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Editor's Corner

It is September. Labor day is almost here, the ladies are not allowed to wear white anymore and the guys gear up the bikes for a final dash before getting them ready for hibernation.

The last months were the months of travel. We had the Vairs and the McMahan's touring the Emerald Isle. A shorter trip was made by some to attend Vintage Days at Mid-Ohio. Quite a few were in Billings for the MOA rally, even if it was only to pick up a pin and a t-shirt. Others and a few of the same went to the Four Winds Rally. I am sure there were a few more – forgive me if I left one out, but it is probably too much for just one person to cover them all.

But that doesn't mean, it is over already! The Finger Lakes Rally is still ahead of us and I'm sure there is a Akron BMW Motorcycle Club contingency that will make it there.

And here, back home, are a few things to do, uuh, to ride to, too.

The Malabar Farms Festival will be on at the end of September and early October we may make it, once again, to the Algonquin Mill Festival in Carrollton.

In between, we have our Sunday rides and some of the destinations we have not covered this year are Mohican, Foxburg, Oglebay and – one of my favorites – the Century Inn in Scenery Hill, PA for lunch!

Come on out on any Sunday and let's do this!

Then, it will be time enough, to put Stabil in the tank, change the oil, up the pressure in the tires, clean that bike up a bit, throw a cover over it and park it in the corner of the garage for the next five months!

Mike

For those of you who don't know how to spend all your money, Honda will have the right thing for you in 2016. It is called a RC213V-S, has titanium con rods, a small batch sand-cast crankcase, magnesium wheels and carbon fibre reinforced fairing AND a price tag of \$184,000 ..and you cannot take your wife or girlfriend for a ride.. 😊



At the time of print of this newsletter, the 2015 AMA Land Speed Grand Championship is being held at the Bonneville Salt Flats. Events run from Aug 29 through Sept 3. **Valerie Thompson** on a BMW S100RR may be among the competitors.

Other news from the racing front, Victory entered a racer in the Pikes Peak Hill Climb event. Renowned racer turned journalist Don Canet piloted the bike but did not finish. The Victory was still leading the UTV/Exhibition class in the fourth and final section before retiring with less than two miles to go.



Canet was running at a good pace, with a split time of 1:51.423 in the first section the second fastest time among all motorcycles behind Tigert, the leader on a Honda. It is being said that this may show a new direction to come for Victory. Now that Polaris has Indian to supply material to those who love heavy iron, its Victory brand may be free to become a high performance alternative for American riders.



Talking about Pikes Peak, there was a showing of a motorcycle produced from inventory based on Buell motorcycles that firearms maker

Magpul acquired after Harley-Davidson shut down the brand in 2009. Radical looking, but 2nd fastest.

Many in the BMW community fondly remember the K75, and there are a lot who claim, BMW never made a better K-bike. Well, there is a guy in San



Diego CA, - where else? – who takes a 1991 K75 and turns it into a modern bike. Zsolt Kovacs is the name



and 3D-designs is his company and he may be willing to build one for you.

Zsolt Kovacs Sonny, it's money that matters

Every Saturday in August, BMW Motorcycles of Cleveland had a little customer appreciation with Hot Dogs from the grill and Nancy's famous cookies. It's over, unfortunately, but there are still good reasons to take a leisurely ride there. Your's Truly took a trip last Saturday and had a great time talking motorcycles to a guy from Switzerland, a guy from South Africa and a police officer from Aurora, who stopped just to look at the 1977 R100S. The people you meet on a BMW...

Many of us know it and do it already: Take a daily dose of Fish Oil – Omega 3 fatty acids. It is a good remedy for all kinds of inflammation and thus helps lower back pain – a common ailment amongst motorcyclists. It has been recommended to take 2000-4000 mg a day (less if you get the runs!)

We are escaping for a few days to a hideaway from it all. A place right on the water, a Tiki-bar within walking distance....see you Sunday



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