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After the great success of the "Chili-Cookoff" in November, the "Sub-Sandwich" feast during the January meeting was not less exciting! Thanks everybody for pitching in. That is sure now way to keep up with the New Year resolution of losing weight....



Now get this! We plan to continue the tradition and will have a "Souper Bowl" meeting in February. Bring your favorite Soup or Stew to share! Yummy!

Please make sure you get a copy of the meeting minutes from our last club meeting! Cindy is sending it to all those who also receive this newsletter by e-mail. A hard copy will be available together with this edition of the newsletter on Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> at breakfast

Ladies and Gentlemen, mark your calendars!

**January 25-27** The *Cycle World* Motorcycle Show at the IX-Center at Cleveland Hopkins Airport. Get together for a group drive to save on parking cost. Make arrangements on Sunday during breakfast!

It's never too early to plan:

**July 17-20** BMW MOA 2008 International Rally in Gillette, WY. Be prepared to part with a lot of greenbacks if you prefer to stay in a hotel rather than camping!

**July 25-27** AMA Vintage Motorcycle Days at Mid-Ohio. Featured margue: Triumph

  
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### ***A Presidential Address:***

While enjoying the Christmas Party (thanks to Mike and Mary Lou) and discussing 2008 plans and proposals with friends, it seemed natural to reflect on club activities of 2007.

As in years past, January 07 began with a business meeting, Sunday breakfasts and a trip to the IX Center (Cleveland MC Show.) Many activities followed: Sunday rides, Spring Poker Run, Rallies (National, Georgia Mountain, four Winds, Finger Lakes, Poconos, etc.). Mid Ohio, the AMA Museum, Club Pig roast and more events were attended by club members. A variety of awards and recognitions were received by members in diverse categories (speed, mileage, restoration, creativity/custom, and longevity.) We should be proud of our members' accomplishments.

Our appreciation to all (officers, committee chairs, participants) who put forth their efforts for our enjoyment. We should be proud of what we have done together and individually this year.

On a personal note, this is the first year in a long time Cindy and I will stay in Ohio for the winter. This will afford us the opportunity to attend the Cleveland Motorcycle Show, a first for us. In the past club members have met early in the day and gone together, which sounds like a good time. However, at the Tuesday meeting many had made plans to travel to Florida at that time. Go figure! Will anyone be attending the show?

At any rate, we look forward to visiting with you at the Sunday breakfasts and hope to see you at the next meeting, **Tuesday, February 12, 2008, "Souper" Bowl at 6:30 with meeting to follow.**

**Fred**

### ***Editor's Corner***

Hello All and a Happy New Year to Everybody!

Some of us have met already in 2008 and it seems that it was a smooth transition for most from the Old Year into the New One.

As you can see, I am trying something new too, with our old newsletter in order to spice it up a little and give you the opportunity to actively participate.

Any comments/suggestions will be greatly appreciated. I really would like this newsletter to become a more lively communication tool for the club, with a section for items For Sale/Wanted or maybe a "moan" corner where club members can voice their dissonance with issues, opinions or other very important things like the neighbor's landscaping habits.

Let's all work on this a little together and I am sure we can come up with a pretty nifty piece that will be fun to read once a month and will be worthy an old, established BMW Motorcycle Club.

Cindy and I will not be seeing you guys for a while, as I am heading to the land of Sauerkraut and Schnitzel for a week and after I return, it is that time again to take a break in Florida just after the Daytona 24hr Sports Car Race. We will be back in time for the next club meeting!

***Ride Safe      Mike***