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Editor's Corner

Strange thing is, for me, Spring is almost coming too early this year. I feel that I am quite behind with some of the projects I had planned to do, before the riding season starts again. Reworking the triple-double-barrel carbs on my KZ1300 took longer than expected. Yes, carbs! A raise of hands by those who own a bike that still has carburetors!



The 1980 Kawasaki Z1000 Classic was the first production bike with electronic fuel injection. The system was manufactured for Kawasaki by *Japan Precision Electronics*, which had the rights to produce the *Bosch Jetronic* system specifically for motorcycles. In actual fact it was identical in concept and design to the Bosch fuel-injection that was being used on Datsun (Nissan) cars at the time. Ironically, almost 3 years before Bosch introduced fuel injection together with BMW on the K100. By now, "setting the float height" is almost a lost art...(you could also call it a "pain in the neck").

Well, the carbs are done now, and when we return from a trip - we really had not planned - I will check the valves and get the old lady running. You may see her a little more often than in previous years.

Until then, ride safe, if you get out early. Remember, you want to get used to it again....

Mike

Some of you probably just got rid of your **St Patrick's Day** hang-over. I am always amazed about how much the Irish have managed to establish their presence in the U.S. Sometimes, you get the impression the only immigrants here are from Italy and Ireland



Before you know it, Easter will be upon us! Earlier this year than most times before. In 1818, March 22, was Easter. It will not fall as early again until 2285 - a span of



467 years. A notably early, but not as such, was 2008's Easter - March 23. Before then, it last occurred that early in 1913, and will occur again in 2160. For quite a few, riding season has already started and for some it never stopped - thanks to a unusually mild Winter. So much for moving to Florida.

We have to decided to continue the "Odometer Poker" again this year! Club members are eligible to participate on Sunday morning riding their bike to breakfast. The last five (full mile) digits of the odometer will determine a "poker hand". The high hand wins a Farmer Boy gift certificate, which will pay for the next breakfast.



With different e-mails and other communication, you have been alerted to the plans for our annual Poker Run on **May 22** this year. Make sure to reserve the date and sign up to volunteer!

The early rally event this year is, once again, the Georgia Mountain Rally, put on by the BMW Motorcycle Club of Georgia, April 29th - May 1st. Supposedly, there is great camping available!

If you are still spending your time reading about motorcycles instead of riding them already, get a copy of the March/April issue of *Motorcycle Classics*. It has several nice features, about the BMW K1, the Norton Commando, Suzuki's GS1150E and the Harley VR1000 racer as well as a flashback to 1986 and a trip report from Florida to Alaska on a *Honda CB550!* - **yikes!**

Sunday, April 3, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Akron Motorcycle Swap Meet, Summit County Fairgrounds. Admission \$5.- free parking. Includes a bike show! Greater Akron MC holds a 50/50 drawing.



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Having our club now also being a chartered club of the BMW RA, the discussion on if or how to make a reference to this in our club logo is ongoing. We have to decide, if we want to show both the MOA and RA number in the logo or none at all.

Once again, thanks to Dana and Allyn for holding down the fort and conducting the February meeting. This was our first attempt to do something different and have the meeting in an alternative location.

While it seems to have been a good get-together, the feedback about whether to do it again was not unanimous.

We have some events coming up that may be of interest, which I would like to bring to your attention:

I plan to attend the Rolling Thunder event over Memorial Day weekend in Washington together with several fellow riders from Goodyear. Assemble at the Pentagon on Sunday morning and ride to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Let me know, if you want to go.

The Combat Veterans MC Association - my son Justin is a member - will have a Veterans Homeless Initiative ride that starts in Kent at the American Legion, Saturday, July 23rd (it's the weekend after the MOA Rally), and goes to the Vietnam Veterans Wall in Clinton, OH. A concert is afterwards. It would be nice if the club would participate.

Showing our presence at local events/rallies advertises our club.

And of course - planning is well under way for the MOA rally in Hamburg, NY, July 14 - 17.

Jeff