



# AKRON BMW

Newsletter of the BMW Motorcycle Club of Akron August 2007

Note: There was no newsletter and no club meeting in July

## Editor's Corner

As usual in recent years, the summer goes by too fast. August is almost over and most highlights of the riding season are behind us. We had AMA Vintage Days and the Superbike races at Mid-Ohio, we had the National rally in West Bend, the BMW Stampede in Sturgis, Bike Week in Sturgis and our overnight ride to Old Man's Cave and Lancaster, just to name a few that were attended by some of us.

A few popular events are still ahead of us, for example the Four Winds Rally, the Finger Lakes Rally, the Rally in the Poconos and, of course, our club Pig-Roast!

This brings me to a rather somber issue for a change.

It seems whenever we make an effort to get together as a club either during one of our own or a public event, we have a good time and enjoy the company of each other. I consider this an important issue, especially in light of the ongoing discussion we are having about the future of the club. While we "on paper" have a decent number of members, pulling them together and initiating an activity, always rests on the shoulders of only a few. I am not mentioning any names here, you know who they are. I am making an appeal: If this club means anything to you, don't just sit back and leave it to the guys who have been doing things in the past. Stand up. Take an active role and help keeping the club alive.

It would be great if, for a start, we would see a few more than the usual faces during our club meetings. In case you don't remember anymore, it is on every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Soon we will ask for nomination of candidates for club officers for 2008, which will be an excellent opportunity to step in and help returning this club on the right track.

During the club meeting on Tuesday, August 14, the status of the club was the subject of a discussion. Once again, concerns were voiced that the club does a poor job in the areas of monitoring membership status and recruiting new members. It was decided that as a first step, an effort will be made to establish a membership roster and determine who is still and who is no longer a member. Mike Blum will provide Cindy Meyer with a list of registered members.

The date for our 2007 Pig-Roast has been set for **Saturday September 29!** In order to ease the financial burden, we will ask all participants for a \$10.- per head contribution. Also, we will ask to "byob" – bring your own beer! Coffee and soft drinks will still be provided by the club. Watch for more details in a separate flyer.

We still have not found a venue for our annual Christmas party, now that the Triple Crown is closed. There is a preference among most to still have the party in December, before Christmas, not in January.

During the BMW OA National Rally in West Bend, two of our members were able to score rewards in the bike show:

**Richard Horvat** with his R26 won 3<sup>rd</sup> in post war singles and



**Tom Cargill** with his 1974 R90S won 2<sup>nd</sup> in the class exclusively for that bike.

**Dennis Copley** won Best Of Show in the competition class with his custom XR with a Buell motor in the H-D Sportster show during Vintage Days at Mid-Ohio



Congratulations, Dennis, Dick and Tom for a fine showing

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