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APRIL 1992 NEWSLETTER

GREETINGS & SALUTATIONS

Well it's mid March and I'm moving right along with major reconstructive surgery of the old beemer. I'm still at the mid point plateau which seems to stretch to the horizon and beyond. More on this in the **Projects & Tech Events** column.

The breakfast club is off to a rip roaring start. We had our first of the season breakfast March 14th at Quarters Bar & Grill. The turn-out was fantastic with @ 20 people showing up for the meal, albeit only two members and one guest from BMW Riders of Toledo showed up. Those present were Rob Piechocki, his wife Debbie and me. Well our next Breakfast should do better, see the **Activities** column.

Next month, look for a survey which ask for suggestions on how to improve the services and activities of the club for the membership.

Think Spring

ACTIVITIES

April 12: ABATE of Ohio Region 7

Membership meeting held at Howard's in Bowling Green, 2:00pm. If you are interested in the efforts of ABATE and AMA to keep the Federal and state governments from legislating away our sport, believe them when they say that helmet laws are not the real issue, then this meeting may be for you.

April 14: Monthly Meeting

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

April 25: ?BREAKFAST?

May 1-3: The Original Mini-Rally

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

May 8-10: Shakamak Lake Rally

Shakamak state park located 2 mi. west of Jasonville, IN. This is rated as one of the best early season rallies in our region. I know that there are many among us who are planning to attend. They have cabins available for early arrivals. Preregistration \$14 and \$17 at gate. Contact Fud Farquer, Box 231, Elnora, IN 47529; (812) 692-5873.

May 12: Monthly Meeting

7:30pm at Leo & Phillis Peiffers house, at 1923 County Rd. 14, Gibsonburg, OH. I'll publish a map in the May newsletter.

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

According to the teachings of the Buddha the middle path is the way to enlightenment.

I've recently had reason and experience to brighten my consciousness through the meditation of mail-order parts houses. After I realized that I couldn't afford to purchase large orders from the dealership, I had dealt almost exclusively with Capital Cycle for my parts. However, this trip I had decided to spread the wealth around and order from the other big advertiser, Competition Accessories in Xenia, OH.

Well having placed a rather substantial order for; fork springs, boots and seals, along with piston rings, various gaskets, nuts ect. I asked for the total cost. They quoted me \$167.41 total including tax and shipping. So when the the order arrives 16 days later with no fork springs, the wrong rings and no fork seals, but rather the rubber grommets for the top of the headlight bracket (for a different model bike). I was slightly miffed, and to add insult to injury the total cost was \$179.44 and didn't include the springs.

So to rectify the problem I contact Competition, they go over the order with me and sure enough their bill has the correct price for the items sent. I'm stuck reordering the springs, rings and seals and paying shipping again. In a feeble attempt to mollify me they give me 10% off on the order, and I pay to ship back the misordered items. What a lesson in Zen marketing.

Next time I need parts I order from old reliable, Capital Cycle. Although this is a relatively small order, it arrives 2 days later at the quoted dollar amount and all the correct items. **Go figure.**

The story continues.

I need a couple of small items that Capital is out of stock on, so, this time I give a call to Bob's BMW and they have the needed parts at half the price of both the aforementioned suppliers. The parts arrive 2 days later, great response. The kick here is that the package from Bob's weighed 3 oz. less than the one from Capital and cost \$2.00 more to ship, both UPS and both from the same metropolitan area. Again, **go figure.**

Enough of the whine & wimper, and on with the show.

At this stage I'm in limbo for any progress depends on others. My small parts with aluminum finish are in the hands of my neighbor, and handy MAC Tool man, for bead blasting. My frame parts and swing arm are at Afterthought, the powder coating shop, for painting. And last but not least I'm still waiting on parts from Competition Accessories.

So, I expect it will all come together at the same time and I can start phase three, the down hill run for the finish.

More on this when I have more to say.

Frank.

FOR SALE

**Gunfighter Dual Seat. Fits 85 R-80 and other models. Good condition. \$80
Contact Jim Merzke (419) 473-3900**

MARCH MEETING MINUTES

The March 1992 meeting of the BMW Riders of Toledo was held on 3/10/92 at the Sylvania FOP Hall on Holland Sylvania Rd.

Call to Order: At 7:40pm by president Don Smith.

Roll Call: The roll call was conducted by sign-in and was accepted as written. Those in attendance were:

Gayle Snively (RC)	Rob Piechocki
Leo Peiffer (Tres.)	Frank Crawford (Sec.)
Don Smith (Pres.)	Jim Merzke
Ray Smith	Wade Kemp (new mem. app.)
Jim Brower	Jan Smith
Ernie Richards	Phillis Peiffer (Kathy)
	Dale Foster (VP)

Minutes: Ray Smith made a motion that we accept the minutes as written. Ernie Richards Seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurers Report: Leo reported there is \$1055.51 in our coffers, this is a net gain of \$50 over last month. Motion to accept the report was made by Ray and Gayle seconded. Motion accepted unopposed. Leo presented new signature cards for the club checking account. When these are verified 3 officers will be authorized to sign club checks, they are Don Smith (President), Leo Peiffer (Treasurer), and Frank Crawford (Secretary). Leo will bring another card to the next meeting and the other two officers may sign if they wish, they are Dale Foster (Vice President) and Gayle Snively (Road Captain).

V.P. Report: Dale verified the news flash in last months news, that Schiets is indeed continuing as a BMW dealer and authorized service center.

Secretarys Report: I brought up the subject of having at least one club breakfast each month, and preferably more. Discussion was had concerning this matter and it was expressed that there is really no problem of us planning two breakfast (lunch or dinner) on any weekend.

Road Captain: Gayle stated that she wants to have a breakfast at the Green Lantern.

Old Business: Discussion is final and the issue is clarified that officers are required to pay dues.

New Membership Applications: Wade Kemp attended this meeting and made application for membership. Rob Piechocki attended his 2nd meeting, his first attendance was at the Peiffers last November.

New Business: No new bussiness was discussed.

April Meeting: Will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 7:30pm at the Sylvania FOP hall in Pacesetter Square on Holland-Sylvania Rd., around back and down the stairs, if you dont know how to find it call one of the officers listed on the letterhead.

May Meeting: Will be on Tuesday, May 12, at Leo & Phillis Peiffers new house, same location as before. Maps in news prior to meeting.

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

The Meeting Closed at 8:22pm

RIDE SCARED, RIDE SAFE

It's a good way to stay alive!
Frank