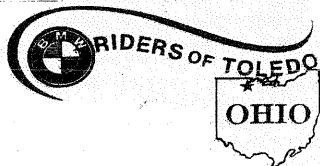
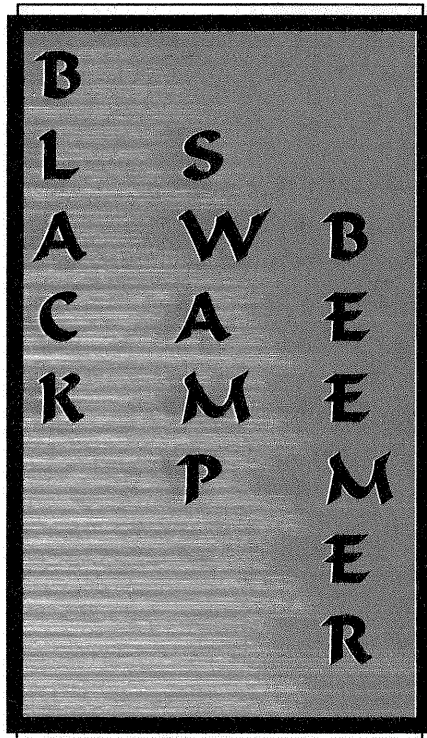
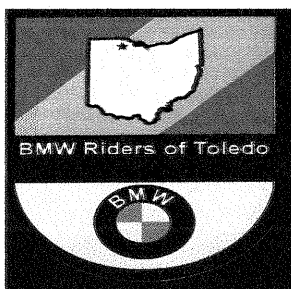


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**The August
meeting will be held
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Saturday at 7:00pm
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Park Group
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**Don't miss the
campout August
27th-29th at East
Harbor State Park.
Come celebrate 35
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Minutes For June 2004

Minutes for May were accepted as printed in newsletter. Daryl called meeting to order.

Presidents Report

Daryl asked someone to go around the circle of members that showed up to the June meeting. No one could do it so everyone at the meeting introduced himself or herself. We are getting a good turn out to the meetings. We have about 60 members. Note to K-bike owners that tires from continental tours are a little taller and may rub your fenders 2 up. Daryl, Julie, Beth, and John d. went to the Cass rally. If you get a chance to go great roads nice campout. Beth was winner of observation run. Cruseing at the creek is the first Tuesday of month on lime city road.

Vice-President report

Missing in action.

Secretary

We have a number of functions see calendar of events call a friend ride with other members. The RA rally site in September is a great site go if you can great roads. It is in West Virginia 16th-19th of September. Any problems with newsletter contact me. If you would like to volunteer anything to the newsletter please contact me.

Treasurer

Sonja gave report. Report accepted as given. For sale Name badges \$5, decals \$1, t-shirts \$15, Patches \$5, see Sonja.

Road Captain

There was a ride to escort the Vietnam wall from Sandusky to Toledo. Gary was there! It happened June 29th.

Webmaster

The website is there. There is a password to get on the message board because of spammers but Wade could not remember it. He made it 2 words at meeting it will be announced again at next meeting.

New Membership

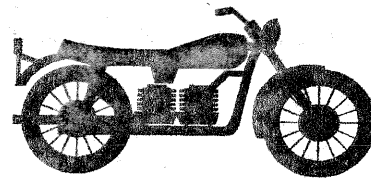
The clicks attended their third meeting in June they were voted on and given the usual acceptance with Gary's nay. Welcome George And Irene.

Old Business


Nothing of mention.

New Business

No meeting in July next meeting will be August at campout.



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Presidents Message

Daryl Apple

We're over half way through the summer and I hope you all have had plenty of riding time. Julie and I have been busy as usual, but we have been able to make it to a few events. The most notable was the AMA Vintage Motorcycle Days July 15-18 at Mid-Ohio. If you didn't make it, I hope it's because you went to the National in Spokane, WA. If not it was your loss. The BMW display was very nice with many excellent restored bikes on display. There was also a real interesting display on the history of BMW. If that didn't get your attention, the stunt riding should have or the 32 acres of swap meet.

We also made it to the Super Cycle Races the next weekend. That always is a thrill for me. Julie is even talking about getting her license! Can you believe it? When we met, it was never going to happen. With four motorcycles in the shed I'm not sure we can find something for her to ride. We'll see.

I was at Ron and Nancy Berry's house last and viewed their photos from their trip west to Spokane. It looked like they had a great time. Of course, they ran into Delbert, which may have taken some of the fun out of it. Ron and Nancy clocked 5100 miles in three weeks. I understand that Don and Carol Smith went as well. I'm not sure otherwise.

Don't forget the Sept. 14, 04, meeting at Julie's and my house. I trust you can find Port Clinton on your own. My address is 315 W. 6th St., it is in town. If you get to the lake on Perry St. (St. Rt. 163), then go south until you find 6th. Our house is the only red brick house on

the block, on the south side. We'll meet outside if the weather permits and have food at 6:30 p.m. for the hungry people. There will be BBQ roast, smoked chicken thighs (home made) and Italian sausage. We'll have some drinks, but BYOB if you want it. Also bring food to share, salads, goodies etc. We hope to see you all at East Harbor. That is all. Your President.

Storm Rider!

Mark Nicholas

May 20, 2004. I'm doing the usual, packing everything last minute for the spring rally. *Mildewed tent (wet from the Sturgis rally earlier in the month). T-shirts, socks, sweat shirts (2), humm. Sleeping bag? Nope, I'm just taking the blanket & air mattress.* My cell phone plays out some ridiculous tune. "Dad, just got home from my doctors appointment, yeah, she (doctor) said I should check myself in to the hospital tonight. She wants to induce labor."

Very matter of factly, she's not excited at all about it. She was a week late for delivery. But that's Candi, (daughter). Solid, stable. That's not me. I'm kind of unstable, not solid at all. I'm more pop-n-fresh mushy. Hey, give me a break, I'm turning the big 5.....0....this year.!

"Ok, you got your bag, where's Brad? (the dad) How you getting to the hospital?" I blurted out. " He will be home in a minute, he just left work. I don't have to check in till 7:00 tonight anyway"

My mind was swirling, she was talking about how the inducing thing takes 12 to 15 hours.... Not to rush to the hospital, no big deal. I sort of shifted into excitement mode. I guess I appeared calm on the surface, but underneath I was like the phantom WMDs buried in the sands of time. Well, OK, I was more like a aged cherry

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bomb. Possibly volatile, or maybe a fizzling dud. The spring camp out was naturally put on the back burner. I was drawn to St. Luke's by unknown powers. So, I prepared myself for the waiting process.

If you haven't had a baby recently in your life, I have to tell you, things have changed. Dramatically. I grew up in the time of father's chain smoking cigarettes in the waiting room. Even though it was possible for me to take part in the birthing process with my own children, I opted for the waiting room scene. With all 3 of my kids, birthing lost some of its mystery and appeal with each child. By the time my youngest was born, I had abandoned the waiting room for sitting in the emergency room parking lot in my car with a 12 pack of beer. Suddenly, a resurgence of excitement had come over me. I had spent my daughter's whole pregnancy giving her a crash course in parenting. You know, pointing out all the stupid things I did, sort of more of a 'what not to do' list. My daughter gave me the obligatory "yes dad, I know". Does any of that really help anyway? It's all trial and error anyway. But, you just can't help it. You must spout off information as if you 'know' something.

I tried to stay away from the hospital, really I did. I was there that night watching my daughter make funny red faces every 5 minutes. She came in dilated to one. Twenty-three hours later she was dilated to 0. Sort of birth in reverse. The baby was much too active too. Swimming around in there like she was Ester William's in some synchronized swimming theme.

When I said things have changed in the birthing process, I wasn't joking. There is no 'delivery room' anymore. "But this room isn't sterile!" gramps exclaimed. I guess that doesn't matter anymore. You can have a room full of spectators like some bizarre football game. The 'change' was reaffirmed when I went to the nurse's station and asked for a stopwatch to time

the contractions. All the nurses laughed at me. "Hahaha, we don't have stop watches here". "Hey Sara, do you have a stop watch on you?" "Hahaha, yeah I think there's one on my cell phone," they giggled.

Outside, The weather was changing. What started out as a warm but beautiful day, turned to some very serious black clouds looming above us? The wind was picking up. I went to the window and watched some people doing the hurricane shuffle in horizontal rain. My ex said that I'd better go check on my bike in the parking lot. "Naw, 600 lbs; it would take a tornado to knock it over", I replied bravely. Right on cue I could hear the weather channel saying that a tornado had been spotted in a near by county. Suddenly, the lights went out. The emergency generators kicked in, and they flicked back on. Then the emergency generators blew. My first thought was, "what about the people on life support?" Surely they have a 12-volt battery hooked up to those machines. The nurses rushed into the room and rustled us out into the hallway with the other patients and visitors. I walked my daughter out into the hall where we found some folding chairs. I sat with her, holding her hand. I told her, "this is going to be a powerful baby, she is riding in on a storm. I'm going to call her Storm Rider." My daughter nodded in agreement, but she was on some painkillers that I was wishing I had taken.

5:00 pm, May 21. They had decided to take the baby cesarean. The good news, it would be done in a 'real' operating room. The lights had been restored, for how long we didn't know. Only one person could be in the room as an observer. Brad 'the dad' was naturally elected.

I put down the camcorder. As the consummate artist, I had been producing a docudrama with both my sons as actors, along with a supporting cast of cousins, friends, and obscure relatives. They gave Candi some more morphine and wheeled her away. Birth

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is like death, in that it brings out the best and the worse in people around it. The storm, the high emotions, the decision to 'take' the baby had us all in hyper mode. I think they should give the immediate family morphine as well. But no, we waited. This was more like fast food though. It would take one hour.

One hour later someone yelled, "Brad's coming out with the baby!" We rushed down the hallway where we found brad in a wheel chair. "Where's the baby!" A nurse said they would bring her out soon. Apparently Brad had gotten dizzy and couldn't stand up, so they put him in a chair and had wheeled him out of the operating room. I told him to relax, that it was all over, don't try to get up. We ran to the nursery. Aubrey had arrived.

The storm had passed. I'll never forget the moon that night as I got on my bike to go home. It was a perfect crescent. I thanked the moon and the storm for bring Aubrey to us. I felt very small and insignificant as I rode home knowing there are storms bring miracles to this world. I had been lucky enough to watch our miracle ride in on a storm.

Calendar of Events

• **Aug 27-29, 2004 Toledo BMW Riders Summer Camp Out** at East Harbor State Park (group area) We are celebrating 35 years this year com party with us!! Meeting Saturday night at 7pm. Confirmed!

• **August 22nd: Poker run:** Yankees dog days run starts 1pm: Location Dowe road off st route 18 west of Defiance Ohio

• **September 12th :Poker Run:** Glass City Lotto run. Starts at 12pm. Run is at Signature Harley Davison in Perrysburg.

• **Sept 10-12, 2004 B.S. Rally** sponsored by the Buckeye Beemers at Lake Snowden, US

50 west of Athens, OH. Saturday night catered meal and entertainment. More info forthcoming.

• **September 19th: Poker run:** Continentals Toy run \$10 entry fee. Run begins at 1pm. Run begins at Fox Club CR 111 off State route 111 Junction Ohio.

• **Sept 16-19, 2004 BMW RA International Rally** at Canaan Valley State Park and Resort, 10 miles south of Davis, West Virginia. This is a fantastic site in the high country of WVA with excellent riding in any direction. The RA has the entire 6000-acre park for this event. See the RA web site in March at <http://www.bmwra.org> for additional news releases. Also the RA's Rally eNewsletter can be viewed at <http://home.insight.rr.com/beemerbj/BMWR AeNews.htm>

• **September 25th: Poker Run:** Yankee end of summer run. Run starts at 1pm on Dowe road off state route 18 west of Defiance Ohio.

• **September 25: Poker Run:** Blackhawk Harvest run. Run starts at 1pm. Begins at 6791 Sarah DR Temparance Mich.

• **October 3rd: Poker Run:** Fostoria Golden Eagles Bratwurst run. Run starts 1pm . Meet at Sandusky Valley riders club on county rd 19 Tiffin Oh.

• **October 9th: Poker Run:** Hog of Lima charity harvest run. Run Starts 1pm. Run Starts t Harley-Davison of Lima 3255 FT. Shawnee Ind. Dr, I75- exit 120.

• **October 10: Poker Run:** Scioto Valley Fall colors run. Run Starts 1pm at Beach's house 620 s. Main sty Kenton Ohio.

• **October 15-17, 2004 BMW MOC Fall Foliage Folly and a "Gathering of the Clubs"** at Whispering Hills Campgrounds near Shreve, OH during peak autumn color in one of the best riding areas of Ohio. **All Ohio BMW Clubs are invited** to join in for a "good bye to the 2004 riding season celebration" hosted by the BMW Motorcycle Owners of Cleveland. Camping

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fee is \$8.00 per person per night. Cabins are available for \$50 and up per night. For cabin and RV reservations and info call the campground at 800.992.2435. Saturday, October 16th early evening will be the 6th annual **"Gathering of the CLAMS"**. Clambake *bouillon* sampling begins around 5:00 PM. ***Clambake dinners will be available with a pre-paid ticket only!*** To purchase tickets email to Bob Wood, or call 216.252.7933 after September 6th.

●October 17th: Last Poker Run of season!!
Blackhawk Chili run. Run starts at noon.
Sarah dr. Temperance MI.

• **October 29-31, 2004 Ohio RA Halloween Camp Out** at the Trail Riders Campground, 4 miles north of Cadiz on SR 9. Primitive camping, pit toilets, and a paved road into the campsite. Look for a Harrison State Forest Sign marked "Trail Riders Campground". All interested BMW riders are invited to this end of season the camp out. Debbi Harbour will again be our food coordinator so we can keep a handle on the weekend feasting. E-mail her after October 11th at dlhk75@dayton99.com for potluck suggestions. Friday night chili pot. Map! For even more info call Bob Wood at 216.252.7933. Confirmed!

• **November 13-14, 2004 Ohio RA Northeast Regional Meeting and Brunch** (Tenetively planned! This event may be relocated, but the date is firm!) 9:00-11:00 AM in the restaurant at the Atwood Lake Resort. Come early and enjoy their fabulous Sunday brunch for only \$7.95 and stay for the meeting at 10:00 AM. Saturday night camp out nearby or stay in the lodge. [Map!](#) More information will be available as this date draws nearer. The Atwood Lake Resort has a nice web site at - <http://www.atwoodlakeresort.com/>

• **December 12, 2004 Ohio RA Southwest Regional Meeting and Brunch**
just southeast of Dayton, 10:00 AM at the Old Country Buffet in the Washington Square Shopping Center. From I-675 take the Miamisburg-Centerville Exit 2 and head east on SR 725 to Lyons Road then left into

the shopping center. Map! Buffet phone
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