



Editor's Corner

This is really not good at all, no way it is: Cindy and I went on our annual time-out from the cold temperatures to our favorite place in Key West...



...and we had to come back to this....



That's just not acceptable! As I am writing this, it is -4° outside and the windchill is supposed to be -32°!! I believe them! I am not checking. Supposedly the weather set several records since they recorded in the late 1800s.

Then again, I guess we should consider ourselves lucky that we don't live in Boston...

There, they don't know what to do with the mountains of snow and are debating, whether they should dump it in the ocean. Supposedly, that's illegal....now, wait a minute...!! Where do these guys think it goes if you could leave it where it is? It melts, flows into the storm sewer and from there...???.into the ocean!!

...Bureaucrats! Stay warm!

Mike

This newsletter comes with the final plea and reminder to renew your club membership for 2015.

If you decide not to, you will be deleted from the newsletter distribution list. Of course, if you want to renew and do not want the newsletter, we can delete you from the distribution list also!

Some of us went to the Motorcycle Show at the Cleveland I-X center, but it seems there was nothing earthmoving to report. BMW showed their new models for 2015, which most of us have seen pictures of and read reports about. For those who have not, here are the four "new for 2015 introductions":



So we have the F800R, the S1000XR, the R1200R and the R1200RS. Definitely another big effort by BMW to offer a bike for everybody. Some may argue that these new models will not only compete with those of other brands, but with other existing BMW models also.

Although we are deep in an arctic spell, we start thinking about riding. If you cannot wait, a couple of events may make the cabin fever easier to cope with:

February 21-22 Easyriders' Bike Show at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, OH. Maybe some will car-pool?

March 6-15 Daytona Bike Week, Daytona, FL. A chance to meet up with some of our club "snowbirds" (Jim Pierce?)

And before you know it, March will be here, then April and we will see the first bikes on the road and the really impatient ones will show up for breakfast on two wheels!

If you need to plan ahead for vacation and allocation of funds:

- May 22-24, Great Chicken Rally Coke Ovens Historical Park - Mountain View Circle - Dunlap, TN - New Location!!
July 10-12 AMA Vintage Days, Mid-Ohio, Lexington, OH
July 23-26, BMW MOA International, Billings, Montana.
Oct 1-4, RA Rally, Harrison, AR, Boone County Fairgrounds



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A Presidential Address:

Dear Members,

I first want to thank the members for allowing me to serve the club as your President. I will have a tough act to follow as Dana hands me the gavel for the 2015 term. Dana led our club as president for five years and has always exhibited fairness, encouraged camaraderie, and has been a true ambassador for our club and the BMW brand. Thanks for your leadership, friendship, and commitment, Dana! And thanks for continuing to serve as our VP!

I also want to thank Mike for faithfully publishing this newsletter that you are reading! It really is a great way for the club business, club activities, upcoming events, and member trips to be put into a monthly journal. The German "humor" is also something I always look forward to in a strange and weird way.....

While there is snow on the ground and the temperature, as I write, is 7 degrees, thoughts of riding and plans around our passion is always in season.

Jack (Akers) has taken over for Jack (Fetzer) and is already planning weekend and Sunday ride opportunities. Our annual Poker Run has been firmed up for May 31st, and the SE Ohio Beemers are having their inaugural Hopewell Road Rally May 1 - 3.

Join us for the next club meeting on March 10th as we have a special guest that will present to us information on becoming an instructor for Motorcycle Safety Foundation. Hope to see you there!

Jeff