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Thanksgiving is here! We hope you all have a nice Holiday and enjoy the time with family and/or friends. Eat in moderation and don't drink when driving!

The "lay-up" has finally started for most of us. Unless you live in Florida or California (or migrate there for the winter) there won't be many motorcycle events to ride to or to attend.

One thing close is the **Cincinnati Cycle Fest**, November 19 and 20 at the Dukes Energy Convention Center. They even have a **ride-in bike show**.


The **Progressive International Motorcycle Show** has started the annual tour and is on the West Coast in November and December and will come to Michigan in January and to Cleveland **January 27-29**

By now, you should have received the invitation for our **Christmas Party on December 10**, either by e-mail or snail-mail. Marsha Hudgin made a really nice form that you will have to send in before December 3 together with your payment of \$18.-/person. Membership renewals can (should) be included also!

Other than that, there is not much on the docket for the next few months, unless we decide we have a weekend overnight trip to a nice place. Suggestions are welcome.

We can always dwell on memories of another good riding year and some fine trips in 2011, like this one:




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I can hardly believe it but another year has almost come to an end.

Like most of you, I have put the bike (s) away for the winter except for the RT, just in case.

It was another great year for enjoying this passion that we share.

And while it's time for the Holidays (I love "Turkey Day") and for the white stuff to start falling, it does not stop our hardy group from getting together: Farmer Boy weekly breakfast, Christmas Party, Motorcycle Show to just to name a few.

The club experienced membership growth this year and we look for this to continue. If you haven't already, take a moment to meet our five new members:

Robert Waddington, Charles Armstrong, Charles 'Chuck' Curtis, Gary Zemancik, and Jack Akers. - If I missed anyone please let me know - Again, *Welcome guys!*

From a club perspective, several updates are coming. We are in the final stages of updating our club logo to meet BMW and BMWMOA Standards, Club website updates, and annual officer and director nomination and voting. As always, I invite you to attend our monthly club meetings and have your voices be heard. Well that's all for now, hope to see all of you at the Christmas Party.

Gobble, Gobble!

Editor's Corner

Here is another one of these rare double edition newsletters to make up for the editor being too lazy or too busy to get one out to you in time. I suggest you keep it in a safe place, it may become a collectors' item, together with the other doubles! 😊

What about the Question Mark? For those of you who don't know, the Club is redesigning the Club's logo in order to comply with the rules and regulations of the BMW MOA who, in turn, want to make sure they don't upset BMW. Believe it or not, BMW pays people to watch that those who are enthusiastic about their products and form clubs, do not use their holy logo! We also have to modify the name of the club. It cannot be called what it used to be called. Well.. I think my next new bike will be a Honda.....

....Just kidding! After more and more nice sounding test reports have been published, I may be tempted to get us one of these new K16s. We'll see. I have all Winter to think about it. And then there is that awful pain I have been suffering from that sciatic nerve problem which – like some of you have recognized – forces me to stand up increasingly frequent when on a longer ride. If I can't get a handle on this, I may give up riding.....

.....Just kidding! Let's make the best out of the non-riding season and hope Spring will be here soon and we will get the bikes back on the road.

Mike

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