



Editor's Corner

...and so it ends! With Labor Day just ahead of us, I guess the real riding season is over already.

For those of us, who are not *Rally Rats* there was not that much riding this year. Even the Sunday rides after breakfast, were scarce. The weather sure took care of this.

I can't remember a summer with more rain than this one. The sprinkler system at home didn't run once. That all meant big savings: On the water and sewer bill as well as for motorcycle gas – you have to remain positive!

And the year wasn't all *that* bad. Sunday breakfasts were great as usual. Lots of motorcycle talk and good ribbing. Susan and Jim Pierce hosted a great BBQ party on the lake. Members contributed excellent food and Allyn and Jim took the crowds on a cruise.

Several members got new bikes – some weren't allowed to ride them- 😞 - let's not go there....

And we still have - hopefully - two months left.

For some that involves going to the Finger Lakes Rally and Beemers in The Bluegrass.

We who stay around locally, there is the Algonquin Mill Festival, the Malabar Farm Heritage Days and maybe a trip to Velvet Ice Cream in Utica as a chance to rack up some miles on the odometer.

Let's not forget to extend a warm welcome to all new club members who joined recently:

- Don Ramey from Polk
- Ed Nyszczycy from Stow
- Mark Rense from Lyndhurst
- Dichelle Chambers from Massillon
- Angel Perkins and Ken Swickard from North Canton.

Hope to see you all a few more times this year!

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A slew of new bikes has been introduced or announced by various manufacturers and it seems the fight for market share is getting fierce.

Indian has added more models to the lineup and is seriously giving Harley Davidson something to chew on. Next to the Indian Chief Classic and Vintage, we now have the Chieftain, the Scout and the Roadmaster. Prices range from \$10,999.- to \$26,999.-... **Yikes!**



Not that **Polaris**, the company behind the reborn Indian marque is content with that. They also try to take a bite out of CanAm's business that they enjoy with the Spyder. Look at the "Slingshot". A new take on the old Morgan 3-Wheeler. Side by side sitting and a steering wheel. Classified as a motorcycle, but you don't need a motorcycle license. What has the world come to...?? 173hp 166 lb-ft. Prices from \$19,999.- to \$23,999.-



The "Adventure War" continues. After a new BMW GS Adventure, a Suzuki V-Strom Adventure, **KTM** now brings out a 1290 Super Adventure which will be the sport touring version of the KTM 1190 Adventure. Rumors say that the new model will share the same engine with the 1290 Super Duke R, it will feature Motorcycle Stability Control (MSC), ABS, various riding modes and traction control, and it will be fitted with a relatively large fuel tank which will translate in a better riding range.



BMW announced several new variations for 2015: A K1300S Motorsport with a unique paint scheme and several HP accessories added. The R1200GS and GSA get Keyless Ride and GSA Pro options. The GS gets the heavier crank from the GSA. Both K1600GT and GTL get DTC, Hill Start Control and daytime running light as standard equipment and Keyless Ride as an option. The new instrument panel from the GTL Exclusive is now standard on all models.

As you read this, the first contingency of club members may be on their way to the **Finger Lakes Rally**, August 29 to September 1 at Watkins Glen. You can still make a run for it.

If you have all the time in the world, you can go on from there to the **Green Mountain Rally** September 5 - 7 at Camp Thorpe in Goshen, Vermont. Attendance limited to 250, however.

Some are going to the **Beemers In The Bluegrass** September 12-14 at Still Water Campground by the scenic Kentucky River, north of Frankfort, Kentucky. \$25.- fee includes two nights camping.

And one rally definitely worth going to, although it is a looooong way from Ohio, is the **Golden Aspen Rally** September 17-21 in Ruidoso, NM. We have been to this one and really want to make it back eventually.

Don't forget: The next club meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 9, 7:00 p.m.** at the Moose Lodge in Mogadore! We will have a few things on the docket for the last 3 months in 2014! Be there!



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