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Editor's Corner

Well, I'll say! Anybody who thought that Spring was here after we hit 80 degrees in early April was in for a surprise. Ol'e Man Winter had one hell of a comeback. The bikes went back into the rear corner of the garage and the snowthrower moved into the first row again. What a fine mess. I think my uncle Benny, pictured above, on his way to the Nürburgring in January, had the right idea. Got to find me that R75/5 with a sidecar rig. Here are another six weeks of standing around talking, instead of riding. I still hope I can swing a leg over a bike before we go on our little motorcycle outing in Germany the beginning of June. I was surprised to find out how many dealers offer rental bike programs. Through a network called "motorent" you can rent almost anything you want. I may actually stray and get something that does not have the propeller logo on the tank. Just for kicks. How about a Bimota Tesi, or a Laverda 750 or MV Agusta F4 or a Honda CB1300S....then again I have a passenger and the new Kawasaki Concours 1400 GTR or a Ducati ST3 maybe more appropriate. And I can always remain loyal and rent a K1200GT.... because that may be the next bike if we decide to trade the RT for something newer.

BTW, with BMW now entering different market segments with their new models, it seems general interest in the brand has increased quite a bit. Besides the features in the classic area as the example on the right shows, there are ride reports about BMWs popping up everywhere. MCN issue May 2007 has a 2-pager about the new K1200R Sport. Now, if they would only decide to finally unveil that MotoGP racer.....

Think Spring!

Mike

The last club meeting on Tuesday, April 10 was attended by 8 club members.

-Tom Cargill gave an overview of the ongoing preparations for the Spring Poker Run. It was proposed to rename the event into Sonny Cargill Memorial Ride and have three charities benefit from the proceeds in Sonny's name. Tom has placed ad in the Akron Area Motorcycle News. A sign-up sheet for volunteers to help administer the run will be issued and distributed. Tom will prepare the trailer to ensure all necessary hardware and material is available. The route will be reviewed based on last year's proposal and a final decision be made on how to set it up.

-Preparations are underway to determine a new location for our annual Club Christmas Dinner. Mike Blum and Mary-Lou Goodhard are pursuing this. There is some concern about moving it to January as the original purpose of having a Holiday celebration event would be lost. An effort will be made to keep in December. Any suggestions as far as the venue is concerned are welcome.

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday May 8. Please mark your calendar and try to attend as this will be the last meeting before the May 20 ride.

John Bebout is coordinating the attendance of the Rally in the Poconos, for those who are interested. He is trying to get everybody into the same lodging facility. If you don't have already, talk to him.

Historic or Classic BMWs received an extended exposure in the May/June issue of *Motorcycle Classics* magazine. One article about Dennis Gage, the "My Classic Car" guy and Pringles-"inventor" being a motorcycle enthusiast and owning four BMWs, one detailed write-up about John Landstrom's (owner of Blue Moon Cycle) Granada Red 1969 R69S US **AND** an article about owning and collecting BMWs with a sidebar about Brooks Motor Works, make this the featured marque of this edition.



Check out the T-shirt they have in the new Aerostitch catalog.

Wonder how many they are going to sell.



When Honda introduced the Goldwing in 1975, they priced it at \$2,895. A Harley Electra Glide cost \$3,555.- including bags and fairing, a BMW R90/6 was priced at \$3,395.- and a Kawasaki Z-1 was \$2,475.- Have you checked the prices of the equivalent top models of each brand lately?

Great news from the racetrack: Our own "speed-demon" Dennis Copley started the 2007 season right by scoring 1st place at the SEP in Gainesville, FL. He ran 11.52 at 115mph in the AHDR Screaming Eagle Performance Class! Way to go Dennis! ..and of course Connie too, because as we all know, behind every good man is a good woman!



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