

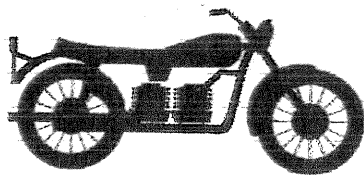
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**August campout: August 23-25  
 Be There!! Campout at East  
 harbor State Park Map enclosed.  
 Meeting at campout Saturday  
 night 5:00pm.**

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of  
 each month with the exception of a  
 function.

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 or see our website at:  
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 #16**

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# **BLACK SWAMP BEEMER**

## **BMW RIDERS OF TOLEDO JULY/AUGUST 2002**

### **Minutes for June**

*Minutes for May were accepted as printed in newsletter.*

### **Presidents Report**

Bart has been to a few campouts. He recommends a few campouts to attend in June. He also mentioned the patch to be brought up in new business.

### **Vice-President Report**

Delbert as usual covered a lot of ground in his report. Upcoming events were well covered as usual and his antidotes are appreciated by all. Delbert planned a ride to Frankenmuth June 22<sup>nd</sup>. This was a club ride. Delbert passed information around about the national rally. The RA national is in red river New Mexico August 15-18. The Dam picnic run was also in June.

### **Secretary Report**

Secretary Beth the newsletter printout can no longer be copied off at my work. I have been copying the newsletter on my copier, fax, printer at home but this has caused my print head to go bad therefore till September newsletter will be copied at office max. The post office has also starting to require the zip code change soon due to new machinery. I need everyone's zip code (5 digit- 4 digit) when our post office switches over if I do not receive this you will not receive the newsletter. National ride to work day was June 17<sup>th</sup>. That's all folks'.

### **Treasurer Report**

Don reported all disbursements and dues as usual report was accepted as given.

### **Road Captain**

Gary gave the result of the campout we had a party it was great. He also reported we have a date for our breakfast run September 14<sup>th</sup> Family affair restaurant at 9:00am Meeting will be after

breakfast then we will have a club ride together.

### **Webmaster**

Wade is looking for a few guinea pigs for the message board that was requested. Send him an e-mail if you want to volunteer.

### **Old Business**

The patch was decided on by vote with paper ballots 13members. Al Bastings has the info on patch.

### **New Business**

New business Dale bought riding pants. Dale would like to know if we put them in the newsletter and on website would donate some door prizes. The motion was made a carried that Dale can approach these people. But they will need to provide the advertisement artwork. The summer campout we will provide a meal Saturday night at a nominal fee but we need volunteers to cook it. Please, please, please volunteer. Contact Gary if you want to bring something or help cook. Committee for food to be held at Gary's August 13. Call Gary for time 419-666-3126. Gary will arrive early to secure sites 1&2 for campout. Firewood to be provided but may need split please bring axe and splitter you guys that volunteered. There will be a dinner ride Friday for dinner to leave at 6:30pm. Meeting Saturday night to occur at 5:00pm.

### **Membership**

Al Hagen was to his third meeting and voted in Welcome to the club  
All

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## Confessions of a Speeder

By Mark Nicholas

I'm heading out to the spring camp out, or should I say the spring freeze out, May 17<sup>th</sup>. It's a brisk, and I mean brisk 38 degrees. Down Central Ave., out route 20. Ah, finally out of Sylvania! The traffic gains some speed, but its too nippy for me to spend a lot of time in the saddle for such a short run. Hum, let me get around this pesky semi. I'm passing the truck, and to my surprise, there he is, the state trooper. Braking down, ah, but he's got me already. I finish my pass, slowing down to 55, and watch in my rear view as he slowly turns the cruiser around and flip on his lights. As he pulls behind me on the side of the road, I'm thinking, 'warning, warning, warning'. I have never, and I mean never, gotten a warning. I was hopping this would be my first. "Hey, what's your hurry?" the trooper says. "Well, yeah, I was just passing a truck there." After presenting my credentials, he says, "I clocked you a 76 mph, 76 in a 55 is a little fast to be passing a car." I raise one eye brow and look at him, but I'm thinking, 'not really'. As he walks back to the cruiser, I can tell the warning is pretty much... toast. Since that time, I have thought of several patent explanations for speeding you probably *don't* want to use. I mean, if your going to get the ticket anyway, why not? No more, 'thank you officer for showing me the error of my ways'. You can say, '*well, I usually cruise at 85, hell, I've passed cars doing 110!*' Or, you may chose to sort of blame it on

the beemer by saying, '*Do you see what I'm riding here officer? This is a trans- continental machine, born on the autobahn, it can't drive your silly American speed limits.*' If your really angry about getting the ticket, you could look him in the eye, and say, "*officer, I have a pistol in my tank bag, ah,ah,ah, don't think about reaching for your side arm. After all, there is no one out here on the road but the quick and the dead, and at 76 in a 55, you can see I am the quick, which makes you the.....?*"

Of course, I don't recommend using any of these replies. Especially the tank bag one. They would put you under the jail for that, or worse, you may get shot. The best response was exactly what I did. Keep your mouth shut. Smile, and accept the ticket. After all, I was guilty. Bite the bullet, pay the fine.

I have begun a journey of self-examination with the officer's words of '*hey, what's your hurry*' ringing in my ears. What is my hurry? Most rallies are just a few hours away. Am I impatience? Yes, however it's more than that. I don't like traffic in front of me, and certainly, not behind me. I feel *safer* on an open road. This is an unrealistic concept. Traffic is part of the road. I need to accept this, and deal with it.

Perhaps like I do, you have a type "A" personally. Or, is it type "B"? I'm not sure. At any rate, I am "*reactive*". This can be a dangerous thing on a bike. For example, I'm sitting at the light in the (one lane) turning lane of Spencer and S. Detroit. The green arrow pops up, getting ready to make my turn on to Detroit. A Harley passes me and makes the turn in front of me, (bad mistake). He doesn't realize how close we came to locking horns. He's blowing

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down Detroit; give the 'roll'n thunder' all she has. He must be doing 70 mph. Suddenly, the *reactive* thing kicks in my brain. Adrenaline, tells me to attack. I make my turn and...of course, I pass him. He became a very small speck in my rear view mirror, very fast. If it was a cartoon, the suction of me passing would have ripped his clothes off, and perhaps turned his full dresser into a naked harley. I'm not bragging about this, and I'm certainly not proud of it. It's no great feat to out run a Harley. In fact it was a stupid thing to do.

However, it illustrates the point of reacting to other people's behavior.

I have been trying to make a conscience effort of driving within 5 mph of the speed limit. Another good solution is to ride with a group. Cops hardly ever stop groups of motorcycles. Perhaps if I would have met Bard, Sonja, Mechel and the others on airport Hwy, and rode out with them I wouldn't have that ticket. After all, isn't this the reason we are in *Riders of Toledo*, to ride together?

*Andy Pelc*

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### **Editor's Column**

August already. This summer has really been a hot one. I have the sun burns to go with it. Hope everyone has been putting on the miles this summer. I have traveled to the national rally. We went to Niagara Falls. The national rally is always a good time. It never ceases to amaze me how many people come and travel to the rally from all over the world. BMW a great piece of engineering that has inspired people to see the world on a motorcycle. This year again I met people from Australia, Germany. Our campsite found a few BMW riders from our club as well as welcomed a rider from Nevada, and one from New Hampshire. John from Paulding County who has been at a few of our campouts was there as well. I danced with some great people and rode to see places about Trenton and the area during the day. The Ferry ride was interesting. The sights were awesome wish you all could have been there. The weather was perfect and the sunsets will forever be in my memory. As most vacations we have it was way to short and back to real life. Riding time has been short due to family health issues. I still have managed to get riding time in the evenings. Just too many things going on part of life, go with the flow!!!!

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**Calendar of Events**

**August 15-18<sup>th</sup>: National RA  
Rally in RED River New Mexico.**

**Aug 16-18 22nd Hard to be  
Humble Rally Pontic IL.**

**Aug 23-25 Our camp  
out Be there at East  
Harbor State Park  
map enclosed. Call Gary  
Haydel 419-666-3126**

**August 30<sup>th</sup>-September 2<sup>nd</sup>:  
Labor Day weekend. Finger  
Lakes Rally. Watkins Glen N.Y.**

**Sep 6-8 B S Rally Athens  
Oh.**

**Sep 6-8 32nd Wisconsin  
Dells Rally Paimyra Wi.**

**Sep 8<sup>th</sup> Travelers poker run  
at 1pm Dorr st**

**Sep 13-15 9th Darlington  
Caribbean Rally  
Darlington In.**

**Sep 15<sup>th</sup> Blackhawk poker  
run Sarah dr Temperance  
Mich**

**Sep 22<sup>nd</sup> Continentals poker  
run Junction ohio**

**Sep 29 Glass city run  
Starts at harley Davison  
Perrysburg wouldn't that be  
neat if a bunch of bmw's  
showed up.**

**Sep 27-29 16th Hoosier  
Beemer Rally & swap meet  
North Vernon In.**

Questions about any rally listings  
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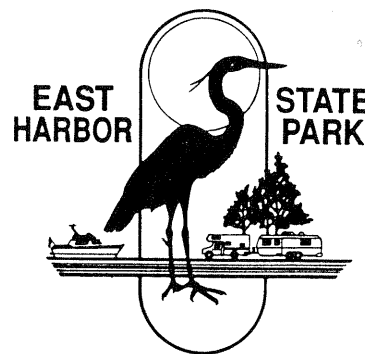
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\$32.00 per Rent-A-Camp per night (One night nonrefundable deposit required)  
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2. Please reregister or check out by 2:00pm the day your camping permit expires.

3. Camping is on a first come first serve basis. **NO RESERVATIONS**

4. Campers may register for more than one site. Total fees for all sites for all nights rented must be paid in full at the time of registration. If the person registering is a Golden Buckeye Card holder, the GBC discount is only given for one site, regardless of how many sites are being rented. **Please post camping receipt on lot marker so that other campers know this site is taken.** Three camping units, including dining screen tent are permitted to each site, with maximum combined floor space less than 200 square feet.

5. Campers **must** have their name on the registration card in the camp office. (Only one vehicle per site on non-pull through camp sites.)

6. Juvenile campers **must** be with their parents, or must provide written permission from their parents, which includes full names and address of the parent or guardian along with a telephone number where they can be reached at all times.

7. A maximum of six persons are permitted per campsite: 14 day limit out of a 30 day period.

8. **Quiet hours** start at 10:00pm, (unless posted differently because of programs/holidays...)

9. **All vehicles and campers must** remain on the roads and campsite pads provided for such. Only boat trailers may be parked on the grass. If there is no room on campsite pad, please use the Visitor's parking lot.

10. All vehicles must display a valid car pass to enter the campground. One vehicle per site except that two are permitted on pull through sites.

11. Shower houses are cleaned daily. Please use toilet buildings when the shower houses are closed.

12. **Pets** are permitted in designated areas only. **Pets must** be kept on a leash (6ft. maximum length). **Please** clean up after your pet **at all times** in **all areas** of the park. **Pets are not** permitted in the restrooms, playgrounds, showerhouses, commissary or in Lake Erie at our swimming area, **Do not leave your pet unattended even for just an hour.** Proof of rabies vaccination, for pets must be available if requested.

13. All refuse must be placed in the provided dumpsters. Please, do not leave litter in fire rings or at campsite.

14. **Intoxicating beverages shall not be overtly or publicly consumed or displayed.**

15. One picnic table and one fire ring are provided per lot.

16. Fires are permitted only in the fire rings. Please do not move the fire rings.

17. Metal detectors are permitted on sand beaches only.

18. Swimming is prohibited in the ponds. Fishing in the harbor and lake is encouraged!

19. Fish cleaning and disposal of fish remains must be done at the fish cleaning station at the boat ramp.

20. We appreciate your efforts to keep the area clean and quiet.

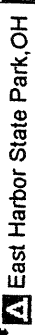
21. **The Nature Center** is open for anyone who wishes to visit and **everyone** is invited to take part in the programs and nature hikes. Schedules listing the times of the programs are posted throughout the campground.

22. **For the safety of children please observe speed limits.**

23. **Park rules and all State laws are enforced by the Park Officers.** Should problems arise, please notify someone at the commissary, Ranger office or dial 911 day or night.

24. When leaving the park please drop old registration tag into the "Drop Box" at the exit.

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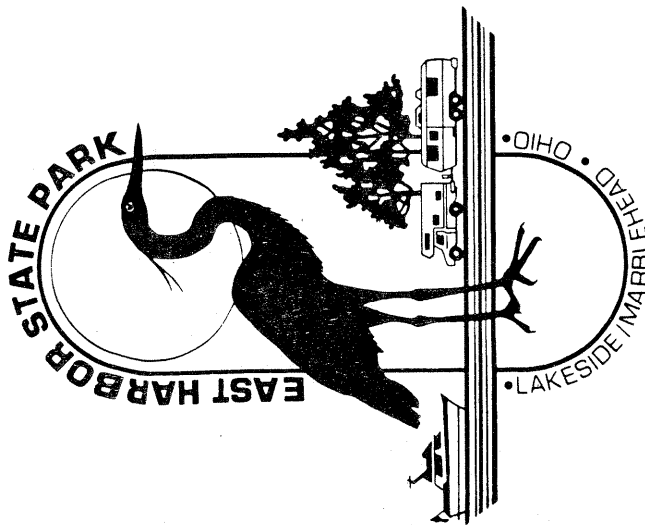


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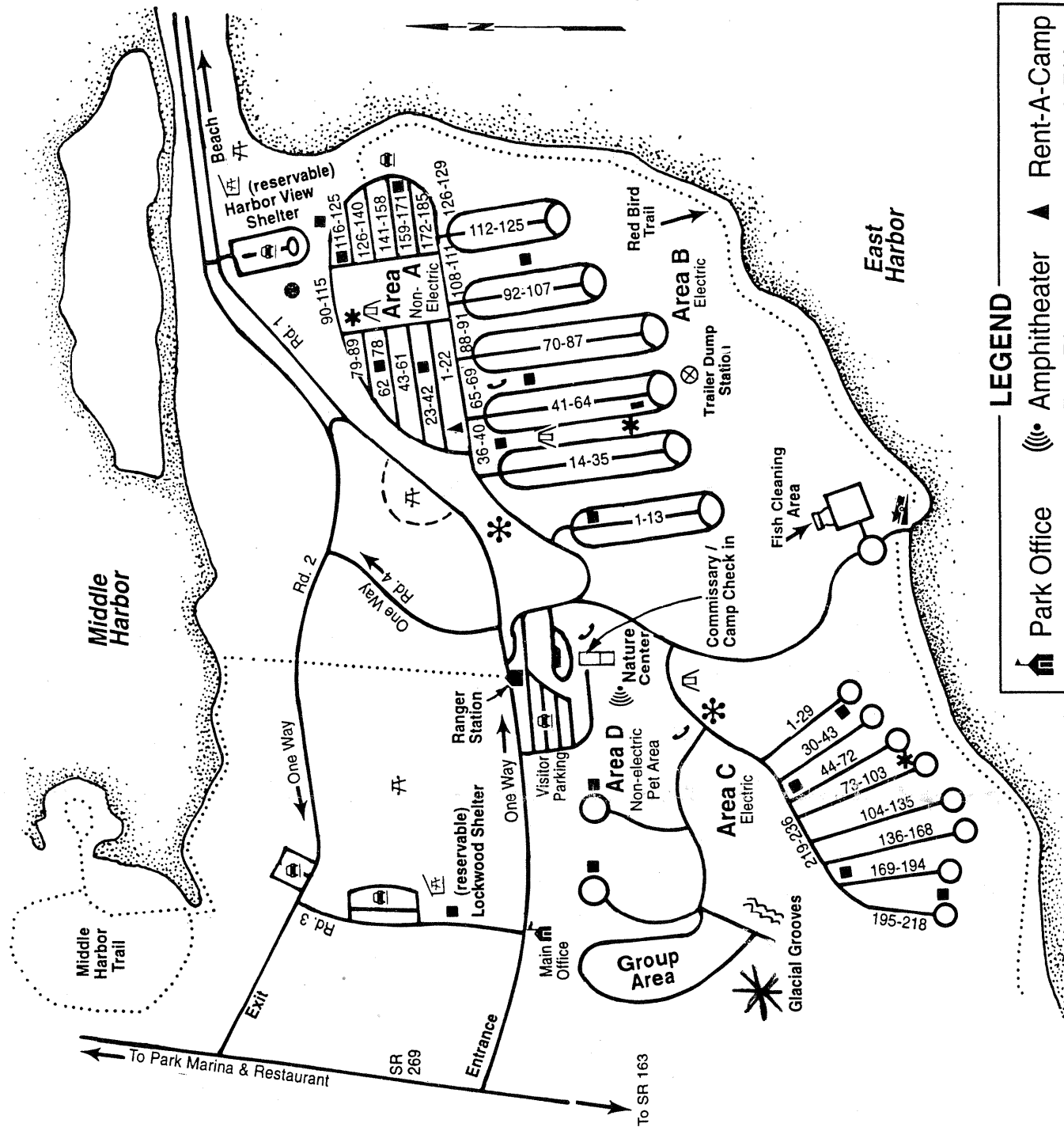
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