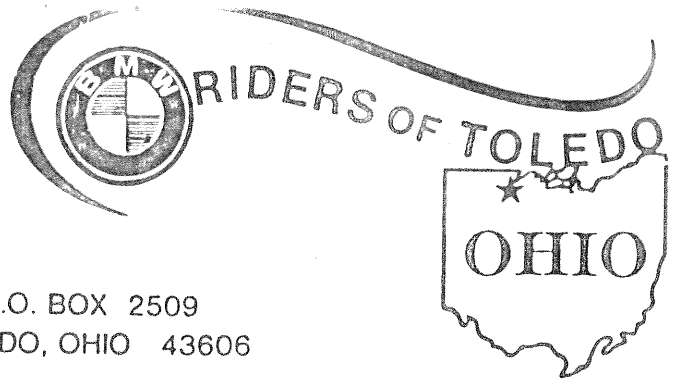


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DECEMBER 1983 NEWSLETTER

Dear Clubmembers,

It is amazing the way enthusiasm can dwindle with the passing of time. I used to look at older people (when I was much much younger) and wonder why they all seemed to have the same facial expression of possibly sadness, disinterest, disgust- I was not sure what, and surely could not find any reason for it. However, as the years passed and real life started happening, it did not take me long to know the answer. Thus, although I take great interest in all people, both in my profession and in my personal life, the young and the old are my specialties; the young for their profound innocence and enthusiasm and the old for their wisdom, experience, and mainly their perseverance, often wondering "How did they survive?" At this point in time, I would certainly think that everyone who is reading this has already experienced, at least on one occasion, the feeling of "How am I going to get through this?" If you have not experienced anything on that order, I cannot really say you are lucky and I certainly cannot say that I envy you, because you will never be able to have "that certain facial expression" that the elderly possess, and which I now so wholeheartedly admire instead of question.

So it is with writing my last newsletter. I started with a lot of enthusiasm, wondering why so many others declined officer positions, why such feelings of apathy surrounded me, and certainly thought that if I tried hard enough, some things could be changed, preferably for the better. Now, after a year in office, I know the answers to those questions also. However, as in paragraph #1, after many times of asking myself, "Are we going to make it?", I believe the answer is yes - somehow, the BMW Riders of Toledo will survive; the 1984 officers have to make sure of that. Certainly the 1983 officers tried their best and that is all that can be asked of anyone. President Jim Merzke and Secretary Lois Merzke provided dignity plus to the club and tried to maintain a sense of order; Vice-President Dan Braun provided loyalty and interest as always (even though he did not provide a garage or basement), Treasurer Gayle Snively provided a still-standing bank account; Technical Advisor Ed Sutton provided information as requested, and last but not least, Road Captain Don Smith provided more opportunities to do more things and go more places than I could go or do. I believe we are all aware of the results of all of these efforts. As I said, we did our best. You are also well aware how long I could go on writing, but discretion being the better part of valor, I will keep the rest of my thoughts to myself.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BMW Riders of Toledo Christmas Banquet: Saturday, December 10, 1983.
Cash Bar at 7:00 P.M. Meal at 8:00 P.M. Price: \$8.95 per person, plus tax and tip.
Location: Holiday Inn at I75 and Rt.#20, Perrysburg, Ohio.

By this time, you should have provided Don Smith with your attendance intentions and your choice of entree.

BMW Riders of Toledo December Meeting and Election of 1984 officers.
Saturday, December 10, 1983.

Along with the Christmas Banquet, which also includes the awarding of the winner or winners of The 1983 Mileage Contest, prizes will be given, the most coveted one being "The Club Mascot". Following tradition, the December meeting will be held at the banquet. Not following tradition, the nomination of the 1984 officers will be held. For those of you who thought this was already accomplished at the November meeting - wrongo! The ballots were supposed to be mailed with the November newsletter and were not, for which I apologize. However in self-defense, let me say I was unaware that I was supposed to mail the ballots, as this was announced at the October meeting, and I could not hear that from Phoenix, Arizona, nor was I told when I returned to Toledo. I was advised as to who was nominated but the ballot detail was unmentioned. Sorry for the confusion, but by now, you all should have received your ballots in a separate mailing. These ballots should be mailed to the address given on the ballot or brought to the banquet. Any ballots received after the banquet will not be counted. There is still one office open for both nominations and election, namely the 1984 Newsletter Editor. This will also have to be done at the December meeting.

1984 BMW Riders of Toledo Midwest Rally. Rally Chairperson, Dan Braun.
 The probable site for this rally will be the Lucas County Recreation Center, reasons being the cost, the facilities and the location. Rally pins were favored over T-shirts or patches. All further discussions and decisions will be announced in the 1984 newsletters or the 1984 meetings, or both.

The November meeting of the BMW Riders of Toledo had 12 members in attendance, with three guests, namely Don Arquette, Patti Wilson and Bob Shaud. Aside from the mix-up of nomination of 1984 officers, or I could say in conjunction with the mix-up of nomination of 1984 officers, a motion was passed that the BMW Riders of Toledo By-Laws be updated and each club member should own a copy of same. Lois Merzke had another quaint idea, that being that the 1984 officers receive the properties belonging to their particular office, from the 1983 officers. It seems as though Lois, now about to leave office, although repeatedly asking for her office properties, has yet to see them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Club member Judy Peterson has been married to Mark Thrift and is living in Harrisburg, PA. Details unknown to most of us, but congratulations to Judy and Mark.

Club member Marjorie Dietz informed me that she and Ed attended the Gator Rally in Lake Wales, Florida. Congratulations to Marjorie who won 1st prize for Long Distance Female Rider! Also present at this rally were clubmember Bob Klear with his wife Gina, past clubmembers Tom Fuch, and Merle and Nancy Cunningham. Merle and Nancy have bought a new home in Florida, but I do not have their address. Bob and Gina will be returning to Toledo for Christmas; hope some of us get to see them.

That is all the news I have to report, so you can stop reading now, if in fact you are still with me. I only want to reiterate on a few things from 1983. The two most successful outings of the year were the traditional Winter Freeze-Out in February and the Progressive Dinner Ride in May. The Club Picnic followed closely behind. Those who attended the Halloween Party had a great time, although I was informed that it was the last Halloween Party for the club, due to lack of interest. (But since when did lack of interest seem to stop anything?) The pictures taken of the attendants in costume were great!

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Many excellent ideas were mentioned during the year 1983, but as I feared, most of them received no follow-through. Well, maybe next year.

In closing, may I say thank you once again to all of the 1983 officers, for jobs well done. My special thanks to the few who did contribute to the newsletter. For those who did not contribute, I certainly wish you could have this position for a year, but of course, that will never happen, will it?


Thank you for allowing me to hold this office - it has been both interesting and certainly most enlightening.

Hope to see many of you on December 10, 1983 at the Christmas Banquet!


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P.S. For those of you who inquired, the truth of the matter is that Scarlett O'Hara is indeed one of favorite characters. She was a survivor!

One last question: Where is Sunday Breakfast?


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