



# die Zeitung

Newsletter of the BMW Motorcycle Club  
of Hampton Roads, VA

[www.bmwchr.org](http://www.bmwchr.org)

DATE 01Jul 06

## Editor's Ramblings:

*by Gary Shanafelt*

Sort of a downer meeting last month having to say goodbye to H.O. Smith; one of the founding members of the BMWCHR. I do not know H.O. as well as many of you but certainly enjoy his company and the Club has a lot to be thankful for because of H.O.. Club President, Larry Martin and Brenda hosted an impromptu leaving party for which H.O. was very grateful. Catch the spirit of the party through photographs beginning on Pg 2.

One of the most difficult things for me riding a bike is resisting the urge to retaliate against unthinking drivers. Even as a senior citizen, I am tempted to give motorcycles a bad name in the name of justice. These frustrations and others are captured in a sonnet beginning on Pg 4 that was sent in by one of our club members and given to him by a Harley friend. The entire story does not apply to all of our members but some parts will apply to everyone.

## President's Corner

*by Larry Martin*

Well, June is almost gone and I have not ridden any to speak of. I drove out to the Airhead Rally with Del Ward. We had a nice time, slept in a small 2-man bunk house and it only rained a few hours. I spent a few hours weed-eating the lower fence line and when the hot water went cold, I replaced four heating elements in a pair of heaters. A bunch of campers were happy to have hot showers.

I am on vacation enjoying family from Arizona. We have one more week at the Beach.

'Hope to see you July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Larry

## Upcoming Events:

**2 Jul:** Monthly Club Meeting. 8am for chow, 9am for biddness meeting

**19-24 Jul:** BMW MOA Rally, Vermont

**13-15 Oct:** Colonial Virginia Motorcycle Rally

**14 Oct:** Morton's BMW Oktoberfest

*H.O. All the best from the BMW MCHR  
Thanks for Everything*



**H.O. Smith receives a commemorative plaque for his leadership and tenacity in getting the BMW MCHR started. LtoR: Past president Jim Richardson, founding member Harold Lester, H.O., Pete Hahn, Club President Larry Martin and Club Director of Communications, Mike Bodner.**



**Club President, counselor, sous chef, drill sergeant, motorcycle enthusiasts, raconteur, and host Larry Martin.**



**Mike Bodner and H.O. Smith**



**L-to-R: Bob Ross, Tom Smith, H.O. and Del Ward**



**Club Vice President, Gerry Schulte**



**Del Ward and Bob Chapman**



**A lady known for her patience, Roc Bodner, shows off her Work-in-Progress!**

## **But, You Didn't See Me**

I saw you,  
Hug your purse closer to you in the grocery  
store line.

But, you didn't see me,  
Put an extra \$10.00 in the collection plate last  
Sunday.

I saw you,  
Pull your child closer when we passed each  
other on the sidewalk.

But, you didn't see me,  
Playing Santa at the local mall.

I saw you,  
Change your mind about going into the  
restaurant.

But, you didn't see me,  
Attending a meeting to raise more money for the  
hurricane relief.

I saw you,  
Roll up your window and shake your head when  
I drove by.

But, you didn't see me,  
Driving behind you when you flicked your  
cigarette butt out the car window.

I saw you,  
Frown at me when I smiled at your children.

But, you didn't see me,  
When I took time off from work to run toys to  
the homeless.

I saw you,  
Stare at my long hair.

But, you didn't see me,  
And my friends cut ten inches off for Locks-of-  
Love.

I saw you,  
Roll your eyes at our leather coats and gloves.

But, you didn't see me,  
And my brothers donate our old coats and  
gloves to those that had none.

I saw you,  
Look in fright at my tattoos.

But, you didn't see me,  
Cry as my children were born and have their  
name written over and in my heart.

I saw you,  
Change lanes while rushing off to go  
somewhere.

But, you didn't see me,  
Going home to be with my family.

I saw you,  
Complain about how loud and noisy our bikes  
can be.

But, you didn't see me,  
When you were changing the CD and drifted  
into my lane.

I saw you,  
Yelling at your kids in the car.

But, you didn't see me,  
Pat my child's hands, knowing he was safe  
behind me.

I saw you,  
Reading the newspaper or map as you drove  
down the road.

But, you didn't see me,  
Squeeze my wife's leg when she told me to take  
the next turn.

I saw you,  
Race down the road in the rain.

But, you didn't see me,  
Get soaked to the skin so my son could have the  
car to go on his date.

I saw you,  
Run the yellow light just to save a few minutes  
of time.

But, you didn't see me,  
Trying to turn right.

I saw you,  
Cut me off because you needed to be in the lane  
I was in.

But, you didn't see me,  
Leave the road.

I saw you,  
Waiting impatiently for my friends to pass.

But, you didn't see me.  
I wasn't there.

I saw you,  
Go home to your family.

But, you didn't see me.  
Because, I died that day you cut me off.

I was just a biker,.....  
A person with friends and a family.

**BUT, YOU DIDN'T SEE ME**

## **A real conversation in the home of a BMWCHR Club member:**

*by Anonymous*

SPOUSE: What's this charge on our Visa bill  
from Bing Agency International?

MEMBER: Oh. Bing is a wholesale jewelry  
distributor in Kansas. They ship quality  
jewelry all over the United States at wholesale  
prices. And with your birthday coming up....

SPOUSE: Excuse me for interrupting, but is  
that my cupcake pan on your workbench with  
all those parts in it, because I'm missing mine?

MEMBER: No. I bought this at the Thrift  
Shop. I bet our daughter took yours. However,  
when I'm through, Ill clean it up and give it to  
you.

SPOUSE: Is that stuff you are spraying on  
those little parts right next to our water-heater  
flammable?

MEMBER: Actually, this stuff is what they use  
in big fire trucks to put out fires. But if it will  
make you feel better, I'll move to the other side  
of the garage.

SPOUSE: Why is the dog acting so funny? Is  
that spray stuff toxic?

MEMBER: Not at all, dear. I'm just wearing  
this mask because of my cold.

SPOUSE: How much more money are you  
going to sink into that old bike?

MEMBER: I'm almost done with it, dear.  
We'll be riding it very soon.