



Editor's Corner

So! We are back to Winter. All of us who had their hopes up for an early start to the riding season got smacked right across the head and had to put gas in the snow thrower instead.

The few who do not put their bike away in the off-season and have it ready on demand any day could have seen something like the above.

I do remember fondly, when I was a kid in Germany, large bikes were dubbed "Elephants" and there was an "Elephants Meet" every year in January where bikes, of course mostly with sidecars, converged on the Nürburgring race track for a motorcycle rally. Don't think anybody camped, though. I think it is still going on. At least a few years back it was.



I never made it. All part of my belief that *Motorcycling* should be fun (!) Several years ago, Cindy and I attended Bike Week at the end of March in Daytona and we rode the K1 from Deltona to Daytona Beach, 25 miles at 8:00 in the morning at 38 degrees. Cindy's face under the full face helmet was frozen blue when we rolled off at I-95 and Speedway Blvd at the HoJo and it took her an hour to somewhat recover. I draw the line right there. You can keep your heated grips, seats and vests all for yourself. Smart people invented metal roofs and heater cores for motor vehicles to travel in inclement weather



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Motorcycles are becoming more and more the objects of the owner's ex-pression of his wealth and above-the-crowd status than mere items of re-creation, fun and alternative transport.

On Monday, March 13 orders started being taken for the **2017 Jack Daniel's Limited Edition Indian Chieftain**, which has a starting price of \$35,000. On Thursday, Indian Motorcycles reported it received pre-order deposits for all 100 units that will be produced within just 10 minutes.

The actor Keanu Reeves and designer Gard Hollinger worked together on the right bike for the actor and everyday rider, and then co-founded the Arch Motorcycle Company. The Arch motorcycle model designation is the KRGT-1, but no two are alike. The base bike weighs 538 pounds dry and holds 5 gallons of gas, for a range of 185 to 210 miles. During the custom build plan and design process for each bike, buyers consult with Arch designers and engineers to tailor ride comfort and performance options, making choices that included forward or mid controls and footpeg and handlebar adjustments. Color and finish choices are limited by your imagination. Unsurprisingly, all this custom work comes at a price, and the KRGT-1 costs \$78,000. This consists of an initial \$15,000 deposit to get started, \$20,000 after all design choices have been made, and the remaining \$43,000 on delivery, plus tax.



If you want to spend a little less, there is the simplest bike in Triumph's inventory, the Street Twin is still bristling with modern touches including fuel injection, ABS, traction control, liquid cooling, an informative speedo with LCD panel, and back-to-basics (and plain comfortable) ergonomics. At 900cc it's no light-weight, but as long as you can touch your toes down on both sides, the Street Twin is an easy bike to ride and grow into. Because it's a bigger bike you can

add on some soft bags, a bug screen, and a sleeping bag to cover distance without a problem. At \$8,700 out the door, that's a lot of bike for the buck and you can buy it and get it serviced right here in Akron.

The 2017 Season Rally announcements are coming in:

March Moto Madness, Adventure Rally March 30 thru April 2
801 Steer Creek Rd Tellico Plains, Tennessee 37385
CONTACT@MARCHMOTOMADNESS.COM

Georgia Mountain Rally Friday, May 5, thru Sunday, May 7,
Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds 1311 Music Hall Road Hiawassee, GA 30546
<http://www.georgiamountainfairgrounds.com>

MOA Getaway Fontana April 21 thru April 23
Fontana Village Lodge 300 Woods Rd Fontana, North Carolina 28733



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