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**December
2012
Newsletter**



**GCBMWC
Holiday Party**

**December 8, 2012 6 -10 PM
Germania Society of Greater Cincinnati
3259 W. Kemper Rd. Cincinnati OH**

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One part of the Holiday Party evening will be devoted to a Christmas gift exchange. Participation is voluntary. If you want to participate you should bring a wrapped gift (\$10 or less) to exchange. A couple can bring 1 or 2 gifts. If you bring 2 gifts you take home 2 gifts.

In the past, Joni and Tom Raybuck have managed to make the exchange quite entertaining. So, find something interesting to wrap up and see what you can get in exchange.

Neil Jones, spokesperson
Holiday Party Committee

PS: if you haven't yet indicated that you expect to attend, please RSVP to the list or to me privately. All are welcome. This is a marvelous way to kick off the season.

Attendees who have responded to date:

Mike & Ann Allen (MOTOHIO)
Chris & Joe Berry
Bill Berry
Ursula & Mike Brenner
Linda & Joe DeLuca
Barb & John Fischer
Ken & Becky Francois
Lisa & Scot Friedman
Di & Merrill Glos
Marsha O'Connor & Neil Jones
Kim & Mike LaBar
Allen Leach
Todd Leaver
Jeff Lemkuhl
Gail Deathrage & Larry Lovejoy
Mary Tholking & George Nyktas
Rosemary Haddad & Jim Osburn
Karl Perry
Joni & Tom Raybuck

Cheryl & Tom Ritter
Deana & Jimmy Smith
Karen & Steve Thoerner
Gail & Bob Ulrich
Shelia & Bill Wright
Brenda and Bill Johnston (RA officer)
Cindy & Mark Hoskey (Ohio RA)



The Get Smart Phone

There is an app for just about everything. If you have a newer smartphone, there are a lot of things it can do, some better than others. I no longer need a GPS or an mp3 player or my 35 mm digital SLR camera or my TV remote or even the tv itself. I mostly talk to this thing when I compose anything.

This article is being put together by me talk into it. Taking notes at the meeting this is now done with this smartphone. Remember when you saw Dick Tracy talking to his watch television and you thought that was the coolest thing well now there is Skype. I just got the new yellow pages I don't know why.

I did go looking at the App store and I did find an app that is a radar detector. There is an app that tells you where the traffic cameras



are. So now all I need on the bike is a ram mount to hold this smartphone. Add bluetooth to my helmet and I'm wirelessly connected. Since I can't control this phone with a glove on it's not much of a distraction. I guess I'll just have to talk to it. I do like listening to music while riding and the ability to see local radar, but I'm not too sure about getting phone calls mid curve.

I found out smartphones do a lot of cool things. Maybe too many things. They are huge distraction. Siri has never felt the thrill of riding. There's no app for that. I should be riding.

Found in my inbox:

When I bought my Blackberry, I thought about the 30-year business I ran with 1800 employees, all without a cell phone that plays music, takes videos, pictures and communicates with Facebook and Twitter. I signed up under duress for Twitter and Facebook, so my seven kids, their spouses, 13 grand kids and 2 great grand kids could communicate with me in the modern way. I figured I could handle something as simple as Twitter with only 140 characters of space.

That was before one of my grandkids hooked me up for Tweeter, Tweetree, Twirl, Twitterfon, Tweetie and Twitterific Tweetdeck, Twitpix and something that sends every message to my cell phone and every other program within the texting World.

My phone was beeping every three minutes with the details of everything except the bowel movements of the entire next generation. I am not ready to live like this. I keep my cell phone in the garage in my golf bag.

The kids bought me a GPS for my last birthday because they say I get lost every now and then going over to the grocery store or library. I keep that in a box under my tool bench with the Blue tooth [it's red] phone I am supposed to use when I drive. I wore it once and was standing in line at Barnes and Noble talking to my wife and everyone in the nearest 50 yards was glaring at me. I had to take my hearing aid out to use it, and I got a little loud.

I mean the GPS looked pretty smart on my dash board, but the lady inside that gadget was the most annoying, rudest person I had run into in a long time. Every 10 minutes, she would sarcastically say, "Re-calc-u-lating." You would think that she could be nicer. It was like she could barely tolerate me. She would let go with a deep sigh and then tell me to make a U-turn at the next light. Then if I made a right turn instead. Well, it was not a good relationship..

When I get really lost now, I call my wife and tell her the name of the cross streets and while she is starting to develop the same tone as Gypsy, the GPS lady, at least she loves me.

To be perfectly frank, I am still trying to learn how to use the cordless phones in our house. We have had them for 4 years, but I still haven't figured out how I can lose three phones all at once and have to run around digging under chair cushions and checking bathrooms and the dirty laundry baskets when the phone rings.

The world is just getting too complex for me. They even mess me up every time I go to the grocery store. You would think they could settle on something themselves but this sudden "Paper or Plastic?" every time I check out just knocks me for a loop. I bought some of those cloth reusable bags to avoid looking confused, but I never remember to take them with me.

Now I toss it back to them. When they ask me, "Paper or Plastic?" I just say, "Doesn't matter to me. I am bi-saxsual." Then it's their turn to stare at me with a blank look. I was recently asked if I tweet. I answered, No, but I do fart a lot."

Hey Bikers, mark your calendars for next year's Fall Gathering!

At last week's club meeting, the message came through loud and clear that most members want to return to Carter Caves next September. I called our very helpful contact there and found that the entire place except for a few cabins is booked for the last weekend in September due to a quilting convention. The lodge is available on the weekend of September 20-21, which we also agreed was a good weekend. At this time, all of the cabins are reserved for that weekend but that could change with cancellations in the future.

Using the authority granted to me as the non-chair of the Fall Gathering Non-Committee, I went ahead and reserved 20 lodge rooms and put us on the waiting list for whatever cabins become available. Camping is also available for those wanting to rough it.

I'm awaiting the written contract but here are the arrangements:

Fall Gathering at Carter Caves State Resort Park near Olive Hill, KY

Friday-Sunday, September 20-22, 2013

20 lodge rooms reserved for September 20 and 21 @ \$79.95 per night plus tax (discount rate)

Campfire ring reservation @ \$25 per night (club expense)

Dining room available for all meals.

Rooms will be held under our group name "Greater Cincinnati BMW Club."

Please MAKE YOUR INDIVIDUAL ROOM RESERVATIONS BY JUNE 20 or the rooms will be released to others. You may want to wait a few days before making a reservation to be sure the information is entered in their system.

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

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

Just call or email if you have questions or want additional information...

Joe

To our Chartered Club Members,

Please join me in thanking Michael Johnston for his service to the BMW Riders Association in the role of Chartered Club Coordinator and Regions Program Co-Chair.

Michael is stepping down from these roles as of the end of November. He has been instrumental in rejuvenating these areas of the RA. He remains a member of the Board of Trustees.

Karen Jacobs, current Co-Chair of the Regions Program, will be assuming the full responsibility for the Regions Program and will be acting as Interim Coordinator for the Chartered Clubs program until the appointment of a Coordinator occurs.

Please welcome Karen to this expanded role. Karen has been an active and enthusiastic BMW rider for several years and has ridden her R1200RT across the US and to Alaska. She is a current member of the Board of Trustees.

Pre-Registration for the 2013 Rally at the Biltmore will be opening soon. Please monitor the RA's website www.bmwra.org for rally news and information.

Thank you and ride safe,

George Nyktas

President

BMW Riders Association

GCBMWC Holiday Party Checklist

December 8th at 6:00 pm at Germania Park

Bring a dessert

Bring a 6 pack of good beer.

Bring a small gift (wrapped and ~ \$10)

Bring containers for leftover desserts.

Bring your checks. Motohio will have bikes for sale.

Eggnog Custard Pie



Ingredients

- 1/2 (15-ounce) package refrigerated pie crust
 - 1 cup sugar
 - 4 large eggs
 - 1 (12-ounce) can evaporated milk
 - 3/4 cup water
 - 1/4 cup light rum
 - 1/8 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
 - 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 - Whipped cream, for garnish
- Powdered sugar, for garnish

Directions

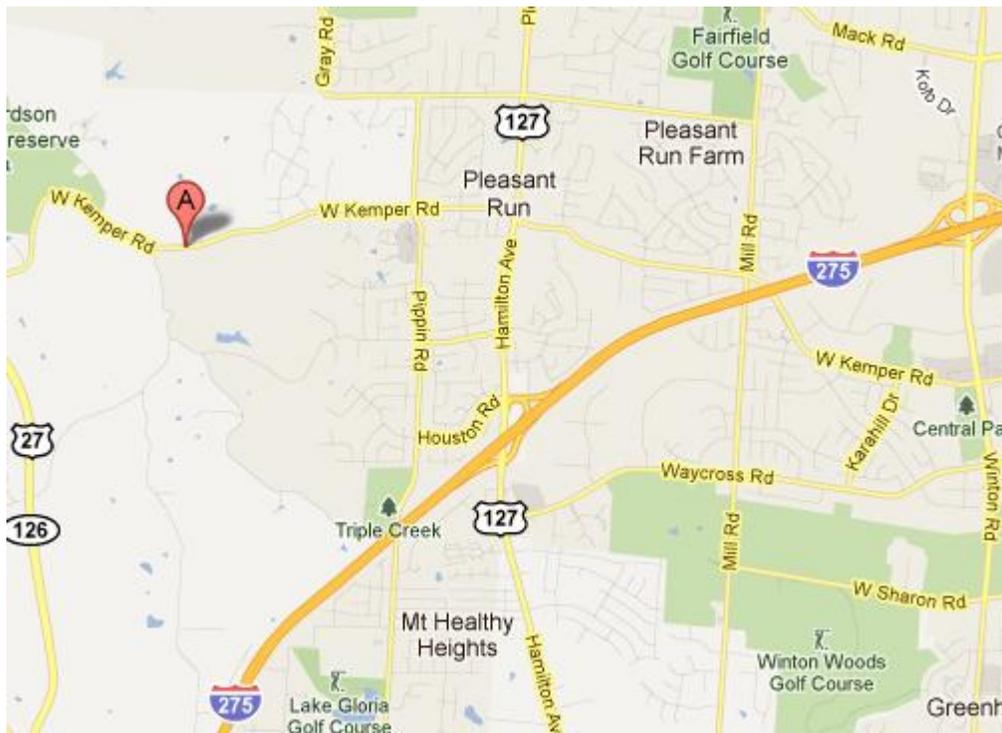
Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

On a lightly floured surface, unroll pie crust. Roll pastry into a 12-inch circle. Press pie crust into a 9-inch deep dish pie plate, crimping edges, if desired. Lightly poke holes into the bottom of the dough once it's fitted firmly in the plate.

In a large bowl, beat sugar and eggs at medium speed with an electric mixer until well combined. Add evaporated milk, water, rum and salt. Beat at low speed until combined. Pour mixture into crust. Sprinkle top of pie with nutmeg and cinnamon. Place pie onto a rimmed baking sheet with a depth of 1/2-inch. Add hot water to baking sheet.

Bake for about 55 minutes, or until a wooden pick inserted near center comes out clean.

Cut into desired sizes and garnish with whipped cream and powdered sugar.



GCBMWC Dues

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

Send your dues to:

Debbie Smith
3646 Longhorn Dr.
Hamilton, Ohio 45013

Your 2012 Officers

President **Bill Wright**
wmwright@fuse.net

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Secretary/
 Webmaster **Mike LaBar**
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Treasurer **Debbie Smith**
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Website of the Month

<http://www.aerostich.com>

Christmas shopping for us.



December 8th 6:00 pm Christmas Party at Germania Park

3529 West Kemper Road Cincinnati, OH - [map](#)
 Don't forget to bring a gift and a six pack for the exchange games.



Meeting Schedule for 2012

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

**1st Sunday Ride
 December 2nd 10:00 am**

For our last breakfast ride for 2012 let's meet at Zaraco's Restaurant at 10 AM and ride at 11 AM. Zaraco's is [located](#) at 321 North State Street in West Harrison, IN. 47060 ([812-637-3263](tel:812-637-3263)).

JohnF

Minutes from the monthly meeting of the

Greater Cincinnati BMW Club

October 13, 2012

At the Raybuck's
West Chester, OH

Vice President John Fischer began the meeting at 7:30

Treasurer's Report – Presented by Debbie Smith

Beginning balance \$1,910.98, Income \$26.00, Expenses \$0.00, Ending Balance \$1,936.98

Old Business

Larry Lovejoy commented on the Christmas party on December 8th at 6:00 pm at Germania. Cost to be \$30.00 per person with 2 entrees. Early payment to be made to Debbie. Deadline should be around. Invite past members and prospective new members. Six pack and gift exchange is going on as planned. Coordinate desserts.

New Business

Nominations:

Mike LaBar nominated Eric Ratterman for Secretary. Tom Ritter nominated Neil Jones.

Steve Thoerner was nominated for Vice President.

Jimmy Smith was nominated for treasurer.

Mike spoke about CafePress. Added a dozen items. Will be getting a check for \$25.62

Joe DeLuca offered to chair the club outing event for 2013. Larry and The consensus is that we should go back to Carter Caves. We made need an alternative rally from the national in Oregon. Sept 21 or 28 is the target dates. Check on cabins.

Mileage contest and quilted barns contest ends today.

Mail checks to Debbie

Do non members still get newsletters? No. The secretary is provided a list of paid members by the treasurer. April is the month you must pay by.

No new members.

Motion to close. Seconded. 8:06

December 2012

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Maryland
December 15, 2012
Bob's Holiday Cheer Party

Florida
January 18 - 20, 2013
30th Annual Winter Rally - Florida's Coolest Rally
BMW Motorcycle Owners of Northeast Florida #42

January 19, 2013
Bob's Annual Bus Trip to the NYC International Motorcycle

March 15 - 23, 2013
IMTBike Andalusia Tour in Spain

Mississippi
April 5 - 7, 2013
Dogwood Trail Rally
BMW Riders of Mississippi #15

April 7 - 20, 2013
BMW MOA Machu Picchu Tour with PeruMotors

April 12 - 27, 2013
BMW MOA MotoDiscovery 10-Day Ecuador Tour

Wisconsin
April 21, 2013
29th Wild Goose Run
Various Clubs

North Carolina
April 26 - 28, 2013
BMW MOA Weekend Getaway
BMW MOA

Vermont
April 26 - 28, 2013
Frosty Nutz
Yankee Beemers #153

Alabama
April 27 - 29, 2013
2nd BMW Club Veteran Riders International Campout
BMW Club Veteran Riders International #329

Maine
May 17 - 19, 2013
The 2013 DownEast Rally
BMW Riders of Southern Maine #183

January 2013

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February 2013

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Got more shopping? Why not visit our own little store and help out the club at the same time. It's a Win-Win!

<http://www.cafepress.com/qcbmwc>

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](#)

**2012 Christmas Party
Dec 8th 2012 at
Germania**

Bring a dessert.
Bring a wrapped \$10 gift.
Bring a six pack of your favorite good beer. No bud lite.

Send your newsletter submissions to [Eric Ratterman](#) before the next deadline, which is the Thursday before the breakfast rides.

The newsletter is made better when YOU help. Let's help Eric with providing content whenever we can.

Thanks,

Mike LaBar
It's been Fun!

STORE HOURS

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

MOTOHIO
european motorbikes