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AUGUST 1992 NEWSLETTER

GREETINGS & SALUTATIONS

This issue is running quite a bit late due to a variety of situations, not the least of which has been a low level of enthusiasm on my part. For example, it is Aug. 26 and I really should be finishing up on September's news. I apologize for this. Although, in my defense I could say that there has been a dearth of things to write about, especially considering that we haven't had a business meeting since June. **We will to rectify this for September as the meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 8th, 7:30PM at Maumee Bay State Park in the meeting room of the Park lodge.** Directions are under **Activities** on the next page.

This motivational lethargy has obviously extended to the R100 project, although I am riding now, more on this in **Projects and Tech Events**, I did not meet my projected deadline for July and the National. Sandy and I did however drive the (ugh) car to Du Quoin, as did many other of our motorcycling brethren, see the **Rally Report** for the rest of the story.

A note of overall interest for those of you that are MOA members, and read the historical perspective on the MOA in the news, you may have noticed that our club and quite a few members were prominently mentioned. Of particular interest was that our Pres. was among the first candidates for the Board of Directors, good work Don. Others mentioned were our V.P. Dale Foster and Bob Klear, Bob is the previous editor of this newsletter.

Under the category of clouds with silver

linings. We have a report from Dan Adams that his shed burned down with all his M/C gear. This included his motorcycle, helmets, trailer and camping outfit. Bad karma. Now for the silver lining, he tells me that he is now riding a new **K1100 LT**. Good Karma. Outside sources rumor that it came from the ever popular and always friendly Andy Pelc. Smooth and safe touring Dan.

Be Conspicuous, 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

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

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Classes

6PM - 9:35PM

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

ACTIVITIES

Sept. 8: BMW Riders of Toledo Monthly Meeting

Maumee Bay State Park, in the lodge Conference Room. Directions are as follows; From I-280 exit at Rt. 2, Navarre Ave. in Oregon. Go east @ 6.5mi. to Curtice Rd. and turn left (north) then go @ 2.5mi. to the park entrance. Inside the park bear left at the fork of the road and the Lodge is the first building on the right, look for the other Beemer's.

Sept. 4-7: Fingerlakes Rally

The 18th annual rally sponsored by the Fingerlakes BMW club at Watkins Glen, NY held at Hidden Valley Campgrounds. Gate fee \$45

Sept. 11-13: Buckeye State Rally

Wispering Hills Campgrounds, in the rolling hills near Shreve, OH. Sponsored by Buckeye Beemers, Greater Cincinnati BMW club and Western Reserve BMW MOA. Again this year, many of our members will be attending this most excellent rally. It's a lot of fun and there is some superb riding in this part of the state. Cost \$19, includes 2 nights camping, rally pin, door prizes and more. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you there.

Sept. 11-13: Sixth Annual S-L-S-S-C

So-Long-Summer-Sidecar-Campout.

Sponsored by Hoosier Hacks. American Legion Park in Fortville, Indiana, 4mi. south of I-69, exit 14 just NE of Indianapolis. Sidecar Tech session and sidecar driving school (additional fee). Cost \$3/vehicle and \$5/night camping. All interested people welcome. More info: Contact, Greg Tenbrook, POB 313, Sharpsville, IN 46068; (317) 963-6345

Sept. 18-20: Chicago Region Rally

At Palace Campground, on U.S. 20 near Galena, in northwest Illinois. Sponsored by Chicago Region BMW Owners Association, one of the oldest and largest BMW clubs. Excellent camping and riding territory. The CHITECH sessions are considered, by many, as the best available. Gate Fee: \$31, children 6-15 \$10. More Info, contact: Dwight Safter, 10440 55th Ave. Kenosha, WI 53142; (414) 694-8987.

RALLY REPORT

1992 BMW MOA National Rally, Illinois State Fairgrounds, Du Quoin, IL

What a site. Before the state bought this property three years ago it was privately owned. Acres of parkland for camping with three lakes and an enormous Art Deco style Grandstand overlooking a 1mi. horsetrack with a moat running around the infield. Two enormous mansions and a large (@ 80' x 160') display building.

The MOA news will, I'm sure, give the grand overview (Higdon, will give the "view from the bunker") with some overkill toward BMW NA and their legendary obsession.

The votes aren't all counted for the BMW RoT rally experience, although, I'm sure the tally will lean toward the positive.

Those members and freinds from our club were: Ray Smith, Ed Cook, Wade Kemp, Owen Marshall, Jim & Lois Merzke, Dan & Mary Braun, Rob & Debbie Piechocki, Ron Berry & Nancy Bolton, Don & Carol Smith and Frnak & Sandy Crawford. Also camping at the club campsite and raising the beemer conciousness was the quintessential low rent rider Hummer the Bummer.

The rally was quite an experience for me since it is the first National I've attended, but it won't be the last. Next year it's planned to be in Osh Kosh, Wisconsin. I hope we get a larger turnout.

FRC

Ride Ready

PROJECTS & TECH EVENTS

And then a light began to shine as another day dawned upon the intrepid motorcycle manic, uh, I mean mechanic.

He stood back from the work and stretched his weary frame. In that familiar Zen method, from top of head, slowly and patiently, to tip of fingers and toes, he had learned so many years before.

As the clarity of relaxation swept over his mind, he realized that it was time to put away the wrenches and sockets and pack the camping gear for the trip to Du Quoin, IL (pronounced dew coin) and the MOA National Rally.

Back from the rally, depressed and excited, the voyager is determined to finish this project before the end of time as we know it.

Undaunted by excessive work schedules and looming unemployment he approaches his work with vigor and soon has reached the moment of truth.

The question in his nerves is lit, yet there is no answer served to fit, to keep it in his mind and not forget, that it is not he or she or them or it that you belong to. But rather to be dedicated here to the living beemer, to stand and deliver a push on the starter button.

SUCCESS! The engine starts easily and runs without coaxing, albeit somewhat rough.

This long and exhausting sojourn into the curious land of R engine mechanics has finally come to its conclusion. Though one journey is ended, another is just beginning.

I'd like to thank each and everyone who has been of invaluable help along the way. Many of you gave actual hand and tools to the work, others offered, intellectual advice, and moral support.

Thanks.

Frank

Hints & Tips

Come to the meetings and make the club move ahead.

FRC

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

Monthly MEETING MINUTES

No meetings in July and August.

RIDE SCARED, RIDE SAFE
It's a good way to stay alive!
Frank