



Editor's Corner

By the time some of you read this, Cindy and I may be well on our way to some warmer weather. Yes, even warmer than here! Although a little later than usual, we will still take some time out and spend a carefree week loitering in the streets of - *Margaritaville* - Key West. Nothing beats watching the sun sink in the ocean while sipping on a *Rum Runner*.

In February! Take my word for it!

We wanted to thank you all for making the time to stop by at our house for a bite to eat and a drink after visiting the Motorcycle Show at the IX Center. It is always great to gather informally with a bunch of people and talk about unnecessary things! Cindy and I really enjoy the company in our little club. It may not be the most active BMW Owner's Club, but it sure has the nicest members! *Take my word for it!*

It is already middle of February and it seems the only thing that remains to be done before planning the first things of a new riding season is filing a tax return, and I am sure some of you have done that already.....

See you in March!

Mike

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When we stopped at our place for lunch after the Bike Show, some of you were disappointed that they couldn't see the "S" model I had told you I purchased. Well, here is a picture of what she looks right now:



The club will install a little competition for our members for the up-coming riding season. Chuck Austin proposed sort of a "landmark hunt". He will publish a picture of a different "landmark" every month and members have until next month to find where it is. We are thinking that we would have the competition run from newsletter to newsletter with a cash prize for the winner. More details soon.

The next big event is **Daytona Bike Week, March 2 through 8**. You all know how to get there. Check with your fellow club members if anybody else goes.

Dick Horvat proposed to make a visit to the Packard Museum In Warren. They have the "9th Annual Motorcycle Exhibit" still through May 31. The theme is "**Made in USA**", featuring 28 motorcycles built in the U.S. between 1902 and 1982. Tentative date is **Sunday March 1**. Sunday hours are 1.00 - 5.00 p.m. We would meet at a central place and maybe carpool. Final details to be determined during Sunday February 22, breakfast and also announced via e-mail.

It is time to think about making reservations for the BMWMOA (Inter-) National Rally **July 16-19** in Johnson City, TN. We most certainly will have a few club activities, like breakfast and dinner.



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Hello, club members!

After the second club meeting, I think I am beginning to get the hang of this "presidential" stuff. I can even think of a "stimulus plan" to inject a little life into this club of ours!

Well, the February club meeting had 10 members attending! Thank you those who were there for coming!

The treasurer reported our finances to be in good shape, with a comfortable amount of money in the bank account. For details please ask John Bebout.

He reported further, that we currently have 45 members in good standing. That is rather small for a club and I think we can improve on this if we reconsider a serious membership drive.

Besides the little competition that Chuck Austin proposed, the most exciting news are, that we may have a location already for our Christmas Party. The Moose Lodge will be able to accommodate us and we have tentatively locked in Saturday December 12. It is necessary to decide what food we would want and if we have buffet or a sit-down dinner. All club members are asked to provide their input and you can do this via e-mail to the newsletter editor, during breakfast or at the next club meeting on March 10! Be there!

Dana