



THE PAPER

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The News:

On Saturday, December ninth, we had a pre meeting extra. This extravaganza took place at the Colonial bowling lanes, 193 E. Waterloo Road. We had a good time in spite of the poor attendance. A few games were bowled and the rest of us just stood around and kibbitzed. After the game we all adjourned to Art's Place for wining and dining. We all had fun in spite of the cold rain. We hope to continue having these get togethers, hopefully with a better turnout.

The December Meeting

We have a new meeting place! It is at 2077 Newton Street and it is a vast improvement over our old hovel. We had a roaring fire, coffee and dough-nuts, and a very productive meeting. We elected our officers for the coming year in a smooth election. President Wilfong was unanimously re-elected. Carl Carlson was re-elected Vice President in a contest with Bus Brandt. Replacing Earl Hartley as Treasurer is Hank Gravens. Our Secretary for 1973 will be Bus Brandt who is replacing Ralph Shreve. Dick Carver was retained as Activities Director (naturally) and Hank Sommers will continue in charge of Public Relations. Last but not least, the Executive Board will be comprised of Chuck Wahl, Dick Carver, Ron Dawson and Bill Sampson. I am sure that the membership joins the staff of the Paper and me in supporting these gentlemen and wishing them a successful year. After the election, intermission was announced and Dick Carver showed some slides of the first Annual Feast and Frolic and other subjects of interest, such as Dick and Harold's Cold Trip to the South...Tell us, Dick, does a 250 Puch really ride as comfortably as a BMW?

President Wilfong once again came up with a great idea. It is a five day tour through West Virginia and Virginia. I hope this project gets good support. It would be a camping trip, the President said, that would involve all of us carrying our own gear and provisions, due to the inavailability of motels in some of the areas. Right on, Mr. President! When do we leave?

President's Address

Due to the unfortunate illness of President Wilfong, there will be no contribution by the President this month. The Editor and Staff join the membership in wishing President Wilfong a speedy and safe recovery.

The Editor wishes to apologise to Don Smith, BMWMOA#131, of Toledo for referring to him as "Johnson" in the December issue.

The January Meeting

The January meeting was quite a bit less eventful than the December meeting. The main topic of discussion was the Officer's Installation Banquet and where it should be held. We decided, and have since had to change, on the Tallmadge Buffet. It is my understanding that it has now been changed to the Akron Square Smorgasbord on the same day. We were going to wait for the President to recover so he would be able to attend, but he had instructed that it be planned anyway. Maybe knowing that it has been planned will give the President added incentive to recover!

The new meeting place is going well and the idea of paying for it by member contribution at the meetings is getting good support. It was pointed out that during the summer we may not need the hall as often due to the fact that we can meet out under the sky which is, after all, where we ride. I've never heard any complaints about riding!

Dick Carver and Bus Brandt and an assortment of others again provided refreshments after the meeting so we would not starve. Thanks Fellows.

Several ladies showed up for the Ladies Auxilliary. I'll ask one of them to report on what has been set up as far as the auxilliary goes. We can feature it in next month's issue.

Forum

An invitation to attend the annual Awards Banquet of The Pittsburgh BMW Club was sent to us by Jean Rihl, Secretary. We certainly enjoyed her presence at the Annual Feast and Frolic in Akron last November 11, so we thought it would only be proper to have some representation at their affair. Saturday, January 13, ten of us headed for the Mountain View Inn, Greensburg, Pennsylvania. President Earl Wilfong, our new Treasurer, Hank Gravens, Vice President Carl Carlson, Bill Sampson, Louie Weaver, Chuck Wahl, Dick and Fran Carver, and Hank and Irene Sommers made the scene. The meal was delicious. It was followed by a regular business meeting with President John Morrison presiding. Awarding of many trophies, meeting new friends, seeing a fine show of some interesting slides and movies of Bob Ryan's award winning trip made the 275 mile round trip for us a truly enjoyable evening. The weather was perfect and I am ashamed to say we all travelled by automobile. I guess cycle trips in the winter months are for the Detroiters and the Toledoans. Remember those brave souls Vern and Gloria Hansen, Dick and Sally Long, Don and Liz Smith who rode their BMW's to our banquet and the distance was even greater. Let's get with it gang!

Dick Carver
Activities Director

Let's keep "those cards and letters rolling in folks!"

Ed.

Editorial

I was blessed with buying one of the 1970 R-75/5 machines with the carburation problems. I have been having trouble with the carbs off and on for the last couple of years. No one was ever able to fix them, or even adjust them so that they were synchronized. Having finally given up on the damn things, I wrote a letter in desperation to Butler & Smith and told them of my plight. I received an answer to my letter almost immediately. In this age of what can best be described as depersonalization it is refreshing to be noticed by anyone, least of all a large corporation. So you can imagine my shock and amazement that this recognition was being bestowed on me, a lowly farmer from Fresno! As a matter of fact, not only did they write back, BUT THEY ACTUALLY OFFERED TO FIX THE CARBURETORS if I would mail them there. Naturally I broke the piggy bank and sent the carbs straightaway to New Jersey to meet their makers. So impressed am I by this astounding service, that I wish to take this opportunity to publically thank Butler & Smith for their time and consideration. I promise now I will NEVER buy a Moto Guzzi. I'd mention names if I had permission but for now suffice it to say "Thanks Guys."

As was mentioned at the January meeting, if you want anything published in The Paper, it must be on the Editor's desk within a week after the meeting. Give it to one of the officers, or mail to

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