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In spite of the ongoing rain, the last few weeks were not that bad of a time for club activities.

Those who went to the **Chicken Rally** reported they had a good time and only a little rain the first day.

Around here, we picked the days that were sunny to ride, even when they fell on a Saturday. We made runs for lunch to the Spread Eagle Tavern in Hanoverton, to Oglebay and to Marietta and to the Muskie Big Bucket .


















Highlight, however, was the June club meeting and annual summer BBQ (almost a tradition now) at the Martin's farm. Tons of food, a horseshoe games.....



...and rides for the little ones...



              
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Editor's Corner

As there had not been any requests for hardcopies anymore, the last two newsletters were not printed out.

This made me think about how not only our communication changes, but also how the tracks we leave behind become more and more "virtual". What is happening to the written and printed word?

With more and more documents being "filed electronically", people writing e-mails and reading e-books, traces of generations now and in the future may very well disappear. We can look back into history by deciphering symbols carved on clay tablets, hieroglyphes being chiseled in stone walls, words in ancient languages hand-written on papyrus scrolls and finally, accounts printed on paper. Today, everything goes on electronic media. Have you ever thought about how future generations will read this, considering how fast the storage devices are changing? Do you have anything on a floppy disk? Try to access it.

A CD may still work, but we are using flash cards and USB sticks more than anything else.

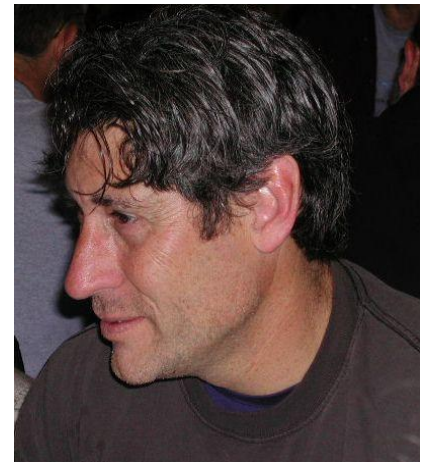
Instead of an open antique book showing colorful pages in a glass case, the museum of the future will have a pile of electronic storage media displayed to teach children about past societies.

If they have a device that can read it. Most of the stuff we create will be lost forever.

Well, the newsletter is back in print with this issue.

Thanks, Paul Tutokey for asking for a copy.

Mike



A Presidential Address:

Hello club members:

Just wanted to invite everyone again out to our regular Sunday breakfast .

From there, Jack has led us on great rides to Oglebay, WV and most recently down to Big Muskie in Muskingum Co.

We also had four brave souls venture out over Memorial Day weekend to attend the Rocket City Chicken Rally in Huntsville, AL. The weather did present some challenges on the way down, but overall it turned out to be a great weekend. If you're curious about rallies and have an interest in attending, please let me know.

The BMW MOA International Rally is just around the corner and we will have pretty good representation at the rally. Again, let me know if you're interested in attending. I will be working on setting up a club dinner on Friday July 22. Stay tuned for details.

I also want to remind you that the activity we so enjoy does include a risk. I was reminded of this while on my way home from work today. Traffic was backed up on 480 heading towards 77. When I finally got to the accident site, I could see a mangled motorcycle, debris, and a banged up car. The rider was sitting up, and I was very happy to see he was wearing a helmet. **But:** He was wearing shorts and a t-shirt. I know I don't have to paint the picture for you.

So, the message here is to remember the importance of wearing protective gear. Regardless of the distance or the ride we are on or how **hot** it is outside. I know that I personally need to keep this in mind, as I am tempted to take off the gear often.

Hope to see you soon and ride SAFE.

Dana