



## Volume 10 Issue 1, January 2013

Welcome back, all members! We are off into a new year and it is that time to renew your membership! If you have not remitted your dues, please do so. We are updating our membership roster and if you have not renewed by February 12 – our next club meeting- you will not receive the next newsletter.

Very sad news are, that club members  
**Bill Fox** and

**Lee Chapman** passed away.

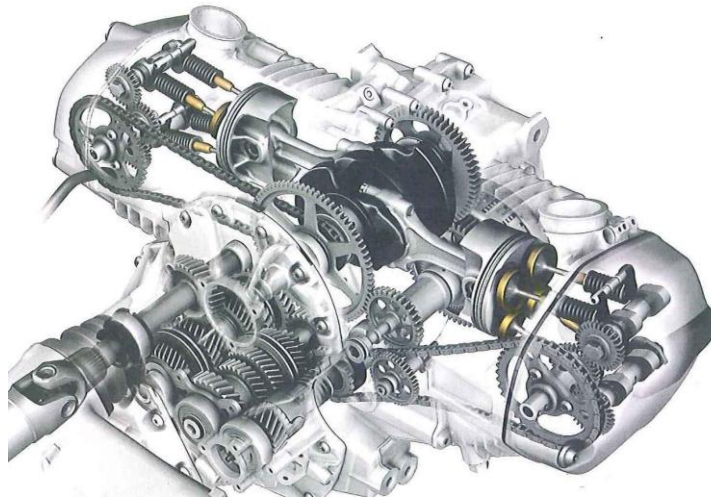
They will be missed.

On behalf of all members, the club extends heartfelt condolences to the families!

The next event right ahead of us is the Motorcycle Show at the I-X Center weekend of **January 25-27**. Some of us plan to go on Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup>, after breakfast. Check it out, if you want to join for a carpool to save on the ridiculous parking fees.

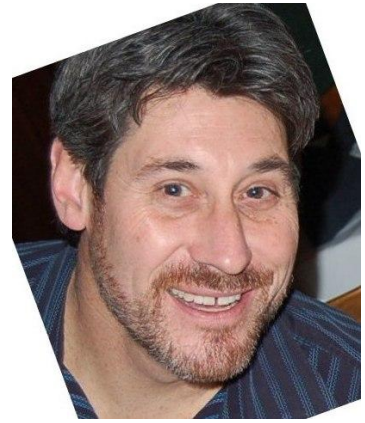
We have also decided on a date for the Spring Poker Run. It will be **Sunday, May 19**. As always, we need volunteers for preparation. You can even be the event chairperson. Tell Dana, Fred or Allyn if you want to help.

All the talk is about the new BMW boxer being liquid cooled. But another different feature is the clutch and primary drive. I am not sure, whether you can make it out in the picture, but the clutch is in the front. Driven by the balancing shaft which is hollow and through which runs the primary shaft. Wow!



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### *A Presidential Address:*

Hello Club Members:

An official Happy New Year from me too, although I have met many of you already personally after January 1.

Because of the lack of anybody coming forward to run for office, you will have to put up with me as your club president for a while longer.

I sure hope that eventually we will have someone else being willing to take the helm.

We had our first club meeting for 2013 and talked about some things behind us and some important issues coming up.

As a brief recap, our Christmas Party, although with a slightly lower attendance, was widely considered a good event. We had 35 people attending and we covered our cost. The connected fund-raiser for the Salvation Army was also a great success.

We consider a proposal to move the party into January due to some reoccurring conflicts for some members. We most likely keep the venue at the Moose Lodge, however, as most members like it there.

On January 20, the Greater Akron MC will have their event calendar meeting and we will try to have our Poker Run included. That date is set for May 19.

We are still trying to come up with a new club logo. Please submit your ideas, if you have any.

*Dana*

### *Editor's Corner*

A Happy (belated) New Year to all of you! It looks like we did make it past December 21, 2012 and those of you who have not yet bought a new calendar because of the Maya "prediction" better get moving before they are all sold out! 😊😊

Once again, I am in the doghouse and I apologize profusely for not providing you with a newsletter lately, but I tried to explain why to some of you during the last club meeting and I hope, you will understand.

Off we go into a new year and it seems we are doing a fine job in getting our ducks in a row as far as planning for important events is concerned.

We seem to have a date for our annual Spring Poker Run and some have already made a decision whether to ride out to the National in Oregon or not.. Between these two events the calendar shows the Chicken Rally in Alabama and Vintage Days at Mid-Ohio. Both will be here sooner than you think and you should probably start thinking about what you want to do.

A little closer is the Motorcycle Show in Cleveland and this will be the first time most of us will see the new BMW liquid-cooled Boxer in the new GS. Exciting!

Now, use the time until the weather turns into riding season to address some issues on that bike you parked and make sure you will be ready.

I will take a little break and Cindy and I will go on our usual "time out" from Ohio temperatures for a week in Key West!

See you!

*Mike*