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Editor's Corner

Well, if this weather isn't good enough for creating some serious "cabin fever", what would? We are on our way to set a new January snow fall record, on pace to beat the historic 1978 numbers. I always wondered why all major monthly motorcycle magazines are published in southern California. ***Cycle World, Motorcyclist, Rider*** and ***Sport Rider*** all are. Living in North East Ohio, you can't blame them. What would they write about from November through April, or even May? I think Dave Edwards, the editor of Cycle World, used to live in Cleveland at one time. Biggest drawback, of course, is that these guys think and write "southern California". Now, if you think this would cover the majority of motorcycle owners, hold on! Actually, the number of motorcycles in Ohio is nothing to sneeze at either. As far as total motorcycle registrations is concerned, Ohio holds a solid, unchallenged second place behind the state with the largest population.

The BMW MOA used to publish state membership numbers and I recall that Ohio always was in a tight race for second with Illinois and New York. Not too bad for 5 months of riding! Keep it up, buy another bike!

Mike

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We are going to the **Motorcycle Show** at the **I-X Center** on **Sunday, February 1**. We plan to go there right after breakfast at our usual hang-out at the Farmer Boy! Afterwards we will decend upon Cindy and Mike Simon for lunch. Bratwurst and Chicken from the grill. If you haven't yet, let them know you will be coming. A map on how to get there is attached. Remember, Parking is a rip-off! You may want to car-pool!

More things to fight the "***Winter Blues"*** with:

The Motorcycle Hall Of Fame museum in Pickerington has a "Arlen Ness" special exhibition, which will probably run until June. If you are into wild, unrideable customs that look great parked in a bike show, this is a must-see for you:

If you are going to see the ***Daytona 500*** on February 15, stop by at the NEF BMW Riders' ***Winter Rally*** at Camp Blanding on Kingsley Lake. Runs from February 13th to 15th. Pre-registration is required as attendance is limited to 500. BMWNEF.org or contact Mary Crawford at WINTERRALLY@bmwnef.org

And if you are retired, you may want to stay down a while for **Daytona Bike Week,** earlier this year **February 27** to **March 8**

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Hello ,fellow Akron BMW club members! Thank you for letting me serve as your 2009 club President. I got my feet wet (or you could say cold) on January 13th at our first club meeting of the new year. While not new to the club, serving in the capacity of club president will certainly be more interesting than I had envisioned. I commend Fred and the past presidents for accepting a leadership role within the club. Thanks goes out to the four other members, including our newest member Jeff Gooch who attended the meeting regardless of the NE Ohio weather. As usual we discussed fond memories of rides, rallies, and food of course. By now, you should have received the meeting minutes.
For those of you who don't partake in winter sports, riding season is only a few months away. Until then think about attending the AMA World Motorcycle show at the Cleveland IX center after breakfast on Sunday February 1st. I'm also looking forward to seeing more of your smiling faces at our next monthly meeting on Tuesday February 10 as well.

Dana