



Editor's Corner

When I was 18 years old and had to make a decision about what direction to pick for a professional career, I went into mechanical engineering because I loved cars and motorcycles. 😊

Everything for me was about the internal combustion engine and the excitement of driving and riding.

I ended up spending my working life in the automotive industry. Over the years, I saw quite a few changes. Some were predicted and never materialized and some came true and are part of our daily life now, although many resisted them first. Anti-lock brakes come to mind!

I always liked manual transmissions and until my wife got a car with a "double clutch" and paddle shifters, I was not really fond of other types of gearboxes.

Now we reached a point, where everything that gave me goosebumps will disappear. The minds who control the future are definitely set on electric powered vehicles and, as far as cars are concerned, we are supposed to see "self-driving" vehicles on the road within five years.

Fortunately, this will be a little more difficult to incorporate into motorcycles, at least in the short term. So, I may be able to roll on the throttle, pull a clutch and shift into another gear.

It is bad enough, that our motorcycles are packed with electronics and devices that make it hard to maintain a close relationship to the machine. I am not stuck in the past, but where did the kick-starter, carburetor, cable controls, speedo and tach drive cables and manual adjustable suspension go?



It's time!

Get ready for our annual Poker Run on **Sunday, May 31st**. The route has been established, the volunteer sign-up sheet is out. We need a few more people to put their name down. Contact Leigh Summers, Mike York or Dana McMahan if you have not seen the list to see where more help is needed.

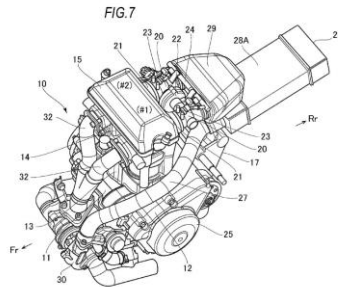


In spite of the gloomy forecast, some of us made it to the Cleveland BMW Open House and had a good time! The Bratwurst was excellent as always! Thanks to Dale and Nancy Kramer for putting this on. (I even scored a good deal on a new helmet!)



Several club members went to the Chicken Rally and are expected back any time now. Hope they had halfway decent weather! Riding in the rain is still not much fun for quite a few of us!

Sunday breakfast had a great turnout! Remember, we have the Odometer Poker going on and we will try to ride to a destination, provided the weather is nice and we have enough interest.



Suzuki filed for a patent for a turbo-charged motorcycle design. This is supposed to be based on an 588cc Twin. We had all this before in the 1980s, when all Japanese manufacturers turbo-charged a medium-sized model to give it big bike performance in a smaller package. So, we have to ask: What's new?

Here is a neat little new product from **Deltran**, the people who make the **Battery Tender**. If you have one of their single, plug-in tenders, you most likely have a wire pigtail connected to your battery. This USB adapter plugs right into that pigtail and allows you to charge your mobile device without having to use the power outlet. 😊



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If you have an "adventure-tourer" dual sport which you ride mainly on-road and need new tires, you should seriously consider the **Continental Road Attack 2**. An independent test by MCN showed excellent wear characteristics that indicated an expected life of 12,000 miles!



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