



Editor's Corner

It looks like we will have another great Fall ahead of us. The weather forecast talks about temperatures in the high 70s for the middle of September and there doesn't seem to be much rain coming.

I am sure, we will all appreciate this and will make good use of nice days.

I have been a little busier than usual at work lately, which cut a little into my riding time, but these days I am not complaining. Unless you are retired – Yes, Jack and Chuck!! – you have to be glad that work keeps you from riding every day.

The thing that puzzles me with the auto industry (where I am working in) right now is, that U.S. companies like GM, for example, supposedly can't make cars here competitively and have to make them in Mexico or Asia. However, some foreign car manufacturers still see opportunities and forge ahead with plans to build (more) cars in the U.S., like Volkswagen and Hyundai. What do they know different than the guys in Detroit who are being paid \$20 Million a year? I wonder who should have gotten "bail-out" money from tax dollars???

Mike

August and half of September are over and we had quite some fun. The **Poker Run** drew over 100 participants and the winning hand was an amazing Flush (Spades) by Brad Sutter!

Congratulations, Brad We all had wished the weather would have been better! On a sore note, we had one accident with a rider missing a turn and putting his bike into the ditch.



Fortunately, neither he nor his 12-year old daughter, riding on the back, were seriously injured.

The **Finger Lakes** rally was attended by 9 members. All supposedly had fun although there was some uncertainty about some making it back to their cabins safely on Saturday night!



On **Saturday September 12** the AMA will have an Open House at the **Motorcycle Hall Of Fame Museum** in Pickerington. It is supposed to be an event with "fun for all" including a large number of vendors and activities for kids, besides the usual display of classic and vintage bikes. Some of us may go on a day ride.

The **Rally in the Poconos** is coming up **September 25-27**.

A group of members is planning to leave on Thursday the 24th, with a stop half way. Jim Pierce, who had to change his plans offers his paid registration to anyone who would like to attend, for a donation of \$5.- to the club.

Please welcome **Mike Sikora** as a new member to the club.

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

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A Presidential Address:

Hello members!

Thanks very much to all volunteers who helped getting our Poker Run done. I know, we all wish it would have been a better, larger event, but considering that we didn't LOSE any money, I would still call it a success. The lessons learned, of course, are once again, we need to improve on planning and preparation AND establish better connections to the authorities in charge of the weather. I think the consensus also is, to move it back to Spring. We will have to continue keeping an eye on this and maybe start discussions already in November, December for the next event.

We had a good September club meeting on Tuesday the 8th with 15 members in attendance and it seems that there is quite some interest of new members wanting to join the club. We had 3 visitors who wanted to see what we are all about and who may sign up.

Preparations for a few more club events left this year are going well. The Pig Roast remains on schedule for October 10, which will also be the date of the next club meeting. Donna and Bill Vair are hosting - as you know, they are excellent at it – and the pig will arrive at 6:00 p.m. Watch for a separate flyer. Also, the Christmas Party plans are progressing fine. Marsha Hudgin is in full control of all the negotiations with the Moose. Again, watch for a separate announcement.

Dana