



“Carpe Viam” - - - “Seize the Road”

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2009!
Baby it's cold outside.
Let's meet in Florida!



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Thirteenth Issue by New Editor!

Winter in Ohio is when everyone is supposed to put the bike up for the season, carefully doing something seasonal to the oil and tires and carefully hooking up a battery tender. Others just keep riding. Those who put the bike up on blocks missed several 45 to 65 degree days. One must be flexible, watch the weather and get the bike out of its hiding place quickly on the good days.

December was party time. Our annual Holiday party was December 13. Read all about it in this issue. The club meets for breakfast on January 1 at Bob Evans at Tylersville Rd. Who will ride there?



Neil the Editor

Greater Cincinnati BMW Club 2009 Officers

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Club Breakfast & Polar Bear Ride

January 1, 2009

Tom Raybuck, VP of Rides sez: Meet at Bob Evans on Tylersville Rd. for breakfast at 10. What better way to start the New Year? Warm cujones are like no cujones at all.

New Members are always welcome!

Bring cash or check to a meeting or mail a check to
Debbie Smith, 3646 Longhorn Dr., Hamilton, OH 45013
Single member \$15. Couple \$18.

GCBMWC Holiday Party!

December 13

Our club had a very nice event at the home of the Germania Society, the center of Cincinnati's German community. The clubhouse was quite comfortable and our caterer provided a delightful banquet. A fine variety of (free) beer and wines were popular.

Attendees were surprised and happy to see Debbi Harbour, national President of the BMW Rider's Association, Mark Hawkins regional officer of the RA and (our own) George Nyktas, national Treasurer of the RA.

Other visitors included Matt and Madison Berry, son and grandchild of Chris and Joe Berry. Club web guru Mike LaBar provided an ongoing show of big screen photos from member's 2008 motorcycle rides.

Winners of the club Mileage Contest were announced, as were the top finishers in the International Cities Contest. Details of these awards are in the minutes of the meeting on a following page.

Club Officers for 2009 were nominated and elected during the business meeting. Angie and Harry Finks were sworn in as new members.

Attendees were: Bob & Gail Ulrich, John & Barb Fischer, Tom & Cheryl Ritter, George Nyktas & Mary Tholking, Jim & Deana Smith, Jeff Lemkuhl & guest Leesa, Larry Lovejoy & Gail Deatherage, Karl Perry, Tom & Joni Raybuck, Bill & Debby Hanna, Mary & Henry Pierce, Shelia & Bill Wright, Joe & Chris Berry, Mike LaBar, Bill Berry, Allen Leach, Jessie & Eric Ratermann, Neil Jones & Marsha O'Connor, Pete Wilton. Other guests included Matt Berry and daughter Madison, Debbi (national President of the RA) & Mel Harbour, Daneen Corbin & Mark Hawkins (RA Regional officer), Angie & Harry Finks, and Ron Monnig.

January 17 GCBMWC Membership Meeting

At the home of Joe and Chris Berry
1341 Forester Drive
Cincinnati, OH 45240
(513) 742-3419



Many people know that Joe Berry is one of the original members of the GCBMWC. But few people know that Joe and Chris first met at a motorcycle rally. You can ask them for details on January 17 at the club's first meeting of 2009.

Bring your annual membership dues, bring a dish of veggies or a dessert to share, kick back and ask Chris about her new granddaughter.

Rallies & Events

January, 2009

- No rallies scheduled

February, 2009

- Florida's Coolest Rally Feb 13-15
- Daytona Bike Week Feb. 27—Mar. 7

FL February 13 – 15, 2009

26th Winter Rally - Florida's Coolest Rally

Chill out at Florida's Coolest Rally! Join us at Camp Blanding on beautiful Kingsley Lake for a wonderful Valentine's weekend in the Heart of Florida. This will be a special rally, and great for couples. Because of the success of our rally, we must limit attendance to 500. YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER TO ATTEND. Camp Blanding is located on Highway 16 at Highway 21, twenty miles west of Green Cove Springs. To preregister for Florida's Coolest Rally go to: BMWNEF.org. For more information contact Mary Crawford at: WINTERALLY@bmwnef.org

FL February 27 – March 8, 2009

9th Daytona BIKEWEEK Campout

Holiday Travel Park, Bunnell, FL 32110. NW corner of I-95& Old Dixie Highway, exit 278. Park facilities include on site restaurant, clean hot showers/laundry and a swimming pool. Information on tent and dry RV camping fees is available at holiday-travelparkcoop.com or at 386-672-8122. Please check the website at www.b-cubed.us.



Minutes of the GCBMWC Meeting

December 13, 2008

Held at the Germania Society

The December, 2008 meeting of the GCBMW riders was held as a part of the club Holiday party gathering in the clubhouse of the Cincinnati Germania Society. Present were Bob & Gail Ulrich, John & Barb Fischer, Tom & Cheryl Ritter, George Nyktas & Mary Tholking, Jim & Deana Smith, Jeff Lemkuhl & guest Leesa, Larry Lovejoy & Gail Deatherage, Karl Perry, Tom & Joni Raybuck, Bill & Debby Hanna, Mary & Henry Pierce, Shelia & Bill Wright, Joe & Chris Berry, Mike LaBar, Bill Berry, Allen Leach, Jessie & Eric Ratermann, Neil Jones & Marsha O'Connor, Pete Wilton. Other guests included Matt Berry and daughter Madison, Debbi (national President of the RA) & Mel Harbour, Daneen Corbin & Mark Hawkins (RA Regional officer), Angie & Harry Finks, Ron Monnig.

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Ulrich.

Minutes of the November meeting were not available for reading.

Mr. Ritter read the Treasurer's report which was accepted as presented.

2009 meetings were announced for January 17 at Chris & Joe Berry's home and February 21 at Tom & Joni Raybuck's home.

A traditional New Year's Day breakfast gathering will assemble at Bob Evans restaurant on Tylersville Rd. at 10 am.

Bob Ulrich presented a slate of candidates for 2009 club officer positions. No additional candidates were offered from the floor. Members present approved the slate as presented. New officers for 2009 will be President, Bob Ulrich, Vice President, Tom Raybuck, Treasurer, Debbie Smith, Secretary, Neil Jones.

Summer rallies for the national BMW clubs were announced to be July 16-19 at Johnson City, TN and July 23-26 at Canaan Valley, WV.

Debbi Harbour remarked on the strength and state of the RA, commenting on the cooperation and co-ordination which occurred with the MOA in scheduling national rallies. She said the RA rally this year will include a dirt bike school and the MSF Experienced Rider Course.

Mike LaBar presented awards for the International Cities Contest, which provided fun and interest within the club. Mike himself collected 25 cities and Tom Raybuck collected eight. No prizes were awarded.

Mike LaBar also presented the results of the 2008 club mileage contest as follows: Bob Ulrich 5393 miles, Mike LaBar 5922 miles, Bill Berry 6200 miles, Jack Basham, 6765 miles, Joe Berry 9890 miles (with Chris on the pillion for 5250 miles), John Fischer 11,364 miles, Larry Lovejoy 15,497 (with Gail in back for a whopping 8,558). First place went to Neil Jones with 21,869 miles, which warranted a club reward check. Neil expressed his gratitude.

It was announced that our caterer will give leftover food from the Christmas party to One Way Farm, a children's home in the area.

After heated debate, Angie & Harry Finks were voted in as new members.

An unidentified member announced the May 2009 Mini-rally of the Battle Creek BMW club, to be held someplace where it is always 70 degrees & sunny.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 PM.

Minutes recorded by Secretary, Neil Jones

Schedule of 2009 Club Meetings

| Date | Location/Hosted By |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| January 17, 2009 | Joe & Chris Berry |
| February 21, 2009 | Tom & Joni Raybuck |
| March 7, 2009 | |
| April 11 | |
| May 9 | |
| June 13 | |
| July 11 | Gail Deatherage & Larry Lovejoy |
| August 8 | |
| September 12 | |
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If you would like to host a 2009 meeting at your home or at your business, please advise Club President Bob Ulrich, or make your interest known at a club meeting.



2008 GCBMWC Membership List

Jack & Arlene Basham
George Becker
Woody & Tena Benson
Joe & Chris Berry
Bill & Nancy Berry
Mike & Barbara Crum
Greg & Kathy Cullers
Alan Disher
John & Barb Fischer
Ken Francois
Gary & Sue Franklin
Merrill & Diane Glos
Bill Hanna
Neil Jones
J. Chris Katzer
Mike & Kim LaBar
Allen Leach
Jeffrey E. Lemkuhl
Chris & Anne Long
Larry Lovejoy & Gail Deatherage

Curt Nichols
Ken & Helen Norris
George Nyktas & Mary Tholking
Karl Perry
Henry & Mary Pierce
Tom & Joni Raybuck
Tom & Cheryl Ritter
John Sires
Jim & Deana Smith
Allan & Debbie Smith
Steve & Karen Thoerner
Ralph & Terri Todd
Bob & Gail Ulrich
Robert Utz
John Wharton
Pete Wilton
Bill & Shelia Wright

Kregg Wright



Thank you to everyone who joined the club in 2008. Dues for the new year may be paid at the January 17 meeting or by check made out to "GCBMWC" and mailed to Treasurer Debbie Smith, 3646 Longhorn Dr, Hamilton, OH 45013.