



Editor's Corner

It seems that fall wants to make up for the lousy rainy summer we had and throws us a bone with some really nice sunny days. 😊

Just when you think about starting to prepare your bike for the winter hibernation, the sun comes out and you have beautiful days in the 70s – I guess the lay-up preps have to wait!

Now that I entered retirement, I have time to use a more leisurely approach with this – so it seems. And one thing I really can think about is thinning the herd before I bring it down for the 5 month rest. Among the candidates for a sale are the Harley sidecar rig and Cindy's custom Sportster. Neither really gets enough use to justify keeping them. If I want to have only one bike by the time I am 70, I will have to sell two every year...

And making some room is not a bad thing at all. Although, Cindy and I have that perpetual argument over the need of having a Garage Sale. While I agree that it may be an easy way to "get rid" of stuff, I don't like the idea of the whole neighborhood checking out our "surplus". Anyway, rearranging the basement and the garage after bringing home some stuff that I used to keep at work, turns out to make things a lot more efficient. I was even able to create a special station for work on carburetors that will keep the smell and fumes out of the living quarters.. 😊

I am almost looking forward to winter and being able to attack some of the service and repair jobs that I have been putting off for some time now. Look for us showing up in a vintage car that was parked for 20 years...

Mike



A Presidential Address:

Happy Fall, Members!

Sorry for missing some of the Sunday breakfasts over the past months! Rally season, class reunion, college transportation, just to name a few, have taken up a lot of time lately.

I don't know about you, but the fall riding season is my favorite time of the year to ride. This past Saturday we had a group of 10 that traveled to the Stockport Mill Inn, via the Big Muskie and a stop in McConnelsville for lunch.

What a great group ride and feast, thank you Jack for organizing the Saturday get together!

Speaking of fall, it's festival time again. Make sure to come out on any Sunday and ride along to one or more of Ohio's coveted events.

On another note, Charter Club relations with BMW and the MOA are going well. Our club logo has finally been approved! Thank you Mike York for all your efforts with the design!

I have also been in contact with the new development director at the MOA (Ken Engelman). He is working on enhancing MOA member benefits and also club relations. I'll pass along any news that come about from his development endeavors.

Membership in our club has experienced a very nice increase. We added 5 new members during the second and third quarters of this year. Unfortunately, we are also losing a member. Zack Campbell is heading west (CA), if you see him please wish him well or send him a note. Zack, we will miss your friendship and club participation.

Hope to see you all soon,

Dana

The 2014 Rally Season maybe over for most, except for a few die-hards! Myrtle Beach will hold the Bike Week Fall Rally, Sept. 26 through Oct 5. Those interested in vintage motorcycles will gather in Leeds (Birmingham), AL at the Barber Motorsports Park for the Vintage Motorcycle Festival Oct 10-12 and then it is time for the annual migration to Daytona for Biketober Fest Oct 16-19! If you decide to stay home and ride in Ohio, there will be a few Sunday rides coming up, that we have had in the past years:

Malabar Farms will have their Vintage Festival Sept 26-28 and Carrolton will put on the Algonquin Mill Festival in early October!

On the International scene, there are two events that will be worth observing: The Intermot in Cologne, Germany Oct 1-5 and the EICMA in Milan, Italy Nov 4-9 are Europe's most important motorcycle shows and usually the venue where the big companies unveil their new models for the next year. Let's keep an eye open what 2015 will bring for surprises!

Among the latest recalls, for a change, we have a tire issue: Continental recalls the continental Sport Attack in 120/70ZR17 and 120/70R17 configurations. These are popular BMW sizes. Conditions in the thread and/or belt may lead to separation and possible air loss. Visit www.conti-online.com for details.

Several motorcycle publications have recently featured extensive ride tests of the R nineT. Mostly criticized is the price tag of \$14,900.-, insufficient brake performance and the thin seat. Overall, as MCN said, a poor-quality ride hiding behind appealing design.

Fred "Krugger" Bertrand, a leading Belgian motorcycle builder, has collaborated with BMW on a custom project based on the K1600. Maybe that's what motorcycles will look in 50 years...



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