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December 2010 Newsletter

Special Logo Issue

As promised in Tom Ritter's letter in the November newsletter, the members of the unofficial club Logo Committee are pleased to present the five images seen here as options for a new, official club logo. (Just in case you care to know, the logo committee consists of your four current officers plus past-president Bob Ulrich.)

As you likely know, the club began attempting to create a new logo quite some time ago. Then, in July 2008, BMW corporate issued new guidelines on the acceptable use of the BMW Roundel and BMW name. At that point, the club began attempting to comprehend and implement the new rules.

With input from many, our goal has been to create a design that is not only compliant but, more importantly, conveys Riding and Greater Cincinnati. We also need a design that will be legible when re-produced in various formats and sizes, from as large as on a new club banner/flag to as small as on new name-tags or even lapel or hat pins. One primary use of the new design will be on new club "business cards". The cards will be available for all members and can be given to other riders our members may meet during our travels. The reverse side of the card can be used to display the club's web address and/or to write your own name and contact information. This need for legible reproduction in various formats and sizes dictates a design that is somewhat simple. With significant help from two volunteer designers, we are pleased to offer these five choices as options for the new logo.

Club members will have the opportunity to cast their votes for their favorite logo design at the club Christmas Party/Meeting on December 4th. Members who cannot or do not attend the Christmas Party but still wish to cast a vote can contact a member of the logo committee for a ballot.

The members of the logo committee have come up with many possible uses for the new logo. For example, we foresee using just the artwork in various ways. Of course, the first two logos share a common design element as do the last three. If chosen, the first two might both be adopted and then used accordingly depending on the size or format.

Feel free to contact any of the committee members if you have questions or simply wish to discuss these choices. We greatly appreciate the efforts of our two designers as well as the input of all of our members during this process. And, we look forward to seeing everyone at the club Christmas Party.

The Club Logo Committee

Top 5 GCBMWC Logo Designs

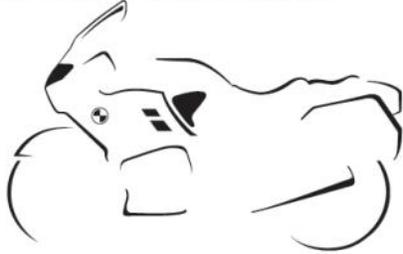
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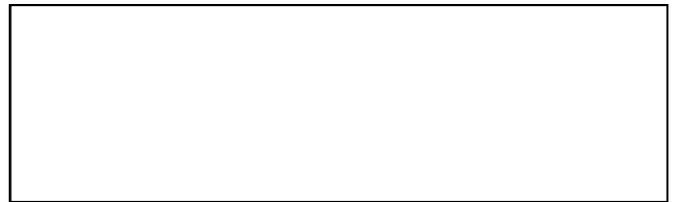
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2010 Holiday Party

When: 12/4/2010 6pm—10pm

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

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

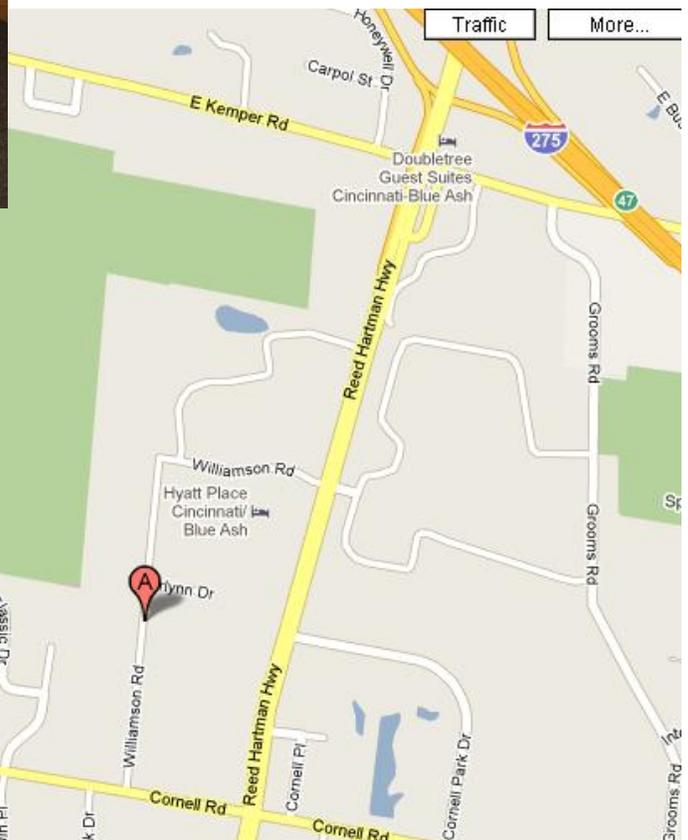
RSVP—send your RSVPs and checks to [Debbie Smith](#)
3646 Longhorn Dr. Hamilton, Ohio 45013

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

Join us for another great party and support the club.



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Door prizes Galore.

My Fishing Trip

By Mike LaBar

Captain Tom Raybuck invited me to go fishing last weekend and what a time we had. Tom, Mark, (fellow Ft. Walton Beach comer and Northern KY resident) and myself set off for the 12 hr drive to the panhandle of Florida. We arrive Okaloosa Island around 11:00pm and get a good night's rest before a day of fishing on Friday. I don't think any of us slept much so when daylight came we were all up getting things ready and getting licenses and oil and a new set of flares. By 9:00 we are all aboard M/V Fins-n-Grins. I meet our 2 fishing gurus, Captain Mike (ex-charter boat captain), and first mate, fish finding master, Jeff. We stop in Destin to fuel up and get a garbage can full of ice, and beer. Destin Harbor is very nice and the fishing Rodeo is in full swing. We head out to a favorite spot (gps is a very good thing on a boat). We're bouncing around in 1-2 foot seas while capt Mike and Jeff are cutting bait and rigging up our poles. We stop at the spot and drop our lines and immediately start catching a variety of fish. Trigger fish, Mango Snapper, and White Snapper are coming up with every drop to the bottom. We had two hooks on each line with squid and Bonita and they were eating it up as soon as it hit bottom. At one point we all were pulling up fish and had a half dozen fish flopping around in the boat. After an hour or so and 30+ White Snapper, we head for deeper waters for Red Snapper and Grouper. The next spot around 28 miles from shore yield the same results with the live bait. The Red Snapper was there waiting for us. Now this became work reeling up these 10 – 15 lb. fighters from 200 feet. Capt. Mike would get a fish and call for me to reel him up. I was given a new nickname after he called out, "Where's my electric reel?" It's a good thing there is a 2 fish/person limit on those Reds. We limit out with barely enough room for all the fish we caught. The Gulf was relatively calm so we hammer down making 30mph and we are back in the harbor in about an hour. This was by far the best day of fishing that I have ever had. I was whipped and glad to be back on land. I had sea legs for the next few hours and it felt like Tom's place was swaying back and forth. Beer seemed to help. Captain Mike and Jeff cleaned and filleted fish until dark and didn't finish the cooler full of fish. They would



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have to iced down and finish tomorrow. We went out for burgers at an Irish pub and man were they good. After smelling like fish all day, we opted for meat.

The next morning we get an earlier start and head out towards the Red snapper spot. The Gulf wasn't as calm as yesterday and it didn't get any better throughout the day. After catching some bait fish we land at our spot bobbing up and down in 3-4 ft seas. Fishing in those conditions was more challenging, as keeping secure on the boat was more of a concern than catching fish. I was thinking, maybe we should be wearing life jackets, but we went on fishing making multiple passes over the spot. The current kept the bait moving too fast on the bottom, making a poor presentation to the elusive reds. Tom hooked into something big and had good fight with a whopper of red. We got the scale out for this one and the fifteen pounder was now on ice. We got 6 snappers before we decided we better head back before the seas got meaner. Coming back was not pleasant. Tom did a good job driving the boat back, but I felt seasick most the way back. I kept it together thankfully, but that 2-½ hour ride was rough. As soon as we arrive in Destin harbor, I felt so much better. We head to Rodeo central to see if Tom's fish is the day's record. The top catch was 17 pounds. Too bad. Back at the dock, the fish cleaners get back to work while Tom, Mark, and I get the boat on the trailer and go to the car wash

to wash the salt off the boat. After showering the boat we get showered and go out for souvenirs and oys-

ters and adult beverages before the big fish fry back at Captain Mike's. After vacuum sealing a mess of fish to freeze, we head down to Capt. Mike's and begin feasting on a variety of fish. There's nothing like eating fresh fish that you caught with fried sweet potatoes and Captain Morgan. Before long Captain Mike had his guitar out singing songs about fishing and drinking and women. Midnight came and we head back up to finish vacuum sealing the rest of our filets. Off to bed and sleep comes easy. What a great weekend. I am happy to report that I saw no evidence of an oil spill in the Ft. Walton Beach and Destin areas and that the fish population and taste is very good, especially with the horseradish tartar sauce.



Thanks Tom.



To view a fishing video [click here](#).

Triple D & Mileage Contests End at the end of November.

Send your odometer readings and photos for the Triple D Contest to [Mike LaBar](#) by Sunday 11/28/2010. Your ending mileage will be your beginning mileage for 2011.

2010 Mileage Contest Worksheet

Rider	Bike 1	Beg Miles	Bike 2	Beg Miles	Bike 3	Beg Miles
Neil Jones	04 R1150RT	95,642				
Larry Lovejoy	02 K1200LT	84,042				
John Fischer	R1150GS	36,267	2005 KTM 525EXC	1,223		
Mike LaBar	97 R1100GS	78,503	94 R1100RS	132,701		
Chris Long	00 R1100RT	51,157				
Jack Basham	97 K1100LT	42,420				
Bill Berry	82 R100RS	162,791				
Allen Leach	R1100GS		65 R69S			
George Nyktas	04 R1150RT	34,084	R90/6 Hack	54,528		
Merrill Glos	R1150GS					
Steve Thoerner	05 R1200GS	30,600				
Tom Ritter	R1150RT					
Bob Ulrich	00 R1100RT	40,148	76 R90/6			
Bill Wright	VMW V-Strom					
Joe Berry	K75	58,321				
Gary Franklin	08 R1200GS	13,829				
Tom Raybuck	01 R1150GS	60,648	71 R75 /5	40,057		
Peter Wilton	87 K100RS					
Wes Landrum	K1200RS		R65LS			
Jeff Lemkuhl	K1200RS					
Jessie Baublitz	92 K75RT	41,245	82 GS550L	9,706		
Frank Alfero	05 K1200LT	37,217	09 K1300GT	6,036		
Luis Martinez	R1200C	18,621				
Jimmy Smith	08 Triumph Bonneville	7,815	88 Honda Hawk 650GT	41,497		
Deane Smith	2007 Kawasaki 650R	10,527				
Debbie Smith	09 Triumph Street Triple R	1,068	97 Honda VFR750	25,028	Honda CBR1100XX	3,594
Allen Smith	99 BMW K1200LT	22,121	00 Honda VFR800	6,087		
Joe DeLuca	03 R1150R	28,520				
John Sites	2008 K1200GT	7,265				



GCBMWC Dues

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

Send your dues along with your Holiday dinner dollars to:

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Meeting Schedule for 2011

If you would like to host one of the meetings in 2011, please let one of the officers know.

Anyone up for hosting January?

February is taken by the Raybuck's

January.....	
February.....	Tom & Joni Raybuck
March.....	
April	
May	
June	
July	
August 7.....	
September	
October	
November 1.....	
December 4th 2010.....	Holiday Party @ Raffel's in Blue Ash \$25/member \$30/guests

Breakfast Ride December 5th at 10:00 am

Stay tuned for more details.