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Meeting for Febuary will be held at Beth Schwartz's house on Tuesday Febuary 12th. The meeting will be held at 7:30 pm. The address is 901 Miller. Just off 579. Map

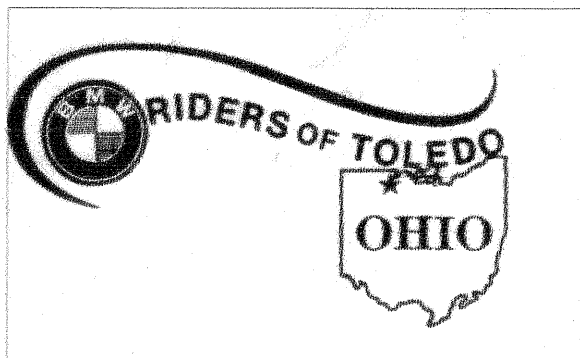
Meetings are held the second tuesday of each month.

For more information refer to website

BMWridersoftoledo.org

Or contact any officer.

It's a new year. Guess what dues are due. See Don Smith



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BMW RIDERS OF TOLEDO FEBRUARY 2002

MINUTES for JANUARY

Minutes for November were accepted as printed in newsletter.

Presidents Report

Welcome to banquet. Bart started with his overview of what the club is for. The clubs main function is to bring the riders together and to share information with each other. Bart mentioned it is time to pay dues. Bart had information on radar detectors.

Vice-Presidents Report

Delbert as usual brought us up coming events. Important is a meeting at Wally's on February 10th at 10:00am. He mentioned article about Don. He is also going to organize a ride to Frankenmuth MI, and a ride to Auburn In. He will let us know.

Secretary Report

Tim and Pam contacted us to wish well. Mentioned some gatherings Delbert did not have. Newsletters coming along. Always accepting articles and Ideas.

Treasurer Report

Don reported incoming and disbursements. Report was accepted as given.

Road Captain Report

We had a party. It was good. Did everyone pay?? Hope everyone had a

good time. The IX center in Cleveland was February 2&3.

Webmaster Report

The system crashed. Glad to here my system is not the only one! Wade will post anything you have to sell motorcycle related for sale.

Old Business

Patch committee has still not met. Bart drew his idea we will try to meet February.

New Business

Spring Campout site. We need a decision. Harrison Lake State park is to be the location of spring campout. It will be the weekend of May 17th-19th. Hey it's some place new. Anyone want to organize a ride call any club officer. We have 2 medallions to award. They were awarded to Bart and Delbert. Doug liked informal rides last year wants to try to formalize ride if you plan on going some place on Friday call a few people.

Special thanks to Schiets Motors for the door prizes!!

Thank You!!!

BLACK SWAMP BEEMER

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Bart's Thoughts

I went to the Motorcycle Show in Cleveland this year and saw a bunch of new bikes and accessories. Bought a couple of them too. Accessories that is, I bought some things to make my rides more enjoyable next riding season. I enjoyed the trip with friends and meeting other friends at the show.

Except for not riding the motorcycle, this Winter has not been very hard to put up with because of warmer weather. Of course those of us who try to ride year-round are just loving this Winter since they are putting on the miles on like no winter passed. More power to them and more enjoyment too.

Carol and I went out to Oak openings Park for a walk one Sunday. We like walking in the painted pine woods of which there are several. We had been strolling along off the path, there is no undergrowth in these woods, when we saw a herd of running deer. We sat down with our backs against a tree. The needles were about 6 inches deep so it was a good spot for the next hour to just watch the deer forage as they wandered toward us. Walking back to the car I remarked to my wife just how relaxed I felt. Yet at the same time I was somewhat energized by the visit to the woods.

It is funny how a walk in the woods with my wife, a motorcycle show with friends, a motorcycle ride or watching a small child at play seems to energize me and give me optimism for the future. Where would I be without my ever-present optimism? I don't want to think about it too much because at the first thought of being without optimism the future becomes very gloomy indeed. Just watch TV news broadcasts every day and most of the things reported on begin to affect you in a most negative way. The

things that affect us in a negative way can be dealt with or sometimes just ignored so as to provide us with a basis for retaining or regaining our optimistic outlook.

EDITORS COLUMN

Just a quick thought that one of our fellow BMW riders sent me.

"Mountains should be climbed with as little effort as possible and without desire.

The reality of your own nature should determine the speed. If you become restless, speed up. If you become winded, slow down. You climb the mountain in an equilibrium between restlessness and exhaustion. Then, when you're no longer thinking ahead, each footstep isn't just a means to an end but a unique event in itself. This leaf has jagged edges. This rock looks loose. From this place the snow is less visible even though closer. These are things you should notice anyway. To live only for some future goal is shallow.

It's the sides of the mountain which sustain life, not the top. Here's where things grow. But of course, without the top you can't have any sides. It's the top that defines the sides, So on we go....we have a long way...no hurry...just one step at a time one step after the next....."

Think about it!!!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- FEBRUARY** **-10TH** *RA Northwest Ohio regional meeting
location Walleys restaurant on 795
time 10:00am*
- 12TH** *BMW Riders of Toledo meeting
location Beth's house 901 miller
just off 579 time 7:30*
- 16-18th** *Annual snow camp
For more information call
253-770-3749*
- March** **-2-3rd** *Coffee break to Florida on
southbound I-95 in Cumberland
County near Fayetteville, NC*
- 4th-10th** *Daytona bike week*
- July** **-11-14** *BMW MOA National rally
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