



# Die Zeitung

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## President's Corner

*By Gerry Schulte*

Wow, where did the year go? The last month has been a blur. Not as many good riding days now, but still fun with a few extra clothes. Sorry about the lack of a newsletter for December. My computer did not want to talk to Kyle's for a few weeks. I think they've made up now.

Looking back, it's been a pretty good year. We've had some fun, made a little progress, did a lot of riding, some new friends joined the club, and the new rally site was a success. We've had riding contests, racing weekends, members went to two national rallies, Nebraska, Montana, Mexico and one went 'round the world.

Thanks to the TAMA experiment, we have a little more exposure in the local motorcycle world, for what it's worth, and our date on the 2008 calendar is no longer competing with the "Rumble in the Tunnel", Willie G., or anything else.

This past year, we were blessed with a willing and eager board, and I have enjoyed working with all of them. They selflessly came together as a group whenever called upon to work out problems and decide club issues. They also did a lot of leg-work behind the scenes to keep the club working smoothly. Including the "staff positions" in this group (editor, webmaster, store, TAMA, rally), we literally would not be a club without them, and I want to thank all of you for a job well done.

The new board has met by e-mail and picked a new restaurant for our meetings – **Suffolk Diner, 510 East Pinner Street**, near downtown Suffolk. It is a block off of Business 58, where Wilroy Road crosses it and changes names to Pinner Street. There is plenty of room, good food, reasonable prices, and though it may be farther away for some people, it is also closer to some very nice riding areas. I hope you all like it. For the record, it is 8 miles, or 10 minutes west of the Bower's Hill intersection.

Most meetings have always ended with groups heading off on impromptu rides. Responding to requests from many club members, we are planning to make an official ride at the end of every meeting. During each meeting, we will pick a destination for the following month's ride (museum, winery, special road, etc.), and a ride committee will pick a route to it. This month, our Club Secretary has graciously volunteered to lead a Polar Bear Run around the Dismal Swamp. Bundle up and come along!

Thank you for the privilege of leading the club this past year. You are a thoughtful, diverse and fun group of people to be with. See y'all at the next meeting.

Ride safe,

Gerry

## Editors Ramblings

*By Kyle Arnett*

This issue is lacking to say the least, I have been hoping to write an article but my schedule has not allowed it up to this point. I am out of items for the newsletter, any pictures, ride reports, articles, or ideas would help.

This year has gone very fast, summer came and went in a blur. I have broken out the Gerbings for my daily rides as it is getting colder. The advantage to this is that we finally can do maintenance on our bikes. For many of us, this provides both a reason to force ourselves into our other modes of transportation and allows us to take the bike out of commission for a few days without feeling guilty about it.

This time of year is also a great time to get deals on equipment for the upcoming season. Many businesses are selling their stock from last year to make room for the new stuff... this means good stuff cheap!

It will not be long and we will be seeing the weather warming up again as summer approaches.

Gerry is telling me to get this out no matter how thin or short of material, so I look forward to seeing you all again as work has precluded my attendance at meetings. Take note of the new location (if you somehow missed reading Gerry's section and only read mine... I doubt that!), if you show up to the old location, you will be dining alone and should take good minutes!

Be safe!

