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Our next meeting will be held **Sunday, April 14th at Charlies.**

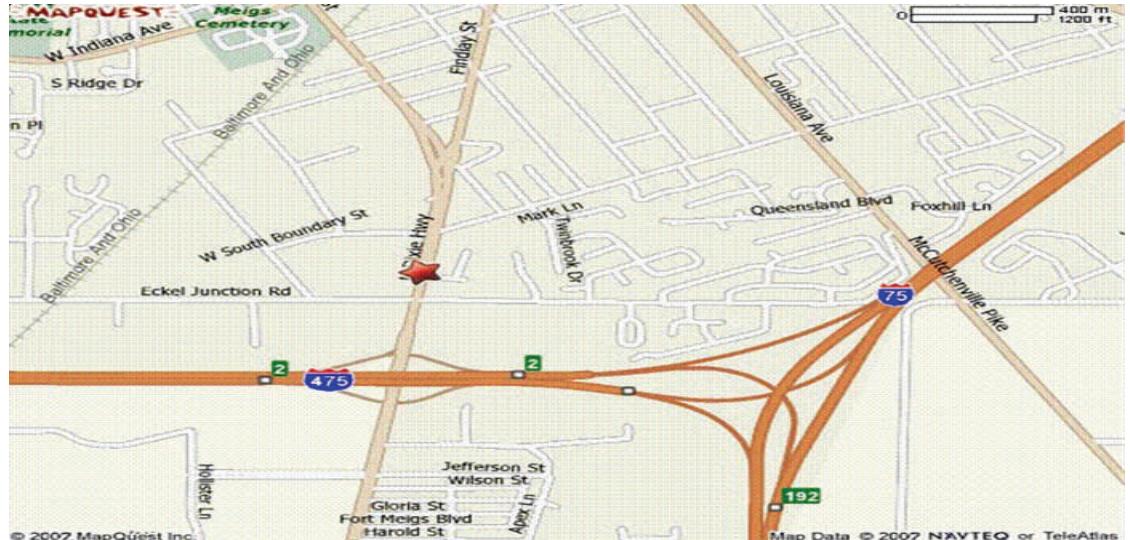
Greet and eat at 9:00

Meeting at 10:00

Hope to see you there!

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month with the exception of a club event or as otherwise scheduled.

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



Map to Charlies

March Meeting Minutes

The March meeting was called to order by Gary. There were 15 members in Attendance.

OFFICERS REPORTS

President

We went to a party in Ypsilanti for Daytona 200. We decided to not go to Cleveland with their 20 inches of snow. Michel, Sonja, and Tom Tann were there... A good time was had by all! We should look at getting involved with All Clubs Day in Stockbridge. Our club name should be on the t-shirt with the others. Bob and Rose Woods daughter passed away. We thought it would be nice for the members to sign a card to send to them.

Vice President

Ed talked with the folks at Schiets and they'll be happy to do a Tech Day on a Saturday afternoon. We should look at getting a \$20 gift certificate for a marina for Eric.

Ed let it be known he is selling his K1100.

Secretary

I need info (dates, cost, type of dinner) on the East Harbor campout so I can get it published in the OTL and ON. Motion was made to accept the March minutes as published in the newsletter. Seconded and approved by all ...except by y'all know who.

Treasurer

We made \$74.50 from the 50/50 in March. A reimbursement check for \$75 was written to Gary for covering a portion of the cost of the Christmas banquet grand prize. \$40 was paid for a brick in honor of Dale Foster. We have \$843.67 in the account; \$33 in cash for a balance of

\$876.67. Gary asked about the club purchasing stamps to cover postage for the year in mailing the several newsletters that we do. A motion was made, seconded and approved by all.

Road Captain

Daryl mentioned The Pit coming up soon. He needs to talk to Darwin for further info. Volunteers are needed.

Webmaster

Wade was absent. It is unanimous that the newly polished website looks fantastic! Great job Wade!

Business at Hand

OLD BUSINESS

The ride to Hopewell to lay Dales brick will be after Memorial Day weekend. The ride date will be announced later.

Help is needed at the spring campout in collecting money for dinner orders and will need help with arranging a ride. Daryl would do it again this year but with Julie due around that same time... this may not work out so well. Al and I offered to help with collecting dinner orders.

NEW BUSINESS

The upcoming meeting schedule was discussed. July's meeting was cancelled due to the MOA National. All dates will be posted

on the websites new calendar feature.

Delbert was thanked (reminded, goaded, told to) for arranging the ride to Hopewell.

We're due for new club t-shirts for which there is a definite interest by everybody. Julie S. will investigate having these made perhaps with a different design and colors in both long and short sleeve.

Mark was the hero of the night!! He was the only guy that rode to the meeting! He put a hold on a F650 GS during

his visit to Fort Wayne BMW which is where he rode in from.

He mentioned that the last Saturday in March, Michaelsons Sales & Service is having a European Day from 12:00 to 4:00.

For those interested, Michaelsons can be found at 5901 Sylvania Ave.

Carol won the 50/50 of \$16!

A motion was made to close. Motion was seconded with 14 Ayes and one Nay.

March Madness

March has been quite an exciting month for us. What with planning upcoming trips and making sure to throw a couple of extras in. It's getting closer to the mini-rally which we refer to as the "Home Opener". This years rally is sure to be fun. They're planning a Saturday night pig roast! *Jim and Ed.... I don't want to hear it.*

How I accidentally bought a bike

With all that we had planned for trips there was no way around not rebuilding Gary's R90. Lets face it... the ole girl is tired. Her front end is shaky, her rear end is shot and the stuff in between just needs replaced. The method of rebuilding was thought about, tossed around, hashed over and rethunk. (Yeah, it's a new word.) Gary always seems to just "know a guy" and such a guy was found in East Liverpool with a '95 R100 Mystic for sale. I probably shouldn't tell what the original plan was for this "donor" bike so I'll leave it at that. We went out one weekend, after a major snow, to look it over. The bike was beautiful! My first thought was he couldn't go through with the original plan for this bike and later he admitted the same. Unfortunately due to the amount of snow he wasn't able to take it out for a test ride. A deal was struck and hands were shook. Gary just bought another bike. The conversation of the trip back home had now turned to planning on what mods needed to be made so it could be ridden two-up. Oh... and lights. We all know how Gary loves his lights.

The following weekend we brought the bike home. He backed it off the trailer, rode it 30 feet to the garage, got off of it and said "Sit on it". So I threw a leg over, smiled, turned it around and down the street I went. Coming back up the street one thing was certain... I had just bought a bike. Perhaps he should have taken it off the center stand that first trip out to look at it. He would have known then it was physically too small for him.

My Vulcan was sold the next day to my brother.

Don't worry the bikes are safe....

In like a lion, Out like a lamb?

The Thursday before Easter saw disaster for us as our house caught fire. We were at work and Krissy and Austyn were at home. They got out safe and sound. Apparently the toaster was the culprit. The second floor, attic and contents of both were completely destroyed. The first floor suffered *ex-ten-sive* smoke and water damage. The fire was contained to only the house so the bikes are fine. Obviously, this is going to severely change our trip plans for the summer. We're in the process of looking for a temporary place to live for the next six to twelve months. Thanks goes out to Delbert and Julie for inviting us to Easter Dinner.

Schedule of Events

May 2 - 4, 2008

35th Original Mini Rally

BMW Motorcycle Club of Battle Creek #14

You are invited to attend our rally at Green Valley Campground, Sturgis, Michigan. Fee is \$20 at gate (no pre-reg) & includes coffee, donuts, tea, hot chocolate all weekend. Plus, mid-day subs & pizza sold on the grounds & can be ordered for dinner. Nice restaurants in the area & motels, if you're not camping. Door prizes & awards. Friday night we will have Hot dogs. Saturday Night is a Pig Roast, Live Music. Great Sunday morning pancake breakfast. Campgrounds have hot showers, inside/outside eating areas, firewood & miniature golf for only \$1/game. Located 1.5 mi west of MI-66 on Fawn River Rd., which is 1.25 mi S of US 12, and 2mi N of I-80/90. Contact: Connie Scarbrough 815 -226 -7062, ccadwell@insightbb.com

June 6-8th

Micro-Rally at the Pit

June

Club ride to Hopewell date still TBD



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