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To Whom It May Concern:

My apologies to anyone who has tried to phone me, only to hear that my telephone has been disconnected. I would never have guessed what confusion that message conveys; some people were worried, many were frustrated, and I even received one postcard from a friend offering me money to pay my phone bill. My new phone number is 419-472-0683 and will be listed in the forthcoming phone book under C.M. Fisher. If you lose my number, the operator will give it to you - it is not unlisted - only the first name has been changed (I should say the first initials) and the whole deal was not my idea after this many years, but that's life.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

GREATER DAYTON RIDERS RALLY - AUGUST 5,6,7th. See enclosed map and information submitted by Bettye Mobley, along with her directions to "come up the drive to the south of the pole barn, on over the hill, and the sign in the booth will be there to give further directions; Rally will be held in the back field." Just as we always hoped for a good turnout at our rallies after a lot of hard work, so do they!

FRANKENMUTH RIDE: Saturday, August 20, 1983 Organized by Road Captain, Don Smith. All interested parties should meet at the Royal Inn Parking Lot located at I75 and Miami Street on Saturday morning, August 20th. The ride will begin at 12:00 P.M. to Frankenmuth, Michigan, to consist of shopping, dinner, visiting etc. It will be an overnight trip, so plan on camping or whatever else you choose to do. If you have any questions, kindly contact Don at 666-2528. I cannot say from personal experience, but have always heard this was one fun trip. Please mark your calendars NOW!

WEDDING: Saturday, August 27, 1983 Dale Foster's daughter is being married and an invitation has been addressed to the BMW Riders of Toledo. See enclosed copy of the invitation and the enclosed copy of directions to same. Dale requests that all affirmative R.S.V.P.'s reach him before August 13th. Dale's home phone number is 726-8117; his address is 4514 289th Street, Toledo, Ohio 43611. As the next meeting is August 9th, you could tell him in person, if you plan to attend.

CLUB PICNIC: Tentative date for the annual club picnic is September 10, 1983 at East Harbor State Park. Further details forthcoming from Don Smith, Road Captain.

HALLOWEEN PARTY: Confirmed date; Saturday, October 29, 1983. Further details forthcoming from Don Smith, Road Captain.

I was unable to attend the June meeting; Yes, I had chicken-pox; Yes, I had them as a child so obviously, Yes, you can get them more than once. Don't know where they came from and to my knowledge, don't know where they went; no one I know of contacted them from me. From the minutes so kindly taken by guest Dawn Pelton at the June meeting, I have the report of 14 members and 3 guests being present. Rick and Dawn Pelton were 2 of the 3 guests with Doug Hobridge being the 3rd guest. My thanks to you, Dawn, for taking the minutes. I am going to skip most of the minutes as you can hear them yourselves at the August 9th meeting. For this week prior to the meeting, you should all be thinking about one thing: To Rally or Not to Rally!

Not only according to the June minutes, but mostly from the mouths of some of my reporters, it is my understanding there was another lengthy discussion on The Rally. One reporter announced to me "it was so thoroughly disgusting, I don't care if I ever attend another meeting". Apparently the disgust came with some expectations of other club members as to what should and should not be criteria for a rally. The other big discussion, again, was to the chairperson and his/her responsibilities, what to tell and what not to tell etc, the committees etc.etc.etc. It is my understanding that by the August 9th meeting, when we decide whether or not we are going to host a rally, and if we do decide to host one, we will nominate the rally chairpersons and vote for the rally chairperson at the September meeting, we are each to make a list of what we consider important for a rally, and compare notes. I have not changed my mind one bit from my 1st newsletter. To me, "a rally is for seeing old friends and meeting new ones, checking out the bikes and accessories, telling tales and listening to even more tales, providing everyone with as much comfort and convenience as possible, having some fun and a few laughs, and being able to do all this preferably without hurting the club treasury." As hosts for a rally, the primary consideration should be providing everyone with as much comfort and convenience as possible, keeping in mind we are hosting a motorcycle rally - not a presidential banquet. The last two Midwest Rallies have shown me beyond a shadow of a doubt, that comfort and convenience to the guests only matters if you do not use any club funds to provide it. No one expects a medal for helping or even a thank you for that matter, but to be reprimanded for helping, and actually saving a rally or making a rally by doing something extra, does tend to make one a bit bitter on the subject. However, there are always people who do see what you have done and know why you have done it, and they make it all worthwhile - almost.

National Rally - Lake Placid, New York. The following BMW Riders of Toledo and guests were present at the National Rally: Jim and Lois Merzke, Don Smith and Carol Thrush, Dan and Danny Braun, Bob and Cindy Peck, Marjorie and Ed Dietz, Ray and Jan Smith, Ed Cook and Donna DeLong, Huntz Gregory, Norm Radtke and Carolyn Fisher. Most of the club members camped together, along with ex-members Bill and Rita Morgan (it was so good to hear Rita laugh again). Three members and one guest were never seen by my eyes, but I know they were there. It is difficult to compare National Rallies, perhaps even unfair, but in my mind, this rally was tops, mainly because of its' location, climate, and the interests outside the rally grounds. I happen to like mountains, lakes, streams, green trees, warm days and cool nights, climbing a mountain to a castle in the air, seeing and going up into the ski jumps and watching young competitors jump, ice shows, 2 different bands an evening, and very cordial people who have the luxury of living in Lake Placid. The greatest thrill for me though, was to have the chance to be at the site of the Olympics, with all the flags waving on the rally grounds, at the foot of the ski lifts, and in front of the Olympic Center. While in the Olympic Center for the ice show and awards ceremony, my imagination had a field day and it felt just like I could see and hear the U.S. Hockey team defeating the Russians in 1980; my mind had a good time at the ski jumps and looking at the Olympic Lamp Structure also, but mostly watching the flags. If you think I am weird - I am not alone. For the first time in 5 years, I saw more photographs being taken of flags than motorcycles.

I have a question. Why is our National Anthem not played prior to the awards ceremony? Certainly this year, it would have been more than appropriate, but what would it hurt being played every year? It is played before every baseball and football game; it is even played prior to the Music Under the Stars Concert at the Toledo Zoo each Sunday night. (Of course, director Sam Szor is a personal friend of mine and just as weird.) Certainly I do not know any group of people who see, feel and appreciate America's beauty more than bikers (regardless of their brand of bike).

Those who did not attend this rally missed a few other things such as some price gouging, motorcycle discrimination at camp grounds, but most distressing of all, thievery at the rally site. T'was not a pleasant sound to hear the 1st morning after arriving, the first announcement of the day being "watch your personal belongings". I thought I was at the wrong place. The most coveted item of which I am aware was any BMW helmet left alone. (Patti Wilson, who usually rides with Don Arquette, lost one in the ordeal). I guess nothing is perfect.

ATTENTION BOB KLEAR: Thank you for your letter, especially the phrase that to you, this letter is from a friend about other friends. Bob, start planning. In case you have not heard, next year's National Rally is in Montana. (A city? named Massouli (midwest section of Montana - I looked it up but now do not have the map handy to spell it correctly). I thought of 2 things when I heard Montana. The first was of you - the second was, Northern route, here I come. I can't tell you how much I missed you, Nancy and Merle at the rally. P.S. Write a letter to John Annesser - he had a bad accident about 6 weeks ago and needs a laugh.

ATTENTION BETTYE MOBLEY: Thank you for your nice letter. Wish you would consider this office next term!

SUNDAY BREAKFAST: WHERE IS IT? Some of us have met on the Maumee River on a couple of Sundays but we realize this is not convenient for all.

DAYTON-TOLEDO CLUB RIDE held on June 12 had a tremendous gathering of 4 Toledo Club members, Don Smith, Dan Braun, Huntz Gregory and Ralph St. John and 2 guests, Carol Thrush and Rick Pelton. The Dayton Club members and guests were Beth and Craig Kappeler, Bettye Mobley (belongs to both clubs), Dick Cornick, George and Judy Altter, Pat Berrey, Barb Mitchell, Paul Feathers, Dave Borpers, Madeline, Theresa and Jimmy Sizemore.


For a year and a half I have listened to last year's Road Captain being criticized publicly for not arranging any rides during his office. Where were you people who like to criticize but do nothing? Don't think for a minute that I am upset because of who last year's Road Captain was. I abhor it when ANYONE who was nominated, elected and serves his/her office in their fashion is criticized afterwards. YOU VOTED FOR THEM! I have said it before and I will say it again - WATCH WHO YOU ELECT OR TAKE THE OFFICE YOURSELF! Let those who like to talk badly about others do some work for a change and see what response they get- then we will see how they feel.

ADDRESS AND PHONE CHANGES: Kindly change your club roster accordingly:

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Please plan to attend the August 9th meeting. It is an important one.


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