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December 2010 Newsletter

Last-minute updates for the Christmas Party:

We will be having a gift exchange for anyone who would like to participate. All you need to do is bring a \$10 wrapped gift for each person who wants to play. The gift can be for a man or a woman, motorcycle-related, holiday-related, alcohol-related, whatever you choose. We'll do a little "Grinch Exchange" where you can open a new gift, or steal someone else's. There are always one or two gifts in this game that are really popular, so expect there to be quite a few takeaways and turnovers. The more, the merrier. You are at least guaranteed to go home with something new!

We're also going to try the 1st Annual BMW Beer Exchange. What is that, you ask? Well, each person who is interested should bring a 6-pack of specialty bottled beer (in its cardboard carrier). All of the beers will be put on a large table, and everyone can re-pack their 6-pack carrier with a whole new assortment of beers. The idea is that you'll have some new micro-brews, seasonals, or imports, to try over the holiday. No Budweiser or Miller Lite allowed!

Both exchanges are for those members who want to participate. We've also planned a little "ice breaker" to kick off the evening's festivities and that is open to everyone. Looking forward to seeing all of you on Saturday!

Tom and Joni Raybuck



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2010 Christmas Party

When: 12/4/2010 6pm—10pm

Where: Raffel's in Blue Ash
11330 Williamson Rd.
Blue Ash, OH 45241

Cost: \$25 for members \$30 for guests

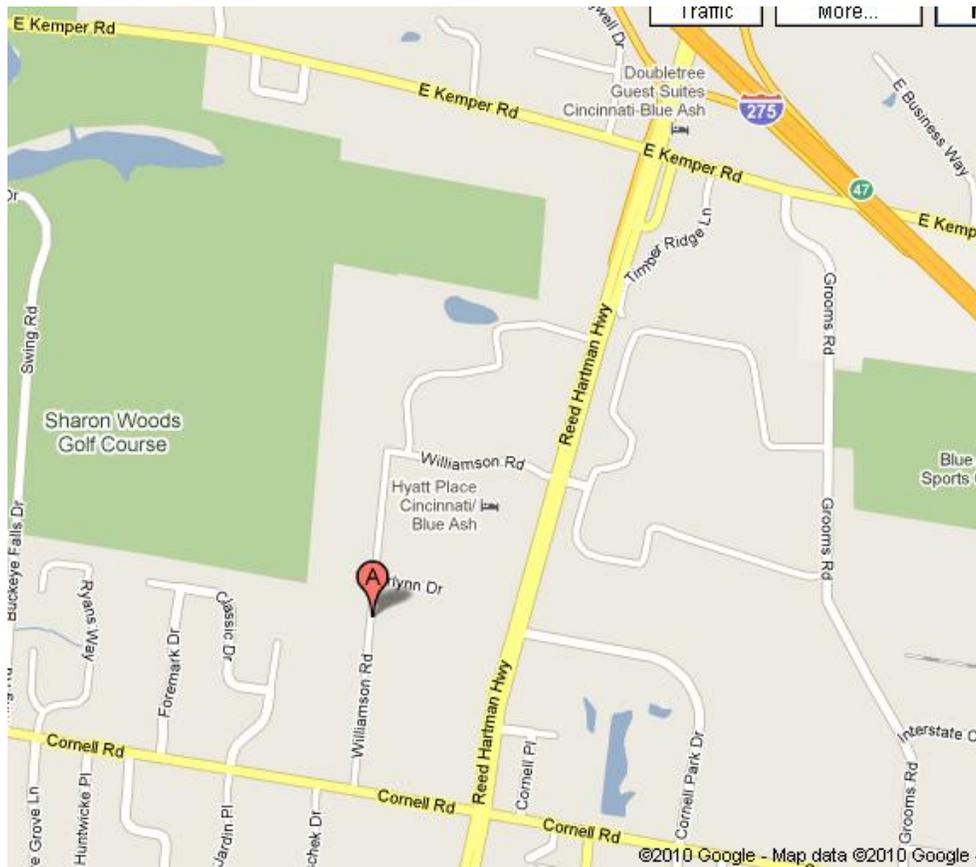
Have your checks made out to GCBMWC. Don't forget to pay 2011 dues also.

Mike & Ann Allen from Motohio will be visiting bringing bikes and goodies for all the good boys and girls.

Bring a wrapped \$10 gift for the gift exchange. This is a blast.
Bring a six pack of GOOD beer for the beer exchange.

Join us for another great party.





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Meeting Schedule for 2011

Holiday Party at Raffel's

**11330 Williamson Rd.
Blue Ash, OH 45241**

**Cost: \$25 for members \$30
for guests**

**RSVP—send your RSVPs
and checks to**

**Debbie Smith
3646 Longhorn Dr.
Hamilton, Ohio 45013**

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| February..... | Tom & Joni Raybuck |
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**Breakfast Ride December 5th at 10:00 am
Sarah Jane's Restaurant
1012 Lebanon Street, Monroe, OH - [Map](#)**

Next to the Hustler store

GCBMWC Dues

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

Send your dues and Holiday dinner checks to:

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Add your name to the 2011 meeting schedule so we can fill this block to the left. Volunteer at the next meeting. Get your favorite month while the gettin's good. Remember, meetings are informal, and preparing a feast is not required.. Unless you insist.

To those who hosted in 2010, a big THANK YOU for allowing us to meet in your homes.

November 2010 Minutes

The club held their November meeting at Tom & Joni Raybuck's home. The meeting started at 7:42 pm on 11/13/10.

There were approximately 25 members in attendance.

The minutes of the prior meeting were read and approved.

The treasury report was read by Debbie Smith.

Beginning balance: \$1,378.07

50/50 and dues of \$51.00 collected.

Ending balance \$1,429.07

There are 43 paid membership with 74 members

Guest Evan Gay was present.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussed the club ride. 14 Bikes and a good rt 10 ride.

Discussed the meeting at Tom and Cheryl's

Merrill's Alaska story said to be a "Must read"

NEW BUSINESS

National Rallies where discussed. The MOA July 21 - 24, 2011 Bloomsburg Fairgrounds, Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania. The RA June 30, 2011 – July 3, 2011 Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin

Nominations were opened. Jim Osbun moved that we retain the existing officers for 2011. Seconded by Larry Lovejoy

Christmas Party – 6-10 pm on 12/4/2010 Mike & Ann Allen bringing bikes. RSVP with Debbie Smith. Dues and Dinner money can be sent to Debbie Smith.

Club ride on the 5th of December.

Contests ends 11/30/2010

Raybucks Volunteered for February 2011 Meeting

Larry Lovejoy planning a weekend in Ireland, IN.

Passed out copies of logos for members to view.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm

Allen Smith won the 50/50

December 2010

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Rallies & Events

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

1st Saturday each month visit Lenny at [Autobahn Craftwerks](#) for Open House

Tuesdays—Bike night at the Comet

Wednesdays-Bike night at Quaker Steak & Lube



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Websites of the Month

BMW MOA

<http://www.bmwmoa.org>

[MOA Superstakes II](#)

Win a new GS and much more.
For every 10,000 tickets sold, another R1200GS will be added to the prize pot.

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Larry & Gail Go To The Curve Cowboy Reunion

By Larry Lovejoy

Let me start this with a little background info. The present BMW K1200LT was introduced in 1999. Since the bike was new buyers would get on line to find information. A web site came into being that allowed an exchange of information concerning the bike. Well as time passed, someone suggested that it would be nice if these owners could meet each other face to face. So it was decided that Broken Bow ??? would be the spot, and so on Labor Day weekend 2000, 6 riders met and spent a few days riding and commiserating, and as legend has it, the group named themselves The Curve Cowboys. As the number of riders increased so grew the venue.



My first CCR was in 2003 at The Park Vista Hotel in Gatlinburg TN. I did like everyone else and found the information on the web and thought it might be a nice rally to attend. As you became registered for the event, you gained access to who was attending, and I was pleased to see a couple from Cincinnati signed up, so I contacted a Ralph Todd and we agreed to meet and ride to Gatlinburg. We spent 4 wonderful days riding the great roads and meeting new people and enjoying a great time with 525 plus people. The last night of the Rally consist of a banquet dinner and a presentation of a check to a local child- related charity group. The amount of money donated was raised thru a silent auction held on Thursday night, donations and money raised thru registration fees. I can't remember the exact amount, but I believe it was in the area of \$21,000. At this Banquet dinner they announce where next years reunion will be held, and the announcement was Breckenridge Colorado. Well Ralph, Terri and myself had such a great experience that we signed up for CCR 2004 the minute we returned home.

Since that first CCR I have attended the following:

2004 Beaver Run Resort, Breckenridge Colorado

2005 Jackson Lake Lodge, Grand Teton Nation Park WY

2006 Chateau Elan Winery & Resort, Braselton GA

2007 Tan Tara Resort, Osage Beach MO

2008 Zermatt Resort & Spa, Midway Utah

The 2009 CCR was held in Rapid City SD, and since Gail and I spent 3days with our friends from Sturgis SD (which I met in Gatlinburg and Gail met in Braselton) we decided to skip that year. But when I got an e-mail from my Sturgis friend informing me that 2010 CCR was being held at the Grand Resort in Killington VT, Gail and I said we were in for the event.

On August 22 we left our little abode in Warsaw, KY and headed out. Our first stop was Mt Washington PA, which I had been to back in 2004, but this time I had my wonderful S/O, Gail, with me and I planned to treat her to dinner while overlooking downtown Pittsburg where the Allegany and the Monongahela rivers come together and form the Ohio river. This scenic view was written up in USA as one of the 10 best in the country, and I have to agree. While enjoying dinner that night I sent a picture to Mr. Raybuck with the subject line reading, "guess where we are". His reply was something to effect " do you feel the power like a 5 time champions?". No response was required, I did not want to feed his ego.

The next day we rode to Niagara Falls in a light rain and mid 60 degree temps up Rt 66. This was the first day that I began encountering some trouble with my cruise control and headset. Now you hard core riders may laugh in jest, but when riding down the road on a triked LT, and you have to continually hold the throttle, while all you are getting is static & crackling in your ears, or maybe some music in one ear, and at times causing your passenger's radio to go dead, was most irritating to say the least. Oh well. we made it Niagara and wound up spending a day on the U.S. side and 3 days on the Canadian side. We had a wonderful tourist experience, enjoying the things that we did as kids while there on vacation with our families. There was one small problem the bike encountered while on that side, a new battery was purchased at Budd's BMW near Ontario. I knew the battery was 5 years old and had been showing some signs of fatigue, but no, I waited till we were on the rode to replace it, Highway robbery, but what the heck.

When we left Niagara on Friday Aug 27, headed for Killington VT. Since Gail and I are retired, we have no time restrictions and thus we like to travel the back roads of this wonderful country of ours. I carry a Scenic Highways and Byways book published by the Nation Geographic Society and always mark some routes in the states we plan to ride thru. So that day we rode the Cayuga Lake from Seneca Falls to Ithaca on NY 89. The next day we headed NE and headed for NY 30 to begin The Adirondacks ride from Speculator NY to Saranac Lake through Adirondack Park on NY 30 and 3. We spent a wonderful night in Saranac Lake, had a great Italian dinner and nightcaps at our lakeside motel .

That Sunday we rode through Lake Placid (sight of the 1932 & 1980 winter Olympics) on NY 86. Nine miles east of Lake Placid you turn on 431 which is known as the scenic White Mountain Memorial Highway. Rising up to an elevation of 4867 feet, the summit offers views east to Vermont, north to Montreal, west and south to the Adirondack Mountains with Lake Placid in the foreground.

As we left the mountain range, our destination was Burlington VT for a one night visit, before heading into the Grand Resort in Killington a day ahead of schedule. We headed north for Rt 2 to ride the scenic route of the Champlain Islands from Alburg, VT to Colchester VT, and we continued on to Burlington where we had an enjoyable dinner and adult beverages in a local tavern next to the motel, with some local people we met.

We arrived on Monday at the Resort and checked in so we could enjoy the surroundings. My mission here was to get my headset replaced, but I was a little dismayed at the lack of vendors that were going to be at the rally. The economy has cut down on the attendance and the number of vendors., In speaking to our next Director of the Board, I was informed that we had 230 registered attendees this year, down from highs of 550 a few years ago. Well this led me to the internet to check on my autocom system, firing off an e-mail to headquarters in the UK. I did receive a response and found a auto-com distributor in Troy NY. During the conversation he informed he would send new headset to the Grand Resort and it would be there in 2-3 days, Since I had been riding 9 days with a bad one, and Gail had informed me she was flying home if I did not get it fixed, I told him I wanted it tomorrow, that way if it was not the right one, I could ride a 100 miles to his place to get the right one. Well it showed up the next day (cost me an extra \$10) but it worked -- one problem solved.

We spent Wednesday riding and having lunch with friends from Lebanon OH and a couple that joined them for their first CCR. I had met Bill and Jane Dunning in Jackson Hole WY back in 2005, (Bill had contacted me in May of 05 to see if this CCR thing that his wife had signed up for was worth going to --now they have been to 3 of the next 5) and Gail met them in 2006 when she attended her first CCR in Braselton, GA. The next day Gail did one of those girl things at the spa and I rode off to a local brewery for a sample of local brew and wings, at the Long Trail Brewery.

The following day, Gail & I decided to ride to Montpelier, the state capitol of VT. (In grade school I always remembered the name but could not spell it) so decided to go see it. As we pulled into a parking spot in front of the capitol, and started the procedure of helmet removal, etc. I noticed a gentleman standing on the sidewalk near the front end of the car immediately in front of us, and my eyes said he was naked, but my brain was not comprehending such intel, just then Gail asked me, "is that guy naked" and just as I started to respond, he turned around and began walking to the driver side of his car, and I said he sure as %\$# is!!! As he got into his car I noticed that he had Mass plates on his Lexus. As I was taking a picture of the Capital I noticed a guy in some kind of uniform walking across the street, so I pulled over and told him we just saw a guy naked across the street, and his response was, "he wasn't on the grass was he?? And we said, no. He said well good, he go naked anywhere, but not on state property, as long as he left his house nude. I said but he had Mass plates, I guess he wanted to make a statement. This uniformed courthouse guard then asked Gail, "did he have shoes on?" she answered with a quick " I don't know -- didn't get that far down !!!!!" -- and we had a good laugh.





Now let's jump to the Friday night banquet. As we entered the room we were waived down by friends we had met in Branson Mo while on our way to CCR 07, and asked to sit at their table, since Delta and Gail had not seen each other yet on this trip. As we sat there for dinner, we were introduced to a couple from Maine, who were attending their first CCR and were invited to the table by our friend Delta from Ga. I informed them that we were headed to Maine on our way home to KY. His wife Chris promptly informed us that we were invited to a live fresh Maine lobster dinner they were having that Sunday night at their house in Lewiston ME. She informed us that the lobsters were coming off the boat Sunday morning, and the corn would be picked that weekend, and she would be baking some pies. There were two other couples from TX who would be there and they would love to have us there. We politely thanked them and informed that we stopping in Nashua NH to visit an old friend, before heading on to Maine.

As the final night proceeded we learned that there were 200 in attendance for the reunion, they handed out some awards and then announced that our silent auction had raised a little over \$10,000 the previous night, which shocked the gal heading up the local charity we were donating the money to. She was informed to wait, we had more. The total raised through unspent registration fees, and split the pot raised at two night functions and the auction, amounted to more than \$26,000, all raised by 230 registrations and 200 attendee's. A little info about the charity we donate to. It has to be one that involves children, and it has to be local to the area we are having our reunion. Since that first gathering in Broken Bow this group of riders has raised more than \$140,000.

The rally was over, we said our good-bys to new and old friends and began packing for departure. The next day was a short 149 mile ride to visit with Neil Jones. Since Marsha had just moved back to Dayton (Neil is staying until their house sells) we could sense that Neil was looking for company. As we were uncorking our 3rd bottle of wine after enjoying a fine steak dinner prepared by Neil, we laughingly informed him that we had passed on a lobster dinner, to visit him. When he asked where it was, we informed that Lewiston ME was the place. He quickly said that it was only about 3-4 hours by the scenic route to get there. Well, as you might guess,



Gail quickly called our new CCR friends and inquired if the invitation was still open for dinner on Sunday? When she informed her that it sure was, Gail told her that we had a friend that rode a BMW and was a good guy, and would it be ok if he came, she said sure thing. I quickly made reservations at the Ramada Inn located a mile or so from their house in Lewiston and the trip was on for Sunday.

So on Sunday we headed out with Neil in the lead. A 152 miles later we made it to Lewiston ME. After checking in, we were picked up by our guest Mark and driven to their house where his wife Chris was busy in the kitchen. There was a CCR couple from Texas that were joining us, but they were in Bar Harbor so dinner was going to be around 8 pm. This meant we must have an appetizers so Chris produced a home made pizza from her commercial oven as we sat around her island with two computer screens that she uses to get new recipes. During this time we learned that they grow there own veggies, get their meet from local farm, and truly make everything from scratch. Two of their three children attended culinary school and work in restaurants, one at the BBQ Exchange in VA. For the sake of Mr. Berry, I added this to our spots to stop on the way home. Once the Texas couple arrived we had a fantastic dinner with fresh clams to start, then the lobster Stuffed with a secret recipe, fresh corn, and homemade cheesecake and apple pie deserts.



To say the least, Gail and I were truly impressed, and Neil was almost speechless, I said almost, Neil was truly Neil. As we were heading back to the motel, Chris invited us all for breakfast the next morning.

The next day Gail slept in, not being a big breakfast person, but Neil and I enjoyed a great breakfast, and said our thank yours and good-bys and headed back to the motel. Neil packed up and the three of us headed to NH and the Kancamagus Hwy Rt 112 as we reached I 93, Neil headed south for home and we headed north to circle the White Mountain area.

What a great weekend we had with Neil and we both said how glad we were that Neil and Marsha were moving back to Dayton.

The balance of our trip consisted of 10 days with visits to Bar Harbor ME, Kennebunkport ME, Cheers in Boston, Plymouth Rock, Cape Cod. We actually rode through New York city on 9/11 on our way for a stop in Haddonfield NJ , to visit friends for a few days. While here, I worked on the cruise control and got it fixed. Next stop was the BBQ Exchange in Gordonsville VA, via downtown Washington DC, because I thought I was smarter than the GPS. We met the daughter of our Lewiston ME couple and sampled there BBQ (we highly recommend), The next day we toured Thomas Jefferson's Monticello, and started for home..

The last day we rode most of the way home from Oakville WV in the rain. Twenty five days, 4608 miles and quite a few dollars, new friends, invites from old friends, great food, drink, scenic views, and whole bunch of memories. Oh yea, next years CCR will be in Bosie Idaho, we plan to there.

