



Editor's Corner

The weather we had here in northeast Ohio sure must have convinced the last few that the riding season is over 😊

We have talked about how to store bikes for the winter plenty of times and I would think by now, everybody has his/her own preferred way to handle the battery, keep the tire pressure, treat the fuel left in the tank and when to change the oil.

But how about the rider? What does everybody do to survive the non-riding season? Do you just forget about riding until you jump on the bike next spring and hope you pick up where you stopped in the fall?

Those who go skiing during snow season know that it is important to get prepared and they usually follow an exercise regimen for several weeks before they strap these silly wooden boards under their feet and throw themselves down a hill.

But rather than starting to think about the upcoming riding season in March or April and then torturing yourself with getting your joints flexing, backs bending and pounds melting, it is much easier to stay on top of it with a little exercise and stretching all through the winter.

Watch your weight (a.k.a. calory intake – a challenge during the Holidayas)) and get into a low impact exercise routine. Some swear by Yoga. I use an elliptical for 20 minutes every day. Whatever you do to keep your body from completely forgetting the movements and gyrations necessary when riding a motorcycle will help you avoid these pains and aches that may come with the first ride next year!

Mike



Food for thought: Recently we received an inquiry about club membership and activities. For no apparent reason, other than maybe having a few too many, the person flew off the handle and chastized us for having our club meetings in Mogadore and Sunday breakfast at Farmer Boy instead of picking a location closer to or in Akron to live up to our name "BMW Motorcycle Club of Akron". The whole thing almost turned into an insulting tirade and only because the club officers involved, handled the issue with class, did it not get out of hand. While we usually welcome new club members, we don't really need anybody with an attitude like this in our midths. Every club can take one obnoxious guy, but this position is already taken. It was suggested at the last club meeting that we return to our formal procedure for admitting new members and that is the requirement to attend three official club functions AND being sponsored by an existing club member. This should serve as a tool to have only those join that are really interested in the club and also prevent having people with an IQ of greater than 185 (like this person), making the rest of us look bad. We need a Membership Director to oversee this. Someone please step up to the plate!

A reminder: The club's Christmas party will take form as a dinner at a place TBD. The planned date is Saturday, December 13! If you have the courage to commit, let Dana know that you will attend so he gets an accurate head-count and can make reservations!

Our long time club member Tom Cassidy passed away on November 1. He was 96 years old and most of you remember Tom riding his Honda 919 until he was 90. An inspiration to all of us! Ride on, Tom!



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A Presidential Address:

Dear Members,

Here we are, almost at the end of another year. It's time to reflect on the events throughout 2014 and start planning for 2015.

Let me start by thanking all the officers, board members, committee chairpersons, newsletter editor (!Ed), road captain, summer picnic hosts, and event volunteers. Without membership participation in these key roles, not much would happen.

This includes who we are (Culture of the Club) and what we do as a club. Also take a moment to reflect on our fellow members and friends who have passed during the past year.

While we are not having our annual banquet this year, I'm happy to report that 13 of our club members have RSVP-ed to attend a dinner on December 13. It is my intent to revamp the annual Club Banquet in 2015 with assistance of a member agreeing to assume the role of Chairperson (Event Coordinator).

Speaking of chairpersons and committees, I suggest we establish a few select committees for the following areas: Membership, Poker Run/Fundraising and Event Coordinator.

With the year coming to a close it is election time again. I have asked Mike Simon and Fred Meyer to chair our Officer and Director Nominating Committee. They will be asking our existing officers and directors if they wish to continue in those roles for 2015. If you have an interest in an officer or director role, please contact Mike or Fred. We will hold officer and director elections at our monthly meeting on January 13th. Please come out to show your support and vote.

Happy Thanksgiving

Dana