



### Editor's Corner

For some time now, I have had an issue with my 2011 SUV that really bugs me. The left rear passenger door lock acts up. Some times the door locks and stays locked, some times it does not want to lock remains unlocked. Back and forth. Finally it locks and will not open anymore. As the door is locked, there is no easy way to take the inside door panel off and get to the lock mechanism. According to the dealer service dept. it is not an unusual problem and it will require replacement of the "door locking module", an \$800.- part....if you can get someone to get the door open.

This brings me to this month's rant. Owning a few "collectible" motorcycles and cars, I don't think the manufacturers make anything anymore that will be "collectible" down the road. Including our BMW motorcycles. With all the electronic "modules" and nick-nacks that some think we need (funny enough, they obviously convince enough customers that they do!) a lot of essential components are prone to fail and will be impossible to replace in, say, 25 years.

You can argue all you want, but I do not need cruise control, an airbag, radio, heated grips or self-driving features on any of my bikes. My 2012 K1600 has some of that and I never use it.

On most of my older bikes, I do not have to worry about ethanol laced fuel eating the plastic parts in the fuel conveyance system, because there aren't any.

What are you going to do with your \$30,000 bike in 10 years, when no dealer wants to work on it anymore and you have a \$645.- part on the fritz that you cannot find.

Oh my, there seems something to be said even for British bikes of the 60s that just leak oil

With the ever increasing number of vehicles in traffic, our MBA certified experts push for more "driver aid" features, instead of putting emphasis on teaching driving skills. Honda works on bikes that are self-balanced....almost every car manufacturer has some "lane control" feature in some or all models... "self braking" is touted to be a life saver. Because the person behind the wheel has more important things to do than watching traffic ahead.

If you really don't want to drive or ride yourself, Why don't you take a bus???

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Our **Poker Run** for 2018 is in the books. While it was less of an event than in past years with only 48 signed up participants, at least the weather held up and everybody had a decent time. Thanks are in order, once again, to all who volunteered and helped making it go smooth. Also, a special thank you to our friends from the Greater Akron MC, who came and signed up in spite of not being able to go on the ride as they had another commitment. Details of the outcome and final result for the Save Ohio Strays will most likely be available after next club meeting.

As most of us expected, the weather went straight from winter to high summer without any spring this year. Only a few of us had been riding up until a week ago, and now we are already in the "**Rally Season**". The Georgia Mountain Rally, Myrtle Beach Bike Week, The Run ForThe Wall, Aspencash and Riding Into History are already behind us as of this riding and we now have:

- June 4-9 Americade Lake George, New York
- June 9-17 Laconia Motorcycle Week, Laconia, New Hampshire
- June 10-14 STAR Motorcycle Sport Touring Association Rally, Lacrosse, Wisconsin
- June 21-24 Thunder in the Valley, Johnstown, Pennsylvania

- July 12-15 BMW MOA International Rally Des Moines, Iowa
- July 19-22 BMW RA National Rally, Wellsboro, Pennsylvania

In addition to the above rallies, there are a few events for the fans of vintage bikes and those who do not necessarily look for campground camaraderie:

- June 2-3 Ohio Valley BSA Owners Club Spring Classic, Toronto, Ohio
- June 8-10 Vintage Motofest, Road America, Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin
- June 10 40<sup>th</sup> Annual BSAOCNE, British Motorcycle Meet, Lancaster, Pennsylvania
- June 23 Vintage Rally at the National Motorcycle Museum, Anamosa, Iowa

July 6-8 AMA Vintage Motorcycle Days, Lexington, Ohio

If you still own a bike or two with control cables, instead of "ride by wire", you may want to check Motion Pro's new V3 Lubrication Tool 08-0609 For under \$20.- it sounds like a great addition to your tool box.

Would also make a great gift for a friend, who is fond of older bikes....



Without big fanfare making us aware of it, **Dan Gurney** passed away January 14. For many, including myself, he was known more for his car racing activities and his Eagle racecars than as a motorcyclist, but most remember the "Alligator", a low CoG concept. He was 86.

Please join us to welcome new club members **Jeff and Max McCullough** and back, after taking a sabbatical, **Rodney Griffin!**



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