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BMW Motorcycle Club  
of Akron



### Editor's Corner

Woohoo! We are riding again! Like Eddie Money sang in **"Two Tickets To Paradise"**: "We've waited so long, waited so long"..



On a personal note, I feel really fine after my hip surgery and I rode a whole Sunday without having to stand up in the footpegs once! It's going to be a great season!

Although, I still don't know whether I should look forward to being retired by the end of July or not. Somebody told me, that after being retired for three years now, they have no idea how they had time for work...



It seems like some took last month's hint to go and buy a new bike to heart: Chuck Austin and Jeff Summers could not let Ed and John have all the glory and Chuck got himself an Indian and Jeff a new RT – not so sure, though, that Jeff is all that happy about it after all.....



With their efforts to have a bike for every need and all different desires, BMW may have bit off more than they can chew judging by the amount of recalls for new models lately. Not much to say for "German Engineering" anymore.

It remains to be seen, if BMW can increase or maintain their loyal ownership base or whether riders get tired of dealing with the "big corporation" manufacturer who has little concern for the individual and the compassion that brought them together to begin with

Mike

May was quite a busy month already, in spite of the rain, for the club and most members. Here is a little recap of what happened:

First, we had the Poker Run on May 18. Not quite the participation that we all had hoped for, but, nonetheless, a nice event. The weather co-operated and the feedback from the riders about the route was very positive. Allyn Orlando and Mike York had come up with a new system to obtain the poker hands, and this worked extremely well!



The Sunday rides went into full swing and we went as far as Marietta for a Bologna sandwich already. As usual, Jack Fetzer is in great form. We hate to think about what's going to happen, should he decide to step down from the "Road Captain" post. 😊



The RA National Rally May took place on May 29-31 at Barber Motorsports Park. Several mem-bers went there, visited the "Mecca of Vintage Motorcycling" aka the **Barber Museum** and took advantage of the trip there and back, to hone their skills!



A quick look what's ahead of us, before the June Newsletter arrives:

- June 13 and 14 – Ohio Buckeye Rally, Xenia, Ohio
- June 16 – Ride Your Motorcycle To Work Day
- June 21 – Ride for the Guide, Ashland, Ohio (Guide Dog benefit)
- June 22 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Freedom Run, Kent, Ohio
- June 28 – 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Run for the Money, Moose Lodge, Peninsula

July will bring **AMA Vintage Days at Mid Ohio** July 11-13 and then the **MOA National Rally in Minneapolis-St Paul**. July 17-20 Make arrangements to join others on the ride there together! We will have quite a few people going

And, of course, there is a Sunday ride on every Sunday when the weather is nice, after we select an Odometer Poker winner – we had four of them already this year. Come and join us for breakfast at Farmer Boy!



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### A Presidential Address:

Dear Members,

Riding season is finally upon us and adventures are underway. Come on out on any Sunday and join us as we journey to exotic destinations in OH, PA, WV, MI, - or wherever it will take us.

Rally goers have also started their quest for the coveted high mileage position within the MOA's annual contest. If you enjoy the rally scene and are thinking about attending one of the many upcoming chartered club rallies, let me know and I'll work on coordinating a group.

Poker Run! I am very happy and proud of the club for putting together a fantastic event. It really ran smooth and I'm very appreciative of the efforts by Allyn and Mike, our Co-Chairs. I encourage our membership to take a chance and volunteer to chair such events in the future.

BMW RA Rally at Barber – What a great site for a rally, we had a really good showing of club members for this event. I know that camping is not everyone's cup of tea, but the camaraderie of hanging out with friends at one of these events is such a great escape from our daily lives.

If you haven't yet got involved in *social media*, now is the time. Our own club "Facebook" page provides a great venue to share stories, pictures, and promote the club. See me or Allyn if you are interested in getting started and we will help you get set up.

See you soon, take advantage of the riding season while you can.

Dana