, Darrell.

IT IS MY PLEASURE TO REPORT THE FOLLOWING: Bob Klear arrived unexpectedly at my front door a week or so ago. He looks great; likes Florida and his job, despite the long hours. He was really pleased to have been visited by Huntz and Marcy Gregory and Bill and Rita Morgan recently; said it was so good to see friends from home. Bob took care of some business while in Toledo and left again. However, he will be returning in June when the old wedding bells will ring for him and Gina. Then the happy couple will ride off again into the Florida sunset, hopefully to live happily ever after, together.

Continuing on a happy note, I submit the following profile which I mentioned in the February Newsletter. I consider myself fortunate to be associated with this "real lady".

PROFILE OF A MOTORCYCLE RIDER

"I date way back - To a Harley D. 1947 74 which I dubbed "Tessie". Just a kid who had been introduced to motorcycles by an older sister who dated a biker and I got drug along because I had nowhere else to go. It changed my outlook on life. In 1949 I bought Tessie - couldn't ride a stitch. I rode the bus to get her, pushed her blocks so nobody who knew that seller could see that buyer. Then I cranked it off (kick start) put it in gear and headed home. No license, no past experience, no nothing. I made it home, 5 miles or so through the main drag of Ogden, Utah. I had that bike two years. Had a blast. No girls rode bikes then - But I did. Then came a lull in life - marriage, kids - the works. No bikes. I used to turn cartwheels when a group of bikes passed by. Then after years of raising kids, they all grew up. I was single again and looking for a good H.D. to buy, when along came the "Kitten", my 1973 R75/5. She came to me bare naked, and I dressed her to suit my taste. At first it was just the bare bike - lots of trips around the block to gain confidence after all those years. This was 1975. My first long trip was to Hyden, Kentucky. Not a trip; a training session. I hit sleet, rain, wind, sun, and whatever else comes from above. I had cloth gloves and a windbreaker with a sweater - I learned but good. That year I went to Calgary Canada and what a trip that was.

I went to Calgary with my brother-in-law from Denver, Colorado and a group of his co-workers from Frontier Air Lines. We had a good time after the guys got used to the idea that a female was going. We were like the Keystone Cops - what laughs - what pleasure. That's a story unto itself. Since then, I've been all over - to Los Angeles and up the coast to Oregon, Washington and back home; Down Skyline Drive and Blue Ridge Parkway; to Boston, up the coast to Maine and to the Vermont Rally; to the Wisconsin Dells twice; to Minnesota, Georgia, south through Kentucky and up to Maryland; and in every nook and cranny in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana.

Since February of 1975, I have put 112,000 plus miles on Kitten, 7,000 plus miles on my beautiful white bike that died in 79, and over 12,000 miles on Smoky Joe, my 1979 R100 RT. I've enjoyed every inch of my rides.

Besides all these side trips, I ride to work every day, 3/4ths of the year, maybe more. My bikes hardly ever get put up for winter. We just wait the snow storms out.

It's a good life, biking. You meet the nicest of people, both into bikes and out. Your horizons surely broaden. It's nothing for me to go to Alliance, Ohio from Dayton for brunch, or down south to Bob Evans' Farm. Along with traveling, I've become an avid camper. I'd just as soon sleep in my tent as my house.

My bike, my tent and I are good friends. Look for us. We turn up almost anywhere."

Bettye Mobley

Thank you again Bettye. It was a pleasure reading your profile and passing it on to others. If someone can read your profile and not feel it, they have my sympathy.

THE FREEZE-OUT - FEBRUARY 26, 1983

The profile above is a hard act to follow, so I will take this opportunity to talk about one of my favorite events - The Freeze-Out. The originator and coordinator of this event, Don Smith, apologizes for only one thing -- the good weather. The coldest temperature reading was 24 degrees, sometime during the night of the 26th or the early morning of the 27th. Better luck next year, Don. (I personally was satisfied with this year's weather - was actually a little chilly. Sorry, Don - I must have been catching some sort of virus.) Truthfully, the only thing I caught was a natural high.

My high started just packing for the trip, increasing with the ride down to Van Buren in anticipation of seeing my little store again. Sure enough, the little store still stands, run by the same little woman with the same space heater, the same display cases (still unwashed), and the same items for sale. If I could train my mind to experience deja vu whenever I felt the urge, I would never have to actually visit the place again. Nothing changes - but I do not want it to! Aside from the store and its' contents not changing, even Don Smith and Dan Braun always sit on the same counter stools. I drank my beer by the heater, wished Don a Happy Birthday, took some pictures and proceeded back to the campground. One by one, the vehicles and people started to arrive and the 1983 Freeze-Out began. Twenty five (25) people decided to enjoy a little taste of winter's beauty and experience a day of out-of-the ordinary enjoyment.

The members present were: Don Smith, Dan Braun, Marjorie Dietz, Huntz Gregory, Gayle Snively, Judy Peterson, Bob Peck, Cindy Peck, Bettye Mobley, Jim Merzke, Norm Radtke and Carolyn Fisher.

The guests present were: Krista Eitnhear, Carol Thrush, Kelly Thrush, Charlie Braun, Connie Williams, Rebecca Williams, Ed Dietz, Judy Rostelli, Barbara Hunter, Ryan McGuire Peck, Jeremy Peck, Dick Carnick and Mark Webel.

I do not think anyone enjoyed it more than the children: their laughter was heard constantly. (They almost wore out Don Smith and Mark Webel - but I did not hear any complaints.) Watching Charlie Braun do a little fishing made my mind wander a bit also, to times past and hopefully future times. Dinner was served, following a few cocktails by most. No vegetable soup could have tasted better, taking the chill out of the air for 1/2 second or so. (Who did get the piece of meat, by the way?) The sandwich grill just kept on going, as did the coffee pot and hot chocolate, until everyone's appetite was satisfied. Sitting around an open fire is always great and this night was certainly no exception. (Besides that, it was warm.)

Trophies were awarded as promised and the winners were:

Long Distance Award: Marjorie Dietz

Youngest Person Award: Jeremy Peck

Hearty Soul Award: Huntz Gregory Huntz truly deserved this award, riding his bike and pitching his tent.

Mickey Mouse Award: Bob and Cindy Peck They truly deserved this award also, bringing a 27 foot travel trailer, color T.V. and all the fancy trimmings you can think of.

Anti-Freeze Award: Judy Rostelli I truly believe that Norm and I brought more anti-freeze than Judy, but when the awards were being presented, we were in the camper imbibing ours. I have no regrets however. Winning this award every year could tend to ruin our reputation.

The fireside chit chat, roasting marshmallows and putting the anti-freeze where it belonged, continued into the night. At 10:00 P.M., a toast was proposed, as requested, to Merle and Nancy Cunningham, and Don included all members past and present, wherever they might be, in the toast. Don was presented with a birthday cake; the candles were lit, the song was sung, the wish was made and out went the candles. The cake was cut and served, everyone either fighting for or against having some of the "tar". Besides having the cake, Judy Peterson and Barbara Hunter made the greatest bunch of cupcakes, decorated most unusually with motorcycle insignias and assorted items. We hope you had a delightful birthday, Don; we certainly had a delightful Freeze-Out. Don would like to personally thank everyone for coming to the Freeze-Out. He says it gets better every year. We want to thank you, Don, for having it. Don is in need of old trophies. If you have any, he requests that you please bring them to one of the meetings or he will personally pick them up from you. Don also wanted me to mention the fact that he mailed a check in the amount of \$21.00 to the Van Buren Campground.

In closing my report on the Freeze-Out, may I say that I realize I did not cover everything that happened - no one could have seen absolutely everything. Each of us has our own memories of the occasion. I have a lot of memories, but two very special ones. 1. The look of pleasure on Don Smith's face, more than once. 2. The full bright moon in the eastern sky shining at the same time the red sun was still up and ready to set in the western sky. Maybe some people saw the same sun and moon from their living room couch, but I cannot believe it could have looked the same.

TAX TIPS FROM DAN BRAUN

Hereafter to be known as H & R Braun (per Don Smith)

"1. Laid off or know someone that is? The costs of finding new employment in the same field are tax deductible (even if you do not itemize) (Sch.A). You or the person laid off must keep a diary of mileage, food, lodging, phone etc., relating to your employment search. Note: Employment must be the same type work - waitress to waitress, secretary to secretary, sales to sales. 2. Summer camp is a child care expense that qualifies for tax credit (Code section 44A). The tax court approves a credit for the cost of sending a youngster to a sleep-away camp (201 Tan, 79 TC No.31). Note: Spouse must be gainfully employed; single parent must be employed. 3. Good news for married filing joint. When both work, 5% reduction in the lesser spouses income for 82-83 season and in 83-84 season, it goes to 10%. Example: John and Mary Doe both work. John earns \$26,000; Mary earns \$30,000. (Didn't want to sound sexist) John's income is reduced by 5% or \$1,300.00; (\$2,600.00 in 83-84) thereby reducing the joint taxable income from \$56,000. to \$54,700; (\$56,000. to \$53,400. in 83-84). With two of the tax laws (to make it easy for me), if a husband is working and earning \$1500. per month and the wife gets summer or part time employment and earns \$600. per month, (let us say \$1800. for June, July and August), by sending the children to the YMCA Camp/ or etc. at a cost of \$160.00 per week for 2 weeks each, total cost \$640., and the cost of child care for the other 10 weeks is \$50.00 per week or \$500., total child care expense \$1,140.

Husband	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00
Wife	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 0.00
	<u>\$19,800.00</u>	<u>\$18,000.00</u>
Sch.W.	\$ 180.00	\$ 0.00
	<u>\$19,620.00</u>	<u>\$18,000.00</u>
Dep. Tax. Exem.	\$ 4,900.00	\$ 4,000.00
	<u>\$15,620.00</u>	<u>\$14,000.00</u>
Tax	\$ 1,942.00	\$ 1,638.00
Child care credit	\$ 228.00	\$ 0.00
Net Tax	<u>\$ 1,714.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,638.00</u>

Net \$76.00 (.042222 increase in taxes; increase in income \$1,800. (10%).

Mom and Dad get a vacation from the kids, the kids have fun at camp, mom has some extra money, etc. etc. etc. Get my drift? P.S. There is also a percentage reduction on state tax."

Dan K. Braun, Vice-President

I have only one question, Dan. Where does Mary work? I would like to apply for her job! For those of you thinking this was too late to print this article, as you may have already filed your taxes for this year, (my taxes have already been filed and my tax return already spent) (and I know I am not alone in that department), you can always amend your tax returns you know, if you discover for some reason you have more money you could have coming to you. I rather doubt anyone would amend a form if they discovered they could owe more money, but then I could be wrong. As for summer camp for the kids, I was always lucky. My neighbors gladly contributed every year to send my kids away. (Just joking.) (I am sure they thought about it, but I had a few thoughts of my own about their kids also!) Thank you Dan, for your time and effort.

At the March meeting, there were 14 members present and 4 guests. The guests were: Chris Altenbaugh, Ryan McGuire Peck, Elmer Schoenrock, and Ed Sutton's "best friend". Elmer Schoenrock is a prospective member and a very pleasant man to talk with. He teaches photography at T.U. Do yourself a favor and get to know him the next time you see him. Even though a prospective member, he spoke right up at the meeting (he gets 50 points for that alone). It was his reminder that all club members should write to Washington regarding the Import Tax. As it turned out, someone must have written, and I hope it was some of our club members, as the Tax decision was in the favor of the BMW's. With the exception of the discussion of this Import Tax law, it was a very short meeting indeed.

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Merzke, and the minutes of the February meeting were read by Secretary Lois Merzke. Treasurer Gayle Snively was absent (working out of town again) but our President did advise us that our club funds have been transferred to the People's Savings Associates in Toledo (both checking and saving accounts).

Dale Zimmerman and Gary Huffman were both recommended by Don Smith as excellent candidates for Directors of the MOA.

RUBBER CITY RALLY May 27th-May 30th is supposedly offering 10¢ beer and soft drinks this year.

Ed Sutton, Technical Advisor gave his lecture on Water Injection, but reported his apologies for not being able to find out as much information as he had hoped to obtain. He announced he was able to locate one person owning a bike with the Water Injection system, but the bike is not running. (I think this last paragraph is correct - don't ever quote me on anything too technical.) I am busy at these meetings looking and listening to things that are not read in the minutes. I said from the beginning of the year, I would like to leave that to the secretary and make the newsletter a separate entity for the most part. If you want to know what happens at the meetings, come to one or more - then you will know for sure.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST This subject is starting to be a real drag! DO NOT GO TO THE BATCH PLANT FOR BREAKFAST ON SUNDAY, APRIL 10th, OR ANY OTHER SUNDAY. THEY ARE NOT OPEN FOR SUNDAY BREAKFAST! Once again I will have to say, we will either choose another place at the meeting or anyone interested in getting together, please call me.

MILEAGE CONTEST One last reminder - If you plan to enter the contest, submit your name and odometer reading to Don Smith by Tuesday, April 12, 1983.

The next meeting of the BMW Riders of Toledo will be held on Tuesday, April 12, 1983 at 8:00 P.M. Everyone seems to be finding the place on their own and it is my feeling that if something works, leave it alone. Hope to see you on Tuesday evening. I mean that statement literally, as I am having eye surgery this afternoon, as soon as this newsletter is mailed out.

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