

Black Swamp Beemer

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MOA Charter #16

RA Charter #273



AUGUST CLUB MEETING

Our next meeting will be held

Saturday, August 27th at the home of Ron and Nancy.

11340 W. Duffwasha Rd

Oak Harbor, Oh 43449

This will be a potluck so bring food and we'll make a party of it. This will also be in lieu of our regularly scheduled summer camp-out. Bring a tent if you like, there's prime camping real estate along the Toussaint.

Hope to see y'all there!



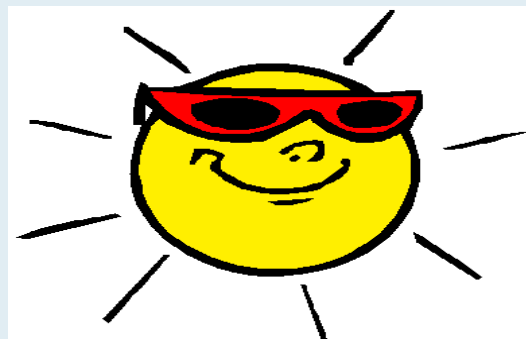
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Some say summer is almost over, I say they're crazy. Some of the best riding is fast upon us. The insane temperatures we've had this year will give way to the wonderful smell of fall. Cool mornings, fall colors, days warming to perfection.

It's been a busy if not lazy summer for me. So I'm bringing you the first edition of the Black Swamp Beemer Summer Spectacular! A time to catch up with what others have had going on. We can't all be everywhere at the same time...

So here we are !



Meeting Minutes (the cliff notes)

MAY Minutes

12 members were in attendance

President Mark

He, Delbert and Tom rode to Iron Pony and the AMA Museum. It was a perfect ride day. A little cool and a little rain.

Veep Nancy

The club banner was unveiled for all to see and it is beautiful

Secretary Lori

Order forms for club shirts were handed out. Nancy will need money up front to order a minimum of 24 shirts. Discussed upcoming events.

Treasurer Don

Income of dues \$12
\$750 in checking, \$37 cash for total of \$791

Webmaster Wade

It's there

Road Captain Jim

Not present

BUSINESS AT HAND

OLD BUSINESS

Logo change was discussed again. MOA will be signing the BMWAG on agreement. The roundel and BMW trademark can't be used. Clubs can't be chartered members if these are used. This is inclusive of ALL BMW clubs.

Discussion of our upcoming campout was held. We changed the camping price from \$5 to \$7 per night as is customary. All money for dinner and camping is to be sent to Mark Karamol.

NEW BUSINESS

Mark mentined receiving information regarding the Cleveland campout the weekend after our spring campout at the Wildlife Adventure in Shreve.

We discussed ways to boost membership. Possibly using BMW Motorcycles of Southeast Michigan. New bike buyers could be given an honorary one year membership.

No other new business

Motion made to close the meeting. Seconded and approved by all

June Meeting Minutes

There were 8 people in attendance during the spring campout at the Pit.

Mark opened the meeting. He thanked all of us for putting together the campout and thinks the Pit is a nice place.

Vice President

June 30th is the deadline for t-shirts. Must have 24 minimum to order. Nancy mentioned maybe ordering some X/XL to meet this limit.

Secretary

No report

Road Captain and Webmaster were not available.

New Business

The next meeting will be held in the Biergarten during the MOA National rally in Pennsylvania.

While the summer campout is typically the weekend before Labor Day weekend. August 26th-28th at East Harbor we're going a different direction this year. A motion was made and seconded to hold a potluck at the home of Ron and Nancy on August 27th. Motion was approved by all. Show up after 12:00 and bring something to throw in the pot for dinner.

Nothing further for the good of the order. Gary made a motion to close the meeting. Delbert seconded. Approved by all.

Chris Daeger has finally done it! He's punched out 100K on his '86 R65. He started riding that bike in 2000 having 32,000 on it at that time.

Chris, it's like I always say, "There's something special about seeing all them zeroes."

June 25th, I sat out, solo, for Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin and the RA's International Rally. As per usual, the map and route changed drastically mostly due to the flooding along the Missouri River at the time. I rode through Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin and back to Minnesota. I met up with Gary and 4 grandchildren on June 29th at the fairground. Many adventures were found along the way. Pulling in to the drive at home on July 5th found me 20 miles short of 2,400 miles.

-Lori

What we've been doing...

RIDE TO EAT; EAT TO RIDE
-Al Basting

Something new (lol) I have a different scoot this year. I bought a Kawasaki Z750s in the early spring and have put some miles on it since. Lots of flickiness, plenty of power, and the gas mileage has been great. But that's not why I'm writing. Some of you might remember Bart Mather and I used to love to ride to food stops, the more unique the better. A couple of our favorites included Tofts Dairy in Sandusky, Kozy Korner in Oak Harbor for fresh peach pie, and I think it was called the Hofbrau House just past Wooster in Amish country for great home-style servings. Anyway, I have discovered a couple more over the summer I'd like to share. If you like chocolates in small fresh batches, you need to get down to Marie's Chocolates on state route 68, just south of Bellefontaine in West Liberty, Ohio. Very reasonable prices and a wonderful little roadside shop with very friendly and helpful gals who love chocolates as much as I do. Please try the Sea-Salt Sallies; I highly recommend them. After you've sated your palate with sweets, you can hop on your bike and head back up the road on 68 (north) to the first road on the right, which is county road 5. This is a great little two-laner that takes you through nice Ohio twisties with (!!!!) elevation. It leads to the Ohio Caverns and passes an Indian reservation (Shawnee, I think) where I stopped for a pow-wow in June. They have rentable campsites and small cabins for anyone who might be interested in visiting. But the vista from the road as you approach the reservation is one of the best I've seen in Ohio. The other place I happened on during a ride south of Cleveland was Foster's Tavern in Hinckley, Ohio. This is right off route 303 at the intersection of route 3. While Hinckley is primarily associated with the return of the buzzards, and any dark and feathered thoughts you might have accompanying buzzards, the town and nearby metropark are anything but dark. It's a beautiful little bedroom community for folks commuting to work in Cleveland. Anyway, I digress: Foster's Tavern has a great beer selection AND appetizers and sandwiches. However, what really set them apart in my eyes was they served both homemade pirogues smothered in butter and onions, and potato pancakes as individual entrée's on the menu. I had the pirogues and a double-chicken sandwich with bacon, lettuce and tomato, and both were excellent. As an added bonus during fair weather, their second-story covered porch is open for serving, and it gives you a nice perch to watch the local bike traffic below while you get some chow. Best regards, while I'm eating my way through Ohio.

Gary recently completed a recon trip to southern twisty roads to check out a potential 2012 rally site. News to come as it develops

Daryl and family

Life has changed dramatically for Julie and me recently. I took a new job with the Erie County Health Department, starting on July 27, 2011. I can't use vacation for a year. If I'm lucky I will be going to the MOA National. That's dependent on if the management will allow me to take next Friday off. I have two personal days available before January 2012.

The week before I started the new job I took two days and ventured out on an overnight to West Virginia. I road about 700 miles and spent the night in my Eureka solo tent near the Maryland boarder. It's cramped although adequate for an overnight. Apparently the campground is a raccoon party at night, since I was warned by three different individuals to keep any food well hidden and they were attempting to trap the little pest. My first choice for a site, turned out upon closer inspection, to have three live traps located in it. That's right I moved, notice I said my first choice.

My K75S spent about 2 months on the lift. It needed fork seals after the first time I rode it this season. Between finding what parts I needed, getting time to finish the project and ordering parts it was a long drawn out process. It seems I don't have the money to pay someone and I don't have the time to finish these jobs myself. It's back together now and doing a great job as always.

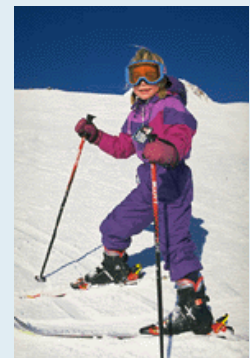
Julie is still busy being a mom among her other activities. I've been able to take the boys fishing a few times this year. Joseph and Isaac both caught blue gills by themselves a couple nights ago. Joseph was all excited because he caught the first fish. Isaac had amazing excitement a few weeks ago when he shot his first bow and arrow and actually hit the target the first try. I believe his response was "Yeah!" as he turned around raising his fist in the air.

I hope the rest of you are having a safe and enjoyable riding season. Hopefully, I'll see some of you at the national. Keep the tires on the bottom and enjoy.

Summertime means camping season. Although if you are or used to be a Boy Scout (your author was for 4 years), camping knows no off season. Well, I've got a campfire cuisine for you. Pop tarts! Get a tripod grill & put it over the fire. Then place the pastry on the grill w/ the flat side down. You'll want to leave the tart on just enough to brown it. Every so often, lift up the tart w/ a metal spatula to see if it browned yet. When the pastry is brown, remove it & let cool on a plate. "Mmm, smoked pop tarts. Can't beat it!"

Bon appetite!

Chris Daeger



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