

# BLACK SWAMP BEEMER



## ZEIT•GEIST

BMW Riders of Toledo

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### New Boxer Added to Lineup

As many of you know BMW's Motorcycle Division has released a newly designed and engineered boxer for 1993.

The heart of this new machine is a radical engine featuring twin cams mounted high in the head with two oil pumps, a 700 watt alternator and an optional three way catalytic converter.

Nicknamed "Type 259" this engine will, I'm sure, be met with the same trepidation shown to the Type 247 in the 70's and the K-motor in the 80s.

Change seems to bring out the curmudgeon in even the most reasonable of us.

We must remember this, BMW did not make over the boxer just for the sake of change. They are faced with extremely strict regulations governing both noise and emissions in Europe, their primary market, and the old boxer design just could not make the cut.

I for one am looking forward to this new design in anticipation. I plan to obtain one of these machines as soon as possible.

### EDITORS MARQUE

This is the first issue with what I hope will be the revised format for our newsletter.

I have chosen the title to represent on the one hand the geographic area of our membership and secondly to express the

emotion of our sport, as zeit-geist translates to "the spirit of the time".

The idea will be to encourage those of our members with an interest, to contribute to the writing of this rag (I hope everyone knows that the term *rag* is an affectionate one common in the newspaper and magazine business) to the end that it truly becomes a club newsletter.

We need in-put from each and everyone to make this thing work.

If it is to continue to entertain and inform you then you need to contribute something, anything at all. Copy an interesting article from a magazine or newspaper, send along cartoons, those of you with computers send in some clip art. Some of you may consider writing a piece about an interesting ride or whatever.

We need a response, or this will degenerate to merely a copy of the monthly minutes.

The reason behind this plea, if you will, is my times becoming seriously limited and also I'd like to see this become a club forum as opposed to one mans opinion of moonlight. So help me out, help us out.

Think about this and don't just call me on the phone or talk to me at the meetings with your ideas, sit down and write them out.

Don't worry about grammar or spelling, I'll take care of that.

If you have a computer for your writing, all the better put your material on a floppy and I'll use it

that way, it doesn't matter if it's a PC or a MAC, as I have access to both.

Remember this is our club so let's participate.

### MILEAGE CONTEST

I thought that a mileage contest would be an interesting club activity this year and it just might keep us in closer contact with each other. So here goes.

I figure that we start on April 1st and end on November 1st.

Everybody send in the entry form post marked no later than April 30th and I'll put the info into the computer.

As for rules, we will follow the MOA mileage contest rules, a copy of which I will publish with the entry form.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Rob and Debbie Piechocki are expecting their first. The baby is due on Mayday (5-1-93)

Ron Berry and Nancy Bolton got married shortly before Christmas.

**THINK SPRING  
RIDE SAFE**

## MONTHLY MINUTES

The March meeting of the BMW Riders of Toledo was held on 3/8/1993 at the home of Lois & Jim Merzke.

**Called to order:** at 7:59pm by Pres. Wade.

Roll Call: Was conducted by the usual sign-in and accepted as written. Those in attendance were:

Frank Crawford (Secretary)	Jim Merzke
Wade Kemp (President)	Ed Cook
Bart Mather	Ron Berry
Lois Merzke	Don Smith

**Minutes:** The February minutes were read. There was one change, to indicate that Bart Mather was inducted rather than indicted into the club. Jim made the motion to accept and Ed seconded, motion passed unopposed.

**Financial Report:** There was no financial report due to the absence of Leo, he had indicated at the previous meeting that he would probably be unable to attend.

**Officers Reports:** Wade thanked the Merzkes' for opening their homes to our meeting.

**Old Business:** The issue of the an AMA charter was discussed. A number of questions were covered and it was decided to charter as long as we have enough members. Frank made the motion and Jim seconded to charter with the AMA when we have all the necessary memberships required. Motion carried unanimously.

The summer riding events sponsored by Scheits motors were discussed. Also the AMA Heritage Meuseum visit was discussed.

The idea of T-shirts for the club was discussed. Lois had asked a freind about doing something but they didn't have the time. Ed said he had one from one of our old rallys. Also we discussed a design that incorporates our letterhead logo with the french curve, the BMW rondel, and the club name, this would be similar to the club flag.

**New Business:** We reviewed a letter from the Pikes Peak BMW Club concerning a need by on of their members and his wife who needs a liver transplant. It seems these people need to come up with \$60,000 after the insurance. The club is throwing a benifit for them, but in the mean time they are asking for donations to help these people. Don made a motion to send \$50.00 in the name of the club, Jim seconded and after discussion the motion passed unanimously.

Another matter was a flyer from a candidate for a director of the BMW MOA, Don Cauble a member of the Hoosier Beemers (non-incumbent) with a background in school administration. I'll include the flyer with the news.

The idea of participation in the Adopt a Highway program was discussed. We feel that the club should get involved in this activity on a section of a highway we all appreciate riding such as State Route 105 east of Bowling Green or S.R. 65 along the south side of the Maumee River toward Grand Rapids. S.R. 105 was preferred because the houses dont't sit right near the highway. No decision was made at this time. The information flyer is included in the news. The membership should let us know how they feel about participating in this activity.

**April Meeting:** At the end of the meeting no location had been decided upon. Since then Jim Brower has agreed to have it at the Maumee Bay State Park Headquarters. The meeting will be there on April 13th at 7:30pm.

Wade called for a motion to adjourn at this time. Motioned by Jim seconded by Ed. The meeting closed at 8:31pm.