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# BLACK SWAMP BEEMER



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### New Boxer Form & Function

The press intros are history, the hype is in the pipe and being smoked as this is being written. No beemerphile from the high Himalayas to the depths of the Mariannes trench could be ignorant of the details surrounding this engineering broadside from the folks who brought us the Earls fork and Paralever suspension.

Although looking much like the K100RS in form with the full fairing the shorter faired version displays the engine and a look at the front suspension well worth the price of admission.

On the Saturday I left for France I took my /7 to Sheits for a little maintainence while I would be gone. While there I had the opportunity to ride the R1100. Wow! What a ride. I never had it above third gear and she would run 100mph and still have some to give. I ran up S.R. 19 from Fremont and it slipped through the 90deg. S curve north of the T-Pike like water through a twisted hose, smooth and easy. I was very impressed.

#### HOPES & DREAMS

I had a great time in France. It's a freindly and colorful country and I hope that I get to go again.

I didn't get a chance to ride the boxer in Germany. I was unable to contact the rental agent while I was over there. I was disappointed that he never returned my calls and of course thought the worst of their

organization. That is untill this past Tuesday when I recieved a mailing from them with a note from Leon Heindel the agent. He appologised for not returning my calls as he was leading their first tour of the season. He explained that had I sent a fax it would have been relayed to him but that the phone messages were not understood except for someone calling from Paris. Oh well live and learn. But I do appreciate his taking time to explain. I reccommend this outfit to anyone going to Europe to rent motorcycles.

#### EDITORS MARQUE

This is the third 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.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rob and Debbie Piechockie are the proud parents of a beautiful baby girl Sarah Anne born April 30 (He said it would be around May Day). Congratulations to the proud parents and great good luck for the future from all the BMW Riders of Toledo.

#### FOR SALE

1986 R 80 w/Aerofoil Fairing, BMW bags, Russell seat, Black Scooterville backrest & Rack, Tank Cover Fairly new Metzlers, 13K Club Price \$3000 + cost of front break repair(it sticks) getting fixed. Contact Jim Brower 836-7383

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## MONTHLY MINUTES

The May meeting of the BMW Riders of Toledo was held on 5/11/1993 at Nancy and Ron Berrys home near Oak Harbor.

**Called to order:** at 7:50pm.

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

Don Smith (drove his car!)  
Jim Brower (bought an 88 Venture!)  
Gayle Snively  
Dale Foster (bought an 84 Venture!)  
Owen Marshall (V.P. & Road Cap.)

Ron Berry (Host)  
Lois Merzke  
Jim Merzke  
Ed Cook  
Bart Mather

**Minutes:** The April minutes were read by Jim B. There were no changes, or additions. Jim Merzke made the motion to accept and Ed seconded, motion passed unopposed.

**Financial Report:** The financial report was same as two months ago, this will be brought up to date as soon as the books can be obtained from Leo as he is unable to keep up with them due to work scheduling. No problem. Interim report, Don S. motioned to accept & Dale F 2nd. Ok'd.

**Officers Reports:** None.

**Old Business:** Ed brought up the matter of club badges, he needs money for them. A check will be written within the next couple of weeks.

A discussion was had about fundraising, i.e. raffels (not so hot). Question was raised, why do we need funds? We don't seem to be on the verge of putting on a rally. Discussion tabled.

Breakfast was discussed as were multiple places to have them.

Adopt a Highway. We can't do the roadways in the M.B.S.P. under the ODOT program. We will look into other locations.

**New Business:** Discussed rally plans, canoes, old cars, fishing, exporting bikes to Japan?, Ron's woodwork???

**June Meeting:** Was not discussed. ( So I have tried to find a suitable place and it occurred to me that I don't have time to draw a map so I picked Fort Meigs in Perrysburg, not a difficult landmark to find, I hope. So the June Mtg. will be there on the 8th at 7:30pm).

The meeting closed at 8:45pm.