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Editor's Corner

I am not sure what's going on, but the old saying "Once you are over the hill, you pick up speed" seems to hold more truth every day that goes by. Here it is only middle of July and before you know it, the riding season will be over before it seems to have actually started.

But I shouldn't complain too much, though, as we had some decent trips already. Outside our club, Cindy and I went to a meeting with friends at Maggie Valley and we had a really great time. We rode the "Dragon". See picture above. Three times in two days.

I am a little disappointed. I like fast sweepers and this is just not my bag. Maybe if I would ride with the inside foot dragging on the ground as it seems to be the hot thing to do, currently, I may have liked it more. But this is a road I would recommend to avoid if it was just another segment on a trip. The BRP and Rte 28 on the way to the Dragon were actually much nicer in my opinion. If I want to do what you do on the Dragon, I'd rather spend the money for a track day and get it out of my system for a while. There, I don't have to bother with cars or even 18-wheelers coming the other way on my side of the road. Check off the Dragon and put it in the category of *Too Much Hype*.

The next few weeks are going to be **Motorcycle Heaven**. First, the trip to the BMOA National rally in Vermont, then back in time for AMA Vintage Days and a week after that, the AMA Superbike race weekend at Mid-Ohio. Boy, am I glad I have vacation days left! Hope to see some of you here or there. Let me know, drop me an e-mail or talk to me during breakfast on Sunday morning!

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Ride Safe!

Mike



This newsletter will make it out just in time before the National rally in Essex Junction, VT. Several club members have announced that they are going but there seems to be no concerted activity, either ride there together or at least; meet for dinner or breakfast one day. So, I have taken it upon myself to make reservations for eight (8) at the **Lincoln Inn, 5 Corners Street for 8:30 a.m. on Friday 7-21 for breakfast**. This is only 0.3 miles away from the rally site. Please let me know, if you want to join. I will try to get a final count by Thursday afternoon. Send me an e-mail and get my cell-phone number!!

Next big event after the Vermont rally is **AMA Vintage Motorcycle Days at Mid-Ohio, July 28-30**. Once again, there is a chance to get together for some socializing around 1, 2, 3, 4 or 6-cylinder motorcycles. We will have our 3-day base in the motor home parking area outside the Carousel (Turn 13) past the "Honda Pavilion" across the service road from the make-shift grandstands. There will be several E-Z-Ups forming a camp between a couple of motor homes. Stop by for a cold drink and a rest in the shade.



In case you are one of those who have to be among the first with the newest toys, many of the 2004 and 2005 R1200s with ABS are being recalled for a modification to the ABS cable routing which will provide a more secure connection to the wheel carrier. Call **1-800-831-1117** if you don't have already.

Finally! In early August, the U.S. Postal service will issue 85 million stamps featuring motorcycles. Unfortunately, as this is a "patriotic" effort, it will feature American motorcycles only. The 39-cent stamps will show a 1918 Cleveland, a 1940 Indian Four, a 1965 Harley Davidson and a computer generated image of a ca-1970 Chopper. The Harley stamp may not stick very well due to the oil film on the underside.....

If you are planning to buy a mercury-filled carb synch gauge, or thinking of getting a refill, you better hurry up before you may no longer be able to find one. CT and RI had banned them already. CA and ME just have and NY and VT will follow in 2007.

The "Food Network" will show four separate Sunday evening episodes named "Feasting on Asphalt". Alton Brown, producer of FN's "Good Eats" and an avid motorcyclist has found a way to combine both his loves by riding across the U.S. on his 2005 BMW R1200RT trying to find out "what's left to eat". Starts on July 29, 9:00 p.m.



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