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Editor's Corner

That sure went fast. A few days ago, it was still in the high sixties and now, as I am sitting here writing this, looking out the window, I see snow-flurries. Next week is Thanksgiving, which means November is almost over. Time to seriously think about sending Christmas cards and maybe completing –definitely starting – shopping for gifts for all the ones on your list.

Talking about lists. I don't know about most of you, but my Winter project list seems to grow every year. The annoying thing is, that I have a few items on there, which stubbornly resist to disappear. Am I that much of a procrastinator or is it, just that some things constantly pop up and manage to squeeze themselves on that list ahead of the others?? I wish, somebody would come up with a good recipe to get a handle on this.

Talking about recipes. You may think I am crazy, but maybe the ladies in the club appreciate this: Have you ever tried to "brine" your "Thanksgiving" turkey? Well, we just did this recently on occasion of our annual "Thanksgiving rehearsal dinner" (Yes, we have a Turkey twice within 4 weeks!), and we really liked it. You can make your own brine or buy a mixture of salt and spices together with a large plastic ziploc bag from Williams-Sonoma and "cure" the bird in it for 6-24 hours, before you stuff it and get it ready for the oven. It adds quite some flavor and helps to keep the meat juicy.

Goes nicely with a bottle of Rocca delle Macie Chianti Classico Riserva. Remember: Friends don't let Friends drink White Zinfandel!
Happy Thanksgiving!

Mike

Looks like BMW is trying to establish a "Screamer" image for the new K1200S. A 2006 production model has set a world land speed record in the 1000-1350 cc stock, partially streamlined, naturally aspirated motorcycle class at the Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah. 56-year old Andy Sills of San Francisco reached a top speed of 176.789 and an average speed of 173.57 after two runs. He even clocked a record speed of 169 mph riding the K1200S two-up with passenger Erin Hunter. Riding on the backseat



with anybody at that speed, that's what I call "fearless".

Now that the riding season is all but over, we have to find alternative ways to feed our need for "motorcycling". December kicks off the show circuit with the **Canada Toronto Motorcycle Show** at the Metro Convention Center, **December 2-4. Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. -9 p.m. Sunday 10 a.m.- 5p.m.\$13.-**

After the Holidays, we will have a **Walneck's Swap Meet** in **Springfield, OH Clark County Fairgrounds January 8, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. \$6.- admission.**

The weekend of January 27-29 brings the **Cycle World Motorcycle Show** on its tour through the country back to **Cleveland.**

For all the die-hards, or those who "snowbird" to warmer latitudes and take their two-wheeler with them, there is the **23rd Winter Rally** put on by the **BMW Owners of Northeast Florida on Kingsley Lake at Camp Blanding.** They sold out last year and ask anyone interested to pre-register no later than 12/31at www.bmwnef.org For more info, e-mail to Millie Stevenson at winterrally@yahoo.com

If you rather spend your time in front of the fireplace doing some reading, here is a nice new book to brush up on your technical skills around the air-heads: **How To Restore Your BMW Motorcycle:Twins 1955-1985.** by Mick Walker. \$29.95 240 pages. Should be available in good bookstores or order online at www.whitehorsepress.com

AWord from our President
Hi to all

Wow, what a great way to end the Summer. If you didn't get out and ride a bunch of miles in September October and parts of November, shame on you!!! No rain and lots of warm and sunny days. A few of us made it to the Watkins Glen Finger Lakes rally over Labor Day . What a great weekend and perfect weather. Everyone enjoys this one. Then off to the Poconos for their first rally which again received good reviews for the nice roads, good food and great cabins to stay in. In October, the RA held their annual celebration in Shelbyville,Tenn. BMW sent the Demo truck so you could ride your dream bike on Saturday. The RA brought in 5 busses filled them with rally goers and headed to the Jack Daniels distillery for a tour with lunch and open bar for all to enjoy. Quite an experience. Thanks to all for attending our October club meeting and sharing some of the ideas for the club and their riding experiences of the summer. Hope to see you all at the Christmas Party!

Ride safe!

Bill

Treasurer Report
If you don't not already have it, you should receive the invitation for our Christmas party soon. Please make sure to return it asap, as we are only a few days away from December 3. As in previous years, the event will be held at the *Triple Crown* restaurant in Munroe Falls. Also, as before, together with returning the invitation we provide you with the opportunity to renew your club membership. Please take advantage of this and make sure you remain a member in good standing.

Mike