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Editor's Corner

This is sure a December to remember! Record high temperatures have been recorded all over North East Ohio. Many of us have taken a bike for a ride later in the year than ever before.

That includes me. I rode on December 13! My previous "latest ride" was in 2006, on December 4 and that was just a ride to work to put my sidecar rig into winter storage. And while some club members even went for a 200 mile ride after breakfast, I just took the 75 mile round trip to Farmer Boy, a scenic route back home. Not bad for December.



And while it seems to be finally over for most of us now, the thermometer is still on a roller coaster ride. Around freezing this weekend with snow squalls on the East side and back close to the 60s again for Christmas next week.

As this year comes to an end, I would like to thank all club members for expressing their appreciation for this newsletter.

I have been churning this thing out almost every month for 15 years now. Some better, some worse. I still remember Mike Blum bringing the issue up during a Tuesday club meeting, when he said "We need a newsletter". *Stupid Me* volunteered! 😊 It feels good to be appreciated. Happy Holidays and see you all in 2016!

Mike

One final "newsletter" for 2015! Not many news to report, as the month of December is usually a quiet one in the motorcycle scene. The BMW Motorcycle Club of Akron did celebrate with a Christmas Party and those of you who missed it, you missed a great time. The Moose Lodge does their best for food with the budget we provide them and the real important thing is getting together. The only time we can meet the "better halves" of many otherwise familiar faces.

See the separate page for some pictures!

The party also had an "official" segment in which the voting for 2016 club management took place. The candidates for most positions – actually all except secretary – were the incumbents, and all candidates ran unopposed. This resulted in the following:

President: Jeffrey Summers

Vice President: Dana McMahan

Treasurer: John Bebout

Secretary: Leigh Summers

*BoD: Chuck Austin, Bill Damron,
Jack Fetzer, Mike York, Fred Metcalf*

Congratulations to the new/old staff!

The raffle of the painting donated by Jack Fetzer brought in over \$350.-! A nice amount which will be donated to a charity for children in Wooster. The winner was Allyn Orlando.



Considering the amount of time and effort she puts into club activities, I couldn't think of a more deserving recipient.

A check in the amount of \$500.- was handed over to the Moose as a donation by the club for the Moose charities.

One of the things that is in the works for the new year is a change in our routine for the club meeting. We will try to combine a monthly meeting with the Sunday breakfast and have a Sunday brunch at a location to be determined. This will be a trial run for the month of January. Stay tuned for further information.

Let's take a sneak peek into next year! The Progressive Motorcycle Show will again make a stop in Cleveland. This time on January 29-31 at the usual venue, the IX center. The tour's show so far have shown presence by all major manufacturers and we should expect this for Cleveland also.

BMW showed two concepts, the controversial Project 101 and a heavily modified RnineT:



Indian seems to put their best effort forth to show that they intend to be force to be reckoned with:



We will most certainly have a contingency from the club going to the IX center after Sunday breakfast. Maybe we can have a little get-together afterwards to "chew the fat"??

2016 will be the anniversary year for some milestone BMW motorcycle models.

1936, 80 years ago, the introduction of the R5, a 494cc flat twin. First for two chain-driven camshafts, which permitted shorter pushrods and higher revs. Visually, the R5 was different inasmuch the tank did not sit between the upper frame members, but wrapped over them, as in all modern bikes.

1956, 60 years ago, the update of the 250cc single R25 to the R26 with Earle's fork.

1976, 40 years ago, the introduction of the /7s, the top models increased displacement from 898 to 980cc (R90 to R100) and the first production motorcycle with a full fairing, the R100RS, which came to the U.S. as a 1977 model.

1986, 30 years ago, the introduction of the K100LT Which ran as a 1100cc and last as 1200cc model and took the Flying Brick in the K1200LT until 2009.



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