



Editor's Corner

What a roller coaster ride the weather is this spring! First, it doesn't want to get any warmer than 28 degrees, then, it suddenly jumps to almost 80, only to have it snow again the next day. In spite of this, some of you have their first ride well behind you and even have already started to accumulate miles for the BMW MOA contest. Good for you!

Only thing I have done is waking up the two bikes I can get to easily from hibernation and ride each one on my usual 1.7 mile round trip through the neighborhood. Good enough for me!

It looks like this is going to be an exciting year, with some of the new bikes having been announced and we hopefully will see some of them. Ed Vanneman and his new Indian and John Bebout with the new RT have made an entry concerning this already and Jim Pierce may surprise us with a new CanAm Spyder, now that it has a 3-cylinder engine! What I really like to see is, who will be the first to show up on the new Rnine-T?? - Breakfast will be on me!

And although the Japanese four have fallen behind lately on the excitement scale, there should be a few interesting bikes to look for from the Land Of The Rising Sun: Yamaha's new FZ9, Honda's CB1100, the renewed Interceptor, Kawasaki's Z1000 and Suzuki's V-Strom 1000. And it seems Triumph has a real winner with the Tiger 800XC in the dual sport category as a serious lower price alternative to the BMW R1200GS, taking the place long held by the Kawasaki KLR650. There are no excuses to not buy a new bike!

Mike



This Newsletter comes too late for Easter, so we can only wish you had a good holiday and the Easter Bunny brought you your share of nicely colored eggs! At least, this year, there was a good chance that none of them was left behind. They should have been easy to find in the white stuff!

Sunday May 18 is getting closer and with it our Spring Poker Run! Make sure to be part of the preparations and the execution! Due to the new concept, we will not need as many people staffing the checkpoints, but there is still plenty of jobs at start and finish. Donate your time and volunteer!



The Georgia Mountain Rally is coming up May 2-4 in Hiawasse, GA, Myrtle Beach Bike Week is May 9-18 and right after the Run for the Wall on Memorial Day weekend follows the RA National Rally May 29-31 at Barber Motorsports Park. You can spend the whole month of May at rallies in the South riding your bike - if you're retired....

A very interesting presentation was given by Rick Zimmerman from Goodyear's Dunlop Motorcycle Tire division during the April club meeting. Great information about design and structure of the rubber that connects us to the roads when riding our bikes.



Long time former club member Linc Steele passed away after battling an illness for some time. Linc and his wife Corinne were quite active back in the 80-90s.

RoadRunner Motorcycle touring & travel magazine "hit home" with the June '14 edition and a nice report about a loop-tour in Southeast Ohio! They came as close as Minerva and hit a couple of familiar spots which have been destinations for our Sunday rides, like Magnolia, Carrolton, Utica, Mohican, the Big Bucket, and Beaver Creek Park.

Motorcycle Consumer News tested aftermarket horns and the FIAMM Twin Tone Horn Set came in overall first. If you want to have a horn on your motorcycle that will be heard, for approx \$25.- you will get 130dB of car shell penetrating blast power!



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A Presidential Address:

Dear Members,
Spring is finally here and we got out first Sunday club ride in on April 13. It's good to be seeing more bikes at breakfast on Sunday's.

Come on out and joint us, the Odometer Poker game is back in action again and you can win a voucher for a free breakfast!

Speaking contests, our 2015 Calendar Photo Contest is well underway. I am hoping to see more member participation with current club photo entries.

I know, winter was quite a challenge for new club and bike photos. Let's see how creative our photographers can be!

I received great feedback from membership about our February and March meetings at featured locations and special guests. I'll be looking into additional guest speakers throughout the year. Send me a note with any Motorcycle topic of interest you might have.

Make sure to attend the monthly club meeting on May 13th, final preparations for the Poker Run will be on the agenda.

Dare I say it, but the rally season is upon us. I know quite of few of us are planning on attending the May 29-31 BMW RA National Rally at the Barber Motorsports Park. Contact me if you are interested, maybe we can ride together.

Dana