

There will be no **Spring Poker Run** this year. Time came and went and nobody took the initiative to get the ball rolling. We will consider putting one on in late Summer/early Fall.

The industry reports a decline of **12%** in global motorcycle sales.

The new **BMW K1300** bikes seem to be received very well in Europe. Especially the K1300GT gets raving reviews. It was tested in 3 major motorcycle magazines in Germany and the testers were very impressed. One guy rode it from Stuttgart to Rome, over the Alps in February (brrrrr...) and noted the awesome performance and superior weather protection.

A **1975 Daytona Orange BMW R90S** is being raffled off by the BMW MOA. Tickets are @10.- and can be bought together with the rally registration or through the Country Store.

The following club members made the list of mileage contestants in the April issue of the BMW ON :**Dana McMahan** 14,578; **Jeff Summers** 11,915; **John Bebout** 10,157; **Jim Lesser** 9,803; **Mike Blum** 7,712; Finishing first overall was Chuck Wetzel from Texas with 68,072 miles. A state with one of the shortest riding seasons had the highest total mileage reported: **Wisconsin** with 1,307426 miles and 150 finishers.

**BMW of Cleveland** Open House **Sat/Sun April 25/26**. We may ride there from breakfast. Anybody has a GPS to lead us there in 4 hours?

**Georgia Mountain Rally, May 1-3**. Dana is considering to go and is looking for others who want to also. Talk to him!

21<sup>st</sup> edition of **The Great Chicken Rally**, **May 21-24**. This is the Memorial Day weekend. Probably a contingency from our club will go.

The 14<sup>th</sup> **Cass Rally** is on the same date, **on May 22-24**

If you are going to the **BMWMOA** (Inter-) National Rally **July 16-19** in Johnson City, TN, and you want to go early, the **BMW Riders of Knoxville** have a **MOA Int'l Pre-Rally July 12-15** at Two Creeks Campground in Del Rio, TN

  
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**Editor's Corner**

Is this great or what? Finally, we see some signs of better weather coming our way. After our usual bout with arctic climate levels for the Easter holidays, we are moving into the upper part of the 60s. Unfortunately, this also means the annual Spring jobs pop up around the house: Clean up the yard, get the first round of fertilizer down, mow the grass for the first time and start thinking about staining the deck again. So it seems like there are always a lot of other things to address before you can even think about having fun.

Still, I am definitely planning to get the first bike out and on the road this weekend. Others are way ahead of me and have already logged half-a-thousand miles this year. I guess, I will never win the mileage contest. And, of course, I am still behind with some of my motorcycle related projects that I had planned for the Winter. Oh, well..

Soon it will be May and we will all get more serious about riding. Several rallies are on the schedule and we will most certainly have some nice Sunday rides ahead of us. See you there.

*Mike*



**A Presidential Address:**

Greetings all!

We had a good turnout for our club meeting on April 14, with 9 members and one guest attending. Our treasurer reported the club finances to be in good shape. Unfortunately, we missed the boat on putting together a Spring poker run for a fund raiser and will try again for either August 30 or September 13. Please step forward and volunteer for planning and executing this event.

We are still waiting for Mike Simon to present menu suggestions for the Christmas party in order to get a price quote from the Moose Lodge.

I am planning to attend the Georgia Mountain Rally. I would enjoy going with somebody else. If anybody is interested, let me know.

If you can fit it in, make plans to attend the BMWMOA rally in July. It would be nice to have a larger group from the club get together down there and maybe have some excursions in the area.

If you have not done so yet and are about to take your bike out after the Winter hiatus, please do it carefully and make sure everything is in good working order. Give yourself some time to get used to two-wheel transportation again!

*Dana*