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Black Swamp Beemer

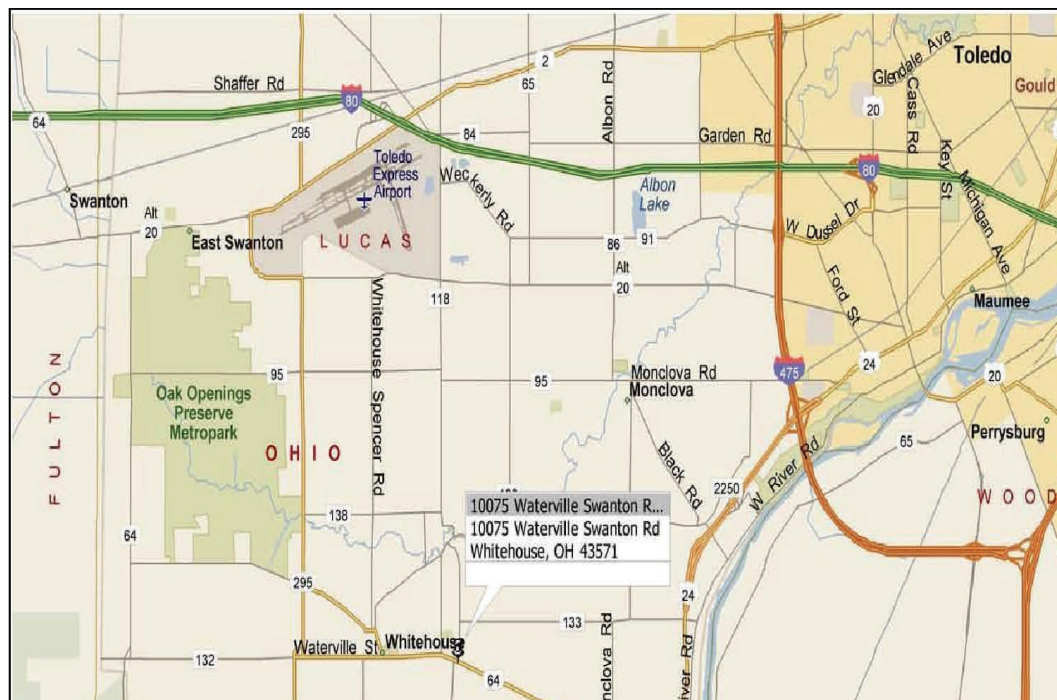
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Our next meeting will be held on Sunday October 11th
At Skeeters/Black Swamp Choppers in Waterville
10075 Waterville-Swanton Rd
Whitehouse, Ohio
Eat at 9:00
Meeting at 10:00

Check website for future meeting dates and times.

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



September Meeting Minutes

The September meeting was held at the home of Leo and Phyllis Peiffer and called to order by Gary. There were 12 members in Attendance

OFFICERS REPORTS

President

-We went to MotoGP in Indy the weekend of the camp-out and had a hoot.
 -Oktoberfest will be October 3rd. We will not have a meeting as this is a party and we are celebrating the clubs 40th anniversary.
 -The ride to Hopedale is on the 13th. We will meet at Denys across from Schiets and leave at 9:00.

-October meeting will be on Sunday the 11th at 10:00. Skeeters/ Black Swamp Choppers in Whitehouse is the place.

Vice President

Not Present

Secretary

There is no newsletter this month as I have no info from the camp-out.

Treasurer

We collected dues of \$24 at the camp-out. Ron won the 50/50 of \$54. \$100

was returned on the deposit of the camp site. Disbursements of \$75 on miscellaneous at the campout. We got a gift card to Meijers for Leo and Phyllis for their generosity during the campout. We have \$1116 in the bank; \$12 cash for a balance of \$1128.

Road Captain

Not Present

Webmeister

Can be found on the intertubez

Business at Hand

Old Business

No old business

New Business

Start thinking about the holiday party in January. Bring your ideas to the October meeting.

It's also time to start thinking about for which office you would like to run. Club elections will be held in November.

Motion was made to close the meeting; seconded and approved by all.

Ride Report

Ride to the Motorcyclists Memorial in Hopedale

To the day of this writing, I'm still wondering where the heck Delbert and Julie disappeared. I've sent email and received no response. I hope they're staying warm and have plenty to eat. We miss you.

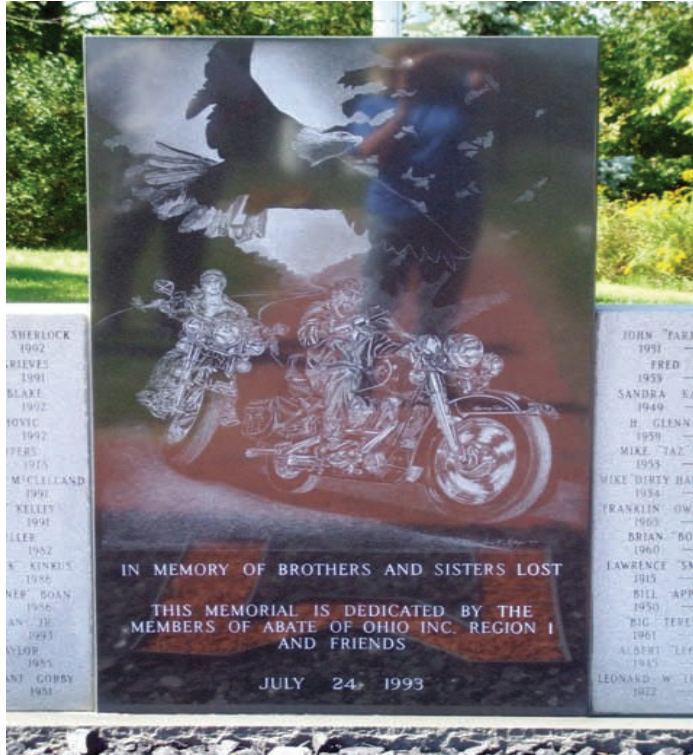
So we saddled up at odarkthirty and headed off to Fremont to meet up. Gary and I had breakfast with Delbert and Julie at Denny's. Wish I had taken a picture of the two guys dressed as old timey western sheriffs. Or is that the normal uniform for the flea market in Fremont? We met up in the parking lot with Don and Carol and Jim. Our next stop was to pick up Donna in Clyde who rode with Jim. Six bikes and eight riders headed out.

We couldn't have planned a more perfect day for this ride. The sky was blue, the sun was shining and I can't say as to whether the birds were chirping due to the use of earplugs and engines. I'm certain somewhere they were. Rolling through the countryside we used big roads as little as possible. We stopped in Wooster for a snack break and a stretch of the legs at a gas station.



Ride Report cont.

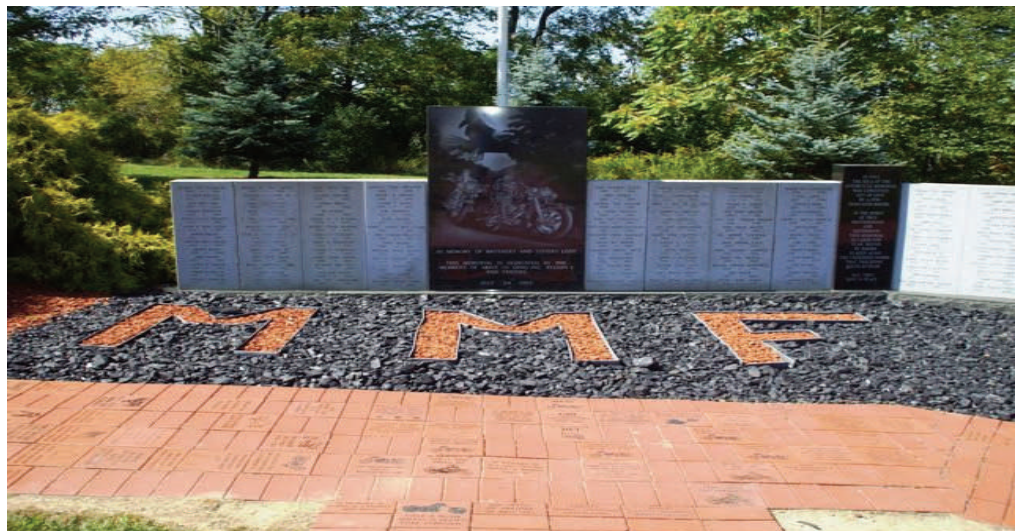
If you've never been to the memorial, and this was my first time, it's a very solemn place for the honoring of our fallen riders, not unlike that of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.



It was dedicated, in 1993, and is maintained by Abate of Ohio Region I. The memorial sits atop a hill, in the middle of the countryside, nestled behind, I'm not sure, possibly a clubhouse. We spent a while on the hill taking pictures and enjoying the peacefulness.

We have bricks in place for six of our members: Don Arquette, Ernie Richards, John Meese, Dale Foster, Mark Nicholas and Jim Merzke.

Please visit the memorials website and sign the guest book. They are collecting signatures and require 50,000 in order to have the state erect highway signs. Your support of this will be appreciated. <http://www.motorcyclistmemorial.com/index.html>





Donna Meese

We saddled up and headed back out. Was it the same way we came in? *Shrugs* I don't know, I'm directionally dysfunctional. At some point we lost Delbert and Julie. Just gone, vanished, no where to be seen. So four bikes and six folks stopped at a diner in some little bodunk for a late lunch/early dinner at 4:00. It was a beautiful day for a ride.

Congratulations goes out to Chris Daeger. He has informed me that after nine years and 60,000 miles he has finally gotten his Motorcycle endorsement!

The weekend following the RA Nationals in Canaan Valley I found myself back in Cass, WV with my son Zach. This was to be a birthday trip for him, in June, but mom decided to crash her bike that day instead and take the next month off. Bad mommy. Leaving Cass we headed back to Elkins for the night. Gary knows all about the hospital in Elkins. This is where he was taken after crashing his bike during the RA. Try to keep up with me will he. Anyways....

We stopped at a hotel on the outskirts of town and I ran into this cat sitting outside in front of his bike having a smoke. Nice guy, he is a retired Korean War Vet from Buffalo that basically lives on his bike on the road. I think his checks were direct deposited to his account using his daughters address. I had to get a picture of the bike because: 1) This is great 2) Delberts got nothin' on this guy 3) This is great! Love the shopping cart on top. It was a intended as a joke to his "homelessness".

Delbert, you are dismissed.





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