



**Editor's Corner**

So! Winter is finally here. But with the usual northeast Ohio idiosyncrasies – about 20 miles from where we are, they had 32 inches of snow in 24 hours while we had virtually nothing.....but then, during the second coming, we got our share of snow, sleet and freezing rain

I am not complaining! I just wish, these weather guys could do a little better job of forecasting what will actually happen.

Christmas is almost here. Time to slow down a little and enjoy the thought-fulness of the Holiday Season. As the composer and singer of my favorite Christmas song just passed away, I have particular reason to reflect.

RIP Greg Lake. I have quoted a verse from his song before. Here is all of it, with my best wishes for all of you

*They said there'll be snow at Christmas  
 They said there'll be peace on Earth  
 But instead it just kept on raining  
 A veil of tears for the Virgin's birth  
 I remember one Christmas morning  
 A winter's light and a distant choir  
 The peal of a bell and a Christmas tree smell  
 And their eyes full of tinsel and fire  
 They sold me a dream of Christmas.  
 They sold me a silent night.  
 And they told me a fairy story  
 'till I believed in the Israelite  
 And I believed in Father Christmas  
 And I looked to the sky with excited eyes  
 'till I woke with a yawn in the first light of dawn  
 And I saw him and through his disguise  
 I wish you a hopeful Christmas  
 I wish you a brave new year  
 All anguish pain and sadness  
 Leave your heart and let your road be clear  
 They said there'll be snow at Christmas.  
 They said there'll be peace on earth  
 Hallelujah noel be it heaven or hell  
 The Christmas we get we deserve*

*Mike*



In spite of a smaller turnout than usual, the Club Christmas party was a success. The “die-hards” who made it, had a jolly good time. Thanks again to Allyn, who could not be there herself, but pulled all the necessary strings in advance to make this event go smoothly.

OMG - There were **shrimp** left over for some to take home.



The 2016 Progressive International Motorcycle Show (IMS) is coming to Cleveland again and there will be a few new things to see. BMW Motorrad will show a pair of its newest and smallest rides: the 2017 G 310 R roadster, and its (slightly) more adventurous counterpart, the 2017 G 310 GS. The R takes its styling cues from its bigger sibling the S 1000 R, while the little GS looks for all the world like a miniature R 1200 GS — none of which is a bad thing.

Honda will show the retro-style CB1100EX, new for the U.S., demonstrating that it is still possible to make an air-cooled in-line Four that meets all noise and emission requirements. For us old guys, the style brings back all the memories from the glorious 70s, when you could adjust the idle speed with a screwdriver...



We may see the new Vanguard Roadster, not only a brawny new bike but also a new brand with big ambitions. Vanguard is an audacious startup that reckons it can use the increasing digitization of manufacturing to ride with the pack of long-established bike companies, such as Honda, Yamaha, Harley-Davidson, BMW and others. That might sound laughable. So far, Vanguard has built a grand total of one machine. At around \$30,000, complete with a thumping 1.9 litre V-twin engine, it is priced at the premium end of the market ...Not surprising when you learn that the guys behind this are the former head-honchos of “Confederate” were they were able to bilk quite a few out of steep amounts for gaudy looking two-wheelers. Let's see!



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