



Editor's Corner

Brrrrrr!

It is still too cold! It is almost May and temperatures

have stubbornly remained under 60° and close to freezin' just after sunrise. Then again – just yesterday they said, that 10 years ago, we had 25 inches of snow in the North Royalton area, so it seems we are not doing bad after all and it could be worse. Hard to believe!

In spite of all this, preparing for the riding season is under way. I got new tires on the K16 and had it in service for both open recalls - the left handlebar switch and a computer remapping. The K1 received a set of new front fork seals before I took it out of storage. I felt really bad when Chuck got his hands all oily last season, when he helped me push it backwards and touched the stanchions.

I also picked up the Corvette from the storage facility and brought her home. That is usually the main indication at our place that winter is over: A car is parked in the driveway!

Then I made reservations for a rally –alas, it is not a BMW event! The ICOA, the "Honda CBX club" has a get-together at Fontana Village in June – same place the BMW MOA is in late April, so I do not miss that. Some great riding in that area – and I am not talking about the "Dragon"!

But I have my hopes up that I will get some good practice before that time!

Come on, Saint Peter, bring on that sunshine!

See you out there on 2 wheels! Sorry, Jim, 3 is O.K. too!



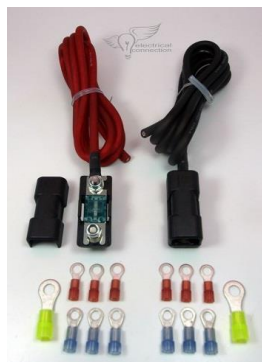
Mike

A little more than a month left for the most important spring event: **the BMW Motorcycle Club of Akron Poker Run, May 31st.** Although there may be plenty of other events before that date for some of you, it is important, that you move this one on your priority list way on top! Mike York and Dana Mc Mahan are the Poker Run Chair's and are reaching out to members to chair individual committees such as: Door Prizes, volunteered sign-ups, advertising/promotion, food & beverage, route development, and check-point merchant authorization. Raise your hands or sign up!

Here is a great product that will help to connect GPS, heated gear, phone charger and other power hungry farkles: *The Battery Connection Extenders* from www.electricalconnection.com

For bikes where the battery is not in an easy to access location, you can now create a new connection point in a more convenient location under the seat.

Also useful should you ever need to jumpstart (check current requirements for your bike) Small size makes them easy to hide. Built in slots allow the Extender to easily be secured to the frame with supplied wire ties.



You should have heard about this, but here it is again:

BMW Motorrad announced to its dealers that over 43,000 R and K motorcycles manufactured between November 2003 and April 2011 would be subject to a safety recall related to cracks forming on the rear wheel flange.

The most expensive BMW motorcycle for 2015 remains the K1600 GTL Exclusive: **MSRP \$29,995**

The K 1600 GTL Exclusive base model comes fully loaded with all options. There is no need to further specify any additional options. All that needs to be considered when ordering is seat height (low, standard or high). What a relief

Remember the **Great Chicken Rally May 22-24** Coke Ovens Historical Park- Dunlap, TN – **New Location**

The 2015 **Americade Motorcycle Rally** will descend on Lake George , NY, **June 2-6. Pre-Reg Events June 1!**

AMA Vintage Motorcycle Days at Mid-Ohio will be held from **July 10 to July 12.**

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Are you a planner?

A few years ago, I took a two week trip through Colorado, Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico. It was supposed to be the bike, sleeping bag, tent, clothes, and a campsite wherever the day ended. It didn't turn out this way – weeks before the trip, I knew exactly how many miles were between each planned campground that I had already reserved. This 'no plans' trip is still on my Bucket List, and I hope I can check it off one day.

So, are you a planner?

Do you already know if you are going to the MOA Rally in Montana? I'm sure John Bebout made hotel reservations the day after the location was announced. At the last meeting I mentioned a location that I am planning on attending in August at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway – the 2015 MotoGP and AMA Superbike races. If you want to see bikes legally going 215 mph, you might want to make plans!

Hopefully you have had time to put a few miles on the bike in between this typical Ohio April weather. Go ahead and fill in your MOA Mileage Contest form. Let's see how many club members we can get to participate!

It's almost May and I will be attending the Myrtle Beach Bike Week (with a day of fishing in between), but the planning is now for the **Akron BMW Poker Run** on Sunday, May 31st. I'm sure Dana and Mike York would LOVE to get a call from you to volunteer. Safe riding.

Jeff