



Editor's Corner

Hello, all, 2015 is here! Although it is still early, some of us may have already found that a few of their resolutions are not going to stick! 😊

That's how it goes!
We sure hope that renewing the club membership will not be one of those that fall off the table.

We will follow up during the next few weeks and remind all those who have not submitted their dues to do so. Remember, it is the only way to ensure you will continue to receive this here great newsletter!

At first glance, 2015 looks like it will be a great year for motorcycle activities. The upcoming show at the IX Center will offer a first look at what is going to be available as far as new bikes are concerned.

The two big shows in Europe at the end of last year, one in Cologne and the other in Milan, had some exciting new models introduced by BMW, Suzuki and Kawasaki. It remains to be seen, which ones will be offered in the U.S.

The marketing "experts" of the large OEM's seem to have their own ideas, what the consumers want.

Unfortunately, I will miss the Cleveland show as Cindy and I will escape to southern latitudes for a few days and remedy our vitamin D deficiency. We couldn't do this in 2014 and we really missed the break from single digit temperatures and running the snow-thrower.

As we have all these nice pictures of our club officials, here is one of me. So you don't forget what I look like.....



Mike

It seems a little late to wish everybody a Happy New Year, but many of us have not seen each other since January 1, so here it is! Hopefully, the club can look ahead to another good year of riding and camaraderie. January is almost over and before you know it, the first bikes will show up at breakfast!

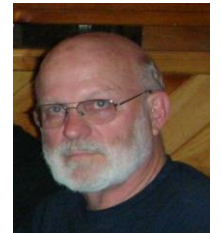
On Tuesday, January 13, we had the first club meeting of 2015. 14 members attended and the election of the 1025 club officers took place. The results are as follows:

President: Dana McMahan stepped down. Jeffrey Summers declared his candidacy for the position. He was elected unanimously by the attending members. Congratulations Jeff Summers! Jeff has been a long-time member of the club dating back to the days of the "Rubber City rallies" and although his job has taken him away from Akron to Texas and Georgia for longer periods in the past, he has always kept up his membership and remained with us. Jeff is married to Leigh, who is also a club member!



Vice President: Fred Meyer did not run again. Dana McMahan stepped up. He was elected unanimously by the attending members. Dana held the position of President for 5 years.

Treasurer: John Bebout had agreed to continue his duties as treasurer. There was no challenge and he was elected in absence unanimously by the attending members.



Secretary: Allyn Orlando had agreed to continue as secretary, if nobody else would be available. There was no challenge and she was elected in absence unanimously by the attending members.

Board of Directors: The incumbents Chuck Austin, Jack Fetzer, Bill Damron and Fred Metcalf ran again for positions. In addition, Mike York was elected. All unanimously.



In addition, we have started 3 new committees: **Fund Raising/Events, Rides and Outings** and **Membership**. Jack Akers III, Ed Vanaman and Mike Simon have signed up. More volunteers are needed to work together and make these activities a success for 2015.

The first event in 2015 will be the Progressive Motorcycle Show at the IX Center Jan 30-Feb1



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