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Fall is **Festival** time in Ohio and this year, we made both the **Malabar Farms Ohio Vintage Festival** ...



...and the **Algonquin Mill Festival** in Carrollton.



These are always nice destinations and great rides to get to and from.

Fall is also the time, when most motorcycle manufacturers use several large shows to introduce new models for 2016.

BMW used the Orlando Dealer meeting for this concept...



probably have one.

I sure hope, the Marketing guys have an idea to whom to sell it to. Jay Leno, will

As three-wheeled motorcycles and motor-cycle-like vehicles represent a growing segment of the powersport market, Honda does not want to miss out and announces the **Neowing**. This will be shown in Tokyo, October 31<sup>st</sup>. In order to set it apart from competition, it will be powered by a hybrid combination of a 4-cylinder gasoline engine and a second electric motor.



When I got actively involved in motorcycle street riding, BMWs were not necessarily on my radar. The /5 bikes really were not exciting and they earned the nickname "Gummikuh" in Germany for their spongy suspension and sedate temperament. The Japanese bikes, especially Hondas, were the ones most lusted after. During the last decade, Honda lost a lot of their leading edge and there is one hot segment, where they actually have no product to compete with: The Dual-Sport market! So, here they are with a new entry for 2016: The re-born Africa Twin:



It is powered by a new dry-sump 998cc SOHC parallel twin designed to have a low center of gravity. Equipped with the standard gearbox it will be priced at \$12,999. The DCT version (equipped with a dual-clutch automatic transmission) is a bit more, at \$13,699. Both models will have ABS as standard, plus traction control, which the company calls is Honda Selectable Torque Control. Other accessories aimed at satisfying the ADV crowd include side cases, a top box, heated grips, and an electrical socket. It remains to be seen if it will be a formidable competitor to the R1200GS and KTM Adventure

Finally, although already introduced as 2015 models, we will probably see more of the R1200RS and the R1200R. Both nice to look at!



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**Editor's Corner**

The leaves have started to fall, the temperatures have dropped and we had the first snow flurries! Nobody can argue that the motorcycle season is basically over for us here in Northeast Ohio.

Blessed are those who escape to warmer latitudes and are able to ride a little longer or maybe throughout the winter.

This must have been one of the years where I did the least amount of riding and put the lowest total mileage count on my bikes. The first trip was on April 12 to breakfast and - so far - the last one was on October 10 to breakfast and the Algonquin Mill Festival in Carrollton. This, and everything in between just added up to 3,636 miles.

No rallies to go to and no other long trips. We probably should not have trailered to the Blue Ridge Mountains with the CBX Club.

It also seems, the members are losing interest in Sunday rides after breakfast. While we did not attend all breakfast meetings, we came to 13 of them, but only 6 had a ride following the calorie intake. Don't know what's going on, maybe that's a subject for a club meeting discussion

As they say in Cleveland, when it comes to the Browns: *There is always next year!*

Last week, I started storage for the bikes and I was able to put away four of them. Still quite a few to go. Sometimes, I wish, I had only one bike.....just kidding!

There will be at least **ONE** ride left: I have a service appointment for the K1600 and it is supposed to be 71°!! Yeah!

*Happy Halloween!*

*Mike*