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Editor's Corner

What is it worth? This question may be one that we ask ourselves ever so often. Many of us, for one reason or another, have an old, maybe classic or collectible bike or two, next to the daily, modern rider. Many bikes from the 60s or 70s are being traded at price levels that far exceed the price when they were new. Just think about a R69S for example, or even an "only" 30 year old R90S that is being sold for \$9,000.- And no matter what it is, almost any bike with only a few exceptions that was made before, let's say 1985, is a "classic" and people are willing to pay good money for it. When I look at what is being sold new on the showroom floor right now, I often wonder if any of these bikes will turn into "classics" at one time in the distant future. In 2040, will someone pay \$25,000 for a 2005 K1200LT or a 2007 R1200S? At what time will the downward spiral of any bike's value stop and turn around? I bought my Honda CBXes in the early 90s for less than they were new in 1979 and 1981, respectively. Both of them are worth more than the original sticker price now. Motorcycle Consumer News in the March 2007 issue has their regular feature of a list of used bike prices again. Shown are national averages of used bike prices for 1993 through 2006 models. None of the 1993 BMWs is listed for more than \$4,000.- The only marque that has 1993 models over \$7,000 is Harley Davidson. In fact, all 93 Big Twins are over \$6,000.- How long do you have to own your RT until it starts to appreciate again in value? Food for thought?

Stay Warm!

Mike

Due to inclement weather, the February club meeting on Tuesday 2-13 was cancelled. Many of the members had their hands full to dig themselves out of the snow. Hopefully, by the time you read this, the much awaited warm-front has arrived in Northeast Ohio. Rumor has it BMW is planning to introduce a Boxer-powered snow-thrasher in order to offset the decline in sales of motorcycles during the winter months. 😊😊😊

While you are sitting inside in front of the fire-place, it may be a good idea to start making rough plans for the riding season. It may be here sooner than you think.

Bike-Week in Daytona is probably the next closest event for many. **March 2-11** marks the calendar for this.

The date for the **17th Georgia Mountain Rally** is set for **May 4- 6**. More info at rallymeister@bmwoga.info

Make sure to reserve **May 20** for the **Akron BMW Motorcycle Club Spring Poker Run**

Did anybody take pictures at the Cycle Show in the IX-Center and wants to share? Put them on a CD or a floppy or sent them directly to akronbmwnews@yahoo.com

Letter from Florida:

Hi, club members! We are finally on board our boat and in Vero Beach, consequently we have not had as consistent e-mail contact, but we realized that the MOA still has an incorrect contact for our website. We tried to correct this, but it appears that Mike Blum, the contact, may have to do that. Once the people find the web-site, we still have the old officers, etc. Is there anything we can do to help update this information and at least get the current newsletter and Fred's welcome on the site?

We hope you will be able to continue to discuss club publicity and the preparation for the poker run. Tom Cargill is handling all of the information on this. He is also trying to get a flier into the Akron motorcycle publication and we believe that Mike Simon has some information for that.

We hate to miss the meeting and would love to share the cold and snow. Actually, that is not true. On my bicycle ride down A1A yesterday I saw about 50 Harleys and a BMW. Where is our GS when we need it?

So, Have a great time and think spring. We will be heading home before you know it, but can easily be reached by e-mail or cell. Hope to hear from you. Stay warm.

Cindy and Fred



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