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Editor's Corner

The Halloween month is over and Winter seems to have arrived a little early this year. Just when I thought the riding season had come to an abrupt end – I think we didn't really have anything like Indian Summer - I get the offer to spend a week in Florida, using the condo of a friend in Ft Myers. Free. Well, I am cheap, so it was a no-brainer. Especially as this provides the opportunity to drive, tow a trailer, take a bike or two and thus extend the riding season unexpectedly by a week. There seems to be a God after all! So, for a change, I can't wait this time until it is December. Instead of worrying about the snow in the driveway, we may cruise down Rte 41, across Alligator Alley over to the Florida Turnpike Extension going south to pick up US 1, which will take us all the way to Key West Sounds good to me! Meanwhile, however, the winterizing process for the bikes that will go into hibernation has begun. One last start-up, running stabilized gas into the fuel system, an oil change, Upping the tire pressure a little and taking the battery out to hook it to a tender. Ready for a rest. Or not. Depending what project is on the schedule. Changing front forks, cleaning a set of carbs, and adjusting a set of valves are just a few that come to mind without thinking too hard. And there is always my perpetual restoration project, a 1976 Honda CB750K, which is still completely disassembled, with a freshly painted frame waiting for the first components to be put back in.

The "off-season" may be without riding but it is definitely not without Motorcycles

Ride Safe!

Mike



If you have not already received the invitation to the Club Christmas Dinner Party, sit tight! It will arrive soon. The date is **Saturday, December 2**, as always the first Saturday of December, and, once again, at the **Triple Crown Restaurant in Munro Falls**. Make sure you return your reservation and dinner order right away!



With the year coming to an end and the Christmas party approaching; it is time again to remind you all to consider the renewal of your membership in the club. Mail it in with the dinner reservation! Also, new club officers will have to be named for 2007. If you feel you would like to contribute some time and effort to help the club stay alive, run for a position! Mike Blum and I could use some help!

Browsing through a **Rider Warehouse** catalog, I saw the perfect Christmas gift for the most die-hard rider you know: A 5-Function Digital Meter which will "fit nicely in your bike's cockpit", incorporating a voltage meter, a three-LED battery condition meter, a combination clock/stopwatch (1/4-Mile ET-times!!!) **AND** two thermometers with an ice/freeze alert. Wow! How cold is it "outside"?



The **AMA Hall Of Fame Induction** ceremonies on October 7 at the museum in Pickerington included a nice bike show. Not only did I see some of you there, but both our Dennis Copley and Richard Horvath participated in the show. Dick with his R26 and Dennis with his hacked R90S and his Harley Sprint

Good form, Dick and Dennis, good form!

I couldn't resist to make a post on the BMW OA web-site and put some pictures on there. Check it out, they are in the **Vintage** section. (You have to log-in as a web-site member to view pictures) I guess a little P/R for our club and members is in order. I just hope we will not get an overwhelming amount of membership applications out of this!!!



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