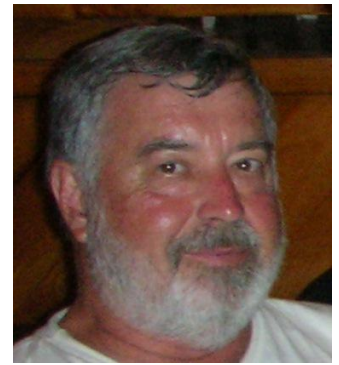




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Seems like BMW is serious about improving their image as a manufacturer of "Sport Bikes" also. BMW Motorrad has entered a cooperation with Alpha-Technik. Named "**Alpha Racing**" the joint venture will be responsible for the development of a BMW "Superbike" with the ultimate goal to win the World Superbike Championship. The contender is planned to be ready for the 2009 season, with a street-going version available to the public in 2010. Headquarters is planned to be in a brand new facility in Rosenheim.



Editor's Corner

Holy Moses! This year is taking off already. Looks like our calendar is filling up rapidly with motorcycle related events. I wonder, if I will have time to go to work in July at all. Now, we are going to **Gillette** after all, as we can make the trip worthwhile by combining it with the **BMW Black Hills Stampede** the weekend before. Think about it, if you are still in doubt. It makes a nice week of riding out in a beautiful part of the country. The Badlands, Custer Park, Iron Mountain Road, Mt Rushmore, Crazy Horse Monument, Devil's Tower and a look at Sturgis without 100,000 Harleys parked on Main Street ☺ We seriously consider getting a new (new to us) bike and we hope to have it by that time. Anybody interested in our 1999 BMW RT (with 31,000 miles), let me know. Anybody has an idea for a nice "kick-off" event for the riding season? Sometime late April, early May should be a good time to officially start riding with a nice little activity. Let's talk about this during Sunday breakfast.

Ride Safe Mike

Other news are, that in the meantime, a factory effort will bring a HP2 Sport to Daytona in March to supposedly compete in the Daytona 200. This is a Formula Xtreme race, however, and it should be interesting to see if this is really what BMW wants to do, or if they are going to use the expanded Superbike class and run the bike in the Superbike twin segment (1000-1200cc)



Mark your calendars!

May 18. Akron BMW Motorcycle Club Spring Poker Run. Mogadore Moose Lodge. Details to be announced soon

July 13-15 5th BMW Black Hills Stampede. Chris campground in Spearfish, SD.

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 24-27 Top O'The Rockies Rally. Town Park in Paonia, CO.

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



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Nice turnout for our Feb rescheduled meeting, and wonderful soup recipes with plenty of each. And carrot cake for desert. !!! Thanks to all who contributed to our enjoyment. Plans are moving ahead to reorganize our club website, suggestions and ideas are welcome - watch for more. NEW membership cards are just about done. Are your dues in yet? You will only get one, if you are a member in good standing! We have a tentative date for our club Spring Poker Run of **May 18**. This is the Sunday between Mother's Day and Memorial Day. Tom Cargill has volunteered to chair the event again. As in previous years the Moose will be serving breakfast. We are considering adding something new to the Poker Run as a little "sideshow". Stay tuned for more news on this. Call Tom and offer your help, it is important that everybody chips in, if they can! Make sure to attend the next club meeting on Tues – day March 11th at the usual location, the Mogadore Moose Lodge. We will meet again at 6:30 PM, this time with your favorite hors-d'oeuvres. (this would be appetizers! ☺) Until then, see you Sunday for breakfast.

Fred