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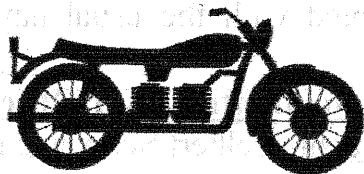
Meeting is November 12th at

**Beth Schwartz's. Located at 901
Miller rd. Northwood Ohio.**

Meeting will start at 7:00pm but come early
food will be provided. Food will be ready
around 6:30pm. Note: Elections on agenda.

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

For more info. Contact any club officer
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Minutes for October

Minutes for September were accepted as printed in newsletter.

Bart called the meeting to order after all enjoyed the meal.

Presidents Report

Bart brought meeting to order. Bart welcomed everyone to meeting. He recognized Kurt from west Toledo as a visitor. Gary harassed him as usual. Mark Woodward visited the meeting for the second meeting he brought his wife Kathy. Nominations for officers on agenda.

Vice-President Report

Delbert covered what was left of the season for weekend campouts. Well covered as usual and Delbert's antidotes are appreciated by all. Helen 2 wheels has been in an accident our wishes go out for here to get better soon. Jim Merzke died our prayers and thoughts go out to Lois.

Secretary Report

Secretary announced various e-mails received Junk mail. New phone list if anything is wrong on the list for you let me know I will make the corrections. This month we had to buy the mailing labels.

Treasurer Report

Don gave report. Report accepted as given.

Road Captain

Gary we are having a meeting. We are having a party. In January we are having a party. If no objections will try to set it up a Maggie's in Perrysburg for January banquet. The plan is for 3rd weekend in January. More next month. Thanks for coming.

Webmaster

Wade missing in action.

Old Business

The patch is here finally. Patch is \$5.00 see Beth or call. The patches will iron on. We have plenty. Is looks sweet!

New Business

Dale brought up the possibility of name tags for club members. There was also a discussion about cards like a club card that you could pass out. More info next meeting.

Membership

John Meese would like to join club attended three meetings he was accepted with the usual nay from Gary.

Nominations For Office

President: Delbert Schwab and Gary Haydel

Vice-President: Michel Litalien

Secretary: Beth Schwartz

Treasurer: Sonya Davis

Road Captain: Gary Haydel

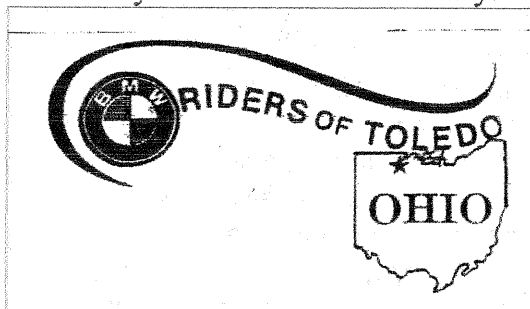
Webmaster: Wade Kemp (the only man for the job)

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Editor's Column

It's November riding season is coming to a quick halt for most normal people in this area of the country. There were a lot of hot days this summer a lot of sunshine to ride in. The season was a little to hot for my idea of a good season but the weather is a mystery from year to year. The winter months bring a time of maintenance for our motorcycles. Getting them ready for spring gas treatments, battery tenders, suspension checks ect. All are important to do in the off season to prevent down time in the spring. Most of my thoughts as the leaves start to fall are how did the season go. The trip to Canada for the national perfect weather! The trip to Cass in the spring was perfect weather. Riding the familiar roads of Northwestern Ohio "construction, construction, construction." Overall a great summer for me hope you all had a great riding season Happy Holiday's next issue is January.



Power of the Heart

by Mark Nicholas

When I think of *power of the heart*, I think of my friend Susie up in Michigan. Completely unpretentious. She is, perhaps the most *loving* person I have ever met. Unshielded by ego, she offers herself to the world around her. In turn, what she offers returns to her 10 fold. A friend once told me, "Things seem to gravitate towards Susie". Several hundred motorcycles parked in her yard at one of her parties is proof of that. Spend five minutes with her and you will *know* that she would travel to the ends of the earth to help a friend. What a rare and *magical* being she is. She is a conduit, for the *power of the heart*.

Power of the heart exist in the BMW riders of Toledo. Ok, ok, we are just a rag-tag bunch of people that happen to ride BMW motorcycles. But think about it. Don't we become almost *child like* with our antics and joking whenever we meet? Even though most of us are middle aged. *Power of the heart* is with us sitting around the campfire at a camp out. Or riding back from dinner in a rain storm. It is there. It is there when a few of us are debating the viscosity of fork oils. There is nothing too small for the *power of the heart* to manifest it self in.



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Personally, when I'm 200 miles from home, coming home from a rally, a wave from a fellow biker across the road energizes me for the next 100 miles, to the next gas station. A wave or nod that simply says, *I am with you*. It is these memories and pictures of the heart that sustain me as winter pulls its cold gray blanket over us at the end of another riding season. Just some personal thoughts as I put on my blinker, and take the exit marked WINTER 2003, exit 48.

Andy Pelc

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Calendar of Events
November 10th Regional RA meeting at Atwood lake off route 542.

January: Tentatively BMW Riders of Toledo Banquet third week of January.

BART'S THOUGHTS

Nov. 2002

Did you ever know someone that had a name for their motorcycle? You know like a person's name, or well even something such as old yeller or the red hornet. They have an attachment to that machine that may confound one who does not relate to his machine in the same way. Of course once the boundary has been crossed, name given or not, the next step would be affording emotions or even intelligence to it. Talking to it could follow. Talking friendly, talking sternly, swearing also, I guess. It's plastic, paint, and metal mostly, that thing parked in the garage. Where am I going with this? No farther than this. Because I don't want to offend anyone in our Club? No, no farther since it isn't going anywhere.

Where else can you ride 15 miles in NW Ohio and do more than 60 bends and curves and not follow a river? NO! Not in a city. With only four stop signs it is a gentle ride posted at 45 mph passing 6 cemeteries, farm houses close in on both sides of the road and going through 3 or 4 very small towns. Now I'll tell you how to find it. Riding on State Route 424 next to the Maumee River just before you reach Defiance, OH there is Independence Dam on the left then just after that is Independence, OH. Take the road there in Independence. The road goes uphill and is named Adams Ridge Road. If you go too far down 424 you will see State Route 281. So just turn around and head back to Adams Ridge Road. At the other end of Adams Ridge Road (it ends at the

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intersection of Archbold and West Barre Advance) you come at the intersection at a 45-degree angle. Taking the **first road** on the left will put you in Archbold. The **second road** on the left will take you to State Route 2 / Alt. 20 and a right on route 2 will take you east into Delta, OH. Taking the **road across** from you will take you toward Waterville, OH. **Hang a right** and you will cross State Route 6 / State Route 24 just before entering Napoleon, OH. That is it the curvy road trip!

The old (1985) Goldwing we have been riding since 1989 has burned-out the stator part of the alternator, at last! After a weeklong search for a replacement, replacement bike not stator, I found a 2001 Goldwing on the internet (ebay). The dealer delivered it to us from New York state a couple of weeks ago. Now when Spring arrives Carol and I will be ready for more adventures on the back roads of America. We haven't had much riding on it yet since the weather has gone poor. I do have to pull the battery and clean it up for storage today. I guess this column is finished so I can now go out in the garage and polish-up Big Blue and pull his battery out if he is willing.

Bart



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