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**JANUARY Meeting:**

**Meeting is JANUARY 25<sup>th</sup> at  
Maggie's restaurant in  
Perrysburg on route 25.**

**Banquet month let's party!** Cost  
\$16.00 per head reservations due to Gary by  
January 20<sup>th</sup>. Call 842-8040 7:30am-4pm M-  
F 666-3126 after 4:00pm, and Sat. & Sun.  
Dinner starts at 7:30pm Please arrive for  
cocktails earlier.

Dinner consists of salad, beef roast, fried  
chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans. Bar  
is cash.

**Change over to new officers at  
banquet.**

Dues for 2003 are due! Contact  
Sonya at meeting.

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

For more info. Contact any club officer  
or see our website at:  
[bmwriderstoftoledo.org](http://bmwriderstoftoledo.org)

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## **BMW RIDERS OF TOLEDO January 2003**

Minutes for November 2002  
*Minutes for October were accepted as  
printed in newsletter.*

*Bart called the meeting to order.  
Meeting notes are as recalled after meeting  
tape didn't record.*

### **Presidents Report**

Bart brought meeting to order.  
Bart welcomed everyone to  
meeting. Bart passed a number of  
items around at the meeting an  
aerostitch catalog and letter. We  
will put an advertisement in the  
newsletter for aerostitch. He also  
brought a letter in about a book on  
motorcycling called "going the  
extra mile." Bart also read the card  
to the club from Lois Merzke.  
Thanks the card was appreciated  
by all.

### **Vice-President Report**

Delbert oddly enough had nothing  
to report.

### **Secretary Report**

First order of business was to  
donate a brick on the memorial  
wall for Jim Merzke. This was  
approved by the club. Second  
BMW MOA membership dues due  
for the club. The club voted to  
maintain the membership charter  
16 is still alive. Ra membership  
also brought up. Need to contact  
Bob Wood. More next month.  
Newsletter was Blue because  
printer on fritz, turned out pretty  
good. Ideas were thrown on the

floor about club buying a  
printer/copier. Idea turned down. I  
can no longer copy newsletter at  
work. Wade and Gary volunteered.  
Gary. A test e-mail will be mailed  
to wade to see if he gets it in  
format. Please give any corrections  
about mailing list and phone list.

### **Treasurer Report**

Don gave report. Report accepted  
as given. Gary of course gave a  
nay!

### **Road Captain**

Gary we are having a meeting. We  
are having a party. In January we  
are having a party. Banquet is at  
Maggie's in Perrysburg for  
January. Thanks for coming.

### **Webmaster**

Wade brought Statistics about  
website. We have 2 BMW riders  
interested in the club we will  
contact them. Posting board on  
website working. Belinda and  
Wade expecting soon. ( Update:  
Belinda gave birth had a healthy  
baby boy Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>. They named  
him Aiden Vaughn. He will be a  
future BMW rider. Wade is  
looking for a sidecar.) Motion for  
continuation of website was placed  
on the floor and carried wit Gary  
abstaining. But had his hand up for  
agreement we tricked him.

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**Old Business**

The patch is here finally. Patch is \$5.00 see Beth. The patches will iron on. We have plenty. Is looks sweet! Nametags brought up at last meeting think Jim was checking into them. He was absent more later.

**New Business**

Dale brought possibility of advertisements on website. Club decided the newsletter is enough which will soon be accessible on website. Flyers will be made up for advertisers to pass out about our club. Banquet coming up door prizes needed volunteers to get them. None volunteered so we volunteered Gary and Delbert. Motion for 100 for door prizes carried.

That's all Folks!!!

**Membership**

Nothing.

**New Club Officers January 2003**

President: Delbert Schwab

Vice-President: Michel Litalien

Secretary: Beth Schwartz

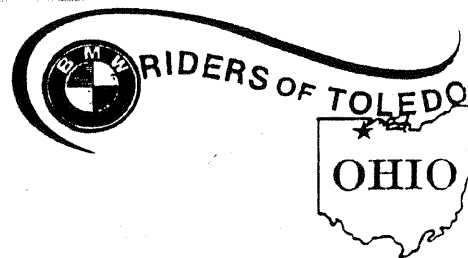
Treasurer: Sonya Davis

Road Captain: Gary Haydel

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

**Editor's Column**

January half way through winter, time to start thinking about campouts and events of the coming riding season. Time to wrench on the bike if you have time. Start a search for a new one or look for a sidecar like Wade and Belinda. The outlook for the future is great however the weather for this year is like any other a year a mystery to be unfolded. There are lots of campfires to look forward to, bike trips to talk about, memories to be made. January is the month of beginnings for most folks. New years resolutions to be broken or kept. Whatever you due this January and February do not get the winter blues. Blue skies are just around the corner the bike will be waiting for you. So short but sweet this month. Stay safe as always.



**Calendar of Events**

**February 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> :**

International Motorcycle Show at Cobo Conference center in Detroit.

BMW MOA July 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>

Charleston West Virginia.

RA National Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>:

Birmingham Alabama.

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# If I Told Someone This They'd Never Believe Me

By Mark Nicholas

Ever have one of those really bizarre things happen to you that you knew no one would ever believe if you told them? I have been told some of these tales, and in some cases, some strange events have even happened to me that would fit into this category. For example, I had a friend, Ken in North Carolina that lived on a farm. He had a huge pig, (possibly 400 pounds) named Susy. One day we were drinking some beers and he turned to me and said, "Mark, I want to show you something." We went in to the pasture where Susy was doing whatever pigs do. "Susy, lay down now" Ken told her. Susy kind of fell over on her side. Ken sat on her. "Go ahead Mark, have a seat" Susy was almost as big as a love seat, clearly enough room for two. So I took my seat beside Ken. Among the buzzing of flies and the aromatherapy of pasture life, Ken and I sat there in the early Carolina evening drink beers sitting on his pet Pig, Susy.

About 10 years ago I returned to Mississippi to visit my brother. I decided to visit the home of the author William Faulkner, who by the way, my brother and I had met briefly in a restaurant in Oxford MS. In 1961. Faulkner's home, Rowan Oak, is an antebellum home complete with porch columns, live oaks, and hanging Spanish moss. Inside a display case, full of the writers personal belongings, was a WWI airplane pilots leather cap and a pair of flying goggles. I returned to my brothers house and inquired about the flying apparel. My brother explained that Faulkner had enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force during WWI as a cadet. Although he never saw combat, he returned to Oxford wearing his pilots cap and goggles around the town, telling everyone that he was a WWI flying ace, and as a result had a steel plate in his skull. When I asked my brother about this obvious exaggeration he told me, "most good writers make excellent liars."

Now, I've heard some pretty good tales around the campfires at BMW rallies and camp outs. I don't know if its the beer, the fire, or the moon, but some of them are incredible. Like the one where this fellow is riding along, and a deer happens to jump out from the side of the road at the precise moment that he passes. The Doe's

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stomach happens to land on the guys fore arms and his gas tank. He doesn't let go of the hand grips as the doe kicks and struggles, finally squirming off the other side of the bike. Amazingly, he keeps the bike up right.

How about the one where a lawn mower blade falls from the back of a truck in front of this guy. The blade is spinning so fast in the road in front of him, that it cuts his header pipes off his bike as he passes over it.

All stories have a grain of truth in them. The rule of thumb is, ½ pound of truth, one ton of bull hockey. I can't vouch for the 'deer on the gas tank' story, or the 'spinning lawn mower blade' story either. However I *did* meet Faulkner when I was a kid, and I did sit on a pig and drink a beer once..... No, No.....*really*....I did!



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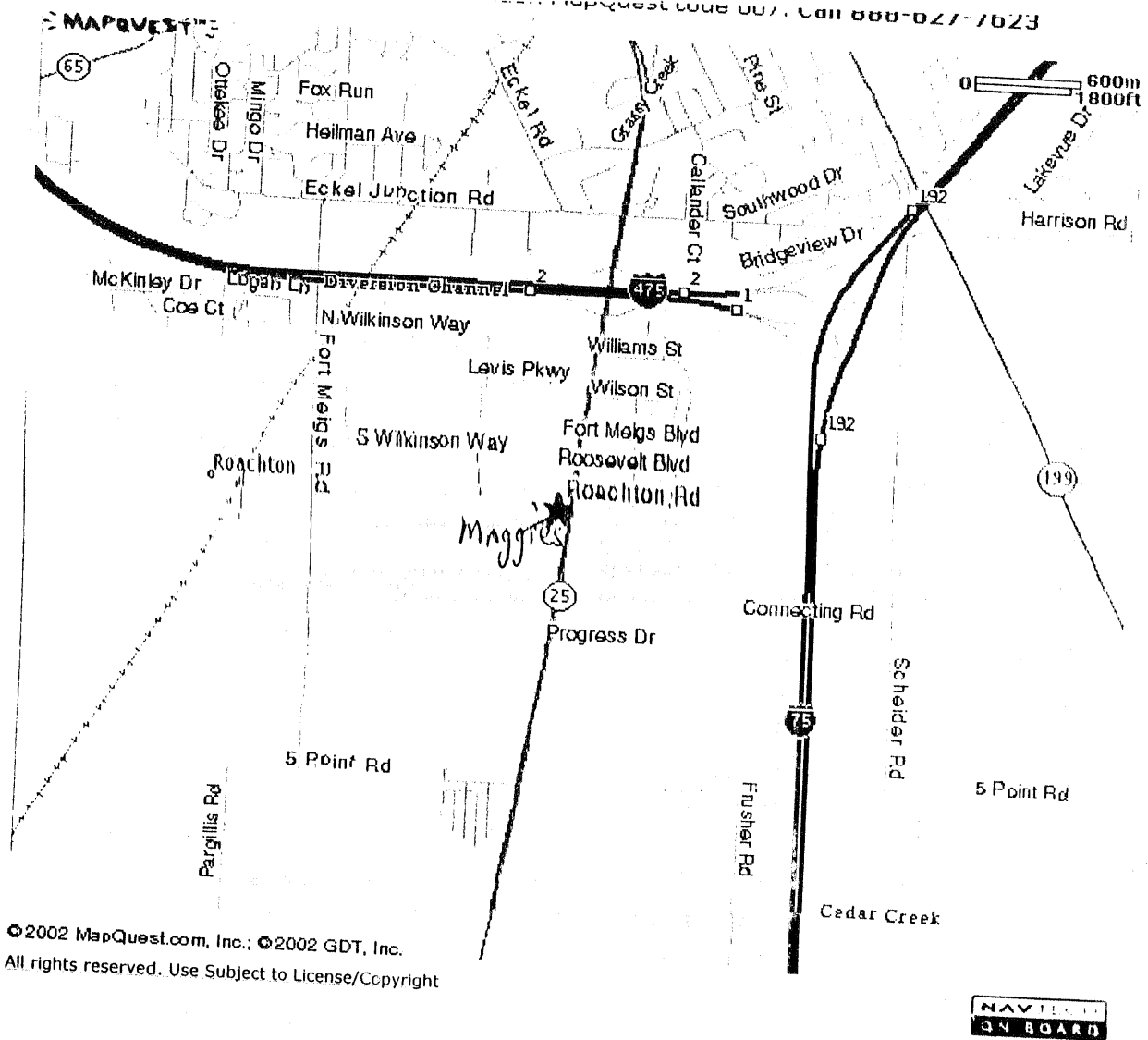
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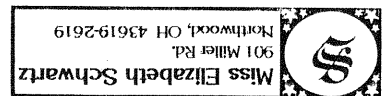


Winter Banquet at Maggie's  
Come party with us!

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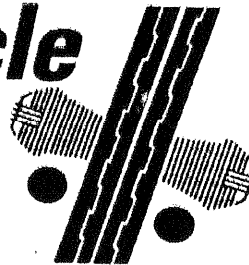
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