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Editor's Corner

Although we are not done yet, I can look back and say "I had a good motorcycle year". In spite of going only on one longer trip, I had plenty of fun, largely because I got a couple of bikes back on the road after a longer rest due to some technical difficulties.

Wrenching on bikes can give you quite a sense of accomplishment, especially if everything turns out as planned and the bikes run as intended.

And they do! My 1973 Kawasaki 500 Triple runs like a scalded cat after a thorough carb cleaning and tuning and my 1983 Honda CB1100R is turning the wheels once again since parked in 2011. I know, they are no K1600, but the simplicity and absence of all the electronic *firefanz* is nice for a change. Not to mention the attention these older bikes draw, which is always a little flattering.



Totally unrelated: Some of you may know, I am a fan of Kevin Costner. So, I am very pleased to hear there is a sequel to "The Postman" in the making. I have it on good authority that updates and details will be available in the "President's Address" column! Stay tuned!



Mike

It looks like the month of September put up quite a fight against fall coming too early. Temperatures in the 90s set records in many places for this time of the year. Let's not complain. Winter will be here soon enough. Two months from now, we will be freezing.



Labor Day weekend had the 41st edition of the Finger Lakes Rally going on at Watkins Glen. Several of our members made it here. Some even "roughed" it and stayed in a cabin for the first (or last) time....



Christmas is getting closer and so is our **Club Christmas Party**. By popular demand, it is back at the Moose Lodge this year. Date is **December 12**. Contact Leigh Summers if you want to help prepare and set up. Details about how to sign up will come soon.

Concept bikes are the usual tool for manufacturers to stay in the headlines during slow times or test potential interest by the public.

Whatever the reason is for BMW, the latest Urban Racer Concept will sure stir some controversy. Check it out and decide if you like it. That thing has an "R" motor, mind you.

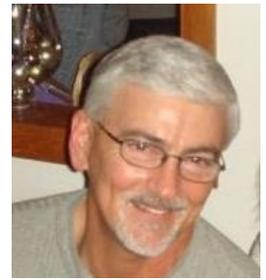


Roland Sands of RnineT fame, is working with Loyd Greer and Victory to put a 200mph V-twin together. I have no idea what the purpose of this is. You can only go straight on this thing.

25 years ago, BMW's infamous K1 model made its way to the U.S. It was the first MotY (Motorcycle of the Year) ever selected by *Rider* magazine. My "Ketchup and Mustard" model is eligible for historic plates now. But I don't know if I should give these up...after all, they made it all the way into a German magazine..



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A Presidential Address:

As some of you know, I am a recovering politician, so you can understand, that I think there must be a problem when 18 people show up for a club meeting!

I assumed that impeachment proceedings would begin and our club would have a new president within the hour.... But the topic was never brought up and we had a great meeting as members discussed their rides, destinations, and adventures from the past several weeks.

I really enjoy listening to stories and hear of places and people that our members have met and experienced while riding. To me, that is why we are a club: To ride our motorcycles and enjoy this great country, meet new people and see new things. Others can even live vicariously through those who return and share their travel stories and experiences. (Yes, I am one of those people!)

One topic that we continue to discuss is fund raising and club events. We had a number of ideas and thoughts aired at the last meeting, but we continue to leave the subject unresolved. The club has held rallies and poker runs in the past, but attendance has waned. Fund raising has become difficult and 'break even' has almost become the norm. But nothing does a club better than having members work and plan together for a common goal. We need to decide whether we want the club to focus on a fund raising cause or events that will provide the opportunity to enjoy the camaraderie and fellowship of the Akron BMW Motorcycle Club

I welcome your thoughts *Jeff*