



Editor's Corner

August is coming to an end and this signals the final count-down for the riding season. But few highlights are still to come. I know, several of you can't wait for the Rally in the Pocos to arrive and before that, of course, the Finger Lakes Rally will draw its share of attendees So, plenty of opportunity to rack up that mileage count. .

While I am certainly not in line for an award for most miles, I still accumulated quite a few turns on various odometers. In spite of a lot of rain throughout the summer months, we were able to attend two rallies that we rode to, the Chicken Rally in Alabama and the BMW MOA International in Tennessee.

As far as the fleet of bikes is concerned, my efforts to scale down a little were short-lived. We sold one of the GB500s – it went all the way to British Columbia – but replaced it with the '78 R100S. This turned out to be one of my personal highlights for the year. After a few initial hiccups, that also involved a wasted attempt by professional BMW service, I finally got it running perfectly. Well, maybe a little on the rich side, but it still goes like mad. It brings back a lot of memories and reminds me why I liked the "S" so much in the 70s.

Mike

Two events stick out during the last 4 weeks: The visit to the blacksmith Kim Thomas in Seville, arranged for by Gary Martin and the overnight trip to the Granville Inn, put together by Jack Fetzer. Very nice...no...awesome! Thanks a lot, Gary and Jack!



While the trip to the blacksmith was fascinating and educational – it is amazing what skills there were once out there, still are but slowly disappear! Those of you

who couldn't join us that day, go to:

[www.thomasironworks.com](http://www.thomasironworks.com),

The overnighter to Granville scored top points once again in the social department.

Good food, good drinks and good company, all together at the same time, a very hard to beat combination And the ride down there and back was great also!



Poker Run!Poker Run! Poker Run! Poker Run!

This is the buzz word for right now! Make sure to sign up to help

For Sale: Airhead 1975 R60/6 with an R90/6 engine. Great condition. Asking \$2950.00 Mike Blum: [mabdent@ix.netcom.com](mailto:mabdent@ix.netcom.com)

The Cleveland club is planning an Iron Butt Saddle Sore 1000 ride for Saturday, September 12 and they invite interested members (and friends) of the Akron BMW club to join: Saturday, Sep 12, 2009 Ohio, Indiana & Michigan. Contact Wally Gingerich [wallyging@gmail.com](mailto:wallyging@gmail.com)

Also, the Cleveland club has a Fall Clambake to be held at Whispering Hills Campgrounds near Shreve on Sept 18. They would like to invite all the members of our club to attend this event. A flyer is attached.



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A Presidential Address:

Hello members!

Our Poker Run ,August 30<sup>th</sup>, is still my main issue and on top of my priority list. We took a great many steps further during the last club meeting and it seems like we are getting all our ducks in a row. I still would like to ask all, once again, to sign up for a job and help making this event a success. We still have to decide whether we get the trailer from storage to the Moose or whether we should just take the Poker Run stuff in a car or truck. Mike has a timing problem and will not be able to tow the trailer back. If we can get a volunteer who would tow the trailer, it would make things a lot easier. Talk to us on Sunday or give me or Mike a call.

On a personal note, I am a little upset, because I have been without my RT for quite some time now. The running problems have been obviously very difficult to diagnose and the bike has been sitting at the dealership for several weeks. Finally, the word is, that it lacks compression in one cylinder and it has damaged rings. Wonder how this happened On the upside of all this, I was able to sample a few other interesting bikes. The dealership let me have a K1300GT and a MotoGuzzi to ride. It is nice to experience what other bikes feel like and how the own bike stacks up. Everything considered, while I wouldn't mind having a new bike, I still like my RT for what it does.

Dana