



# AKRON BMW

Newsletter of the BMW Motorcycle Club of Akron March 2007



## Editor's Corner

There is always two sides to every-thing, they say. I guess, they are right. The available flights for my trip to Germany earlier this month forced me to "waste" an additional weekend over there as I had to book a Monday return. In order to make up for it, I was able to attend the official BMW Nationwide Riding Season kick-off open house at my favorite BMW dealer over there on Saturday March 10. I was rather surprised what they had managed to put together. Also being a BMW car dealership, I always perceived the place a little "stuck-up". Here they had rolled out huge trays with breakfast sandwiches, coffee and juices in the morning and back in the parts warehouse were several sheets of cake waiting for the afternoon crowds. And crowds sure showed up. Due to the excellent weather conditions of 65+ degrees, many were riding. All new for 2007 bikes were shown, including the K1200R Sport and all three G650 models. Most interesting piece however, was what they called a R1200GS*R*, a GS with extensive motor and chassis modifications done in their own shop by the master mechanic. The attached dyno chart showed a max output of 121hp @ 7600 rpm (up from 98/100hp) and 119Nm of torque @ 6500 rpm. This is on par with the R1200S. Custom made 304-cams and 12.5:1 pistons as well as a re-mapped eprom and a new exhaust will set the performance-minded GS rider back approx 3,500 Euro. Additional options are improved chassis components including wheels and tires for another 1,000 Euro. A complete bike registers at approx 18,000 Euro. Anybody interested in additional details, let me know.

Think Spring!


Mike

Sad news for the club! Long-time member and former Club President Sonny Cargill passed away March 11 at the age of 59. Sonny was born in Akron and lived his entire life in the Akron area. He is survived by his wife, Rita; daughters, Jennifer (James) Smith and Marisa Cargill, both of Akron; grandson, Scott William Smith; mother, Leona Cargill of Tallmadge; brother, Tom (Sharon) of Tallmadge; and sisters, Judy Cozart of Akron and Lynda (Stan) Shimko of North Olmstead.

In more bad news, Jim Mackey has had some health problems lately and after being hospitalized in January, has moved on to the next step in his recovery at the Lorantffy Care Center.

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Please visit when you can. Rt 77N to Copley Rd, turn left, then go 2 miles to Lorantffy on the right side, behind/next to a church. Please let Teri know if you visit, so she can talk to Jim about it without having to guess who you are!

We had a club meeting on Tuesday, March 13. Nine club members including 3 members from the Executive Board, but no club officer, were in attendance. There was no official agenda or docket and informal discussions included the review of the Spring Poker Run plans as well as the closing of the Triple Crown restaurant and alternatives for our annual banquet locale. The proposal was made to consider moving the date of the banquet into January to avoid scheduling conflicts and allow Bill Damron to attend. . 

It was also suggested to consider a Riding Season kick-off meeting. We could probably book the Pavilion in Seville for a grill party. Other alternatives would be the Crawford Museum or the Packard Museum. This will be brought up at a Sunday breakfast meeting again. Meeting was adjourned after much more ado.

*40 years ago, a BMW R69S was priced at 4,430 German Marks ( approx \$2,900) while a Harley XLH Sportster was 7,300 German Marks.  
30 years ago, a BMW R100RS was priced at 12,210 German Marks, approx 1,000 Marks more expensive than a Harley Sportster*

## A Word From Our President:

Good afternoon from 27 39.30" N, 80 22.28 W (This location is given without GPS assistance.) This week in Vero Beach has been interesting with all of the riders (mostly Harley types) in transit to and from Daytona. Just makes us miss the GS at home, although the 79 degree temperatures sort of bring us back to our senses. Anyway, since it was too hot to play outside Saturday, we took in the "motorcycle" flick **Wild Hogs**. The GPS scene was worth the price of admission. Sorry Mike. We hope this note finds everyone healthy, happy and anticipating the riding season as we are. Please remember to mark your calendars (in pen) for May 20th. Tom, Sharon and Mike will need all of our help for the Poker Run. Our current plan is to be home toward the end of April. Until then we can be reached at cynmey@msn.com or by cell 330 289-5788. Have a great week.



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