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Editor's Corner

Hello Club-members!
It seems this year is just flying by. With our 3-week trip to Europe behind us now, it is almost time to start winterizing bikes. As nice as A vacation to the Old Country is, it always takes valuable time out of the riding season, which is short enough as it is in Ohio. I have a few friends in California who I share the passion for a specific motorcycle model with and they can ride almost year 'round. While it's nice to think about, I am not sure whether it would be worth to put up with all the other perils of life in CA just for that.

After all, I don't think we have it that bad here in Ohio and I know some of you ride your bikes well into December and maybe even all year. Well, somebody has to show these Goldwing guys that they are not the only tough ones, or? Not we, though. Cindy and I are too much of comfort creatures and we let our bikes hibernate. Call us weenies, but by the time the next newsletter comes around our bikes are all properly stored, with fuel stabilizer in the tanks and batteries connected to a tender. Regarding that subject, I aquired a WESTCO AGM battery for my K1 this summer and this is one awesome unit. Never had a battery that had less of a discharge during non-use periods and more raw cranking power. Considering the terrible job it is to get to the battery in almost all new BMWs, this is definitely the way to go.

I was a little upset that I missed the Intermot in Munich by one week. Would have loved to see that K1200R in person. From what I hear, it was tough to get a picture as the crowds were amassed around it all the time.

I have started to collect e-mail addresses of those who want to receive this newsletter via e-mail and have begun to distribute it electronically. If you want to be on the list, send your address to mike.simon@luk-as.com

Keep that shiny side up!

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BMW provided another highlight during the *INTERMOT* motorcycle show in Munich in form of the K1200R. This will be the most powerful naked bike on the market when it hits the dealers early in 2005.

Other news are the introduction of the 1200cc motor in the R1200RT and R1200RS for Spring of 2005. The other boxer models, R1100S and R1250R will remain with their powerplants for the time being.

The new K1200s that is on the showroom floors in Germany already suffered a setback in form of a recall because of failing cams. Supposedly a hardening process at the supplier needed to be revised. Production has been halted and all approx. 1,000 units already delivered will be reworked. I hear that the Motorcycle community over there has already picked a nickname for the bike. After "Gummikuh" for the airheads and "Flying Brick" for the K-bike, this one is being dubbed "Baboon Butt" for its controversial taillight appearance.

With the Boxer Cup coming to an end after 2004, BMW dropped a bomb by letting it leak that they are working on a MotoGP entry for as early as 2005. The bike supposedly uses the K1200S transverse engine concept in a 3-cylinder version. See a picture in the upper left corner.

Karl Heinrich, inventor and manufacturer of BMW custom tanks and fairings passed away at the age of 90. I am sure some of us had his products on our bikes or at least drooled over the stuff he offered.

The **2005 BMWOA International Rally** will be on July 21-24 in Lima, Ohio, at Allen County Fairgrounds. The theme is "Beemerville, USA. Again, it coincides with another motorcycle event in Ohio, the AMA Superbike Races at Mid-Ohio in Lexington which follow AMA Vintage Days at the same location the weekend before.

Bill and Donna: Thanks for a great time at the Pig-Roast That was one awesome party with a couple of outstanding hosts!

Our **Holiday Banquet** will take place on **Saturday, December 4, 2004**. Mark your calendars. Invitations will be send out soon, together with the reminder to renew the Club membership.

For Sale:

2000 K1200LT/C, well maintained, clean, 52K. Located in Wakemah, OH. Call Fred Davis (419)929-0291 Or e-mail Frednan3@aol.com

Custom Vinyl Graphic Decal Set for a R1100S. Chequered Flag design in Silver. 3 pieces. Left and right fairing and tailpiece. Asking \$60.- Mike (330)273-7260 or mike.simon@luk-as.com



A Word from our President

Hello All!

Thanks again to all those who came to the last Club meeting. We had 16 members in attendance, which was quite a turnout..

Please remember, we have elections for Club officers coming up. We have nominations for all positions and also for the Board of Directors. Nominations can still be made up until and during the November Club meeting which will be on November 8, which will also be the last Club meeting before our banquet on Saturday December 4. All of you who could not attend the Pig-Roast missed out on a great event. Food was plentiful and delicious and even the weather played nice at least until the bonfire started. Thanks again to Bill and Donna for their hospitality and providing the perfect venue in their beautiful home. Looking at Donna's shop in the making, I wish that spare parts for our BMWs were made out of wood. ☺

Ride safe! Sonny.

Treasurer Report:

We have \$4,136.95 in our account . The next chance to raise money will be the Spring Poker Run. BMWOA has sent us a CD presentation with the plans for next year's National Rally. They are looking for Clubs/Chapters to volunteer for rally duties. If we want to get involved, we should discuss this at the next Club meeting.

Product Review Any of you out there have recently bought a new accessory? I am thinking of a GPS unit, a pair of waterproof gloves or some electrical gimmick for your bike, for example! Would you like to share your experience and write a little report? Let me know, I am sure the other members will appreciate reading about it.