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The March meeting will be held at Beth's Schwartz's house on Tuesday March 12th at 7:30pm. The address is 901 Miller, just off 579, see map.

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month or at the club function for the month.

For more information refer to website

BMWridersoftoledo.org
Or contact any officer.

For anyone who hasn't paid dues are due. See Don Smith.

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MINUTES for FEBRUARY

Minutes for January were accepted as printed in newsletter.

Presidents Report

Welcome to the meeting. RA meeting that Bart had attended. The RA is thinking about cutting the state directors funding. This is bad news. The thought Bart had is that if RA cuts his funding to try to help him if this happens. The thought is if the RA cuts this funding how do they expect to draw new members.

Vice-Presidents Report

There is some talk about having another RA national rally in Ohio. Dues for RA is going up so you may want to pay your dues. The National RA this year is in Red River New Mexico. The nights will be cool it's at 8000ft elevation.

Secretary Report

The newsletters went out. Anyone have a problem call. Anyone have an article to put in see me. We needed to restock supplies for the newsletter. That's all.

Treasurer Report

Don reported incoming dues. Report was accepted as given.

Road Captain Report

Road captain missing in action!

Webmaster Report

Web site is there. Pictures are on the site from the banquet. Statistics are good 987 hits. The link for quick scheduled rides is in the works.

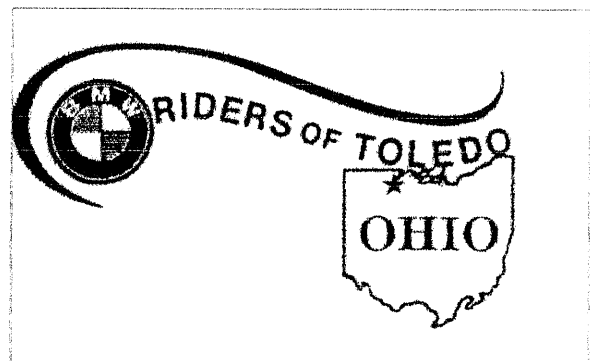
Old Business

The patch committee has met. We have three shapes that we have narrowed down to two. We are going to try to get a better drawing on the computer.

More to come on this subject.

New Business

Don suggested we bestow upon Dale and The Merzke's life time membership. This was voted on and approved.



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BART'S THOUGHTS

I had breakfast with a couple of motorcycling friends this morning and they too are ready to get out on the road. This has been such a mild winter this year. I think it makes it a little harder when you don't ride in the Winter months to see those 50-60° days go by while watching motorcycles ride by as we sit in our cars. Well they tell me, "Lets get our first ride planned so we can be ready in March in case there is a good warm weekend in March". Well that would not normally be discussed but with those good days we saw earlier it could be that a good weekend to ride will come in March, we hope. The last meeting we had was held at Beth Schwartz's home in the new party / meeting room, formerly known as the attached double (truck / motorcycle)garage. Richard and Beth have done quite a good job of it too. Well heated and well lit it still holds the motorcycle but trucks I am told have been banished forever.

Where would you ride if you had won a free motorcycling vacation with all expenses paid? Would it be European Alpine riding? Alpine riding is a big favorite of the tours that are offered by several of the touring companies advertising in the moto-mags. Maybe Spain with all those old castles and less traveled roads. Australia with wide open space and exotic animals to run into, oh, and lots of beer to drink with the locals after a long hot, dry day in the sun. New Zealand, wow mountain passes, twisty roads, rain, beautiful forest to ride through and much, much more as it says in the brochures. Where is you wish to go so you can have a little different experience on two wheels or maybe it would be a large different experience? I've got my choices and I'm sure you have probably dreamed too of a great

riding experience, Maybe you have already taken that fabulous ride that you will remember for a lifetime.

Big round headlights, girder front forks, skinny tires, tank mounted shifters and straight back tiller type bars. I'm looking at a small picture of three fellows who look to be in their 20's. They are astride their motors and dressed in nice pants, white shirts with those little elastic bands around the biceps of their upper arms. On their heads they wear caps. You know the kind that look like a beret with a short brim. Their faces wear grins or maybe it is that they are just squinting from the bright sun of the day. Oh that Sunday is long past. It was the day of the picnic after Church that these young lads posed while astride their big twins. Uncle Joe and his friends. One is Eddie Sheffert the other did not get his name written on the back of this picture so I will never know his name. The three of them remain young forever here in front of me. They remind me, each time we stare at each other, that someday, I too will be where they have gone. I'll only be able to stare back from the past as I too am pictured astride my motorcycle laying on some relatives' desk.

Bart

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Editors Column

I sit here on a Sunday afternoon watching the snow fall one of the few we have had this winter and think it's March this stuff was suppose to be here in January. I know it will be gone in a couple of days. The weather is just freaky lately. One weekend I am riding with great weather the next it's snowing. The joy of Northwestern Ohio.

Thinking about riding this year. This year will be pretty much close to home but there is always lots of places to go for an afternoon. I remember when I was young my mom would take us on short afternoon rides to see the area and have a picnic. Those days I will always remember. There are many places to see and rides to take close to home the Irish hills in Michigan, in sandusky the carousel museum, covered bridges in southern Ohio if you have a weekend. There are lots of places to make memories of riding this year so get ready for a great season I have a feeling the weather is going to be wonderful.

As usual that's all folks!

Calendar Of Events

March-

12th BMW Riders of Toledo meeting . meeting at 901 Miller just off 579, 7:30pm.

April-

11-14th Ozark rondavous
Steelsville, Missouri
call 1-800-392-3700

26-28th Trail of Tears Rally
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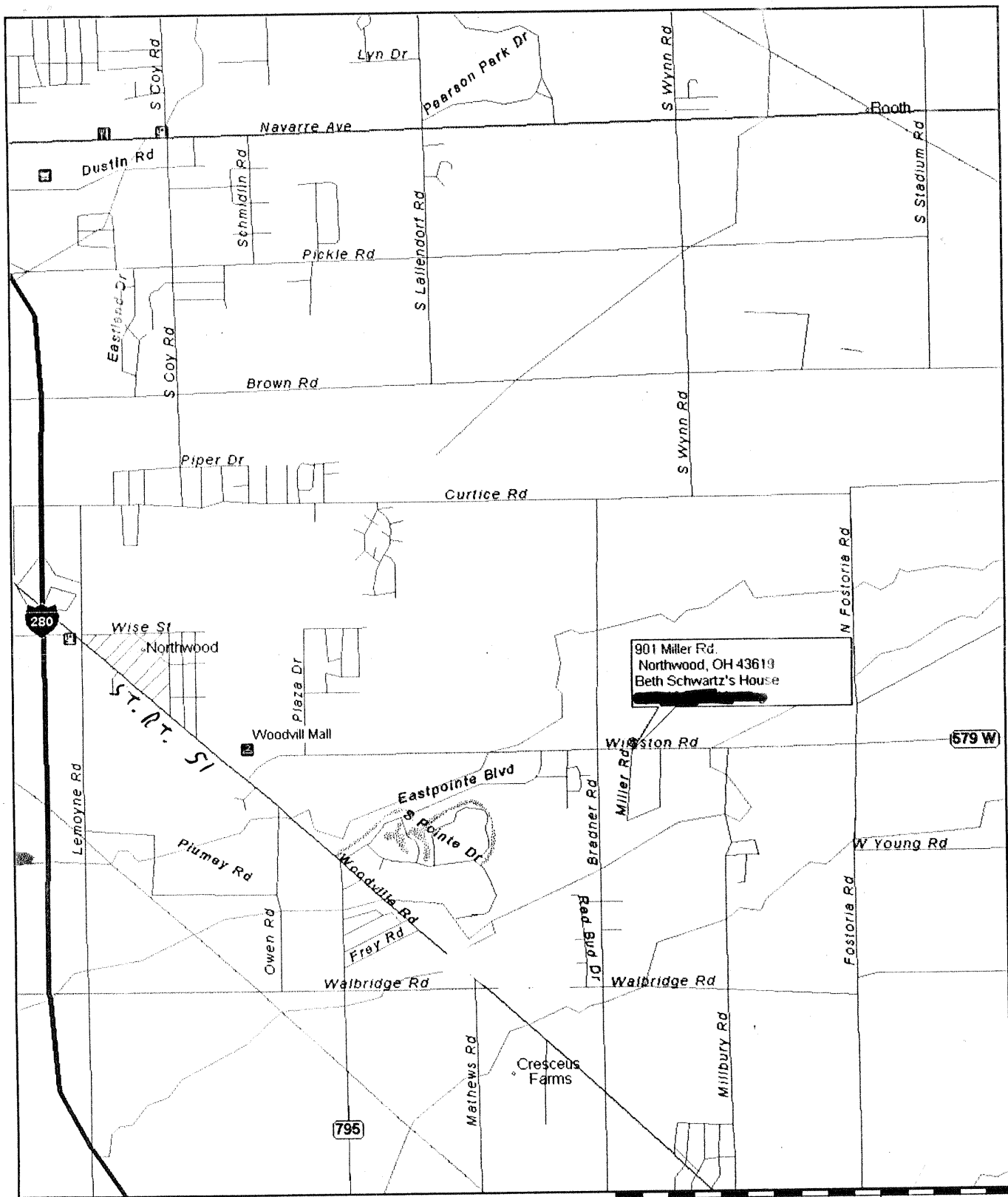
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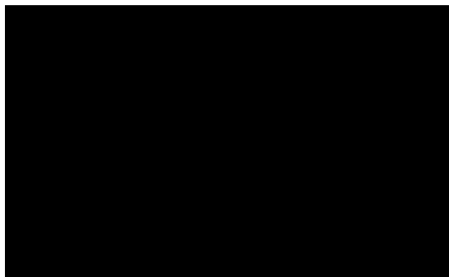
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