



# AKRON BMW

Newsletter of the BMW Motorcycle Club of Akron March 2006



## Important Announcement!

Contrary to earlier information that you may have, the date for our 2006 Spring Poker Run is now May 14<sup>th</sup>, which is also Mother's Day! What a great opportunity to treat Mom to a nice ride through scenic Summit, Portage and Stark, maybe even Medina and Cuyahoga counties – we will make this a surprise. Even better: Get that favorite Mother in your life all set up with her own bike and bring her to this fabulous event. Mark your calendars! Flyers will be mailed soon and a separate one-pager will be e-mailed and distributed for posting. Door-prize donations are accepted and appreciated. Drop us an e-mail and we will arrange for pick-up. Or join us for any Sunday breakfast 8:00 a.m. at the Farmer Boy in Springfield Township, just South of the intersection of Rte224 and 91, or give them to a club member you know.



## Editor's Corner

This month the newsletter is a little tardy but then again... better late than never! Those of you who receive this electronically, will recognize that it now has its own e-mail address:

**akronbmwnews@yahoo.com**

This will give your newsletter editor more flexibility in accessing e-mails sent to him and will also provide a dedicated tool to communicate with club members. If you have not provided your e-mail address and would like to be on the distribution list for the monthly newsletter and other announcements, please send an e-mail to the new address.

*So much for editorial business, back to ranting and raving:*

Many of you are familiar with the scenario: You are known among the non-riders around you as the "guy/woman with the motorcycle(s)". Sooner or later, somebody will approach you and ask your opinion about what bike he/she should get, because they have decided to buy a motorcycle. I usually approach this carefully and try to be realistic. I recommend taking the MSF Safety Course, of course getting a license, and then buying a "beginners" bike. On occasion, I have even looked around and recommended a specific bike that I saw or someone I knew had for sale.

Then, more often than not, the inevitable happens: The person goes out and buys a Harley Davidson Softail. And the first time I see him riding the thing he doesn't wear a helmet.

I decided not to waste my time anymore!

*Ride Safe!*

*Mike*

Now that everybody is back from *Bike Week* – I am not sure I am upset I missed it – we can look forward to what's coming up right at our doorsteps! The last few days in March have not been shabby at all and judging by the number of bikes I have seen, I dare to say the Riding Season has officially started. Our BMW dealers will celebrate with the GS Spring Open House, the dates vary and are:

- **Roman Cycle Shop, Austintown, 4/8, 4/15, 4/22 4/29 (Saturdays)**  
*Olympia Jacket give-away, different product specials each week*
- **All Seasons Sport Center, Wooster 4/14, 4/15 (Friday and Saturday)**
- **BMW Motorcycles of Cleveland, Aurora, 4/22, 4/23 (Saturday, Sunday)**  
*Come and take advantage of Dales' Dealin' On Two Wheelin'*
- **Holt BMW, Athens, 4/22 (Saturday)**  
*Please join us for food, fun and tire-kickin'!*
- **Sill's Motor Sales Co, Brookpark 4/22 (Saturday)**  
*Win a \$50.- Sill's Motor Sales gift card*

One last reminder for all of you who *HAVE NOT* been there yet: The **AMA Museum in Pickerington** still has the special BMW exhibit open and it is a must-see for all BMW motorcycle aficionados. It will run until June and then will be gone forever! Don't miss it!

Also the **Wheels Through Time** museum in **Maggie Valley** will feature a special exhibit dedicated to *Women in Motorcycling* beginning in 2006. An homage to the lady who rides pillion behind or her own bike right beside you. Cindy and I are planning a trip week of Memorial Day and will report upon our return.

Those who plan to go to the **National BMW MOA Rally in Vermont**, please be aware that the most common route to get there from here involves a ferry ride across Lake Champlain. You may want to plan for this and get smart about the ferry schedule.



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Product Review:

## Tourmaster "Flex" All-Season Riding Jacket

This is a really nice versatile multi-season riding jacket!

Not only does the jacket have a zip-out liner for proper insulation during cold-weather rides, it also has an in-between layer that is waterproof and will keep you dry.

The real "kicker", however, are the zip-off front panels, which allow you to remove the outer skin on the underside of the arms and on the chest and convert the jacket into to mesh-jacket for hot weather rides in the the summer.

I consider it a true 3-season jacket replacing at least two separate ones for a price that maybe less than what you pay for some single fuction riding jackets.

Check it out.

This particular one was seen at  
BMW Motorcycles of  
Cleveland (330) 562-5200



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