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Due to the MOA rally and other activities, there was no newsletter in July!

Our little Odometer Poker game on Sunday mornings at breakfast works quite well and seems to be well received. It has been rumored that competitive members ride around for a few miles before in order to come up with a good hand! 😊😊

The club is proud to welcome two new members: **Charles Armstrong** and **Charles Curtiss**! We hope to see you soon and often!

A few events are coming up:

Weekend of August 19-21 - **45th Annual 4 Winds BMW Rally 2011** near Brookville, PA.

September 2 -4 **2011 Finger Lakes Rally** at Watkins Glen State Park, NY.

Sep 16-18 **Rally In The Poconos** Indian Head Camp near Honesdale, PA

Plans are in the works for the **BMW Motorcycle Club of Akron's Annual Pig Roast**. Saturday, October 1st. It was decided to start a little earlier in the afternoon than usual. Details will follow.

Don Stewart donated the winnings of the 50/50 raffle during our Poker Run back to the club! Thank you very much from all, Don for this generous gift!

Akron BMW Motorcycle Club Riders on Mt Evans, CO



In spite of the altitude of over 14,000ft, the Boxers ran flawless

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A Presidential Address:

Hello club members:

It is August and the summer riding activities are gearing up for the final stretch.

The MOA rally and our Poker Run are behind us and it is safe to say, many club members had a great time.

Our Poker Run, for the first time in August this year did not have the attendance that we all wished for and that it deserved considering the effort all volunteers put into it, but still provided a decent bottom line, mainly due to the contribution of a lot of members who, once again, helped out and chipped in. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who helped for the support and the dedication to make this work. Especially Allyn Orlando who tied all the loose ends together and organized the overall activities.

I am not sure, if poker runs are a thing of the past or if we just picked a bad day, but we need to come together and discuss if we need to do something different and if so, what. Jim Pierce made a very good statement that the real value of the poker run for the club should not be measured by the attendance or financial success but by the contribution it makes to interaction between club members thus showing that the club is still alive and active. Food for thought!

A few events are still ahead of us that will also provide the chance to do things together as the Akron BMW Motorcycle Club: the *Four Winds Rally*, the *Finger Lakes Rally* and , most important: our *annual Pig Roast*. During the last club meeting, Donna and Bill Vair offered to host it again and the date was selected for October 1st.

Watch for separate announcement and further details.

I have to leave now and go buy a new tire for my RT. There is a lot of riding left to do!

Editor's Corner

My goodness! What a busy time the last few weeks were. I am glad, there was no newsletter for July, because even if I would have wanted to, I probably would not have been able to write one. Not that I didn't have fun. July sort of started out with a great trip all the way to Colorado with Julie and Dana McMahan and Pam and Greg Kenepp. And what a trip that was! It wasn't only the high altitude that occasionally left you breathless.



Even on the way out, it was exciting. A stop in St Louis to visit a great motorcycle museum really made up for the somewhat boring trip through Kansas.

Right after coming back was Vintage Motorcycle Days at Mid-Ohio. And while some of you attended the MOA rally, we went to my favorite motorcycle event of the year. Being an officer with another motorcycle club, I sure had my hands full there also and I could practice my skills as short order cook behind the grill..

But the busy time wasn't just filled with fun things to do. At work we had our annual QS/TS audit and that reminded me painfully why I can afford to spend money on motorcycles.

As a famous dog once said: *"Work is the Crabgrass in the Lawn of Life"*

Mike

Dana