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MARCH 1992 NEWSLETTER

GREETINGS & SALUTATIONS

Here it is, February 27th and I'm not finished putting together this issue. As I said in the last newsletter I tend to procrastinate a little more than usual at this time of year. Oh well maybe tomorrow.

This issue has something new. An article by one of our members. Dale Foster has written an anecdotal story about air experience.

Also I'll continue with the saga of the dismantled beemer, or Zen and the art of motorcycle basket casing.

ACTIVITIES

Feb. 29: Freezeout/Campout

At Maumee Bay State Park.

Canceled, lack of interest.

Mar. 9: Monthly meeting

7:30pm at the Sylvania FOP Hall, located in Pacesetter Square on Holland-Sylvania Rd. Around back of the building and down the stairs.

Mar. 14: Ides of March Breakfast

At Quarters Bar & Grill. Located in Perrysburg near S.R. 25 & I475 by Churchills all the way in the back of the lot. Ride 'em if you have 'em.
9:00am until 11:00am.

May 1: The Original Mini-Rally

Mini-Rally at Sturgis, MI
sponsored by BMW of Battle Creek

Think Spring

June 26: BMW RA International Rally

Pineola, North Carolina
near the Blue Ridge Parkway.

July 16: BMW MOA 20th Anniversary Rally

July 16-19, Du Quoin, Illinois.
Southern Illinois State Fairgrounds.

PROJECTS & TECH EVENTS

Fred W. Nietzsche once said, "Those things which don't kill us, make us stronger". If this is true then I expect to be a superman by the time I finish this project. Of course Fred would have appreciated that.

I've reached the half way point. Everything that I intend to take apart I have. Now It's only a matter of ordering and paying for the parts. Also stripping and painting the frame. Then reassembly.

Thanks to Ron Berry for his excellent help in removing the engine/transmission. Ron also cautioned me about opening up the tranny, as then I would need to replace the seals. My reluctance is related to cost. So I used a stethoscope to listen to the bearings and shafts. Sounded good to me, so I'm going to leave it alone. If it breaks later I'll deal with it then.

Well I hope that by next issue I'm in phase three (reassembly) or four (riding). More down the road.

Other Clubs

The Blue Knights have their monthly meeting on the 2nd Saturday at @ 12:40pm and then gather for lunch at the Free-way Drive-in 2660 Navarre Ave. They also have Breakfast every Sunday at Ike's 1137 Buck Rd. If you need more Info, call Ray Smith.

"They Are Shooting At Me"

It all started on a beautiful Sunday afternoon. What a great day to go for a ride!

I went to the airport. Loaded my cycle in the airplane, a Cessna 150, after removing a seat and the front wheel,, of my ten speed bike. I know you thought I was talking about my motorcycle. Yes, I did check the tire pressure, nuts & bolts, ect. Also the plane.

I took off with the plane heading east toward Port Clinton, where I was to turn north to South Bass Island, where I intended to go biking in Put-In-Bay.

Well!!! When I was flying along side of Camp Perry which is an Army Ordinance Depot, it is also a restricted area for aircraft, it happened. **"KA-BOOM"**. I was horrified. I thought I had been hit by their Gunnery practice.

I observed the engine was still running, I looked out the side window and the wings were still there. Then after I regained my composure, but with my ears still ringing. My other senses came into play. the cabin was full of smoke, or so I thought. It smelled odd though, something like soapstone. It was soapstone!

Among other uses soapstone is a powdery lubricant to keep innertubes from sticking to tires and preserve the rubber.

Well, did you guess what happened? The bike tire had blown out, because I was climbing to gain altitude. I always do this to fly over water in case of engine failure.

The cause of the blowout?! The pressure difference between the air in the tire and atmospheric pressure at my 300' altitude was greater than at Toledo which is about 600' above sea level.

The lesson to be learned here is that the recommended tire pressure is not necessarily correct for all geographic locations.

Dale Foster

FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was held on 2/11/92 at Dale Foster's home in Point Place.

Call to Order: At 7:59pm.

Roll Call: Members present were Don Smith (Pres.), Dale Foster (V.P. & host), Ernie Richards, Ron Berry, Leo(Treas.) & Phillis Peiffer, Frank Crawford (Sec.). We had one guest at the meeting, Owen Marshall, Owen is a long time BMW rider and collector of /2's. Owen was of considerable help to yours truly prior to my journey to Xtlan (Mexico).

Minutes: Dale motioned that we accept the minutes as written. Seconded by Leo. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurers Report: Leo reported there is \$1015.51 in our coffers. Dale motioned to accept the report and Ernie seconded. Motion accepted unopposed.

V.P. Report: None

Secretarys Report: None

Road Captain: Not present.

Old Business: Dale brought up that we need to discuss club activities for the upcoming season. It was determined this should be under new business.

I brought up who should be signers on club checks. After some discussion it was decided that standing officers should be signers. Leo said that he will get signature cards.

New Business: We discussed the need for a list of events and activities for our 1992 riding season.

Leo recommended a color ride for for @ the 1st weekend in October. He says the direction should be down toward the S.E. corner of the state. More on this as it developes.

Other ideas discussed were; Sat. or Sun. breakfast/brunch, maybe with the Blue Knights. It is also recommended that we have these at different sides of the city on alternate weekends.

MOA National Rally: Five of the members at the meeting indicated that they were going, also our guest stated that he is probably going. How many others out there are going, let us know.

March Meeting: Will be at the Sylvania FOP hall in Pacesetter Square on Holland-Sylvania Rd., if you dont know how to find it call one of the officers listed on the letterhead.

May Meeting: Will be at Leo Peiffers new house, same location as the old one. Maps in news prior to meeting.

Ernie made the motion to close the meeting and Dale seconded.

The Meeting Closed at 8:53pm

KEEP WARM, RIDE SAFE

Frank