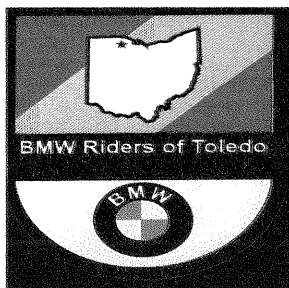


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- **The November 9th meeting will be held at North Coast Motorcycle located in Rossford, OH.**

The schedule is:

6PM to eat;
6:30PM meeting;
8PM leave the facility.

Come join us!! Ride your Bike!

Meetings are held 2nd Tuesday of each month with the exception of a club function.

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Minutes For October 2004

Minutes for September were accepted as printed in newsletter. Gary called meeting to order.

Presidents Report

Daryl gave report by e-mail. He apologized for not being able to come to Octoberfest. Last year Julie and he decided planned to go to the Bob Evans Farm Festival, but were unable to attend so this year they decided they were going to go with their parents. If you have never been there you may wish to put it into your plans sometime. It is always the second weekend of October and well worth the trip. Daryl worked there for a season when he was in college.

Daryl stated. "I hope you are all having a wonderful time at Gary's home and are enjoying each others company. The election of officers will take place at the November meeting and so this month it is important to present your nominations. There are several new members this year and with the clubs growth there may be others who wish to serve as officers. If you aren't nominated by another, please don't hesitate to let the members know if you are interested in serving! I believe it is important for officers to change at times so we all feel the club is ours together and doesn't belong to a few. It's a wonderful way to meet the members."

Vice-President report

Missing in action. .

Secretary

Given out of order. If you have something to put in newsletter please

contact me. RA sent us a letter we have a new local contact since Bob Wood is president he is Bill Johnston address 1240 Fawley Ct. New Albany, Ohio 43054-9241. Also by January we need to confirm where we are having next year's campouts and get them in the MOA early.

Treasurer

Sonja given accepted as given. East Harbor Campout: \$100 worth of shirts For sale Name badges \$5, decals \$1, t-shirts \$15, Patches \$5, see Sonja.

Road Captain

Gary ran the meeting. We are having a party!

Webmaster

Wade see him on the web at: BMWridersoftoledo.org

Old Business

Secretary duties discussed last time possibility of splitting them up this was voted down.

Next meeting at North coast Motorcycle meeting at 6:00 subway for dinner.

New Business

Elections: Nominations for next year's officers are as follows:

President: Daryl Apple

Vice president:

Michel Litalien

Ron Berry

Beth Schwartz

Secretary: Jim Hale

Treasurer: Sonya Litalien

Road Captain: John Meese

Gary Haydel

Webmaster: Wade Kemp

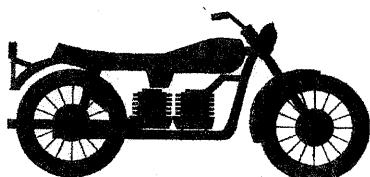
Lima rally discussed. John Meese brought letter that all officers got from Sue Rhin-Manke of BMW MOA sent

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they ask the club since we are so close to do something. The members decided that we would stay and do the Sunday clean up after the Rally. Beth Schwartz has the list of volunteers. If you are going to the MOA next year and you would like to be part of the clubs clean-up crew please get your name to the secretary. Secretary will send letter to Sue that we will volunteer for this task.

Dale sent a note to me said that in Point place the Ottawa River yacht club has breakfast from 9-11am Sundays for \$5.00 adults \$4.00 seniors. Anyone interested call Dale.



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President's Message

By Daryl Apple

The fall riding season is an awesome time of the year, bright clear skies, low humidity, beautiful fall colors, and most of the potholes are filled by now. Oh, and did I mention "Clam Bakes". Most of you missed that.

The weekend of October 15-17, 04 saw the annual Fall Foliage Rally put on by the Cleveland Club. Although the weather was cold, rainy and windy this year, that rally was a hit. Bob Wood, of the Cleveland Club, informed that they sold 105 clam bakes and only three

people who paid did not show. That's great considering the weather. The Toledo club had seven members present, eight if you count Bart's grandson. I think it's important to get the kids involved.

Don't forget to come to the November meeting. It's election time and if you don't vote you have to accept the other member's decisions. Speaking of "Voting", November is coming and there are many items on the 2004 ticket. I once heard that it takes 51% of the people to win an election, but that really isn't true. It only takes 51% of those who vote to win. If you sit on the sidelines, your decision not to vote allows others to make you decisions for you. Do you really want that? Get out and vote this year! You'll have to live with other people's choices for a few years if you don't.

That is all.
Daryl Apple
Your President

Zen and the art of breaking down

By Mark Nicholas

A while back we discussed putting a tech section in the newsletter. Contributed knowledge by members on an array of maintenance issues. An excellent idea. A step-by-step guide on anything from replacing a burned out tail light bulb, to replacing steering head bearings. Written in plain language which may or may not be in your *Clymer manual*. For example, a published manual is not going to have the following statement in it. *If you can squeeze your hand in there, turn the bolt just a hair to release the widget clip*. What does the published manual lack? True-life

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experience. After all experience is the best teacher.

This is not one of those maintenance articles. I'm not a motorcycle mechanic. I never wanted to do motorcycle maintenance, but through necessity I *had* to learn it. I get no joy from burning myself, or busting my knuckles while wrenching. I don't see a jumble of multi-colored electrical wires as a challenge. I see it as a pain in the....well you get my point. I'll be the first to admit that I come from a long line of shade tree mechanics. I work proficiently with duct tape, WD40 and baling wire. At the age of 4 I learned the only way to crank a 1955 Oldsmobile was to furiously pump the gas pedal while yelling '*shit fire!*' This type of thinking must be expelled from your mind when dealing with German machinery. There is a precise procedure for all maintenance issues. Even for something as simple as mounting a rear tire.

A couple of weeks ago I was riding along when my bike began shaking violently. "Ah, a flat tire" I thought. I pulled in a park to examine my tires. Nope, tires are good. I put the K bike on the center stand and moved the back wheel. It was loose all right. I could see the center lug bolt and turn it with my fingers. Naturally, my tool kit was back at my garage. There was an odd chance that a car lug wrench might fit my lug bolt. A *very* odd chance. As I approached several women joggers getting out of their cars, it became clear that borrowing a lug wrench might be difficult. The women joggers smiled and ran from me. After 4 of these encounters I felt like screaming, '*I'm the reincarnate of Ted Bundy. I must hold your lug wrench in my perverted little hands!*'. Finally, a man in a ford pick up loaned me his lug wrench. The wrench was about a 1/2 size to big for the lug bolt, but it did turn the bolt. At least the back wheel didn't wobble anymore. My adventure resumed!

Starting out back on the road, the bike continued to shake and wobble. Then, something went pop and the bike rode as if

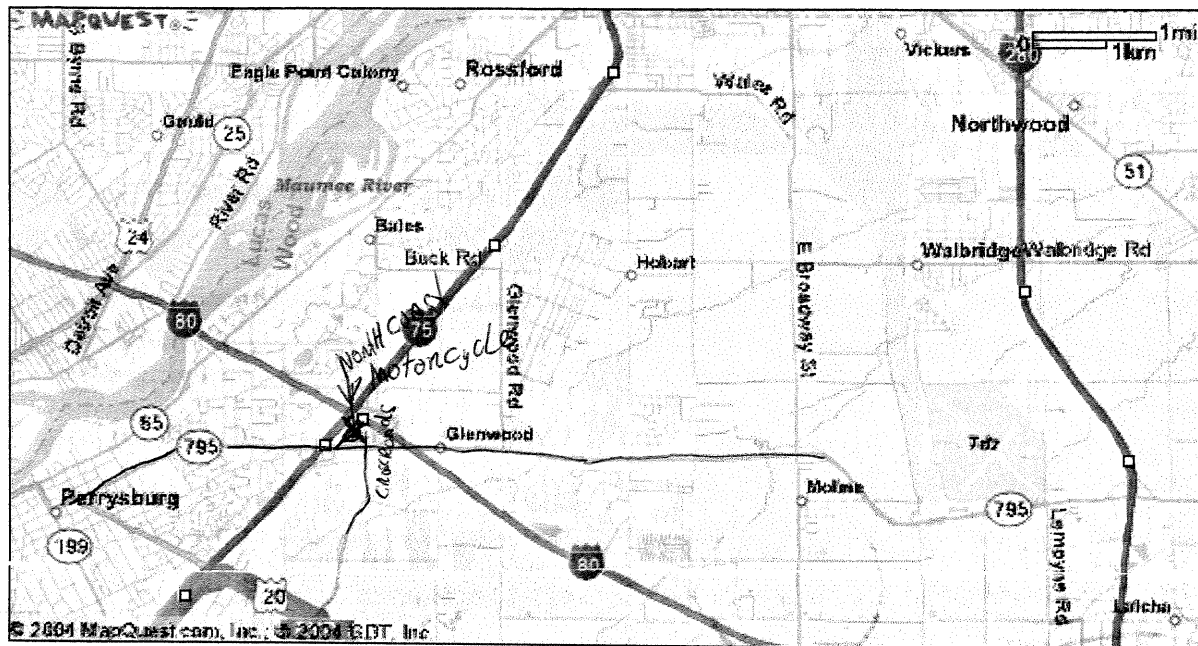
I was just pulling out of the show room floor. No wobble, wiggle or shake. However, I knew from past misadventures not to get over confident, so I kept my speed low. I was only a mile or so from my house. With a smile and a prayer I might make it home.

Murphy's law was in full swing as I turned on to street I live on. Another resounding pop as my last lug bolt snapped. Bang! The bike simply sat down. I had a ridiculous vision in my head of a donkey sitting on his hindquarters braying. An insane giggle bubbled up from the pit of my stomach as I shut the bike off. To add insult to injury, my back wheel zoomed past me. What do you say to your back tire as it passes you? "Go to the garage! I'll be there in a little while!" The wheel went 1/2 block then wobbled to the curb for a rest.

My neighbor Steve and I devised a plan to use a floor jack under my trailer hitch to lift and push the bike the remaining block to my garage. We huffed and puffed the Bismarck to the garage. Steve guiding from the rear like a ship's rudder, as I push from the handlebars. Back to safe harbor. We docked her on the center stand. Three of the bolts holding the wheel on had broken off in the hub. The other 2 had apparently backed themselves out and vanished. I had to drill out the broken bolts and replace all 5 of them.

A few days latter at the Octoberfest club meeting, several of us were speculating as to why the wheel became loose. The general conscience was that I *might* have over tightened the lug bolts stretching the threads. Did I use a torque wrench? Of course not! My way is to tighten the bolt as hard as I can with my arm, then hit the wrench twice with a hammer. You know, like you would on a 1986 Buick. Was this the reason for the wheel coming off? Perhaps. Its one of a multitude of explanations. I file such logical explanations away with their own kind. Explanations like, " it was just a weather balloon." Its much more romantic to look at other possible reasons. My friend Sonja

**November 9th meeting
Northcoast Motorcycle
Location 795 and Crossroads parkway**



The Editors Column

By Beth Schwartz

All seasons must come to an end I hope this season was every thing you hoped for and more. There are stories to share like motorcycle break downs that happened that happened that were not good at the time but now are a memory to laugh about or just talk about to give others with your bike a heads up! Each season promises a new beginning a blank canvas for us to ride and discover at the end of the season it is time to look back and share. The club had 2 successful campouts this year unfortunately both had rain but it did not stop us from creating a memory. We have been celebrating 35 Years as a club I hope with the club growing that we can continue to attract new younger members. They are the future of the

club. For now though the club is thriving we are now sending out almost 65 newsletters a month the articles have been great this year and the stories many. Thanks to all the contributions to the club and the newsletter. I hope that they continue. Each meeting I try and talk to the different club members there is a great welcome feeling in the club. There are some great stories to share as well. Let's keep this tradition going because that is what will continue to make the club a success for another 35 years. It amazes me what the love of riding a BMW and good people can do. It can lift your spirits and make the grind of your every day life seem a little more bearable.

Remember November is our last meeting of this year. It is elections. Next meeting is not till January Banquet.

Happy Holidays!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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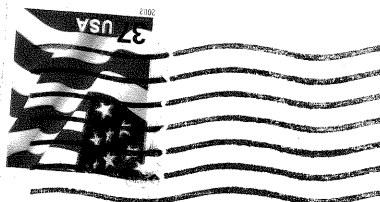
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