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MAY 1992 NEWSLETTER

GREETINGS & SALUTATIONS

April showers bring May flowers. I've always wondered about optimistic expressions like this. You know the sort. Every cloud has a silver lining, and my personal favorite, every beemer eventually gets put back together. You'll notice a hint of sarcasm or cynicism. Afterall, the childhood pun on the May flowers thing had to do with Pilgrims (and the they were no joke to the native americans). These are some of the black and white issues along with the gray areas that will be addressed in the **Projects & Tech Events** column this month.

It's time to start tuning up the machines, both the mechanical and the biological. For the mechanical look for some tips in the **P&T** column. For the Biological I've included a schedule of the Motorcycle Rider Course dates for both the Penta County and Toledo courses.

The breakfast club is off to a rip roaring start, see the **Activities** column.

This month, I was going to have a survey which ask for suggestions on how to improve the services and activities of the club for the membership, but I haven't put it together yet. If anyone would like to help let me know.

Ride Safely

Motorcycle Rider Course Schedule

Penta County Voc. School, Oregon Rd.
Perrysburg, (419) 666-1120 ext. 286
Basic skills course, Motorcycles provided
\$15 registration (refunded aft. completion)

Friday, Saturday, Sunday Classes **Fri. 6PM - 10PM** **Sat. & Sun. 8AM - 5PM**

May 8,9,10 June 26,27,28

July 24,25,26 Aug. 21,22,23

Sept. 25,26,27 Oct. 23,24,25

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Classes **6PM - 9:35PM**

May June
4,5,6,11,12,13 8,9,10,15,16,17

July Aug.
13,14,15,20,21,22 3,4,5,10,11,12

Sept. Oct.
7,8,9,14,15,16 5,6,7,12,13,14

(Toledo Courses on page 3 & 4)

ACTIVITIES

May 1-3: The Original Mini-Rally

Mini-Rally at Sturgis, MI
sponsored by BMW of Battle Creek.
See attached flyer for details and directions.

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. See attached flyer for details and pre-registration form.

May 12: Monthly Meeting & MAY PICNIC

8:00pm at Leo & Phillis Peiffers house, at 1923 County Rd. 14, Gibsonburg, OH.
I've attached a map to aide those unfamiliar with their location, if my map is confusing call any of the officers for directions.
Come early, about 6:30pm, for dinner and the grand tour of the new house. Please call Don Smith at 666-2528 and let him know if you plan on attending, **even if at the last minute you are unable to**, so that we can make some estimate of food needed for the meal.

May 15 & 16: Muscular Dystrophy Assn.

Freedom Ride Concert
Organized by A.B.A.T.E. of Ohio Region 7
All profits go to Muscular Dystrophy.
See attached flyer for details.

June 8: Jackson Ice Cream Ride

Organized by the Blue Knights this ride is to the Jackson Allstar Dairy in Jackson, Michigan. Meet at Ray Smiths in Sylvania @ 6:00pm. Anyone that is interested should call Ray at 885-5619.

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.

I'm sure that many of our members are planning on attending this National Rally, as it is so close to our area. Southern Illinois is very interesting terrain which will provide excellent rides and scenery for all that go.

Aug. 1: Amish Dinner Ride

This is another ride organized by the Blue Knights. Meeting time and place to be announced for this ride to Der Dutchman Restaurant in this small town just east of Columbus.

PROJECTS & TECH EVENTS

"We're from the government and we're here to help you." said the muffled voice from out of the darkness.

I wasn't really sure if I had even heard it at first. Then two figures dressed in white, kevlar and rubber, jump suits, stepped into the glare of the shop lights. Their outfits were complete with gloves, boots and headgear with scuba tanks on their backs.

My first thought is , what a weird dream, but then I realize that I'm actually awake and in the shop working on the beemer. I begin to think, maybe my past has come back to haunt me, like something I'd done in the 60's. Then the taller of the two said that I should relax and trust them. Right, I think, these dudes talk like lawyers.

Just when I think it can't get any weirder, it does! As I start to ask what this is all about, they begin to take off the suits. Its then that I realize that this is not a normal day.

There standing in front of me are these two cats. No slang intended. I mean cats like in cats and dogs, and both definitely female. The orange one speaks first, in a voice with a low buzz like a well tuned beemer, saying that they will help me reassemble the motorcycle. Fine, I say, I need all the help I can get at this point. They go to work like the shoemakers elves and in what seems like a matter of minutes their done. The only problem, is the paint looks like I left it in a grocery store parking lot for the last century. The grey one puts her hand (er paw) on my shoulder and ask what I think of it. As I'm about to say something about the paint the lights flicker and blur. The next thing I know I'm wakeing up on the couch wondering if this really happened or was I just hallucinating. The cat people I'm sure of but the beemer.

Well as it turns out the /7 is still in pieces and I've had too much beer and solvent fumes for lunch.

Needless to say I didn't have a lot to tell about progress on the beemer rebuild. So suffice it to say' I'll have more when there is more.

Frank

Hints & Tips

The 1992 riding season is upon us, and for many motorcycles another year of ? preventive maintenance. Now, as a rule, beemer riders are reasonably concious of the proper PM. We'll begin this series with the battery. So to elaborate slightly on the obvious.

Battery: The battery is our freind and is willing to remain as such with a little care.

Before, cranking an engine or cranking a charge into your friend, **check the fluid level.**

Now, don't just top off low cells and let the bike sit, ride the bike or drive the battery around in your car for at least 30min. to mix the H₂O into the heavier electrolyte. Also try charging with a very light current, about half an amp, for 4 to 6 hrs. This sometimes has the effect of mixing the two fluids. Be sure to use distilled or DI water **only**, no Perrier please.

Then check the specific gravity (Sp.G.), with a hydrometer, it should be 1.26 to 1.28 fully charged whereas a fair cell will be at best 1.23 to 1.26. To improve on a mediocre cell you may be able to add electrolyte (or have it added).

Then recharge the battery with a motorcycle charger for at least 24hrs. or untill an automatic charger turns off.

Check the Sp.G. to determine any improvement.

When installing the battery clean the terminals thoroughly. After attaching the cables apply good quality protective grease on the terminals and cable ends to avoid corrosion.

Ride on, ride on, ride on.

FOR SALE

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

Corbin Dual Touring Seat. Fits 86 and later K-bikes. \$150.00 or BO. Ray, (419) 885-5619

**Eclipse Tank Bag, Good Condition \$50/BO,
Fox Boots, Black, Good Condition \$40/BO,
Rob, (419) 865-6065**

APRIL MEETING MINUTES

The April 1992 meeting of the BMW Riders of Toledo was held on 4/14/92 at the Sylvania FOP Hall on Holland Sylvania Rd.

Call to Order: At 7:48pm by president Don Smith.

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

Ed Cook	Rob Piechocki
Leo Peiffer (Tres.)	Frank Crawford (Sec.)
Don Smith (Pres.)	Wade Kemp (new mem. app.)
Ray Smith	Dale Foster (VP)

Minutes: The minutes from the previous month were read and accepted as written without additions or changes.

Treasurers Report: Leo reported there is \$1110.01 in our coffers, this is a net gain of \$55 over last month. Motion to accept the report was made by Ray and Frank seconded. Motion accepted unopposed. Leo presented another signature card for the club checking account. Dale Foster (Vice President) signed at this time.

V.P. Report: No report.

Secretarys Report: If anyone noticed in the MOA news the item about Tabitha Estabrook and Jim Rogers. The article indicated they are about to complete their around the world motorcycle trip. They were offering to stop and talk to any interested BMW clubs along the way. I inquired about having them to come to one of our meetings, when I called their office I was informed , by Tabitha herself, that the article was a year out of date. It appears the editorial staff at MOA news is a little slow, going to press with these announcements.

Road Captain:no report.

Old Business: No old business.

New Memberships & Applications: We didn't have any applications this month, we did however vote Rob Piechocki into the club as our newest member.

New Business: Dale made a motion that the club treasury defray the cost of the food for the picnic at the May meeting. Rob seconded. The motion carried unopposed.

May Meeting: Will be held on Tuesday, May 12, 8:00pm at the Peiffers, try to get there about 6:30 for a picnic dinner. I'll include a map with this months newsletter but if you dont know how to find it call one of the officers listed on the letterhead.

June Meeting: Will be on ?

Don made the motion to close the meeting and Leo seconded.

The Meeting Closed at 8:27pm

RIDE SCARED, RIDE SAFE

It's a good way to stay alive!

Frank