



AKRON BMW

Newsletter of the BMW Motorcycle Club of Akron October 2007

Note: Due to extensive travel there was no newsletter in September



Editor's Corner

What a great weather we had the last couple of weeks. After missing almost three weeks of riding due to a trip to the *Old World*, the high temperatures were definitely welcome. I sure hope we will not have to pay for this with five feet of snow in early November. By the time you read this, it probably has started to "chill" a little. Still, I refuse to accept that the end of the riding season is nearing and will make sure there are a couple of opportunities for day trips remaining. We will just wear the warmer gear. I am sure, some smart aleck who has read my letter in the last issue of the ON will tell me I can always trailer a bike somewhere. It seems that we have some plans to keep the "off season" a little more interesting. The idea of a chili cook-off sounds nice, and we do have a date and venue for the Christmas dinner. Other bike related activities in the months to come will be limited to necessary maintenance and repair or upgrade projects. I do have a few of those. Maybe I can finally get my perpetual 1976 Honda CB750 restoration to proceed a little. I do accept volunteers to help, if you don't have anything to do.

Talking about volunteers, the nomination process for 2008 club officers is in full swing and I appeal to anybody who thinks he wants to help manage the club to step forward and put him or herself on the ballot. Thanks to the relentless efforts of our president, Fred Meyer, we have been able to start putting an updated member roster together and it looks like we are finally getting somewhere with defining the Akron BMW Motorcycle Club once again. Also, for the umpteenth time: This is *your* newsletter and I encourage you to provide input for it. This time, I would like to thank Jeff Summers and John Bebout for the Pocono rally pics and report.

Ride Safe

Mike

Our 2007 Pig-Roast on September 29 was once again a big success! Around 40 members, spouses and friends feasted on the *Spanferkel*. Many thanks to Donna and Bill Vair for hosting the event at their house again!

This year's Christmas party will be on Saturday, December 8, at the *Rusty Nail* restaurant on Rte 43 in Kent. This is north of Kent, just a little south of Twin Lakes. Watch for your invitation in the mail. As in previous years, it will include an opportunity to renew your club dues. Take advantage of it!

The Rally in the Poconos was attended by a few of our club members. This year, the rally featured a special outdoor event in the lake and our guys made sure they had a good view of the show by moving the table right close to the shore. It seems like the audience was transfixed by the show.



Dennis Copley won second prize in the sound category with his custom XR during the AMA Hall Of Fame Museum Bike Show in Pickerington. Way to go, Denny! Overall it was a nice show and several of us took advantage of the nice weather and had a nice ride together down there and back.

During the last club meeting, a proposal was made to have a chili cook-off to ease the pain and foster club life in the no riding season, maybe during the next club meeting on November 13. Suggestions on how to pull this off are welcome.

John Bebout, Gary Martin and Mike Simon are serving as the nomination committee for the 2008 club officer election. Anybody who would like to run for a club position or would like to suggest a candidate, please let one of them know.

BMW has launched a rider training program in the U.S. The school, located at the Performance Center in Spartanburg, SC will offer on- and off-road courses throughout the year. www.bmwusa.com/bmwexperience/PerformanceCenter

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