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Our next meeting will be held **Thursday, March 11th at Sue Schwartz's house**
159 Essex St.
Toledo, 43605

Meeting at 7:00

See you there!

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

February Meeting Minutes

The February meeting was called to order by out-going president Gary. There were 22 members and guests in attendance. Our meeting was after the Northwest RA meeting.

OFFICERS REPORTS

President

As of the beginning of the meeting we still have no president.

Vice President

Not present

Secretary

I asked for an update of the treasurers report from January as my notes were incorrect. These will be emailed to me by Don.

Treasurer

We have income of \$87 in dues. Expense of \$53 for flowers for Carol Schwartz. We have a

balance of \$1050 in the bank and \$22 cash on hand for a total of \$1972.

Road Captain

Same situation as president

Webmeister

The website is there

Business at Hand

Old BUSINESS

No old business

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion concerning purchase of brick for Carol. Delbert and Sue would also like to see a brick purchased for their step-father/father, Earl, who was one of the original members. This also led to purchasing bricks for Liz Smith and Geg Kuyoth. Motion made, Seconded and approved by all.

Don reported receiving a Thank You card from the family of Carol Schwartz. Wade made a motion to change the clubs By-Laws concerning changing of the meeting day. Jim Hale seconded and all approved. Gary will work on verbage and we will vote on at the March meeting.

Jim brought up the fact that we need to fill club officer position vacancies and as such stepped up to be our new Road Captain. Thank You Jim!

This “jokingly” led to congratulations for Mark Karamol stepping up as our new president. It was later mentioned to Elaine that part of the requirement of this position is that the president also owns a bike in the year of his presidency. Congratulations again Mark?

NEW BUSINESS

Gary agreed that if Mark took over as president he would assume the vice-presidents position for which Ed would like to step down.

There are several members that are interested in participating in the MOA's mileage contest. There is also interest in the club having our own mileage contest with an award being presented for highest mileage at the annual banquet next January. Bring your bikes to the April meeting where we will log beginning mileage for the season. This has to be signed-off on by officers for the MOA's contest.

Don reminded us that dues are due and payable.

Merle mentioned a new Guzzi dealership, Renegade Motors, at Central and Holland Sylvania by the old Kmart.

Motion made to close; Sue seconded and all approved.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mods Vs. Rockers Rockerbox rally in Chicago the Saturday before Fathers Day. More information as it becomes available.

“Ton Up” rally hosted by Café Racer in Ypsilanti on June 26th.

On the website, I have posted information sent to me by Bill Denzer, Kentucky Air Marshall, about the Airhead Tune-Up Clinic April 9th-11th in Columbus. I received a follow-up email from Bill. They are looking for (ron) an expert to lead a demonstration on such things as an airhead transmission (ron). They have an old 4 speed transmission they can offer up as a cadaver (ron). The person (ron) that would like to do this will be made to feel real special (ron). :-)

If anyone is interested or knows of someone please let me know, ASAP so I can get back with Bill. Thanks-

If you know of an upcoming obscure event forward it along

Northwest Ohio RA Meeting

The meeting was opened by Mark Hosky.

Upcoming events are as follows:

April 24-25 - Spring campout

First weekend of June - The new Harley shop on Rt. 36 in Delaware will be hosting a poker run. Starts at the shop and ends at the AMA Museum.

June 18-20th – RAM summer camp-out. NEW this year in South Mansfield , Randy and Lynn Belham hosting this event. There will be Bluegrass music and steak dinner.

July 29-31st– RA National at the Green Energy Mountain Park near Pownal, Vermont. This is the southwest corner of the state. The site is a renovated horse and dog racing track. There will be camping along the river with the lodge having ground floor rooms.

We will have full usage of the track and a bi-plane show is scheduled. Local civic groups will be setting up to serve us share of county fair type foods.

This same weekend also marks the 250th anniversary of town. Plenty of superb riding is to be had in this area.

The RA website is being prepared for links and info on the rally and sites to see.

October 29th-31st -Halloween campout

50/50 was held with Nancy winning \$19

Member Submittals

The disease of BMW Motorcycles

By Wade Kemp

It was a Dark and Stormy Night but then why start the story at the end. The real start of the story is about 24 years ago. I bought my 1st BMW as a divorce present to myself. Fast-forward to 1998 and my high school class reunion where I met Belenda for the first time since high school.

Now I have to admit that I was mostly clueless during high school and really didn't notice Belenda in school. After a whirlwind romance we were married (I guess the 'bad boy biker' image helped) and planned a honeymoon on the bike.

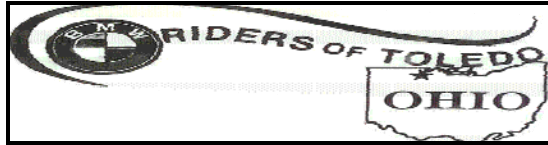
Belenda ever the one to think ahead decided she needed to get her MC endorsement just in case something were to happen to me. As things would have it she got her endorsement after the trip but gallantly started riding a Yamaha that we got for her to learn on. As in many cases life took an unexpected turn and Belenda learned she was pregnant with Aidan and then became reluctant to ride a bike.

Fast forward to the 2009 Banquet where Belenda won a set of tires which she gave to me for my R65. Now as luck would have it I had just put tires on the bike in the spring of 2008 and did not have much millage on them so I waited until September to go get the tires at S.E Michigan BWV (Thanks again for the GRAND PRIZE). So we sallied forth to the shop to get the tires, which I was just going to hang on to until I needed to replace them but they were out of stock of the particular ones I needed. So we were just looking around and I noticed a '03 K1200 LT sitting in the corner, and Owen being the great sales man he is and my wife going repeatedly, "You deserve it?" I ended up with the bike. BUT while we were there I asked about a starter bike and Owen suggested the F650.

After 5 months of hemming and hawing I found a 97 F650 in southern Indiana for what I thought was a nice price. I had been looking at F650's on various sites and they were going quickly. So we decided to go look at and possibly get this bike. Now as luck would have it comes the Dark and Stormy Night? part, we set out on Friday Feb 5th with a weather forecast of about 6 inches of snow here in NW Ohio. I didn't think about parts 200 miles south of here. By the time we reached the Dayton area the roads were snow covered, by the Indiana border things were really slowing down. About 20 miles into Indiana things came to a halt with half to one inch of ice on the road and traffic moving at best 15 mph. What should have been about 4 hours became over 6 hours. After about an hour spent with the owner of the bike, we left with the bike on the trailer and headed north with the thought that any distance tonight would be less we would have to travel the next morning. But with the snow continuing and the wind picking up, it was a real Dark and Stormy Night, we ended up driving straight home and what should have been an 8 to 9 hour trip became a 15 and a half hour trip. But, Belenda now has a 97 F650 to start riding once the weather warms up and we plan on retaking the MSF safety course just to be safe and sure.

By the way any insurance discounts for the MSF course expire after 3 years or so Progressive told me when I was adding the K1200 to my insurance.

With the crazy things we do for BMW bikes it surely must be a disease, now if only we could claim the purchase price as an unreimbursed medical expense.



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