

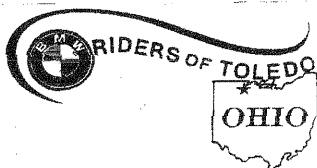
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- The January 16th 2005 meeting will be held Sunday at the Whitehouse Inn. Meet at 6PM This is the Banquet for 2005

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

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Minutes For November 2004

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

Presidents Report

Daryl called meeting to order. Daryl thanked Rita and north coast motorcycles for sponsoring our meeting. Daryl stated that Octoberfest went well.

Vice-President report

Missing in action. .

Secretary

Anyone have any problems with the newsletter. An e-mail was sent to BMWMOA that we would volunteer for clean up at the national rally. There is a sign up sheet for this contact John Meese.

Treasurer

Sonja given accepted as given. D-cals, patches, t-shirts see Sonja.

Road Captain

Gary Missing in action.

Webmaster

Wade message board is working.
Password to post is airhead and then Beemer.
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Old Business

Elections John Meese asks to be removed as Road Captain.
Voting: President, Daryl Apple
Vice-president, Ron Berry
Secretary, Jim Hale
Treasurer, Sonja Litalien
Road Captain,

Webmaster, Wade Kemp

Banquet pay at restaurant. RSVP to Gary at 419-265-8144 or 419-666-3126

New Business

Mark from Northcoast Motorcycle addressed the club. He welcomed the club and said anytime we would like to have a meeting there to contact them. They have an aggressive website that has about 11000 hits a day. They would be happy to post any events that we have for the year. Rita put together a thank you gift for club. They do a lot of charity events. They are a young an aggressive dealership. He thanked everyone for coming. Indian is coming back it was bought more info later. There was a great discussion about motorcycles at the meeting that was interesting.
The club thanked Rita and Mark with a round of applause.

Motion was made and accepted to give a hundred dollars for door prizes for the banquet.

Membership

The club welcomed Larry Faunt to his second meeting. Howard Reash was welcomed to his first meeting. Chris Jackson was also welcomed.



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President's Message

By Daryl Apple

This is a small update on the Jan. 16, 2005, banquet at the Whitehouse Inn. I spoke with the new manager, Michelle, on Dec. 09, 2004, and confirmed the date would be Sunday, Jan. 16, 2005 at 6:00 pm., as originally planned. She was also informed, based off of past banquets, there would be 50 to 55 people, however, I did not have an exact count.

We will be able to order off the menu and you will be responsible for your own bill. A gratuity will be added to your bill, this is their policy. She also informed me that there is alcohol served on Sundays. We also spoke briefly about space for the club and I was informed that 50 people would take up most of the dining room. I've never been there, Gary Haydel informs me this is true.

I have confirmed the reservation with my credit card and I am told if we don't show there will be \$50 charged to the card. They are open Sunday from 3:00 - 9:00pm and you should be able to eat a meal in the \$10 - \$15 range fairly easy.

Gary Haydel and Daryl Apple will be attempting to get a head count for Michelle for a closer number. We will have attempted to call you by the time the newsletter is out. If you have not heard from us, please contact Daryl Apple at 419-732-3407. There is a recorder, so leave a message. Hope to see you there.

Merry Christmas everyone! I hope you had a happy and filling Thanksgiving and while I'm at it have a Happy New Year since we won't see most of you until the Jan. 16, 2005, banquet at the Whitehouse Inn. Don't forget.

First off, I'd like to give a big THANK YOU to Beth Schwartz and Michel Litalien! They served their respective offices well and will be stepping down in January to the new officers that were elected at the November meeting.

Congratulations to Ron Berry, the new Vice-President, and Jim Hale, the new Secretary. Welcome aboard as officers and we look forward to your contributions in 2005!

This fall has been rather uneventful. Julie and I have done very little riding since the weather has changed. I'm spending all of my free time deer hunting and Julie is knitting gifts for Christmas. We also had a new roof put on the house. It needed it after several years of procrastination.

The last meeting was interesting and well attended at the North Coast Motorcycles shop in Rossford. It's a beautiful facility and what was it I saw, motorcycles selling for \$32K? I thought BMWs were expensive! To be honest I never really heard of "Big Dog" motorcycles but I'm sure I wouldn't want to ride one of them across country. They're a little under sprung for me.

Hope to see you all at the January banquet. They're always a lot of fun.

That is all.
Daryl Apple
Your President

Big Orange

By Mark Nicholas

What is your favorite piece of furniture in the house? I gotta say, mine's the couch. I'll tell you a story about it. I got this couch from an ex girlfriend. Well, really she saw some people carrying it to the dumpster in her apartment complex. When they left, she ran out there to check it out. Somehow it

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met her approval. (Meaning; it's like new) She dragged it home, shampooed it, vacuumed it, and fumigated it. She kept it for a couple of years until some mythical 'change' clock went off in her head. She *had* to have new furniture.

Her replacement couch was a mistake. It was some Indian blanket looking thing with cushions as hard as stone. I started calling it the Flintstone couch. She had it until one day I ran and jumped on it screaming, "yabadabadoo!" "That's it, it's going back to the store" she said.

The next sofa was a big hunter green thing. It was eight foot long and had seat cushions 3 feet wide. When you sat on it and scooted back your legs stuck straight out in front of you. I felt child-like, sitting there on the big people's furniture. The back of the couch (if that's what you want to call it) rose above the cushions a mere foot and a half. There were 6 pillows lined along the back. By the way, what is it with women and pillows? '*Women love pillows*' should be carved in stone on some Buddhist temple as one of the 'great truths'. I've actually had women scold me for not having enough pillows. I figure, one for your head is good. But that's just me.

The first couch, the one that was liberated from a death by dumpster, was given to me. Since I was using lawn chairs for furniture in my living room, I was happy to get Big Orange. The sofa was a colonel type thing, but don't quote me on that. I'm not a sofa connoisseur. We laughed about it and named it Big Orange for obvious reasons. As an added feature it was a '*sleeper sofa*'. Yes, it had a fold out torture rack with those bars under that 3 inch foam sponge of a mattress. You know the kind. It's what you use to get rid of those pesky houseguest. Two days of sleeping on that and they're gone!

The girlfriend was one of those kinds of people that would give you something, but would hold it over your head for the rest of your life. Although I had thanked her for the couch when she first gave it to me, she

used the couch as some kind of weapon in our many arguments. "If it wasn't for me, you wouldn't even have a couch!" her venomous lips contorted. Like I was going to fall to my knees crying, "thank you oh queen of mercy and compassion for giving me Big Orange that you saved from the dumpster!" My life wasn't really big enough for her *and* Big Orange. As time rolled on Big Orange endured were she did not.

After all, what is more intimate than a couch? A couch *knows* you. Oh brother does it know you! You've laughed, cried, and made love on a couch. It knows who your friends and lovers are. Your scent; your pheromones; your sweat and dreams are soaked in to your couch. Oh, you can vacuum it, but part of you remains with it. A couch speaks to you (metaphorically). A good sofa says, "welcome friend, have a seat...better yet, why don't you just stretch on out." "Here's the remote control." Man's best friend? I'd say yes. It has that unconditional love and you don't have to drag it around the block every day.

I have a perfectly good queen size mattress, but I have practically abandoned it for the couch. A couch *holds* you where a lone bed doesn't. The last lady that stayed over had a nightmare while sleeping on the mattress. "Your mattress has 'bad vibes' or 'bad karma' in it." The next time she came over I told her that I had burnt some incense and sage and exorcised the *badness* out of it. I guess I can add *furniture psychic* to my repartee.

Although it is now politically incorrect, yes, I am a couch potato. Who decided that couch potato = *bad*? Who cares about political correctness? I mean, if we all ran around worrying about the politically correct thing to say, what would we be? Oh yeah, that right, we'd be Americans. I love being a couch potato and I love my couch! There must be a psychological term for this sickness but it escapes me. Besides, everybody loves French fries rather they want to admit it or not.

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Editor Column

By Beth Schwartz

It has been four years that I have been typing this newsletter. I hope you have enjoyed the stories, the jokes, and the laughable errors. There were times when I thought I never get the newsletter done, there were times when I thought I'd never fit everything in.

The beginning of the riding season the Colander is always full and the hope of a new riding season of laughs and memories is coming upon us soon. The national is very close to us this year and I hope most of you can attend. A few more months of northwestern Ohio weather. It was a warm New Years and I 'm sure the Die Hard Delbert Already has at least that first ride of the New Year in. For the rest of us a few more months or maybe a nice day in late February to take a spin on the BMW. Hope the schedule is full for you and I hope the promise of a new riding season gets you through the next few months. Time goes by quickly enjoy the time you have because after all we are only here for the blink of the eye when it comes to time.

This was an interesting and fun office to hold hope you all enjoyed it. To Jim Hale Good Luck! Hope you enjoy it!

That's it!

The end!!!!!!!!!!!!

Calendar of Events

January 8-9, 2005 Ohio RA Winter Hotel Camp Out, Southeast Regional Meeting and Brunch

Reserve your room TODAY at the Historic Lafayette Hotel in Marietta! We have a block of 12 rooms (camp sites) reserved (until December 26, 2004) for RA Members and interested BMW riders who wish to stay over on Saturday night. Call the Lafayette Hotel at 800.331.9337 and reserve your room today by mentioning that you are with the BMW Riders Assoc. Rooms start at \$49 for a cabin room, with a Queen room at \$69 and with some other room sizes available (plus tax). The Lafayette Hotel is a Grand Riverboat Era Hotel right on the Ohio River Front at the Muskingum River. Just beyond the hotel is Historic Hamar Village with its' quaint brick streets. Also of interest is the nearby Fenton Art Glass Factory and the Middleton Doll Factory. Tour the city wearing something with the RA logo, and you will find fellow members. We will all meet in the hotel lobby on Saturday night for fun around the campfire. Then, on Sunday morning enjoy a delicious all you can eat breakfast buffet that will begin at 9:30 AM, Sunday morning, in the Ohio Valley Room of the hotel at a cost of \$13.82 per person. Price includes full gourmet buffet and your choice of beverage with tax and gratuity included. We will hold a short meeting around 11:00 AM to plan the 2005 Ohio riding season and discuss the state of the RA on local and national levels. The hotel arrangements have been confirmed, so call now to get the room you wish to have.

Bill Johnston

BMW Riders Assoc. Ohio Region

•January BMW Riders of Toledo yearly Banquet is January 16th at 6pm at Whitehouse Inn all are welcome. Call Gary at 419-666-3126

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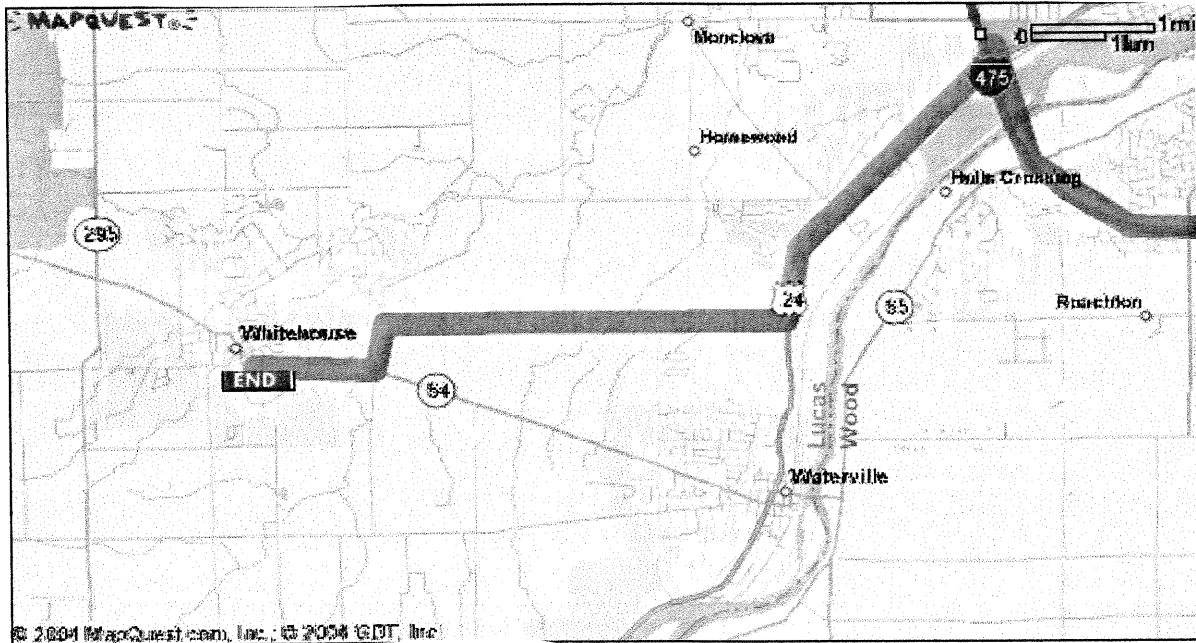
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