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# August 2010 Newsletter

## Our Road Trip to the East By Mike LaBar

Kim and I took the SLK for a two week trip to the east coast, most of which was topless. It took us 3 days to get to Wells Beach, Maine. More back roads and less highway travelling makes a more scenic road trip. We went through the Hocking Hills area and some great roads in SW Ohio. Kim was driving and smiling through the curves. She said, "I see the attraction to curves like you do on your bike." I found out that you can get sunburnt whilst driving. We stopped in Wheeling, WV. 262 miles.

Our next leg was just getting through Pennsylvania. I found out that your hat, like your helmet should be fastened snugly dammit. We stop in Newburg, NY on the Hudson River just down stream of Rhinebeck, NY (great rally site... and now THE place to get married). 444 Mile 8 hrs.



Lobster Benedict at the Maine Diner

Our third leg went through the autobahn of Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maine. The folks up here drive fast and on US84 the folks doing 75-80 stayed in the right lane while others did 85-90 in the fast lane. The SLK was in it's element. 100 felt rock solid at 3500 rpm I knew there was more, but let's not be stupid. We arrive at Wells Beach, ME to stay for 5 days. I had lobster every day. Kim even tried it and kinda liked it. It was "Wicked Awesome" as they say up there in Maine.

Our next leg of our trip took us through New Hampshire, Vermont, and New York to the Adirondacks. Our home away from home. We visit my brother for 5 days before heading to the RA Rally in Pownal, VT.



Months ago when we were planning to ride to the rally I looked up the closest lodging to Pownal. Google Earth showed an America's Best Value Inn just a 1/2 mile away. As I pulled in I notice the grass growing in the cracks of



This is not Bill Wright properly packing luggage and beach chairs to his Audi TT

the blacktop and was greeted by a Mohawk cut 8 year old boy on a razor scooter. He helped us and other riders into our rooms. Me with my red transformer and nice shiny bikes, this kid was in heaven. After getting into our room, it did not pass inspection as we found a little something in the sheets. I talk to the Indian gentleman at the front desk and offered to pay for 1 night and he refuses to refund my money and that 3 days is there cancellation policy. He did finally refund 1 of my 3 nights, and we were off to Bennington for the Best Western.

(note to self. Never stay at America's Worst Value Inn. Don't trust the reviews on Google Earth, unless there are many reviews. Ask to inspect the room before you swipe your card.) I don't expect to hear from ABVI corporate after sending them a disgruntled email, Bennington's Best Western was very nice and we didn't catch anything or bring any unwanted bugs home. We rode rt 100 and saw some of Vermont's natural beauty. We

left on Saturday taking the back roads. Top Down. We make it to Glens Falls where we come across a B&B called Anna Rose and spend a delightful evening and wake up to a 5 course breakfast. Back at home Sunday. Logged 2513 miles.

The bikes feel neglected.



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## Spy Photo of the new K1600LT

Check out the seat height. Looks like BMW may have listened to the folks that aren't 6 feet tall.

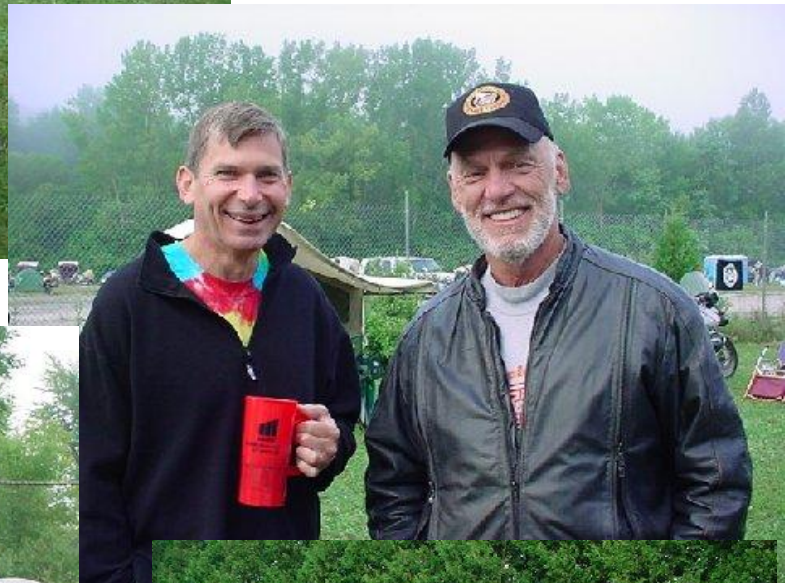


## RA Rally 2010—Pownal, Vermont

Having a Rally at an old race track was a novel idea. When I saw the GS track I was saddened that we did not ride the GS. It was a great time anyway driving topless in the mountains.



Photos by Neil Jones.



# Breakfast Ride from Nick's July 4th 2010



## My Road Rage with 4 Bikes

By Mike LaBar

Heading home from Vermont we took route 20 out of Albany, NY. After a while on 20, I came up on 4 bikes, Two straight-piped Harleys and two sport bikes riding side by side in both lanes of a truck passing stretch. I followed in the left lane throughout the stretch still riding side by side. In another mile or so we came up on another truck passing two lane stretch and they did the same thing, so I stay in the left lane poised to pass and still we endure the lovely straight pipe noise pollution. At this point I'm ready to pass these jerks at my next opportunity. The third time around they finally got over and I stomped on it and made the pass. Well, I guess I wasn't meant to pass these riders, as one of the sportbike riders two up passed me to the right as the two lanes turn into one. we must be doing 80 mph and now we're in the middle of them. One of the Harleys gets within inches of my back bumper while the other Harley rider (two up) came within inches of my side mirror. At this point they are screaming and I'm freaking out. I always said motorcyclists never win at road rage, but I felt in danger. With a tap of the brakes or a swerve to the left, I could have seriously hurt or killed us and them. I was scared. I quit. You guys and gals win. I throw my hands up and let off the gas and let them get ahead of me and I take the next turn into a gas station.

They ride on and we stop to gather ourselves. Kim was shaking and my heart was racing. We take 191 south and what a great road that turned out to be. Absolutely nobody else on the road and nothing but farmland on rolling hills to relieve our stress. We arrive in Glens Falls for dinner and a nice B&B where we unwind. One of the other guests, a Harley riding couple, told me that I was a "Target" with the SLK and being from out of state. Once I thought about it, the whole thing could have been avoided with a little more patience and a little less speed. I should know this. Motorcyclists usually do the passing so when a car passes me, I think, "That guy is a maniac."

Morale. ride/drive courteously.

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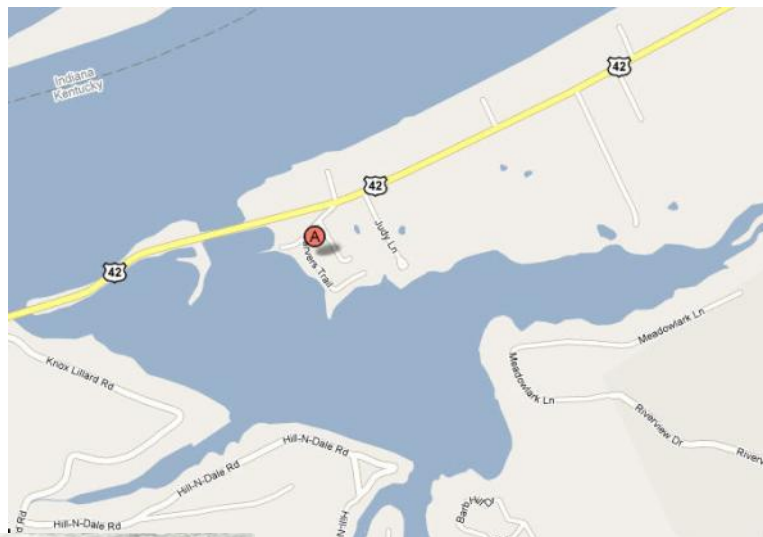
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**BMW R1200GS and S1000RR Selling Well**

During an economy that's less than favorable to motorcycle manufactures, BMW Motorrad reported sales and earnings were increased "sharply" in the second quarter of 2010.

Sales of BMW motorcycles increased 21.6 percent to 36,715 units sold, compared to 29,742 in the second quarter of 2009. The Bavarian manufacturer says during the first half of the year, BMW Motorrad sold 57,015 units (2009: 46,974 units). This corresponds to an increase of 21.4%.

The number one seller was the long-distance enduro model, the BMW R 12000 GS. This BMW also became the best-sold bike in the 500 cc plus motorcycles segment worldwide. Sales of the S 1000 RR - the first supersport bike manufactured by BMW Motorrad - reached a total of 6,459 units worldwide in the six-month period from January to June (of which 1,223 were sold in June).

Source: [ultimatemotorcycling.com](http://ultimatemotorcycling.com)

**Meeting Schedule for 2010**

January.....	Joe & Chris Berry
February.....	Tom & Joni Raybuck
March.....	Barb & John Fischer
April 10th.....	Steve & Karen Thoerner
May 8th.....	Mike & Kim LaBar
June 12th.....	Eric Ratterman & Jessie BauBlitz @ <a href="http://Autobahn Craftwerks">Autobahn Craftwerks</a>
July 10th.....	Joe & Chris Berry (triple B cook-off)
<b>August 7th.....</b>	<b>Larry Lovejoy &amp; Gail Deatherage</b>
September 11th.....	Joe & Linda DeLuca
October 2nd.....	Tom & Cheryl Ritter
November 13th.....	Tom & Joni Raybuck
December.....	Holiday Party

Larry Lovejoy & Gail Deatherage will be hosting this Saturday's (8/7/2010) meeting at 7:00 pm ..or so. Join the fun and arrive early.

227 Carvers Trail, Warsaw KY 41095



Tom & Joni Raybuck will be hosting the Battle Creek Club meeting on 8/14/2010. This years theme.

Redneck County Fair

Join them on Saturday for the ride to Rabbit Hash.

**Breakfast Ride September 5th**

Stay tuned for more details



## July 2010 Minutes

The club held their July meeting at Joe & Chris Berry's home. The eating started at 6:00 pm and the meeting was held in the back yard at 7:55 on 7/10/10.

There were approximately 35 or so members in attendance.

Guests Bill May & Larry Oakley as well as distinguished judges.

The minutes of the prior meeting were read by Mike LaBar.

The treasury report was read by Debbie Smith.

Beginning balance: \$1,483.07

50/50 of \$34.00 collected.

Ending balance \$1,517.07

There are 41 paid membership with 70 members



### OLD BUSINESS

The July Breakfast and ride from Nick's were both great .

Christmas Party – Jimmy Smith is checking on a facility. More focus on this event in the next few months.

Logo—Work is currently going on. Samples to come in the next few months

The Iron Horse weekend was discussed.

### NEW BUSINESS

Tom Ritter reported on the car show in Glendale

Riding for Smiles on 8/7—Dental needs for uninsured kids was discussed.

The Christmas Party was discussed

Bill Wright and Tom Raybuck reported on their rescue operation for fellow BMW riders.

Meeting schedule for August— 8/7 At Larry & Gail's 8/14 Battle Creek Meeting at Tom & Joni's

Bill May was voted in. (Rode his newly acquired LT 1600 miles with the heated seat on.)

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Steve Thoerner won \$34 on the 50/50

Bill Berry won the 1st Annual Smoked Meat BBQ Contest for his fabulous brisket.

## July 2010

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## August 2010

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## September 2010

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## October 2010

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## Rallies & Events

Aug 9-15  
**Sturgis Rally**  
Sturgis, SD

Sept 24-26  
**GCBMW C Gathering at Iron Horse**  
**Campground**  
Cherohala Skyway, TN

To see a full listing click [HERE](#)



Lael Forester Joined us for the breakfast ride on July 4th.

### 2010 AMA Superbike Racing - Championship Schedule

**July 16-18** Mid Ohio Lexington, OH  
**August 13-15** Virginia Int'l Raceway Alton, VA  
**September 3-5** New Jersey Motorsports Park Millville, NJ  
**September 24-26** Barber Motorsports Park Birmingham, Alabama

<http://www.amaproracing.com/>

### MotoGP 2010 Provisional Schedule: [Nicky & Casey Team Ducati 2010 video](#)

July 4: Catalunya - Catalunya  
July 18: Germany - Sachsenring  
**July 25 \*\*\*: United States - Laguna Seca**  
August 15: Czech Rep. - Brno  
**August 29: Indianapolis - Indianapolis**  
September 12: San Marino & Riviera di Rimini - Misano  
September 19: Hungary - Balatonring  
October 10: Malaysia - Sepang  
October 17: Australia - Phillip Island  
October 31: Portugal - Estoril  
November 7: Valencia-Ricardo Tormo - Valencia

***RIDE SAFE.***

### Website of the Month

<http://www.roadragers.com/>

Don't become a victim of road rage.

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