



**Editor's Corner**


This was some fall! We sure had our share of disasters all around us. From the horrific wildfires in California to the damage that Hurricane Harvey did in Texas, Hurricane Irma in Florida, Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico and then the shootings in Las Vegas and Sutherland Springs. And it is still going on on a smaller scale even close to us. It seems like no day goes by, that we don't have some mentally deranged or somehow irritated person takes a gun and shoots someone. And the armed robberies where people get killed for a couple of bucks, probably because someone needs to feed a drug addiction.

With respect to some of your opinions and stands I will withhold mine as far as the gun issue is concerned. But me coming from a country in Europe, you will probably guess in which corner I am.

As far as the natural disasters are concerned, we were mostly spared, but most of us at least knew someone who was directly affected.



The only thing that "hit home" was the strong storm that rampaged through our area, including our very neighborhood and uprooted numerous trees. As they say - One man's loss is another man's profit: I helped our neighbor to clean up a little and made quite a bit of firewood!

In Germany we say: The Axe In The House Saves You From Calling The Carpenter - 

I don't really know where exactly we are this year as far as the onset of the cold season is, but I think I am a little ahead. Everything that needs to be stored is stored and has gone hibernating. Let's see how many of the projects that should be addressed during the non-riding period will actually be tackled. There are sure enough of them.

Right now, I am looking forward to a few more occasions this year to hang out with you and shoot the breeze.

Happy Thanksgiving !

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Here we are: Thanksgiving is on the doorsteps and right afterwards the die-hards in the club will convene for a Christmas Party on December 2 at the Moose Lodge. If you have not turned in your reservation yet, you have until November 25 to do so! John Bebout will take your money

In far away places, motorcycle activities are still going on. In Milan Italy, they had the EICMA, one of two large motorcycle shows over there, where manufacturers show their new models and concepts to gauge customer interest. Here are a few examples of what is new for 2018:



BMW F-GS 850

Brough Superior SS100 Pendine Sand Racer

Kawasaki Z900RS Retro



Ducati Panigale V-4

Indian Scout Bobber

Norton 961 California

In California, Long Beach to be exact, the Progressive Motorcycle Show has kicked off the tour for the U.S. There, BMW is doubling down on its large motorcycle offerings, adding a K 1600 Grand America variation to its recently revealed K 1600 B Bagger touring bike, as well as the new 215-horsepower HP4 Race; the HP4 will cost \$78,000.

Honda will be showing off its brand-new Gold Wing touring motorcycle, which is to some the gold standard in that big bike category. The new model weighs slightly less than its predecessor but is loaded with new technology and accessories.

KTM has added options to its big 1290 Adventure, and will display the 1290 Super Adventure S. The dirt-centric company will also have models of its highly anticipated two-stroke, fuel-injected 250cc XC trail bike.

Yamaha has unveiled a number of exciting new motorcycles this year, but none of the most intriguing ones will be at the Long Beach show. Most conspicuous by its absence is the company's unconventional but intriguing three-wheeled Niken Street bike.



Following Long Beach, the Progressive IMS will move on to New York, Minneapolis, Dallas, Cleveland, Chicago and Washington.



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