



AKRON BMW

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Editor's Corner

Hello Club-members!
I am glad to see we made it to the second edition of our Newsletter. I appreciate all the positive feedback I have received and I would like to thank all of you for your kind words. Now, if we can get a few more of you to chip in and get involved, we will sure be on the right track. Cindy and Fred lead by example and have provided an account of two rallies they attended. You see their report on the right. Thanks a lot for this!

As I am writing this, several of you will be preparing for the RA Rally in West Virginia and I hope we get some feedback from there too. On a personal note, I am starting to get the blues because the riding season has begun to taper down. As usual work gets in the way and, as in previous years, the by now almost mandatory end-of-September business trip to the "home land" will cut a few more weeks off the precious time left for riding. On the upside, I may be able to see the new K1200S in person over there. At least one visit to a BMW dealer is on the list of things to do.

Much to our chagrin Cindy and I had to miss the Buckeye State Rally due to a health problem with a dear family member – our dog. This hurt even more when we heard from Bill and Sonny what we missed. Read about it to the right! Although space does not permit a detailed report (that's funny) about it, I would like to put on record that Bill organized one mighty fine **Bologna Ride** to Marietta. Great road selection! I counted 14 bikes starting out and much to my surprise, 12 managed to stay together almost the whole way.

Again, along the lines of member participation in the Newsletter, I was thinking about including a member portrait section ever so often. This would be a really nice way to get to know each other a little better. Any volunteers out there? E-mail me at mike.simon@luk-as.com
Keep that shiny side up!



Newsletter of the BMW Motorcycle Club of Akron

Since the August Club Meeting and Newsletter, we attended two rallies and really had a good time:

4 Winds:

Scenic Bethel, PA isn't supposed to have monsoons, but the rains arrived Friday night after we were nestled (tent and bike) in the sheep stable with about fifty other campers. Thanks Tom and Sharon for the suggestion to move there. During the storm that night a huge tree split and fell near our would-have-been campsite.

But storms don't keep BMW-riders down. It was a special treat to have Sonny and Rita join us both nights. Mike, Chris and Bill arrived Saturday after the flood. Ask them to share pictures of the trip West. All in all it was a great rally, despite the rain.

30th Finger Lakes Rally

This was our 2nd year at the beautiful Watkins Glen State Park. What made this rally so much fun was the great showing of the Akron BMW Club members! We camped with Bill and Al, while Mike, Chris, Dick, John and Chuck had less primitive accommodations. Highlights included rides to Bully Hill for a little wine tasting and a trip around Lake Seneca. We didn't personally test our skills on the track or ride the GS mud run - yes, we have a new (new to us) GS!!!. Maybe next year when we are more comfortable with the bike.

As always, the vendors offered things we didn't know we needed until we saw them. It was great to see some of the vintage bikes on display and to know that Chuck had one of the nicest – HE WON HIS CLASS! Hope even more of you can join us next year.

Cindy and Fred

Those of us who attended the September Club meeting were able to hear what Bill and Sonny had to say about the **BS Rally**:

Together with Mike, Bob and Tom and Sharon and several others, they attended one of the nicest rallies. The absolute highlight was the Saturday night dinner which was catered by the Ohio State Culinary School in the Picnic Pavillon. By far the BEST food ever presented on any rally. And Bill knows food! They even had waiters serving and tending to the tables. While camping, Bill made the acquaintance of several riders – none of which was on a BMW! Riding a Yamaha, ST1300 and a Honda Goldwing they were all BMWOA members, and are usually attending the rallies. Just shows, how much fun usually can be had. On the trip back, some late effects of the Hurricane brought some flooded roads that needed to be negotiated, but that could not dampen the experience.

For Sale: One set of hardly used **Ilium Works** rear (passenger) floorboards for RT1100/1150. Height adjustable. See their ad in BMWON for picture. New \$380.- Asking \$250.- Mike (330)273-7260 or catch me at the breakfast meeting.



A Word from our President

Hello All!
I would like to let you know, that I am really excited about the recent developments regarding member involvement in club related activities. Both our August and the September Club meeting each had an outstanding number of people showing who seem to be interested in what we are doing as a club! Again, I would like to urge everybody to make an effort to come to the meetings as we will continue to decide on major issues and happenings.

For example: It was agreed to have a **Pig-Roast** as our Fall party. It was also agreed to have that on **Saturday, October 16**. Bill and Donna have volunteered to host this event at their home. On behalf of the membership: Thank you very much, Bill and Donna! We will post more details on the web-site and maybe have a separate flyer available.

Talking about the web-site. Once again, I would like to thank Teri for putting this up and doing an outstanding job with this! For all of you, who haven't been there yet, this is the address:
<http://gozips.uakron.edu/~tmackey/>

Several changes to the Club Bylaws have been proposed which are posted there. Please take time and read them and if you want to, comment. We will mostly likely vote during the November club meeting whether we will be implementing these changes.

Also, we will begin the process of Club Officer nomination in the October club meeting on the 12th. Be There or Be Square!

Ride safe! Sonny.

Treasurer Report:
I am providing a regular update during our Club meetings, but I would like to briefly confirm that we are in good shape, financially. Please remember, membership renewals are due soon. As usual, we will send reminders with the invitation to the Christmas Party, but we will appreciate early and timely payment. The first five who will renew will get a chance to purchase the Akron edition of the new Entertainment Book!