



Editor's Corner

Ooops! Back in Northeast Ohio and arctic temperatures. At least, that's what they feel after spending a week in Key West.

Down there, everybody was getting ready for Daytona Bike Week. Tons of bikes with Northern plates in the Keys. And on the way back, at the new "center of motorcycling" off of I-95, north of Daytona, you had the impression Bike Week was going on already. It sort of made you feel bad that you had to continue to go away from it. Only the thought of making it back to Sunday breakfast with you guys, made it easier for me..... Yeah, just kidding !!!!

In the meantime, Daytona Bike Week is over again. I don't know if anyone from the club was there to provide a report. Only rumor I heard from there was that Honda postponed the transfer of Goldwing production to Japan and will continue to make it in Ohio until further notice. !!!

It looks like the upcoming riding season – if it comes – could be rather exciting this year.

Chuck's contest seems to be something different that we haven't done before and will definitely provide some nice rides for some - if nothing else.

Mike



A picture of a landmark together with some clues will be made available for each contest and the participants have until the Sunday before the following club meeting to find it. A cash prize will be awarded. The winner to be drawn from all correct entries.

On **Saturday, March 14**, is **Roeder's** famous **St Patrick Day** party at the dealership in Sandusky. Free food and discount on clothes and parts and accessories.

This **Sunday, March 15** is a **motorcycle swap meet** at the IX-Center. Doors open at 11:00a.m. close at 4:00 p.m.

Georgia Mountain Rally, May 1-3. Who is going?

21st edition of **The Great Chicken Rally**, **May 21-24**. This is the Memorial Day weekend.

We need to start immediately with preparations for a spring or early summer **Poker Run**. We picked **June 7** as a tentative day in order to get a better chance for good weather. Please step up to join the organizing committee.

Reservations for the **BMWMOA** (Inter-) National Rally **July 16-19** in Johnson City, TN, are in full swing. Book your hotel or other accommodation in case you don't like to pitch a tent. Your newsletter editor has already made his (now famous) pick for a place to have **breakfast on Friday the 17th**

The **BMW RA** rally will be the weekend after the MOA on **July 23-26** and coincides with **AMA Vintage Days** AND the **Top O' the Rockies** rally. You wish you could split yourself up. First, you have to buy more bikes, though. ☺☺☺



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A Presidential Address:

Hello, club members!

Thanks to those who came to our March club meeting. As reported, Chuck Austin presented his final proposal for the "Find It" contest and with the support and help of Jack Fetzer and Mike Simon as committee members he will chair a great activity for all to participate.

We also made progress in the planning of our Christmas party by deciding that it will most likely be a buffet-type dinner. We will give the Moose Lodge a few alternatives to price them for us.

My biggest concern are the plans –or lack thereof – for a Spring Poker Run. As of right now, we do not know who will chair and organize the event and if we will be able to do it on the date we may want to, June 7. Any member who would like to provide input or volunteer, please come forward.

Although rally announcements are still rather sparse, some have been made. And provided they aren't cancelled due to the slow economy, whoever plans to attend any of them has to start thinking about it.

I am seriously thinking about a few and would like to hear from other members about their plans, so we can maybe team up.

Now, let's get that weather to change and start riding!

Dana