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Editor's Corner

Are we riding already? I guess we are, some more some less.

Although it seems we have entered our annual Monsoon period again lately, we did have some great excursions already. Jack Fetzer and Chuck Austin led the way to the the Smolen-Gulf Covered Bridge on Rte 25 in Ashtabula county. Quite a sight. The largest covered bridge in the U.S. taking the title at the opening last October from the previous record holder in New Hampshire.

We are getting ready for some rally activity and a trip to the Chicken Rally will also mark my first visit to the Barber Museum. I can't believe I haven't been there yet. The "Holy Grail" of any motorcycle enthusiast.

Watch for a detailed report when I return, and if you don't want me to bend your ear about how great it was, pick the other table for the next couple of weeks at breakfast!

Here is a shameless plug: We are selling one of our Honda GB500 Tourist Trophy bikes. It is the 1990 model with 7,800 miles. It is a collector item and we are asking $4,500.- talk to me if you are interested!

Mike

The Rally Season is upon us! After the Georgia Mountain Rally, which was attended by Dana McMahan and Bill Vair (you can see both of them in the slide show on the BMW OA web-site) the **Great Chicken Rally** is imminent. Rumor has it, that the club will have quite a contingency going to Alabama!

For those who will ride around closer to home, our new-for-this-year contest "**Find It"** has just started. A description of what you need to find and where, is attached on a separate sheet. Hardcopies will be available at Sunday breakfast.

A date for the summer/fall **Poker Run** was picked. It will be August 30 with a rain date of September 13. Volunteers to help make it happen this time can sign up as of immediately.

It looks like the knee-scrapers are anxiously waiting for the price that BMW will announce for the new **R1000S**. Rumor has it, it will come in below $15,000.-!! Any takers?

Make up your mind, whether you are going to the MOA National Rally in **Johnson City** in July! We will get together at least one day for breakfast and maybe some rides in the area. One proposal for a route covers 4 states in one day:TN-KY-VA-WVa

BMW supposedly sold **27,400** bikes worldwide in the first four months of 2009. 18.3% less than in the previous year.

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Hello all!

The last club meeting on May 12 set an attendance record for 2009 with 17 members present. I am pleased that you take that much interest in the club. Thank you! For the meeting in June – the 9th- we are planning a BBQ again at Gary Martin's place. We will probably have Burgers, Bratwurst and Chicken and will have a sign-up sheet available for those who want to bring a side dish.

Our plans for the Christmas dinner are proceeding fine and we did give the Moose Lodge a wish list for a buffet to enable them to put together a cost estimate. We will keep you all posted.

I am going to make a serious effort this year to defend my title as the club member with the most miles in the mileage contest! I went to the Georgia Mountain Rally and will attend the Chicken Rally as well as the National. Let's see whether I can top my number from last year. ☺☺☺

Last month, I told you to be careful, when you get the bike out for the first couple of times!

I should have listened to myself!

I hit a pot-hole and bent the front wheel on my RT! Here go a few bills I had not want to spend! Just shows that you must watch where you are going!

Dana