



Better Late than Never!

The new year is in full swing and the calendar is already showing some exciting activities coming up soon: Immediately ahead is the "Spring Get-Away" at **Shaw's Inn** in Lancaster, **April 16**, planned by Jack Fetzer as in previous years. Make your reservation and join for an evening of fine wining, dining and telling tall stories!

Daytona Bike-Week is **March 9-12**, it includes the Progressive Bike Show and the Daytona Classic Motorcycle Auction, March 10th which will feature the Eddie James Estate Sale: A massive collection of BMW Motorcycle Parts and bikes (both New and Used).

Further down the road are two of the major events for club members: First, the **Georgia Mountain Rally, April 29 - May 1** and then the 2011 edition of the **Great Chicken Rally** in Huntsville, **May 26 to May 29**.

Sometime in **May**, we may have our **Spring Poker Run** – watch for an announcement and sign up to help!

This year, the dates for the **BMW MOA International Rally, July 21-24**, collide with **AMA Vintage Days at Mid Ohio** which is set for the same weekend.

Other than that, we are sitting tight and waiting for the new 6-cylinder 1600cc Super-Tourer to arrive. Wonder who will be the first club member to show up on one..?.Chuck, you need more horsepower!



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A Presidential Address:

Hello All:

By the time you read this, we had already two club meetings in the new year and we are in the middle of making plans for 2011, all the way to the Christmas Party!

If you have read the minutes from the January meeting, you know that the date for that is set for Saturday December 10 and Marsha once again has agreed to manage all the planning of it.

Our club has grown ever so slightly and we currently have 48 members, in spite of a few that we unfortunately lost again shortly after they signed up.

Here I would like to make an appeal to all of you to make an effort to make new members feel welcome - regardless of what they ride. I was shocked when I heard that one new member gave up on us because he was offended by remarks about his bike.

I think we have some great activities ahead of us for 2011, beginning with the two early rallies in the South, our Poker Run for which Allyn, who did an outstanding job last year has volunteered to be the chair again, .and maybe a new fun game that Mike will make a proposal for.

On a personal note, I liked the Motorcycle Show in Cleveland, even though BMW not being present. There was a lot to see, a lot of people to meet and a lot of motorcycle things to talk about.

I am also considering a track day this year. Mid-Ohio offers a great deal, riding their bikes, which are KTM RC8s and I may go for this.

Stay tuned to hear all the things that will happen and join us for Sunday breakfast and the first ride of the season

Editor's Corner

I just hope this new year doesn't keep flying by as fast as the first couple of weeks! Before you know it, the "project time" is all over and riding season is upon us and we haven't even finished half of the things that needed to be done while the bikes were parked. At least, this is what I am faced with.

Although in these times, you should never complain if you are too busy at work, I do so – when nobody hears me.....My old favorite "Snoopy" line comes to mind: "*Work is the Crabgrass in the Lawn of Life*".

Oh, well!

I am really, really ready for a few days of time out and I can't tell you how much I am looking forward to our annual trip to "Margaritaville". This year, it is a little later than usual, but it is happening! End of February, Cindy and I are going to be gone, getting Vitamin D doses and sipping on "Rum Runners". Life ist still good!

Before I will be able to get the first bike out of storage, I will have to make a trip to the "Old World" at the end of March and I very much hope to see a new K1600 over there and maybe even sit on one. That may be as far as I ever get with one of these, though. As I refuse to have to make payments on something as frivolous as a Motorcycle, I will have to be content looking at someone else's. Shelling out over 25 Grand for a 2-wheeler is not in my book. Not anymore. You have to grow up one of these days. The good old RT will have to do for a while longer.

Although we seem to have a good crowd for breakfast on Sundays, I still haven't seen a few of you guys in 2011 yet and hope you get out of hibernation soon! Come on, let's get going, before the year is half over!

Mike

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