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Newsletter of the BMW Motorcycle Club of Akron



Editor's Corner

Hello fellow club-members!

This is the first attempt to provide you with a regular club newsletter. What you are holding here is a "prototype", so to speak. My name is Mike; my wife's name is Cindy. As far as BMW's are concerned, we ride a 1990 red and yellow K1 and a 1999 Charcoal R1100RT (the one with the checkered flag on the fairings). Like this newsletter, I am myself a recent addition to the club and have accepted the task of putting this together for us. My editorial and graphic talents are limited, my PC skills are mediocre, and I have to rely on your help!

This is **YOUR** Newsletter!

So, if you have anything that you would like to see in here, either in a particular edition or on a regular base, please let me know. We are trying to get this to you once a month, I am guessing in the third week, which will give us a chance to re-cap some of the issues addressed in a previous Club meeting and also to prepare for the upcoming one. I have met some of you, don't know many of you by name yet, but I hope this will change. I will make a serious effort to be a regular at both the monthly Club and Sunday breakfast meeting and I am waiting for your suggestions on how to make this newsletter both an entertaining and useful part of our club activities. E-mail me at

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Keep that shiny side up!

All right! Some of this year's exciting events have already passed, like the National in Spokane, AMA Vintage Days (with our favorite Motorcycle brand being the featured marque) and "Sturgis" should be over by now too (Thanks God!) However! This is no reason to become a couch potato!

Check your tire pressure, oil your chain—oops, sorry, you don't have one --- and get ready to ride!

Sunday, August 15, we will go on a **Bologna Run**, leaving right after breakfast from Farmer Boy's. Destination is Marietta, and for those of you who have not received the ride sheet via e-mail, see Bill.

August 27-29 offers a short ride to East Harbor State Park near Port Clinton to check out the **Black Swamp at the Beach** party with BMW Rider's of Toledo. Take Rte 2 to Port Clinton, exit at 250 and follow 250 North to park. 15 minutes from Cedar Point. Contact Gary Haydel (419)666-3126

September 3-6 marks this year's date for the **30th Finger Lakes Rally** at the Watkins Glen State Park Hidden Valley Campground. Several members have made plans to go, so if you don't have anything else to do on Labor Day weekend, be part of it. Pre-registration deadline is 8-20. \$45.- Get a form at www.fingerlakesbmw.org or call Chuck Gilmore at (315)652-9679 or e-mail him at chujane@dreamscape.com

September 10-12 is the weekend of the 2004 **B.S. Rally** put on by the Buckeye Beemers. It takes place at the Lake Snowden Campground, 5 miles West of Athens on U.S. 50. Rally fee is \$35.-The club will have an organized showing of some sort, hoping that many of us can participate. Stay tuned for details.

For Sale/Wanted:

If you are unfamiliar or feel uncomfortable with "ebay", you may place an offer for that rare item or "cry for help" right here in our newsletter. Remember: Junk is Stuff we throw away, Stuff is Junk we keep!

A Word from our President:

Hello Everyone!

Some important things are happening around the club! As you all may have heard by now, our Fall Poker Run had to be cancelled due to lack of available support from club members. Also, at the same time, the **Buckeye Beemers' BS Rally** is taking place in Athens, Ohio and a suggestion was made to have a larger club contingency making a presence there. We will keep you posted about the details.

Our last club meeting on Tuesday 8-10 had quite a number of members showing. Thanks to all that came. We are trying to get a higher level of member involvement and active participation in the club and were able to have some great discussions. One suggestion was to change the monthly club meeting from Tuesday to maybe a Sunday morning breakfast venue to make it easier for members to attend.

As designating a different meeting day would collide with our Club Bylaws, a motion was made to change the wording in the bylaws to give us more flexibility in this matter. I hope we will hear your opinion on this. More to come soon!

Ride safe!