



Here we are! It is almost end of October and almost Halloween! The excuse all you candy addicts have been waiting for all year 😊

This time marks the end of the rally season for most and the end of the riding season for many. Time to think about doing some work on the bike and getting it ready for hibernation. Few will make it on the road between early November and end of April. Another new product has appeared to address the problem that persists with ethanol in the fuel we are getting and that also promises to help store fuel for the 'lay-up' period: It is called "Ethanol Equalizer" by Liquid Performance and claims to remove water from fuel, stop fuel system corrosion and ethanol phase separation that robs fuel of octane. Supposed to stabilize fuel for up to 36 months. liquidperformance.com



Liquid Performance Ethanol Equalizer

It looks like the club's Christmas party will take form as a dinner at a Japanese Steak House (maybe Wasabi). Watch for further communication to determine interest and maybe a sign-up sheet. The planned date is **Saturday, December 13!** Mark your calendar

We also would like to follow through with a calendar for 2015 and need more pictures to select one for each month. We started doing this during club meetings, but unfortunately, that faded away. Go through your picture files and pick some where the theme will go with a specific month. A digital version is required. Send to dana_mcmahan@att.net or akronbmwnews@yahoo.com

Anybody has an idea for a snappy club motto? Like "Keep the rubber down" would be a good one, Akron being the "Rubber City"

For all those who have buying lottery tickets and have not been lucky as of yet, the MOA Foundation in the BMW OA has their "Superstakes" fundraiser with a total of \$300,000 in prizes, 60 drawings, 11 new BMW motorcycles, fifty \$1,000 gift cards, an Early Bird prize – a \$26,000 HP4 Competition and the biggest grand Prize ever with a custom 2014 R1200RT AND a custom 2014 S1000RR. All for a measly \$100.- per ticket.....who are these MOA members???



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A Presidential Address:

Dear Members,
I wanted to share a few of my comments from our October club meeting. The focus of my President's remarks centered around 'Culture of the Club'.

What this means to me is who we are and what we do. We are a cluster of individuals that come together for a purpose, for a passion, for our brand. We are all true enthusiast motorcyclists.

On any given day, whether called upon or by our own intuition, we exhibit characteristics that set us apart from other "clubs": philanthropic spirit, volunteerism, and general camaraderie..... in our core group of 10 - 15 members.

But our club stretches way beyond 10-15 members. I have to stop and ask myself, have we fallen into the old adage of the 80/20 rule? Our club has seen significant growth, almost 20%, in the recent months, totaling more than 50. We have a unique blend of long time and new members. But what is it, that interests you? What do you want out of your club? Participation at monthly club meetings, Sunday breakfast rides, overnight weekend get-aways and rally attendance has been on the decrease....while our membership rises.

Serving as your president is a privilege and I challenge each of **you** to ask yourselves: *What is the Culture of the Club*, what do **you** want the culture to be, and how can you contribute to that result?

I believe we can be a better club. Additional participation by the entire membership, sharing your thoughts on club activities, chairing or being a committee member, serving as an officer are all suggestions. I am not implying we "over committee", but would welcome members to lead or join focal areas such as membership, Christmas party, activities and communications. This is our club and I welcome any feedback, anytime.

Dana



Editor's Corner

The first thing that may or may not catch your eye, is, that there is no image of our club president heading up his column. Well, his address was a little more elaborate than usual and it was too important and too well composed to be edited for length. So, I decided to omit the portrait and apologize to all those who collect pictures of Dana! 😊

There are two-and-a-half months left in this year, and although I hope for a few more riding days, I have started to put bikes into hibernation. Right after we came back from BMW of Cleveland's Fall Open House, I put the K1 away. This is one of the easiest bikes to store. The fuel injection and aluminum tank take well to leaving fuel in the tank – provided it has some stabilizer added – and the battery remains in the bike. Mainly, because it is a *pita* to get to and take out. A small wire pigtail allows the connection of a charger to maintain the AGM battery over the lay-up period.

The basement still requires some reorganization to make room for the other bikes and I will probably populate the ebay auction site to find a new home for some items occupying space during the next couple of weeks.

On that note, I have my nice American Hauler custom built enclosed 7x14 motorcycle trailer for sale. Anybody who needs something to transport parts of his/her bike collection to events or cross-country, here is your chance.. and if you don't have anything to pull it with: The Dodge Ram 1500 quad cab is available with it... One fine rig!

Mike