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Newsletter of the BMW Motorcycle Club of Akron June 2007



Editor's Corner

So! We sure have had some excellent riding weather lately. I can see how some of you guys are out there running up that odometer trying to make it into the 2007 Mileage Contest listing 😊😊😊.

Last Sunday some of us took a sweet little ride down to Utica, to the home of Velvet Ice Cream. Great combination of a nice road and a nice treat. As already announced via e-mail, Jack Fetzer is working on a date and schedule for a weekend trip to Old Man's Cave south of Lancaster. If you would like to go and have not done so, let Jack know which weekends during the next two months you will NOT be able to make it. July is almost here and for Cindy and me, that will be a month packed with activities, including the BMW MOA rally in West Bend, a trip to Scottsdale and AMA Vintage Days at Mid Ohio. We will take a trailer to Wisconsin and anybody who wants to take an extra or vintage bike, we have spare room in it. First come first served.

I really liked the breakfast and dinner get-togethers in Vermont that we were able to have as a club and I would like to do the same thing in West Bend. I have tentatively picked the

Copper Penny Restaurant

which is about 5 miles north of the Fairgrounds on Rte 144/33, 5 miles east of I-45. Should be easy to get to. Let's get a head count and I can make reservations for breakfast on the 13th, Friday, when everybody should be there. Also, we would like to do at least one ride in the area with some of you guys, and if anybody has an idea about a scenic trip, please step forward. I will try to circulate a list with the names of everybody that is going and the place they are staying, so we all have an idea who is there. Maybe we can include cell-phone numbers in case someone has an emergency. Still a few weeks to go. Until then..

Ride Safe Mike



The last club meeting on Tuesday, June 12 was attended by 4 dedicated club members and was held in the Moose Lodge parking lot. No club officer was present to make the meeting official, so we decided to cut the meeting short and dissolve. Although, this may not comply with the bylaws.

Here is a summary of upcoming activities:

- June 22-24** EMGO Gear Classic Sports Car races at Mid Ohio
- June 22-24** Cleveland Grand Prix, Burke Lakefront Airport
- June 22-24** 5th Annual BMW Riders Campout, Pioneer Park, Somerset, PA
- July 6-8** 4th Black Hills BMW Stampede, Spearfish, SD
- July 12-15** 35th Annual BMW MOA Int. Rally, West Bend, WI
- July 19-22** 35th Top o' the Rockies Rally, Paonia, CO
- July 22-24** AMA Vintage Motorcycle Days, Mid-Ohio, Lexington
- August 9-12** 34th Stanley Stomp Rally, Grandjean, ID
- August 17-19** 41st Four winds Rally, Redbank Park, New Bethlehem, PA
- August 31 – Sept. 3** 33rd Finger Lakes Rally, Watkins Glen, NY

For all those who don't get it and keep buying "sporty" BMWs and then convert them to "Sport Tourers" with handlebar risers, Taller windshields and footpeg lowering kits, BMW has the perfect new accessory: Saddlebags for the R1200S. They feature adjustable volume from 15 to 25 liters and, according to BMW, will hold a full face helmet. And at almost \$1,200 a set, that seems the least you expect them to do. (For another \$1,000, you may be able to get a used R100RT, however.) I just wish Ducati would make bags for my 916.....



Ride reports of the new small G-models start appearing in U.S. motorcycle publications. *Rider Magazine*, July 2007 had a 7-pager and concluded: "These G bikes are well thought out and a good addition to the expanding BMW line. And I have heard they are flying out of the dealers' doors..." (Does the author know, that BMW used to make airplane engines???)

Same edition tests a K1200R Sport and comments: "BMW's K1200R Sport offers a unique combination of great stability with such amenities as a driveshaft, ferocious antilock braking and abundant power. It is darn easy to ride fast on a winding road."

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