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August 2012 Newsletter

**BMW Motorcycle Club
Greater Cincinnati**



My New Scooter

By Mike LaBar

I decided to embrace the scooter craze and bought a 2005 Honda Reflex 250 scooter. I bought it not only because it looks like Bill Wright's ST, but it's a blast to ride. It's under 400 lbs. has ABS, comfortable seating and wind protection. Best of all it gets 70-80 mpg. I feel so green. It's easy to ride and I find myself making daily Kroger runs with it. I did get on the highway with it and noticed the sign that prohibits scooters or mopeds under 5 bhp. I'm not sure how many horsepower it has, but I got it fast enough for a speeding ticket. It felt solid at 70 mph. Maybe Kim will ride this thing. After all, I did get it for her.



The Original BMW Scooter

It almost rolled more than half a century ago...
Source: BMWMOA

While everyone's talking about the exciting new C 600 Sport and C 650 GT Maxi-Scooters from BMW Motorrad, spare a thought for the beautiful R 10 prototype scooter of the early 1950s, which came so close to making it into serial production before the plug was pulled on the project by the Board in favour of the BMW Isetta car. Completely developed by BMW, this scooter prototype was conceived at the beginning of the Fifties, which coincided with a booming interest in low-cost, two-wheeled transportation in the post-war years. The first design sketches appeared in December 1950 and show a scooter with large



wheels similar in size to those found on a motorcycle. In those days the company didn't have a separate design department - the first dedicated BMW motorcycle designers only started with the development of the iconic R 90 S boxer in the early 1970s - so a talented engineer or technician with a 'good feeling for the form' would previously have had the responsibility of penning the early sketches.

There were no clay models at this time either, although some made from plasticine and wood were created to show the R 10's potential to compete against the mighty Italian scooter brands of the time. A 198cc single-cylinder engine was especially developed for this machine, and a revised 175cc version then found its way onto a later prototype. With swooping, all-enclosing bodywork, smaller wheels, wide handlebars and enough room for two, could the R 10 compete against the class-leading, smaller-engined Vespas and Lambrettas buzzing around the congested city centres of Europe?

It is a question to which we'll never know the answer, as the scooter market began to show signs of slowing down in 1954 and BMW management took the decision to stop the project with immediate effect. The company needed the cash flow that could be derived from volume sales of a mass-produced, value for money vehicle, and having secured the production rights for an unconventional, yet innovative two-seater bubble car originally made by Italian company Iso, the inexpensive BMW Isetta vehicle was launched in April 1955. It turned out to be the right decision for the company as the little Isetta was a big success, selling more than 160,000 units by the time production ceased in 1962. Selling anywhere near that volume of scooters would have been near impossible, given the fact that there was no obvious market for them in Germany and it would have been difficult to export them successfully to the largest potential market in Italy, considering the competition that already existed there.

Alas, the R 10 with its protruding horn and light unit in the front fairing, and spare wheel carried on the rear, was consigned to history. It had been so close to serial production, but according to BMW Group Classic historian Fred Jakobs, it was a simple business decision that turned out to be the correct one for the company. "At the time the R 10 scooter was ready for production, the Board had a difficult decision to make," he said. "BMW was even back then a company known for its premium products and after many internal discussions it was decided that the scooter just wasn't special enough, either in terms of its product offering or its features when compared to the competition. The timing was also against it of course, because just when the scooter was due to enter its production phase, this coincided with a crisis in the motorcycle industry, which no doubt helped spur the decision to go ahead with production of the Isetta."

Now, there are just two of these wonderful R 10 scooters in existence - both safely kept in the BMW Group Classic collection in Munich. One of them is a working prototype and the other, which doesn't have an engine, is kept just for display purposes. The R 10 will be making a public appearance on 25-27 May at the Concorso d'Eleganza Villa d'Este at Lake Como in Italy. It



is Europe's most prestigious classic automotive gathering where magnificent vehicles from the glory years of the last century are displayed in a setting befitting their beauty and technical innovation. For the first time in 2011, motorcycles were included in this famous automotive festival and BMW was well represented in the Design Prototype Exhibition, where the stunning 1934 Art Deco-inspired R 7 took pride of place alongside other machines from the BMW Group, including the concept Husqvarna Mille 3 and the 2009 Concept 6 - the forerunner study to the six-cylinder K 1600 GT and GTL luxury touring machines. Interestingly, the R 7's potential high cost made it uneconomic to put into series production in the 1930s and just like the R 10 scooter some two decades later, it was quietly put away where it would lie undisturbed for many years. With the arrival of the new series production C 600 and C 650 GT Maxi-Scooters, the time is now right to revisit this early example of BMW scooter design from nearly 60 years ago, which will no doubt attract crowds of passionate Italian admirers throughout the weekend at the Concorso d'Eleganza Villa d'Este.

The third stage of development - the first BMW Motorrad e-scooter.

More than ever before, individual mobility is defined today in terms of sustainability. Increasing energy costs and growing traffic volumes in the megacities in particular demand a convincing response.

BMW Motorrad has read the signs of the times and is expanding its business activities to include the facet of urban mobility. Electromobility has a key role to play in this new segment. The first stage of development was the e-scooter concept vehicle presented at the BMW Motorrad Innovation Day 2011. Shortly after this, the corresponding design study of an e-scooter saw its premiere - the BMW Concept e. The latter embodies the aesthetic vision of an electrically powered scooter.

The highly promising third stage of development now follows with the BMW C evolution – on July 27th 2012 in London, BMW Motorrad presents the near-production prototype of an e-scooter as it might soon become part of everyday road traffic in cities throughout the world. This prototype is outstanding in terms of performance, functionality and design. With 11 kW continuous output and 35 kW peak output, the C evolution offers a powerful, speedy ride experience. With a top speed of 120 km/h and impressive acceleration it easily stands up to comparison with current maxi scooters (with a capacity of 600 cc and more). It supremely handles motorway riding and overtaking - even with a passenger. Thanks to its low centre of gravity it offers extremely easy handling and excellent slow-running properties. What is more, a high-performance brake system with ABS ensures maximum safety.

The key factor in an e-scooter is of course the storage capacity of the high-voltage battery (8 kWh): in the C evolution this enables a range of up to 100 kilometres – currently the best level among e-scooters generally. When the battery is completely flat, charging time ideally lasts less than three hours. The battery is charged via the integrated charging device, either at a regular household socket or a



charging station.

The BMW C evolution also offers a pioneering solution in terms of energy regeneration - so-called recuperation. The crucial point here is that riders do not have to activate the recuperation process themselves. The vehicle recuperates automatically whenever possible - either via engine drag torque in trailing throttle or during braking. This increases the range of the e-scooter by 10 to 20 per cent, depending on riding style. The blend of the paint finish "Light white" with "Electric green" as a highlight creates an innovative colour scheme for the C evolution, making a clear visual statement.

Watch now a video of the BMW C evolution: [BWM TV](#)

Road Observations

by Mike LaBar

On a recent trip to the Adirondacks, I began noticing the vehicles around me and made some casual observations. I noticed more KIA's, Hyundai's, Toyota's and Honda's on the road. I did see plenty of Ford's and American made cars out there though. It seemed over half were imports. Most drivers had New York or Ohio plates and I thought as I was driving my Ford Explorer, that more folks should buy American made cars. The government bailed out many in the auto industry, why not help the bail out as purchasers? Is it because they are less expensive? Better on gas? Better warranties? What is the thought process when buying a new car? Does "Buy American" even come into play? Not really. We want value for our dollar. Now, I'm saying everyone should buy American everything, you can't. But if you are buying a new 4 door sedan or a small suv or cross-over whatever that means, of the cookie cutter variety, why not buy something made in America. I spoke to a Chevy Volt owner and he reports that on average he gets 160 MPG. How oil-dependent would we have to be if all cars got that kind of fuel efficiency? Cleaning the air we breathe would be nice too. We need more cars like the Volt, but at \$40K it's a tough check to write, when you can get a Kia Sportage for half the price.

Perhaps there should be more incentives (cough..no tax) to buy a new American made car. My incentive to buy Ford products came from Kim's dad who retired from Ford so we can use the family "Z" plan to knock off thousands off the sticker price. Thanks Ford and Hoot Gibson for my incentive.

Of course we all love our mostly imported bikes we ride, but that's a bit different. The quality of foreign made motorcycles can't be beat in today's world. Maybe I haven't ridden the right Harley, but the ones I have ridden didn't impress me. We like our German made machines. They're made well and last long and are reliable. BMW has made it difficult for me and many other tri-staters to buy a new motorcycle without a local dealer, but a nice gently used BMW is never out of the question.

It's kinda odd that we buy vehicles from countries we were once at war with. If history repeats itself, we may be driving Iraq and Afgan solar flying cars in 50 years.

Too much time in a cage!

Carter Caves Weekend September 21 and 22

<http://parks.ky.gov/parks/resortparks/carter-caves/default.aspx>



Fall Gathering at Carter Caves State Resort Park near Olive Hill, KY
Friday-Sunday, September 21-23, 2012
15 lodge rooms reserved for September 21 and 22 @ \$76.45 per night plus tax
Campfire ring reservation @ \$25 per night (club expense)
Dining room available for all meals.
Rooms are being held under our group name "Greater Cincinnati BMW Club."
Camping is also available.

Beautiful scenery, great roads, underground caves, and good friends... this promises to be a great trip!

We must make our individual room RESERVATIONS BY JUNE 20 or the rooms will be released to others. This won't be a problem because all of our rooms plus one cabin are already reserved by us! Additional lodge rooms may open up if not all the rooms reserved by other groups for those nights are actually booked by their members. It is likely that even more rooms will become available as individuals cancel reservations between now and September 21.

Phone numbers: [606-286-4411](tel:606-286-4411) or [800-325-0059](tel:800-325-0059)

Fall gathering committee members Jim Osburn, Joe DeLuca, and John Fischer will be riding to Carter Caves in early June just for fun, anyone who wants to join is welcome. Tom Raybuck is also a member of the committee.

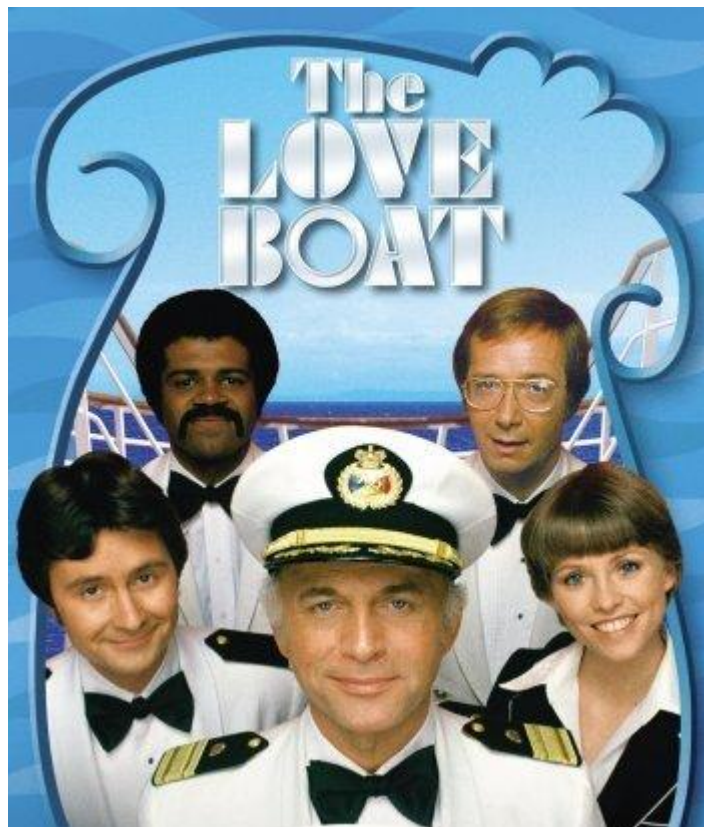
Join us on the SS Raybuck for a Love Boat Reunion/Battle Creek meeting on Saturday August 18th.

Just a reminder about the Battle Creek BMW Club's visit this weekend. Everyone is welcome to come and join the fun!. If you want to go on the ride Saturday morning, come on over for breakfast and we should head out around 10:00 or so. We'll be back (Joni tells me) around 4:00 and should be eating dinner around 6:00 or so. Some folks will be here at the house all afternoon for "in-port" activities. The evening entertainment - Dr. Dan and the Stray Dogs - should begin around 8:00. Members that have been here for other events - Wild Wild West (Chester), Scottish Fling, Redneck County Fair, Oktoberfest, etc. - can tell you that it's a good time and it's always nice to get the two groups together and share stories.

Just a couple things to ask, please let us know if you're coming so we can get the count on food, tell us about any seafood allergies, and please bring chairs with you, if you can.

Hope to see you on Saturday!

"Captain Stubing"



RTE at The School House Thursday August 2, 2012

I finally got Kim on the GS. First ride on it. We travelled slightly over 3 miles to the Schoolhouse Restaurant and had a great meal with great company. Fried chicken and Peanut butter pie... yum! I think these club RTE's are the bee's knee's. Let's keep it up.

Thanks Bill for initiating a fine RTE.



A Snapshot Back..



George Thorogood at the MOA National Rally in 2005.

Tomato Pie



Ingredients

1 9-inch pie shell

- 1/2 yellow or red onion, chopped
- 3-4 tomatoes, cut in half horizontally, squeezed to remove excess juice, roughly chopped, to yield approximately 3 cups chopped tomatoes
- 1/4 cup sliced basil (about 8 leaves)*
- 2 cups grated cheese (combination of sharp cheddar and Monterey Jack, or Gruyere or Mozzarella)
- 3/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1 teaspoon (or more to taste) of Frank's Hot Sauce (or Tabasco)

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

**To slice basil, chiffonade them by stacking the leaves on top of each other, roll them up like a cigar, starting at one end slice the "cigar" crosswise in thin slices.*

Method

1 Preheat oven to 350°F. Place pie shell in oven and cook for 8-10 minutes or longer until lightly golden. If you are starting with a frozen crust, you'll need to cook it a little longer. If you are using a homemade crust, freeze the crust first, then line the crust with aluminum foil and pre-bake it for 20 minutes, then remove the foil and bake an additional 10 minutes.

2 Squeeze as much moisture as you can out of the chopped tomatoes, using either paper towels, a clean dish towel, or a potato ricer.

3 Sprinkle the bottom of the pre-cooked pie shell with chopped onion. Spread the chopped tomatoes over the onions. Sprinkle the sliced basil over the tomatoes.



4 In a medium bowl, mix together the grated cheese, mayonnaise, Tabasco, a sprinkling of salt and freshly ground black pepper. The mixture should be the consistency of a gooey snow ball. Spread the cheese mixture over the tomatoes.

5 Place in oven and bake until browned and bubbly, anywhere from 25 to 45 minutes.

A "CLOTHESLINE" OF QUILTS IN ADAMS COUNTY

by Jen Poellet

Those who take to the road in southern Ohio this summer might be pleasantly surprised by colorful quilt squares dotting the countryside. The quilt squares are painted on barns in Adams County as part of the Adams County Sampler project, an innovative tool designed to move travelers through the countryside while highlighting Appalachian heritage.

The Adams County Sampler is a project of a community-based committee of visual artists, quilters, business and property owners working with Planning Adams County's Tomorrow (PACT). The goal of the project is to increase the positive awareness of Appalachian culture and strategically position the county as a tourist destination. The project began with seed money from the Ohio Arts Council's Appalachian program and also received funding from the Adams County Chamber of Commerce.

The initial plan was to create 20 quilts in Adams County but the project has grown significantly. Plans are in the works for quilt barns in neighboring Brown, Pike, Monroe, and Hocking counties.

"Just think, we could have an interconnecting clothesline of quilts throughout Appalachian Ohio," said Donna Sue Groves, the OAC's southern Ohio field representative, in hopes that the project will catch on in all 29 Appalachian counties.

PACT has developed a partnership with the Ohio Audubon Society and The Nature Conservancy to broaden the project's reach. The quilt barns are a part of the new Appalachian Discovery Birding and Heritage Trail. Combining both cultural and ecological tourism will help to foster economic growth in these Appalachian communities. The partnership also leverages state, foundation and private funds for the maximum benefit. For more information call Donna Sue Groves at 937 / 549-2131



Google [Map](#)

Mike and Kim LaBar are hosting our August 18th meeting. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm but come early to swim or ride the trails. Remember to wear your rally t-shirts. You will be judged. We are located at:

**6293 Branch Hill Guinea Pike
Loveland, OH 45140**

GCBMWC Dues

\$15.00 for a single membership or \$18.00 for both single & associate

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Meeting Schedule for 2012

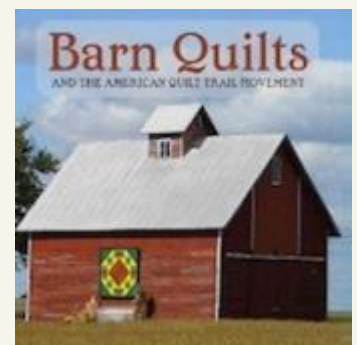
- January 14..... Bill & Sheila Wright
- February 11th..... Tom & Joni Raybuck
- March 10th..... Steve & Karen Thoener
- April 14th..... Neil and Marsha
- May 12th..... George and Mary
- June 9th..... Larry and Gail
- July 1st..... Joe & Chris Berry
- August 11th..... Mike & Kim LaBar
- September 8th..... Scot and Linda Freidman
- October 13th..... Merrill & Diane Gloss
- November 10th.....
- December 8th..... Holiday Party at Germania

**1st Sunday Ride
Sept 2nd 9:00 am
Breakfast at**

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Website of the Month

[Www.Ohiobarns.com](http://www.Ohiobarns.com)



GCBMWC Meeting Minutes

July 7th, 2012 Berry Bros. BBQ

Meeting called to order at 7:13pm and opened with Treasurer Debbie Smith reading the Treasurer's report. Member Joe DeLuca was reimbursed for reserving the fire ring at Carter Caves for our fall outing.

Under Old Business, Bill Wright advised membership that after calling Carter Caves office, we have secured by reservation all 16 rooms that were blocked out for our club as well as 1 cabin. Bill was assured that any of the remaining lodge rooms that have cancellations will be offered to our club first. By all accounts, this outing is shaping up to be enjoyable and well attended.

After the recommendation of our Christmas Party Committee, Bill signed the contract with Germania Society for use of their clubhouse facility and bar. It was also negotiated and agreed to that we can bring our own desserts this year which should be a welcome and tasty change from years past.

Bill Wright also advised members that he will be attending the Leadership Summit to be held at the MOA rally in Sedalia and asked for questions or comments that he can present on our behalf. Bill will report at next club meeting.

The BMWMOA Charter has expired and will be renewed during the rally in Sedalia per Beth Cooper of the MOA.

Under New Business, new member Wm. Michael Brenner and his lovely wife Ursula were welcomed and it was duly noted that the weather was never hotter prior to their arrival J

Honored guest and BMWMOA Ambassador Harry Hawkins, Madison, IN was also welcomed to the festivities and was immediately saddled with sharing responsibility for the weather with the Brenners.

Bill reported that several potential new members have been communicating by email with some having already sent checks for membership fees. Expect some new faces at the next breakfast ride and/or club meeting.

Under Good of the Order, it was stated that Heindle Engineering will be holding their annual open house on July 28th. They are the local Ural and Enfield dealership.

Tom Raybuck invited all members to attend the annual party for the Battle Creek Club to be held at Tom & Joni's home on Saturday August 11th @ 6pm - ? The theme will be The Love Boat with Joni playing the role of Julie your cruise director. Tom's role was not revealed but should be interesting to say the least.

The next club meeting will be held at the home of Mike & Kim LaBar on Saturday August 18th with the swimming pool available for those so inclined.

Due to the extreme heat/humidity the abbreviated meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm

Special thanks to Chris & Joe Berry for hosting not only our meeting but for the excellent BBQ Contest coordinated and judged by the entire Berry family. Kudos to all of the individual category winners and also to all who participated with an entrée, dish, or dessert.

Rallies & Events

Tuesdays—Bike night at the Comet

Wednesdays-Bike night at Quaker Steak & Lube Milford

To see a full listing from the MOA Calendar click [HERE](#)

Your RTE could go here.

2012 Club Gathering
At Carter Caves 9/21 & 22

2012 Christmas Party
Dec 8th 2012 at
Germania

August 2012

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North Carolina
August 9 - 12, 2012
35th Annual Dan'I Boone Rally
Carolinas BMW Motorcycle Owners Association #220

Ontario
August 10 - 12, 2012
The Return to Trenton Rally 10
The Loonie-tic BMW Riders of Quinte West #292

Nebraska
August 10 - 12, 2012
30th Huskerally
Nebraska BMW Nightriders #117

Montana
August 16 - 18, 2012
14th Beartooth Rendezvous
Beartooth Beemers #303

British Columbia
August 16 - 19, 2012
11th Bee Cee Beemers Hot Springs Rally
Bee Cee Beemers #114

Pennsylvania
August 17 - 19, 2012
Four Winds BMW 45th Rally
Four Winds BMW Riders #6

West Virginia
August 17 - 18, 2012
West Virginia Bikers for Babies

Illinois
August 24 - 27, 2012
15th Annual Galena Campout
BMW Motorrad Club Northern Illinois #271

Ohio
August 24 - 26, 2012
Buckeye Beemer Rally
Buckeye Beemers #99

Minnesota
August 25 - 26, 2012
Biker Weekend at the Minnesota Renaissance Festival

New York
August 31 - September 3, 2012
38th Finger Lakes Rally
Finger Lakes BMW Club #25

September 2012

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before the next deadline.

Thanks

STORE HOURS

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| Monday | Out Riding |
| Tuesday | 9:00AM - 6:00PM |
| Wednesday | 9:00AM - 6:00PM |
| Thursday | 9:00AM - 8:00PM |
| Friday | 9:00AM - 5:00PM |
| Saturday | 9:00AM - 4:00PM |
| Sunday | Out Riding |

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