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MOA CHARTER #16

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- The March meeting will be held Tuesday, March 15th at the home of Daryl & Julie Apple. The address is 315 W. 6th St. Port Clinton Oh. Food will be served at 6:00 PM. The meeting to start at 7:00 PM. (See enclosed map)
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- Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month with the exception of a club function.

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Minutes For February 2005

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

Presidents Report

Nothing to report

Vice Presidents report

Nothing to report.

Secretary

I asked for a motion to approve funds for the renewal of the MOA charter. The motion was seconded and approved by all. Also informed members that our spring and summer rally information would be submitted to the MOA and RA organizations.

Treasurer

Sonja gave her report on the club's current assets.

Report accepted as given.

Road captain

(Missing in action, report given by Sonja)
Gary visited the new Columbus dealership. This is an exclusive BMW dealership. Gary says they speak airhead and will be happy to service older bikes. They will be having an Open house in April, and now have three of the new K1200S models coming in. (Two are spoken for and one is still available). Visit their website at www.bmwmotorcyclesofcolumbus.com



Webmaster

Wade encouraged members to email photo's of the January banquet and any motorcycles or parts for sale.

Old Business

Here is an update on scheduled club meetings:

March 15th- Daryl Apple's home.

(Food served at 6:00, meeting at 7:00)

April 9th-Delbert Schwab's home.

(Food at 11:00, meeting at 12:00, and ride after).

May 21st- Harrison Lake state Park

(Food at 6:00, meeting at 7:00)

June 14th-Ron Berry's home.

(Food at 6:00, Meeting at 7:00)

July 23rd- MOA National rally

(Meeting at 7:00)

August 27th—East Harbor State Park

(Food at 6:00, Meeting at 7:00)

September 13th-Jim Hale's home.

(Food at 6:00, Meeting at 7:00)

October-Gary Hayden's home.

(Meeting date and time unconfirmed)

November 15th- Unconfirmed. (Perhaps-

North Coast Motorcycles)

December- No Meeting

Thank you cards were signed and sent out to Schiets Motors and Re-Psycle for their generous donations to our banquet.

New Business

There was some discussion about the location of our banquet for next year. Ron suggested the Toussaint Tavern, located about 1/2 mile from Davis-Besse. They would open just for our occasion. Ron will check on the availability. Delbert suggested the American Legion in Pemberville.

Open Discussion

It was brought up that in Canada they are allowing BMW dealerships to be non-exclusive, selling other brands at the same location. We were all in agreement that for a dealership to survive in Northeast Ohio they need to be able to diversify. It is rumored that the North American market may see some changes in that area. Also that there may be up to 8 new models available next year.

Membership

Julie Apple was accepted as a new associate member. Howard Reash accepted as a new member.

Welcome.

President's Message

It's getting closer! These past few warm days in February have been a teaser for the upcoming spring riding season. I saw a few people out on their motorcycles recently, but I'm still one of those who waits for the salt to be washed off by the spring rains.

Spring riding season can be a rather challenging time of the year. We're rusty from the lack of riding all winter, gravel is all over the roads, and pot holes, thousands of pot holes -just to name a few of the obstacles winter leaves behind. If that isn't enough then the highway crews are setting up the orange barrel slalom courses! OK, maybe we shouldn't weave between the barrels... It's sure tempting though.

Before your first ride this season, I hope you think about motorcycle safety. It would be smart to go through the check list: tires, lights, signals, brakes and whatever else you can think of. Spending a little time on the basics could save literally thousands in repairs or even worse. Don't become complacent - just because it worked when you put it away doesn't mean it works now. You've probably heard, "It's one thing if you can't go, but it's another if you can't stop."

The next meeting is March 8, 2005, at Julie's and my house in Port Clinton. Our address is 315 W. 6th St. It's the only brick house in the block on the south side of the street. The drive doesn't have much parking so you'll have to park on the street. Be sure to park on the south side because the north side is NO PARKING. We'll have some food so come hungry and bring something to share. We'll meet at 6:00PM and the meeting will start at 7:00PM.

See you soon!

That is all, Daryl Apple, President, BMW Riders of Toledo

Local Events

March Club Meeting March 15th

Our March Club Meeting is at Daryl and Julie Apple's house. The address is 315 W. 6th St., Port Clinton Oh. The meeting to start at 7:00pm with socalizing starting at 6:00pm. A map is included in an upcoming page.

BMW MOA National July 21-24

At the Allen County Fairgrounds in Lima, Ohio. For more information refer to the MOA Website.



BMW RA International Rally October 6-9th

In Shelbyville, TN for more information refer to the RA Website.

OH-RA Dirt Bike Course

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We have been offered again the opportunity to have an OH-RA Dirt Bike Course (DBC), this year on Feb 27 or March 6 or 27 or April 2, 3, or 17. This would occur at the Honda Training Facility in Troy, Ohio. Some of the OH-RA members took this course last year, enjoyed it, and came away with a much better feeling of how to handle a bike when the road surface is not ideal. Honda would supply the bikes (with various sizes to fit the short or the tall), and there were even some motocross boots and helmets available, but you would have to be sure to have a helmet and other protective clothing in order to participate. The DBC usually costs ~\$50.

Please reply by mailto:BeemerBJ@insight.rr.com if you are interested in participating; please also indicate any date of those listed that would not work for you.

BMWMOA Rallies This Month

FL March 4-13, 2005

Daytona Bike Week Campout

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Holiday Travel Park, 2261 S. Old Dixie Highway, Bunnell FL; I-95 & Old Dixie Hwy, exit 278; 386-672-8122. Come & kick off the riding season with us under the palms. Just minutes from all the action. On-site mobile mechanic providing tech sessions nightly! Great door prizes, raffle tickets, bike judging contest, coffee tent, 2005 t-shirts, lots of your favorite vendors. Grassy, shaded, quiet camping. Park facilities include on site restaurant, clean hot showers, pool, bike trailer parking, unloading/loading ramp, free fire wood, picnic tables, ice machine, lots of Port-a-Jons in camping area. 4 wheel parking is limited. No MC trailer parking in camping area, unless it's used to sleep in! We need volunteers! Info: Cathy Mroszczyk, c mroszczyk@hotmail.com, 315-345-0438 or 315-696-8450; Laura McCormick BMRFRK@aol.com; JR (Gator) Balough beemergator@att.net or website: www.bcubed.org.

RA Rallies

- March 20, 2005 Ohio RA Central State Regional Meeting and Brunch 10:00 AM at the Pioneer Restaurant on US 62 at OH 13. The last indoor meeting of the off season. You all should be back from Daytona Bike Week by then and have some great stories to share. We will also be finalizing our 2005 riding season calendar of events. Map! Restaurant phone is 740.892.2087.
- April 22-24, 2005 Ohio RA Mt. Vernon Spring Camp Out our season opener. At the Kokosing Valley Camp and Canoe 1/2 mile west of Millwood, OH (OH 36 and US 62) This will be our 4th year at this new location that has many welcome amenities. There are flush toilets, hot showers, a laundry, miniature golf, swimming pool, basketball, baseball, horseshoe pits, and an on site camp store, just to name a few. Restaurants can be found close by in Millwood and Danville. We will be in "Area B" (right across from the Office/Store) and have the picnic shelter. Camping will cost \$5.00 per person per night and there is water and electric at each site. The Ohio RA will provide continuous coffee, tea, and hot chocolate. Saturday night share a dish if you wish (potluck) and a one year BMW RA membership give-a-way. Adult beverages are permitted. Excellent riding roads are found in every direction from the campgrounds. Also, nearby is the Kokosing Gap Trail for hikers. Come on out and see why everyone loves this new location. The campground's phone is 740.599.7056. Map!
- June 17-19, 2005 BMW RA Ohio Region Summer Camp Out-- new location will be announced.
 Check back on this event since it will be moving.
- July 14 (for track set-up) & 15-17, 2005 AMA Vintage Motorcycle Days at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, Lexington, OH. The BMW RA has been invited to help set-up, on Thursday July 14, the grounds for this event. Please check with BeemerBJ@insight.rr.com for details on getting your name added to the list for a Cold Pass to the entire weekend.
- July 22-24, 2005 Super Cycle Weekend at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in Lexington, OH.
- October 6-8, 2005 BMW RA's 33rd International Rally in Shelbyville, TN. Make your vacation plans now to "Ride with the RA" in one of the most interesting parts of the U.S.A. Another true "Riders Rally" is in store. Check the RA web site at http://www.bmwra.org for additional news releases and details. For specific questions write to Debbi Harbour at rallyinfo@bmwra.org

October 28-30, 2005 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. Cindy Hoskey will be our food coordinator this year so we can keep a handle on the weekend feasting. The theme this year is Pie Iron Chefing. E-mail her after at 2beemervolks@earthlink.net for pot luck suggestions. Friday night, Debbi' famous Cincinnati Chili and Pie Iron desserts. Saturday morning, Pumpkin Pancakes and sausage, RA-Ohio coffee, tea, etc., Sam Hill Memorial Ride at noon, Pie Iron Cook Off dinner competition and more. Will Bones be in the tree this year? Map! For even more info call Bill Johnston, RA Ohio Region Coordinator at 614.855.3148. Confirmed!

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Map to home of Daryl & Julie Apple Site of March meeting—315 W. 6th St., Port Clinton, Ohio

