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Editor's Corner

Hello Club-members!
 O.K.! I have a hard time accepting it, but the riding season IS over. At least for me it is. I was all set to make one last ride to work on Thursday as the weather forecast predicted temperatures in the high 50s, but they conveniently withheld the RAIN predictions until late Wednesday. So much for that. By the time you read this, the last two bikes I was desperately holding on to, will have been moved to hibernation. Now it's time to concentrate on the Holiday Season. First comes Thanksgiving and the "Day After". While the latter has traditionally been a day for Cindy to start her Christmas shopping, I can use the day to get some projects going. Like putting the Christmas lighting up. Or getting the snow blower ready. Or – much nicer – visit a motorcycle dealership and browse through the merchandise. Maybe I can find something that I can add to the Christmas "wish-list". A *Garmin* would be tempting but I am still too much of an old-fashioned guy and like my folding maps. *Besides, we can always ride with you guys and let Mike B. lead!!!* I have seen a couple of fine looking jackets – but I need another coat like a hole in the head. Tools and equipment are always nice and the Eastwood catalog has some great stuff. Well, maybe some reading material should be considered. www.motorbooks.com has a large motorcycle section and new publications out all the time. I am sure one or two motorcycle related items will show up under the Christmas tree. We will have a couple of events coming up that will bring us together and I look forward to seeing all of you during the non-riding period. For the time being, have a Happy Thanksgiving! And once again: If you have anything that you would see in here, read about, or have an item to sell: mike.simon@luk-as.com

Keep that shiny side up!



By now, most –if not all of you- have received the invitations to this year's banquet. It again will be at the **Triple Crown** Restaurant, on 335 S. Main Str. (which is Rte 91) in Munroe Falls. Dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. Social Hour at 6:30 p.m. Don't forget to return your reservation with your dinner choice. You can also please our Treasurer and include your club membership renewal fees with your reservation.

Some of us will most certainly suffer from "non-riding blues" during the upcoming Winter season. Well, we always have our Sunday morning breakfast to help ease the pain a little. At least we can "talk" motorcycle, or - if you prefer – listen to some of the more "experienced" ones telling tall tales. Every Sunday morning, 8:00 a.m. at the Farmer Boy restaurant at 224 and 91.

It seems like one Winter event has already been talked about, although it is still a few months away. The *Cycle-World* Motorcycle show at the **I-X Center** at Cleveland airport, January 28-30. As parking is expensive, Cindy and Mike Simon have suggested to meet at their house - which is only 20 minutes away – and car-pool from there. Mike has even volunteered to throw some Bratwurst on the grill either before or after in order to make this an unofficial good time. We should consider this and try to get a number of us together.

Just thinking - There is a place called *Autumn Riders* that specializes in custom embroidered shirts. They offer small images of bikes, logos or text. Maybe we could raise enough interest to get a club shirt done??? Think it's a good idea – talk to The newsletter editor or the treasurer and put your name in.

Wanted: Anybody seen or have any details about the yellow BMW sidecar rig with a Mazda rotary engine in the sidecar? E-mail me at mike.simon@luk-as.com or talk to me during Sunday morning breakfast. This is going to be a long-shot: I also need a *right side bag* for the BMW soft luggage set for a K1. Used or new.



A Word from our President

Hello All!
 The Year is slowly coming to an end and so is another chapter in our club annals. The election of a new club president, new officers and directors is imminent. I believe, we have candidates for most positions, except for secretary as Teri would really like to be relieved from that duty, if we can find someone else to volunteer. We will present the ballots during our annual banquet on Dec. 4. We will also vote on the proposed bylaw changes during the banquet after the changes will be read aloud for one more time. These changes may result in moving our monthly club meeting to a day and time which more people may find easier to attend. So, a lot of issues are at hand which need your participation in the decision making process, I hope we will have the usual good turnout. See you all there. In the meantime, have a very enjoyable Thanksgiving, and for those of you who are still out riding, stay warm and dry!

Ride safe! Sonny.

Treasurer Report:

As mentioned elsewhere, the membership renewal dues may be mailed in together with the banquet reservations. Of course, I am willing to accept payment anytime you see me in person. Final due date is December 31, 2004, but please don't wait until the last minute, I may be busy on New Year's Eve and your timely payment may not get recorded!



Cindy's new ride??