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# BLACK SWAMP BEEMER



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### New Boxer Good Karma

Well the press intros to the new boxer are past and the review articles across the board rave with its' praises. From the MOA and OTL to even Motorcyclist, they loved this new machine.

This response is understandable in view of the tremendous engineering effort which BMW has put into this motorcycle. They have been working on this machine since 1985 with a eye toward the changes in regulations which were obvious with the coming of the Euro market.

The U.S. debut will take place from May 8th - 15th. Take the opportunity to visit a dealership and see or even ride this machine. I believe you will be impressed.

I will be unable to attend the unveiling during this week. I will be traveling for my company. I board a plane May 8th for France where I will spend the week at a factory in LE Havre, France. But, if things go as planed, on the 15th I expect to be in Frankfurt, Germany to rent the new boxer for two days of riding. I've got my fingers crossed.

### EDITORS MARQUE

This is the second issue with 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.

Remember this is our club so let's participate.

### SPRING TO LIFE

#### Bringing the Beemer Out of Hibernation

by: Dale Foster

You have all heard of the procedure required to put your steed in storage over the winter. But! Do all of us follow these suggestions? I think not. If you have as many irons in the fire as I do, you leave these important details till tomorrow (*a tommorrow which never seems to come, ed.*).

Well, now its Spring, and your wondering, will it start or not? Suppose the engine don't run on all cylinders. It could be that one or both valves are stuck open, they do sometimes. The following advice was passed along to me by an aircraft mechanic freind of mine and I pass it along as freely to you.

After determining which cylinder has the stuck valve proceed as follows:

1.: Remove the spark plug if not already done, also remove the valve cover on that side of the engine.

2.: Lubricate the valve stem and guide of the affected valve with WD-40 or similar lubricant.

3.: Rotate the crank to bring the piston to B.D.C. (bottom dead center) at the end of the intake stroke.

4.: Take a length (@20 feet) of cotton clothes line and stuff it into the cylinder through the spark plug hole leaving about a foot hanging out.

5.: Move the piston toward T.D.C. (top dead center) on the compression stroke. The rope on top of the piston should push the valve or valves closed

6.: Move the piston down and remove the rope. That should do it.

**THINK SPRING  
RIDE SAFE**

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## MONTHLY MINUTES

The April meeting of the BMW Riders of Toledo was held on 4/13/1993 at the Maumee Bay State Park Headquarters meeting room, compliments of Jim Brower.

**Called to order:** at 7:38pm by Pres. Wade.

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

Gayle Snively

Jim Brower

Frank Crawford (Secretary)

Wade Kemp (President)

Owen Marshall (V.P. & Road Cap.)

Ernie Richards

Fred Garza(Guest)

Dale Foster

Jim Merzke

Ed Cook

Ron Berry

Don Smith

**Minutes:** The March minutes were read. There were no changes, or additions. Jim Merzke 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 January meeting that he would probably be unable to attend a few of the following meetings due to work scheduling.

### **Officers Reports:**

**President:** No Report

**V.P. & R.C.:** Owen mentioned that he had some guidelines for group riding and he would pass them along to the secretary for newsletter publication.

**Secretary:** I asked for comments on the new newsletter format and much discussion ensued concerning the size. I indicated that this was due to the volume of material which I decided should be passed along. A variety of opinions were expressed about the MOA situation and elections.

**Old Business:** Ed brought up the matter of club badges for those that don't have them, he explained the prices and the method of purchasing quantities. A discussion was held to determine who had and who needed badges. Jim Brower motioned that Ed assemble a list of people needing club badges and the club buy them, Jim Merzke seconded. Discussion was had that we buy at least 12 at \$3.74ea. up to 20. Dale said if we have them we should use them. Motion passed unopposed.

Frank brought up the number of members which have not paid their dues and that we are considering them inactive at this time because we have taken no official action to remove them from the club roster. Gayle asked who they were. I indicated that they were Don Beyer, Richard Chorney, Jay Mauter, Conrad Pritcher (he has resigned) Jim Guinan and Ray Williams. This list may change when I get in touch with Leo. (**Addendum:** After talking to Leo on 4-29-93 the changes are as follows Jim Guinan has paid his dues. Others unpaid are Bruce Neal, Rob Piechocki and Dan Braun).

Gayle brought up the discussion of club T-shirts. She told us that Ray Williams is currently running a T-shirt business at the Toledo trade mart. She suggested that we should talk to him about this.

Dale asked about the Adopt a Highway. Jim Brower suggested the roadways in the M.B.S.P. The decision was to let Jim Brower look into this for us and report when he has the info.

**New Business:** A variety of ideas for some type of fund raising activity was discussed.

**May Meeting:** Will be held on May 11, 7:30pm at Nancy and Ron Berrys home near Oak Harbor, the address is 11340 Duff-Washa Rd. I'll include a map with the newsletter.

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