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The March 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting will be held at **Wally's Restaurant** on state route 795. If you want to eat come at 6pm. If not meeting will start at 7pm.

Dues are due!! If you have not paid dues by April meeting you will no longer get a newsletter. Send dues to Sonya Davis.

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

For more info. Contact any club officer or see our website at: www.bmwridersoftoledo.org



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Minutes for February 2003

Minutes for January were accepted as printed in newsletter.

Delbert called the meeting to order.

# **Presidents Report**

Delbert brought meeting to order. Del welcomed everyone to meeting there was a pretty good turn out. Sunday the Ohio Ra had a breakfast meeting. There were several members from our club there. Bob Wood is the Ohio RA director. He is currently looking for a replacement because he has received a trustee position with the national RA. RA is making some changes but nothing drastic. The RA rally director is now a paid position that person gets paid a percentage of what the rally makes. The RA Rally is going to be at Birmingham Alabama. At the barber museum. The Ohio Ra campout is at Peebles Ohio June 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. Dinner is pre-paid. The next RA brunch is March 16<sup>th</sup> in Utica Ohio. Cleveland Micro rally is June 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> at the pit. BMW North America looking for someone to open a dealership in Toledo. Pictures of the bricks we have purchased were passed around. Fast tracks class info passed around. That's all.

## Vice-President

New vice-president is Michel Litalien nothing to report.

# **Secretary Report**

Any comments. If we supply paper my work will supply ink. Newsletter is open to all articles. Moto equip sent us a thank you note. We still have patches to sell. Phone list is new contact me if there are any corrections to be made.

# **Treasurer Report**

Sonja gave report. Report was accepted as printed. Gary of course gave a nay!

# **Road Captain**

Gary there is an r90s rally down in Shreve 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in September. Gary is going to RA rally. Maggie's banquet food was excellent.

## Webmaster

Wade the photos were posted on website of banquet and of bricks purchased.

## **Old Business**

The patch is \$5.00 see Beth. Then we have the subject of name badges Ed Cook brought a sample. Nametags he found the guy that did our old name badges. He still can do it on the same nameplates. They have a gold background. The club voted to order 45 plates. If you want a name badge let Ed cook know what you want on it. Price will probably be \$5.00. Ed is the badge master. There were plenty of laughs on what Gary's badge should say. Next order of business was to vote on spring campout. The club voted to keep it at Harrison Lake. Next year look at sites within a 70 miles radius of the middle of Toledo this was the miles voted on last year by club. If you have an idea for a place videotape or picture it. The requirement is electric hook up's because of potential weather. Banner needs to be checked into yet.

## **New Business**

A ride to Hopewell where the bricks are was mentioned looking for a good date for club. The by-laws were looked at. There was extensive discussion. They word of mouth when several people joined the club was that you attended 3 meetings before they voted you in. That is not how the by-laws read so we are looking at by laws and current constitution. Current Constitution and By-Laws:

## Constitution Of The BMW Riders Of Toledo

Art. 1 This club shall be known as the BMW Riders of Toledo

Art. 2 Active members shall be motorcycle riders. Only active members shall be entitled to vote on club affairs.

Art.3 The officers of the club shall be owners of a BMW motorcycle. These officers shall constitute the Executive Board: President, Vice President, and Secretary. Treasurer, Road Captain, and Webmaster.

Art.4 The duties of the Executive Board shall be: To act for the club in all matters ordered by the club. To properly investigate and present to the club all business and important situations.

Art.5 The duties of the president shall be:
To preside at all meetings of the club.
To have general supervision of the affairs of the club.
To appoint any person or committees not otherwise ordered by the club.

To represent the club on proper occasions.

To assist all other officers of the club in their records, correspondence and other duties.

To promote interest on the part of each member in club life and activities.

Art.6 The duties of the Vice president shall be: To perform the duties of the president in his absence.

Art.7 The duties of the Secretary shall be: To keep a record of the meetings of the club in the minute book provided for that purpose.

To send out notices of regular or special meetings. To handle all correspondence.

To perform other duties as generally fall to the office. Art.8 The duties of the treasurer shall be:

To collect dues from all the members.

To collect all money due to the club.

To make all payments from the club funds when so ordered by the club.

Art.9 The duties of the Road Captain shall be:
To lead the club in formation riding or parades.
To arouse interest in activities.
To assist in handling club parties and other functions.
To enforce all rules of group riding.
To select one or two assistants.
To aid in special tasks.

Art.10 The duties of the Webmaster shall be: To maintain website. To periodically report statistics to club. Art.11 All elective offices shall be filled at annual election to be held in the month of November of each year, and all officers shall hold this office for one year, or until their successors are elected and qualified.

Art.12 The BMW riders of Toledo will meet on the second Tuesday of each month, except as agreed to by members.

Meetings may be held at an active member's home on a voluntary basis.

The president of the club may call a special meeting at any time by notifying each active member at least 4 days in advance.

Art.13 Five (5) active members shall constitute a quorum to transact club business.

Art.14 This constitution may be amended or added to: The proposed amendment being submitted in writing at a regular meeting, and voter on at the next meeting.

A majority vote of active members in attendance at the meeting shall be required to pass an amendment.

Art.15 Any person may become an honorary member of the BMW Riders of Toledo, after being nominated at a regular meeting, and after receiving an affirmative vote of 2/3 or more of the active membership in attendance at the meeting of the club. Honorary members shall be entitled to attend all business and social meetings of the club, but shall be ineligible to stand for, or hold office.

Honorary members shall be exempt from payment of dues.

Honorary members shall be subject to expulsion from the club, by the process prescribed for active members.

Art.16 Lifetime members will not have to pay dues and will be able to attend all club functions and activities.

The secretary will send letter to anyone voted into our club as a lifetime member.

The purpose of this letter is to tell the person involved why our club feels that this person is entitled to this privilege.

## **By-Laws**

No.1 Roberts rules of order shall govern the parliamentary proceedings of this club, unless otherwise provided in these by-laws. The order of business shall be:

- 1. Roll call
- 2. Reading of minutes of previous meeting

- 3. Report of officers
- 4. New members
- 5. Old business
- 6. New business.

No.2 The club dues shall be specified by the active members.

New members will pay on a prorated basis to finish out the year.

The dues will be due and payable January of each year.

No.3 Any member, who is three months behind in dues, may be expelled from the club by a 51% vote of those present at any two consecutive meetings.

No.4 An application for membership must be filled out by applicant and signed by one active member of the club in good standing. Upon payment of dues, applicant will be placed on probation for a period of 3 months, his conduct being satisfactory, will be voted on by the active membership for permanent membership.

No.5 Only active members in good standing shall be eligible to hold office in club

No.6 A member may be expelled for conduct unbecoming of a member of the club, but charges must first be made in writing and the accused member given a hearing before executive board. The executive Board shall take evidence and report its findings to the club with the recommendations that the charges be considered as proven and the accused member remain a member of the club.

The club shall thereupon take a vote to decide weather or not the recommendations of the executive board shall be adopted. It shall require a 51% vote of active members to vote the recommendations of the executive board.

Written absentee ballots will be accepted with active members signature.

No.7 Membership in another organization is not required.

No.8 Amendments to the adopted constitution and by-laws may be added or deleted.

No.9 Any member who is terminated from the club for nonpayment of dues only, and would like to rejoin again must be recommended by one active member of the club in good standing, and voted on as a new member, as in No.4 by-laws.

No.10 A secret ballot may be voted only by an active member in good standing.

The following are proposed changes to be voted on at next meeting.

By-laws changes:

No.3 Any member who is three (3) months behind in dues will be expelled from club. Dropped from mailing list.

No.4 An application for membership must be filled out by applicant and signed by one active member of the club in good standing. Dues due upon receipt of application. Applicant will be placed on probation for 3 meetings or events that must be attended within a 12 meeting period. Upon attendance of 3 meetings or events the applicant will be voted on and accepted or denied membership by a 51% vote. If denied membership dues will be prorated and refunded.

No.9 Any member who is terminated from the club for nonpayment of dues only, and would like to rejoin again must be recommended by one active member of the club in good standing, and voted on for renewal membership at that meeting.

### Constitution

Art.14 This constitution or the by-laws may be amended or added to: The proposed amendment or by-law being submitted in writing at a regular meeting, and voted on at the next meeting. A majority vote of active members in attendance at the meeting shall be required to pass an amendment or by-law.

about America Online and pot and school shootings.

None seem to realize or care that we've just launched Columbus, Magellan, and the pyramids into space this morning off the Florida coast...



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Imagine That

## by Mark Nicholas

This the time of year that I break out the atlas. The book of dreams. Roads that I've never traveled, destinations yet foreseen. This is the time. after shoveling 150 feet of snow from the sidewalk and being mildly disabled for it for 3 days, that I repeat the question in my head, "what the hell are you doing here?". Along with, "your getting to old to shovel snow". I know it could be worse. Take of instance, in November 1913 'the white hurricane storm'. Winds from 60 to 95 mph swept the great lakes for 3 days taking more than 248 sailors and more than a dozen ships were lost. Waves of 30 feet high sweep the lake freighters, sealing them in a winter tomb ... forever. Yes, it could be worse, but it could be better. Bitter winter temperatures makes me toy with the idea of relocation. So, I start researching the towns I find in the atlas. Places like Gunlock Utah. Twenty miles from St. George Utah, so I'm not too far from the civilized world. Maybe 150 miles north east of Las Vegas. What is the housing market like there? How about the cost of living? I have a low threshold for happiness. I don't require much. A house trailer would be fine. Of course, I'd have to have a shed for the Beemer. I've lived in mobile beer cans before. Yes, I can see it. A Kermit chair and some plastic pink flamingos in the front yard. A beer cooler at my side, watching the sunset over the Mormon mountain range. Gunlock has 2 gas stations and 3 fast food restaurants. What more can a man want? Maybe the occasional 'dance' with the local waitress.

Women after child birth, (so I'm told) secrete a hormone that makes them forget the pain of child birth. The reason? If they forget the pain they continue to have more children, insuring procreation continues and mankind marches on. I see the summer riding season in Ohio much the same way. By June we are riding down the road smiling without a clue of the winter behind us or the winter yet to come. Lying in the sun at the campsite like a lizard on a rock I absorb the drug of summer that erases my memory of past winters pain.

There are thousands of towns below the freeze line. Thousands of roads yet traveled. Thousands of dreams. Its January. Its 3 degrees out tonight. I'm on the couch with a blanket and an atlas running my finger 40 miles south of Mobile Alabama down highway 188 to the redneck Rivera. To Bayou La Batre Alabama. Whispering, "imagine that"

2001 Daytona Trip Doug Grosjean Day 7 Shuttle launch

The sun is just coming up, the eastern sky is orange. There's some surf waves, and lots of seagulls looking for tourist scraps. I take a few shots To be sure that the digital camera can record the colors accurately in the Low light, and it does.

Then we wait.

We don't have to wait long, when somebody lets out a loud "Wooo-hooo!" and then we can see the shuttle, or more correctly, we can see a flame on the Ground, about 1" tall from our point of view but then again it is maybe 20 miles away. The flame gathers speed and goes higher and higher and higher into the sky in a big arc directly over our heads, the shuttle itself invisible at the head of the plume of flame.

I snap off some shots, various compositions. At first, the shuttle is a bright orange flame against a dull orange sky low on the horizon. But then as it climbs higher into the sky, the sky is blue and the sunlight reflecting off the hull of the shuttle and its boosters is just gorgeous as one local put it, a silver bullet heading into space. Then as I watch and I shoot, the shuttle is directly over our heads. I see two dot's separate from the shuttle itself. I shoot one last shot, it's good, and a few seconds after that the shuttle goes invisible to my eyes and is safely in orbit. All of this takes just a few minutes, maybe 4-5 minutes total. Wow..... I've just seen an honest to goodness space ship! Holy crap..! We all wander back into the Hilton, all 6 of us. Sharon and I call my brother on the room phones, wondering if he took it in from a balcony. Nope, in a groggy voice we find out he was up late answering business email and overslept. Poor guy - it was a really good show.

Then Sharon and I grab breakfast at the Hilton, and I think about what I've just seen. A few people in the restaurant are talking about the launch for a few minutes, and then the subjects change to other current events. Space travel has become routine in my lifetime, though it's certainly not for everyone.

Like most things, on the surface the shuttle may not seem like much. A big, really big, firecracker that flies much higher and faster than the ones at a Fourth of July picnic. No big deal, take a look, take some photos, go in and have breakfast.

But go below the surface, and stand back in awe: an army of people around the world,

including janitors, designers, engineers, scientists, physicists; working together to put the shuttle into space on a regular basis, generally on schedule and generally without mishap. And an even bigger picture - the shuttle flights are just baby steps, and space travel is our baby. This baby doesn't really do much, at least not vet. It's a toddler struggling to walk around the coffee table in the living room by itself at this point. But eventually... Just as a proud dad can see a track star or a budding writer in a child just learning to walk or spell, I think space exploration is bound for grand and glorious things. We'll get better at it, over time, and fly higher and faster and farther. Our curiosity won't allow us to do otherwise. And going way out on a limb here, but I think that maybe that's the way it should be. Reaching and exploring and learning. Space travel as our civilization's crowing achievement, as a challenging mental puzzle to be solved, our own modern-day pyramids requiring massive amounts of teamwork, money, and materials. But there's more. Humor me for a minute here. Let's assume that the part in the Bible that says "God made man in his own image" is correct. Well, the main traits that seem to separate man from the animals are curiosity and much higher intellect than the animals. So it follows that if intellect and curiosity are God-inspired traits, that space travel itself might be an almost holy endeavor, with a gentle Creator watching Earth from above saying "Those are my children that just fired that rocket into space! Aren't they grand, for being so young and dumb and all?" It's a mental picture that makes me smile, anvwav. And one other angle on all of this.... People in the here and now really can't see what events in our time will be considered pivotal 200-400 years hence. I wonder just how many people saw Columbus or Magellan off on their voyages, or if the Pilgrims leaving England was newsworthy in it's day. And if the Pilgrims had an audience at the British docks, did they realize what they were seeing when the Mayflower sailed away? Did any of us on that Florida beach? Somehow, I doubt it. We're all rooted in the here and now, and it's probably impossible for any of us to have a real sense of continuity through the ages when technical changes are happening so

The restaurant has just a few people in it now. What appears to be a grown father and son couple, an Asian couple with a 3 year old girl that's just cute as can be, flirting with her mom and dad and giggling. Another couple is talking

# Andy Pelc

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Calendar of Events 2003
March 11<sup>th</sup>: BMW riders of Toledo Meeting Wally's restaurant on 795. Dinner 6pm Meeting 7pm.

March 16<sup>th</sup>: RA meeting in Utica call Delbert

April 25-27 2003: Trail of tears Rally. At Caston River Park Campground 15 miles west of Marble hill Missouri contact 573-334-6862

May 4: BMW Swap meet At Distelfinks Drive –in Restaurant. No fees 7am to 4pm. Near Gettysburg PA. Contact Ron 717-632-4378

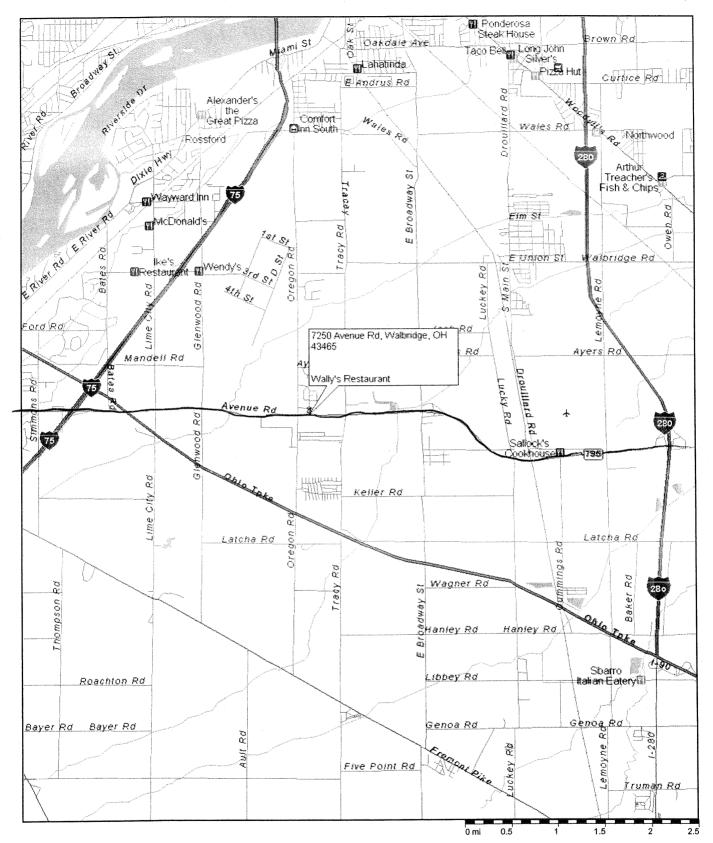
May 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>: BMW Riders of Toledo campout. Location to be Harrison lake State park.

July 10-13: BMW MOA rally in Charleston West Virginia. Rally called The Almost Heaven Rally

October 2-5: BMW RA rally. In Burmingham Alabama.

# Last note Dues are due:

\$12 single \$17 couple



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