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Editor's Corner

So far, this year has been quite something. The temperatures are really out of the ordinary. While we had a few days with bone-chilling, sub-zero numbers, most of the time the mercury rose above standard levels. Who remembers a February 20 in the 60s? And now some say that winter may be over as there will be only one day as low as 32° all the way to March 20.

Oh well, there may be an early start of the riding season coming up. Better hurry and get all the projects done to the bikes while they are still parked.

Gas prices have been the lowest in decades. I personally have seen it at \$1.36 per gallon, before it climbed back up close to \$1.80 in the last few days. This would have been the year to drive to Key West (I guess, some have done this!)

Talking long distance travel: Someone broke the long standing motorcycle coast-to-coast record by making an amazing 38 hour 49 minute dash from LA to NYC.

The rider, Carl Reese completed the 2,829-mile feat on a 1600 GT besting George Egloff's previous record of 42 hours set in 1983. But Reese is no stranger to this route. He set six records in under seven months from April through October 2015, including the official Guinness World Record for the shortest charging time from Los Angeles to New York City in an electric vehicle. In October 2015, Reese and two other drivers set the first semi-autonomous driving record from Los Angeles to New York City in 57 hours, 48 minutes in a Tesla Model S P85D. Looks like someone found his calling.

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A last minute, short-notice reminder: Sunday, February 21 will be our monthly club meeting as part of a brunch at the Galaxy in Wadsworth. You were supposed to let Dana McMahan know if you intend to participate. Be there at 11:20 a.m. for the meeting.

The event worth reporting about was the Motorcycle Show at the Cleveland IX Center. I even went twice as I was honored to join some "heavyweights" in the enthusiast segment on Friday, including Mark Mederski, the Director of the National Motorcycle Museum in Anamosa and former Director of the AMA Museum in Pickerington. Here are some impressions



One critical observation: There seems to be reverse of the "bell curve" going on in the motorcycle world. While it used to be that most bikes were geared towards the average rider and the extreme ends were there but not that numerous, it is upside down now. The extreme

ends, one, the dirt bike turned around-the-world supertourer, the other, the 200 mile-per-year custom bar hopper/boulevard cruiser dominate the field. Maybe, because every-thing else is bland and boring?? That could be. Funny enough, I found myself liking this bike a lot. Not because I would want to ride or even own it. But because of the sheer ingenuity and talented workmanship that went into building it. You had to see it. Words cannot describe it adequately



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A Presidential Address:

Hello members and fellow riders!

I am gone for a while as we are taking some time out in warmer latitudes - Key West and the surroundings to be precise.

As Mike decided to make this a picture issue, I thought, I spare you my comments and rather show you some pics to make you jealous!



Jeff