



# AKRON BMW

Newsletter of the BMW Motorcycle Club of Akron April/May 2006



So! In spite of a great effort by a few dedicated, hard core club members to prepare for everything, our 2006 Spring Poker Run scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup>, which was Mother's Day, had to be cancelled! The guy who was in charge of the weather, dropped the ball. Thanks A Lot to the Moose Lodge to still be ready to serve breakfast to all who showed up and Thanks A Lot to all who showed up. We will try again in Fall, which will mark the return of our Fall Classic after a few year hiatus.

## Editor's Corner

Once again, I have to apologize. Typical Spring panic jobs at work and the preparation for our Poker Run kept me from coming up with any new NEWS, so here is more of a recap what happened over the last two moths. Look for some interesting stuff coming up in future newsletters. There is a special in the making about Dennis Copley and his racing shenanigans and a report from Dick Horvath about the restoration of his R26. Remember, if you want to receive this and other informal club announcements via e-mail, send your address to [akronbmwnews@yahoo.com](mailto:akronbmwnews@yahoo.com)

Last week Saturday we had a surprise visitor. Our friend and former riding cohort Larry, who relocated to Jacksonville, FL on a GoodYear job transfer came to town for business and stopped by after flying into Hopkins. As Larry also made the transition from riding HDs to BMWs and is now the president of the NE Florida BMW Club in Jacksonville, we talked about BMW club life of course. I must tell you, this club makes you want to move to Florida (little else, makes me want to). We have been riding with this crowd during the National Rally in Charleston, WV in 2003 and socialized with them during a couple of other occasions. This is one hell of an active and well organized club. The members actually attend the club meetings. So much that the officers have a separate meeting to discuss executive and organizational issues so that they don't burden the members with these issues. What a thought that would be. Too many people attending our next regular club meeting on June 12. Pinch me, I think I'm dreaming

Several rallies took place during the last few weeks. One of the notable ones was the Georgia Mountain Rally, May 5-7 at bald Mountain Park in Hiawassee,GA. It seems the club was well represented and two of our members, Chuck Jackson and Dick Horvat took top honors in the vintage class of the bike show. Thumbs up, Dick and Chuck. Rumor has it, they are planning to ride these two steeds to Vermont. Watch for them on the road!



Time is running out to see the special BMW exhibit at the **AMA Museum in Pickerington**. I don't know exactly when it is changing sometime in June, but if you don't hurry, you will have missed a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see it all in one place.

Other rallies coming up soon are;

**30<sup>th</sup> Iowa Rally June 8-11**, Iowa County Fairgrounds, Marengo, IA. Check their web-site for details [www.purestodge.org](http://www.purestodge.org) Contact [rally@purestodge.org](mailto:rally@purestodge.org) for pre-registration until June 1.

**14<sup>th</sup> Gathering of the Clans June 9,10,11**, High Country Motorcycle Camp "near" Ferguson, NC Info [csmith@naxs.net](mailto:csmith@naxs.net)

**Pemi River Rally/Campout June 16-18**. Ideal for all who want to take in Laconia Bike Week. Put on by Yankee Beemers at Branch Brook Campgrounds in Campton, NH. For details go to [www.yankeebeemers.org](http://www.yankeebeemers.org) or call Jeff Leavitt (603)978-7828

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual BMW Riders Campout June 23-25**. Pioneer Park campground in Somerset, PA . If my memory serves me well, some of us were there last year and really liked it. Info Jason Kaplitz [gsjay62@verizon.net](mailto:gsjay62@verizon.net) or (814) 535-8669



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*Mike*