



Editor's Corner

2014 is coming to an end. A few days are left, which will be filled with the usual Holiday activities and travel, and maybe with some time to reflect on what happened, before we roll up the sleeves and tackle 2015!

This has been quite a year on several fronts! Club life is still vibrant and we were able to welcome quite a few new members. Now, let's hope that they all renew and we will see them when the riding season is here again.

We also lost several of our friends As Fred Johns, Chris Meister, tom Cassidy and just recently Bruce Turner passed away. They will be missed.

Our Rally Rats were quite active, once again, and made sure the club had a modest showing at the major events. I am curious to see what the mileage accomplishments were as recorded by the MOA.

Some members' riding suffered significantly as their bikes were affected by BMW's recalls, the biggest one being the rear shock issue with the new RT model.

It seemed like we had an usually high amount of Sundays being "rained out" as was evident by the low number of Odometer Poker games played in 2014.

It is also time to vote for club officials for 2015. We ask all current officers and officials to consider renewing their assignments and anybody who is interested in helping to actively manage the club to step forward.

I remember a former club President giving up his position because his "life style changed". Well, although I retired, I will still write the newsletter!

Mike



This is the season of Giving, and the club followed. We made three donations at the end of the year. We gave checks to the Akron-Canton Food Bank, the Haven of Rest Ministries and the Mogadore Moose. The club secretary, Allyn Orlando handed over the checks personally.

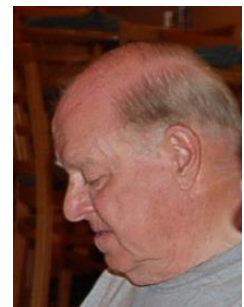


I am pictured with Stephanie Hinchliffe. She is the woman I worked with to coordinate the Poker Run with Food Bank. Also, Stephanie asked if we wanted the money earmarked for a specific cause, like Thanksgiving, Christmas or something else. I told her that I understood that right now they get many donations and we would like them to use the money for later in the year when donations weren't so plentiful. I offered that due to Dichelle's point during the Tuesday meeting. Stephanie was very pleased and said that Dichelle is absolutely correct that this money will come in very handy when things are tighter.



The Haven of Rest did not want to just take a picture, so I spent 2 hours at the Haven of Rest taking a tour of the facilities. Very remarkable! I am pictured with Mike Solosky, he is Coordinator of Donor Relations. I sent an email off to Alex Perris, because Mike Solosky would like to talk with him about his experiences with the Haven of Rest. Mike was quite impressed with the passion that Alex shared with our motorcycle club, which helped us choose to give them money. On a side note, I took the tour with a group from the Stark County Farm Bureau, They said when they help the Haven of Rest and the Akron Canton Regional Food Bank they also help the youth agriculture groups. They bought 4 pigs from the Stark county fair this year. They then have them processed to the specifications of each group, I guess the Food Bank and haven of rest need them processed differently.

Just before Thanksgiving, our club member Bruce Turner passed away unexpectedly. We all remember Bruce as a kind, soft-spoken man, you would hardly see without a smile on his face!



As last year, we do not have a Christmas Dinner requiring advance payment and do not provide the opportunity to mail in renewal dues together with the reservation. Please take a moment and consider renewing your membership for 2015. Checks can be send to our club address or handed to the treasurer, John Bebout, when you see him in person



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