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Our next meeting will be held **Tuesday, March 11th at Maggies.**

Greet and eat at 6:00

Meeting at 7:00

Hope to see you there!

See page 5 for map to Maggies

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

For more information contact a club officer or visit our website at
www.bmwridersoftoledo.org



From the Northwest Ohio RA/BMWROT meeting. Down the left: Barb and Bob from Cleveland; Deb and Mel Harbor; Wade and Ed. Down the right: Gary and Nancy

February Meeting Minutes



Left side: Michel, Tom, Merle, Ron, Gary, Lori and Julie.
Right Side: Ed, Wade, Mel, Bob and Barb

No man is really happy or safe without a hobby and makes precious little difference what the outside interest may be. Anything will do so long as he straddles a hobby and rides it hard.
-Sir William Osler
1849-1919
Submitted by Don

Wade and the Little Guy



The February meeting was called to order by Gary. There were 16 members in Attendance. Our meeting immediately followed the Northwest Ohio RA meeting.

OFFICERS REPORTS

President

January was a good meeting. We had a lot of good input regarding the upcoming riding season and use and distribution of the newsletter. The banquet was very good. Every

body walked away with a door prize. Joseph was thanked for his helping in pulling door prize tickets. (Did anybody else catch that wink?)

Vice President

Ed reported having gone to BMW of Southeast Michigan and picked up some parts for his bike.

Secretary

The first newsletter of the year is out and was approved.

Treasurer

Maggies was paid \$33.88 for the Christmas banquet. Schiets was paid \$75.06 for door prizes. \$50 for flowers for Dale Foster. We have \$629.17 in the bank; \$293 cash for a total of \$922.17

Road Captain

Daryl was not present

Webmeister

It's there and banquet pictures are there.

Business at Hand

OLD BUSINESS

The Pit is scheduled for June 6th - 8th. We will need volunteers for reservations/money, games and rides.

NEW BUSINESS

Tentative future meetings scheduled as follows:

March at Maggies
April back at Charlies
May – Meeting will be at the shelter house at Pearson Park in Oregon. Date/Time to be

announced.

June - At The Pit

July – Up in the air perhaps a breakfast

August – East Harbor – This one was seconded and approved.

September – Sunday morning breakfast at Black Swamp Choppers in Waterville

October – Maggies the normal second Tuesday

November – Charlies for breakfast

Watch the website, as these are finalized updates will be posted.

The club will look into having a tech day at Schiets and/or BMW of Southeast Michigan. Ed will contact Schiets while Gary will contact BMW of SE Michigan.

There was discussion of a second club event in May. Don motioned of getting a brick for Dale. Julie Schwartz seconded and all approved. Don will handle getting the brick.

Delbert will arrange the ride to Hopewell and date/time will be announced.

OPEN DISCUSSION

March 8th is Daytona 200. The Cleveland Club is having a gathering at Champs in Valley View starting at noon. Gary and I will be going if anybody wants to tag-a-long let us know.

Wade won the 50/50 and received "The little guy on the bike" he won at the Christmas banquet.

Motion to close.... Seconded and approved.

Special thanks to Barb and Bob from the Cleveland club for coming out to our meeting.

Northwest Ohio RA Meeting



Mark Hawkins opened the meeting with approximately 22 people turning out. The Mt. Vernon campout is April 26-27th. Saturday it's requested to bring a dish. The locals deliver firewood by the

That would be the backs of Mark and Bill.

truckload. All hail the Fire-Nazi.

They are looking for suggestions for a camp-out in July or August.

July 25-27 is the AMA Vintage Days with Triumph as the marque. They are looking for volunteers. Volunteers will receive a "cold pass" which will allow you to wander around anywhere. You'll need a "hot pass" to get on the track

when it's hot. Cold passes are also good for superbike races the following weekend.

August 1-3 is Superbike weekend.

October 31st-Nov 2nd is the Halloween campout.

November 8-9 is the Northeast Ohio RA meeting at Atwwod Lake. This includes Sunday morning breakfast.

Events list here:

<http://www.bmwra.org/~raOhio/>

RA Rally in Da UP

This is the one we've all waited for. June 19-22 in Houghton, MI sets the stage for this years rally. It will be on the grounds of the Athletic Complex of Michigan Tech.

Dorm rooms will be available for rent to those that wish to not camp. Reservations will begin April 1st at possibly \$28 per person.

As the lake waters are frigid during the summer, 3 and 5 day passes will be sold for the use of the pool and fitness areas. There is also a shower facility and locker room.

An ERC class and dirt bike school are planned events. There also are planned GS rides, Scheduled that weekend is an offroad rally/race which very well could be combined with the GS rides.

Of course we can't forget the Beer Garden. There are two micro-breweries nearby. One of these

will do a special RA brew having an RA specific label with the black eagle. The name of this brew will possibly be "RA Brew" though this is open to suggestions.

Some of the sites that were mentioned are:

Whitefish Point Lighthouse and Museum. Whitefish Point is known at the Graveyard of Ships. The light has shined on the lake for almost 150 years except for the night when the Edmund Fitzgerald went down.

There is a dinner boat tour of the lakes.

The Northern Lights are best viewed the first week of June.

Watch the RA site and OTL for more info

<http://www.bmwra.org/index.html>

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED.

Dorm room reservations will begin April 1st. Watch the RA site and OTL for further information.



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Submitted by Jim

Off the clock

By Rebecca Dudley
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My ex-husband had this annoying habit of bringing greasy old carburetors and things into the house to work on. So, last week, when my friend called to tell me this story, my first response was, "Where did this guy live?"

Now reassured that I was never related to him by marriage, this really is too hilarious not to share.

The way my friend told it, this guy pushed his motorcycle from the patio into his living room, where he began to clean the engine with some rags and a bowl of gasoline. When he finished, he sat on the motorcycle and decided to start it to make sure everything was still OK. Unfortunately, the bike started in gear, and crashed through the glass patio door with him still clinging to the handlebars.

His wife had been working in the kitchen. She came running at the noise, and found him crumpled on the patio, badly cut from the shards of broken glass. She called 911, and the paramedics transported the guy to the emergency room.

So far, the story is humorous — in a "that is what you get for being a big enough lout to bring your motorcycle into the house" kind of way.



But here is where I really split a gut.

Later that afternoon, after many stitches had pulled her husband back together, the wife brought him home and put him to bed. She cleaned up the mess in the living room, and dumped the bowl of gasoline in the toilet.

Shortly thereafter, her husband woke up, lit a cigarette, and went into the bathroom. He sat down and tossed the cigarette into the toilet, which promptly exploded because the wife had not flushed the gasoline away. The explosion blew the man through the bathroom door.

The wife heard the explosion and her husband's screams. She ran into the hall and found him lying on the floor with his trousers blown away and burns on his buttocks. The wife again ran to the phone and called for an ambulance.

The same two paramedics were dispatched to the scene. They loaded the husband on the stretcher and began carrying him to the street. One of them asked the wife how the injury had occurred. When she told them, they began laughing so hard that they dropped the stretcher, and broke the guy's collarbone.

Talk about instant karma.

Submitted by Lori

Top Ten Reasons Why BMW Riders Don't Wave Back

10. New Aerostich suit too stiff to raise arm.
9. Removing a hand from the bars is considered "bad form."
8. Your bike isn't weird enough looking to justify acknowledgement.
7. Too sore from an 800-mile day on a stock "comfort" seat.
6. Too busy programming the GPS, monitoring radar, listening to ipod, XM, or talking on the cell phone.
5. He's an Iron Butt rider and you're not!
4. Wires from Gerbings is too short.
3. You're not riding the "right kind" of BMW.
2. You haven't been properly introduced.
1. Afraid it will be misinterpreted as a friendly gesture.

Map to Maggies for the March meeting



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