



Editor's Corner

I believe we are getting there. Riding weather that is! We had a few great days and - typical for April – it has been a roller coaster. For those of you who keep track of their miles to compare - I know, most lie to get a honorable mention among the mileage slaves in the MOA magazine – I put 480 miles on my bikes so far.

Easter came and went without a big fuzz...

We had a good ride on Good Friday to the Riverside Inn in Cambridge Springs – thanks to Dana McMahan for pushing



to get the machine going! It may not have been one of the most exciting rides I have been on, considering Rte322 being just straight and straight and straight.... but at least, we were riding.

It almost did not happen for us as a couple of days before, I experienced a typical failure on the bike related to the crappy fuel we get on the pumps. 10 or 15% ethanol (alcohol) will play havoc with certain materials used in fuel conveyance systems. In my case, the quick-connect fitting from the in-tank fuel pump to the hose running to the injectors desintegrated and poured fuel out like a fountain.

The fact that the dealer had the part in stock and the parts-guy confirming they sell quite a few, should tell you something. I am glad, at least the corn farmers are happy!

I really wonder how confident anyone can be to take a bike – even, or especially, a new bike - on a cross-country trip.

Looking forward, I am further preparing for the season by assessing what needs to be done to get all bikes back on the road. So far, I have come up with two new batteries, one set of new tires, one tank cleaning and some minor cosmetic improvements for some of the classics with new parts that have been accumulated over the winter and wait to get used. Baby steps. I am getting there.

May is almost here and that is usually the month when everything begins at once. I hope I find the time to do the things that **need** to be done: Fertilizing the lawn, pruning the shrubs and getting the patio furniture out of the shed and back on the deck.

Sometimes I wonder how I got everything done before I retired and was still working..

Mike



Nothing more needs to be added! Let's just hope we get enough volunteers as Pallbearers for the event on May 21st!

Look for a separate flyer and announcement for a **Riding Season Kick-Off** event on that day at the Moose Lodge.

Let's welcome **Nikki Huffman** of Canton as our newest member. Nikki rides a R1100R if memory serves me well and you may have met her at breakfast a couple of times.

Talking about breakfast...it seems our Sunday breakfast meeting has lost some of its luster judging by the lack of attendance. Then again, there was something exciting happening on April 16. The night before, at the Indians' baseball game, I met an old acquaintance: **Dave Edwards**, former editor of **Cycle World** magazine. He was in town all the way from California to trace some of his steps and visit places he used to (Cleveland motorcycle Supply) and watch his favorite baseball team – the Detroit Tigers – of which he has been a fan for a long time. Cut a long story short: When I learned that he was staying at the Holiday Inn Select in Strongsville, 2 miles from our house, I tried and I was able to talk him into joining us for breakfast the next day, letting him ride the K1600GT while I tried to catch up on the RT. It was a great experience. I think everybody who was there would agree that it was awesome to have him there and listen to the stories he had to tell. For a change, I didn't have to talk so much to entertain the crowd. Those of you who missed it, really missed it!



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

Hopewell Road Rally, Friday May 5, thru Sunday, May 7,
Happy Hills Campground, 22245 State Route 278 Nelsonville, Ohio
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BMW Motorcycle Club of Akron Riding Season Kick-Off Gathering Sunday May 21st
Games, Fun and Bike Talk, Mogadore Moose Lodge 4095 Mogadore Rd
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