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On The Fence...

by Ben Hermann, President

Woo-Hoo!!! Spring has sprung and it feels great. I finally got to put the summer tires back on and throw the top back for a short cruise. There's just something exhilarating about that fresh Spring air blowing through your hair. Before too much longer, we'll be able to do it on a regular basis. Until then, I guess we'll just have to sneak a day in here and there.

Even though the folks at the Statehouse decided to take a couple days off and not do much of anything, they still expect your tax check by the 15th. The only good thing about Tax Day is that it's a good reminder that the Post-Tax Blues Rally is soon to follow. This year we don't have long to wait at all, the PTBR is the very next day. (That's the 16th for those of you keeping score at home.) It's the perfect opportunity to hang out with our friends up north from the lake Effect club and go on a little poker run.

We need a volunteer to take over the May rally for Bruce Hedden. Bruce is leaving us for the warmth and twisties of the Carolinas and won't be able to be around to be the rally master any longer. If you're interested, just drop me an email or give me a call. You can change the date if the 14th doesn't suit you.

There are a couple events on our calendar that you might want to take note of. The "Tour de Boon Docks" weekend is coming up on the weekend of June 3rd, 4th, and 5th. This is a going to be a fun weekend in Southern Indiana. Then on the weekend of July 29-31, we'll be up in Lafayette for "Hot Summer Nights and Dancing in the Streets." Make plans to join us for these two overnights now as rooms are filling up fast. As usual, all the details for our events can be found on the club's website.

We also still have plenty of room for other rallies or mingles or whatever you can come up with to help fill out the rest of the calendar. We have some great events coming up this year, but there's always room for more. And if you're thinking about hosting an event, now you can use the survey results below to help you out and see what the people want.

Thank you to everyone who sent in the surveys from a couple months ago. I'm glad to see that 82% of the respondents use the website. I wish that more than 34% used the member forum so we could have some sort of online community as well though.

There was a strong response for some club gear and we're working on it along with a new logo to adorn said gear. More on that front next month.

Question-based rallies and poker runs received similar responses with about 62% of you listing them as your favorite or liking them. Guided tours and dinners and mingles did a little better with about an 82% approval rating and only a couple "don't like's". Overnights were at 57% positive, but also a high 37% no opinion answer, probably because a lot of us haven't experienced them. Thankfully we have 3 on the calendar so far this year so we can all rectify that. 72% of you thought events should be either mostly or exclusively on Saturdays. There is desire to have Sunday events as well. Glancing at the calendar of events, I see two Sunday events, but there's room for more. There is also a group of people who can't make weekend trips, so we're working on a weeknight dinner, but those plans are moving pretty slowly. (Sorry)

Now that I've put you to sleep with some boring stats, take a little nap, but then get out there, drop the top and hug a curve. And, remember... *The Fun Starts Here!*