



# Happy Holidays

## Editor's Corner

To say, that I am upset with us, is sugarcoating it! The lack of active support for our club by our membership has come to a new low.:

**We had to cancel the Christmas party due to lack of interest.**

I know, I know, there are a lot of reasons that this happened and I can hear the excuses: "It is so close to Christmas and we have so many other things to prepare..." "We already had another commitment..." "We didn't think that just us not coming would be an issue, there are so many others."

The way I see it, there is a handful of members who are ALWAYS willing to do something or pitch in and the rest is just taking this club for granted or as it fits into their leisure. I remember, a while ago in a club meeting the question was asked "What do members get for their \$10.- membership fee?" Already then, that question rubbed me the wrong way. If you expect to pay \$10.- and in return have powdered sugar blown up you're a.., you should not be a member.

This club is YOUR club. What you get out of your membership fee is UP TO YOU to a great extend. You need to put in a little more than just \$10.- cash.

Elsewhere, the question is being asked "Why do I (people) ride?" I ask that myself and I come to an easy answer: "I ride, because it gives me an opportunity to socialize regularly with people I like!" This is why Cindy and I drive 40 miles one way to breakfast on Sundays! But for us, it is not a breakfast club! What it is to you, you need to decide for yourself! Think about it!

Happy Holidays! *Mike*



Here we are! This will be the last newsletter for this year! Not much news to report! All the bikes are in storage and we had a few days of real wintery weather, as is normal for our latitudes. The year came to an end faster than usually, so it seems, probably because there was almost no "Indian Summer".

Hopefully, the Holiday Season provides some well deserved time to relax and refuel some energy for the new year.

Once again, thanks to **Jack Fetzer** for making arrangements for the overnight event at the Shaw's Inn in early November. It was a good time had by all who came. We are happy to report that the pork chop is still humongous and feeds two easily!



## See you in 2014



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## A Presidential Address:

Hello Club Members:

I am disappointed, somewhat sad, that we were not able to finish the year as usual with a club Christmas party and I have to address most of you this way in writing, rather than wishing you Happy Holidays in person!

I am not really sure, what caused so many to decide not to participate this year. If the Moose is not the right location (not the right food), you need to let us know. Also, we will try to make arrangements earlier next year to make sure we don't have to take the only date that is open and we get too close to Christmas.

Please provide some feedback, so we can do a better job of planning and maybe accommodating all of you.

The next official club event will be our monthly meeting in January – Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> – and we will have the official business that we usually conduct during the Christmas party there and then. This does involve selecting club officials and I would like to ask you to consider nominating yourself or someone else!

Looking further ahead in 2014, the BMWOA International Rally will be in the Twin Cities and much closer to us than in recent years. Maybe we can have more members join us Rally Rats and Mileage Slaves and we could have a good club presence!

*Merry Christmas  
and a Happy new Year*

*Dana*