



"Carpe Viam" Latin for "Seize the Road"

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New Year's Day Breakfast

Hardy members will gather on January 1st for breakfast, the first club event of 2008. I remember the first year I joined the club, January first dawned with temperatures in the low 20's. The club was to meet at Perkins Restaurant on Tylersville Road just east of I-75. This was a time before I owned any heated gear, and it took all my courage to brave the cold. Approaching Perkins, what to my eyes should appear...no bikes. For a moment I wondered if I had the wrong hour, or the wrong location, but then I spotted a BMW 3 series sedan which looked like Bob & Gail Ulrich's. Entering the restaurant, there were the Ulrich's and all my fellow club members gathered around a table, all snug and warm after arriving in their cars with heaters on. I wasn't sure if they thought I was a hero or a nutcase. Before too long a second brave soul appeared in a riding suit, and eventually a third. Can't wait till January 1, 2008 to see who arrives by what means.

January, 2008

For current events and recent activities go to:

www.gcbmwc.org



Red Bull Indianapolis GP

September 12-14

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Most members know that the Greater Cincinnati BMW Club is affiliated with both of the national BMW motorcycle organizations, the BMW MOA and the BMW RA. We are club # 18 in the MOA, meaning we have been associates for many years. President Bob Ulrich tells the story. "...Gail and I started hanging out with the Cincinnati BMW club around 1983, so anything I say about what happened before then is second hand information, at best.

"According to the MOA club listings, GCBMWC was started in 1972, and based on our charter number of 18, that's probably correct. The story goes that the original club didn't last all that long (but I don't know how long). What I have been told by the Berry brothers (Joe & Bill) who were both on the scene at the time, is that a group from Cincinnati tried to establish a charter with the MOA in 1978. They were told that a charter already existed, for Cincinnati and were asked if they would they like to resurrect #18. They did and we are. Joe and Bill are both charter members, which means that they were around for the '78 founding"

First Issue by New Editor!

This club has a fine tradition of outstanding editors who have presented outstanding newsletters. I thought there could be no one who could follow the excellent newsletters of Mike LaBar. But Jerry Cummins did an extremely good job too, as did Tom Raybuck and most recently, my hero, George Nyktas. I will admit that when I offered to fill the role of club Secretary I didn't realize the Newsletter editorship came with the job. But I'll do my best to get up to speed, and hopefully keep up some of the fine tradition which I follow. As before, please email me with any stories, club info and pictures Tell me about your long or short rides and your favorite stops. When you are out on your bike, keep the Club newsletter in mind.

Neil Jones, Editor



To shorten Winter, borrow some money due in the Spring. Quotation from W.J. Vogel, whoever that is.

2008 CLUB OFFICERS

President	Bob Ulrich	rulrich@ameritech.net
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Treasurer	Tom Ritter	tritter5@cinci.rr.com
Secretary	Neil Jones	NeilJones@aol.com
Web Master ...	Mike LaBar	LaBrew@gmail.com

2008 Club Dues are Due!

Bring your check to the January 5 meeting at the home of George Nyktas & Mary Tholking or
Mail your check to Tom Ritter, 9881 Voyager Way, Cincinnati, OH 45242
Single member \$15. Couple \$18.

Club Meeting January 5, 7PM

George Nyktas & Mary Tholking, hosts
9596 Carriage Run Circle
Loveland, Ohio 45140
(513) 341-1931

Club Needs Meeting Sites

Are you willing to host a Club Meeting at your home or work? We have open opportunities for the February, March, April and May meetings. Contact Bob Ulrich or make your willingness known at the January meeting. As always, thank you.



RA President Bob Wood. Regions Rep Bill Johnson, Brenda Johnson at Dayton Regional Meeting

GCBMWC Mileage Contest Evidence of Corruption Emerging!

Stay tuned for details, but our reporters say there may be a link between improper influence, including but not limited to possible **large cash bribes paid**, and the naming of Newsletter Editor Neil Jones as winner of the 2007 GCBMWC Annual Mileage Contest.

Winners were announced by Mileage Contest Master Mike LaBar at the annual Christmas Party held December 8 at the Beckett Ridge Country Club, West Chester, Ohio.

"There is no way Jones did 22,000 miles last year," said a member close to the situation who would speak about the contest only on the condition of anonymity. "He may have ridden that far in his dreams."

When reached for questioning, Jones said, "Mr. LaBar is above reproach. He has run this contest without a problem for several years. Mike is a sterling character. Besides, if he received so much cash, what did he do with it?"

LaBar did not immediately return phone calls or emails by press time. A neighbor said the family was on vacation at an undisclosed location in the Caribbean.



The crack Investigating team!

Red Bull Indianapolis GP

What: Red Bull Indianapolis GP When: Sept, 12-14, 2008 Where: Indianapolis Motor Speedway

Indianapolis Motor Speedway is hosting the Red Bull Moto GP in 2008! General admission tickets are \$75 for all 3 days and you need a \$20 motorcycle parking pass (purchase online prior to the race). We've located a residence about 12 miles from the track that will allow us to camp in the back yard (primitive camping but area backs up to woods and small stream). Camping is limited to about 12 tents - let Steve Thoerner know if you plan to camp and he'll provide details.

Facility was constructed in 1909, with a 2.5-mile oval circuit. A 16-turn, 2.601-mile (4.186 km) motorcycle road circuit, which includes part of the oval and the initial 2.605-mile (4.192 km) road circuit built in 2000, is under construction and will be used for the Red Bull Indianapolis GP.

The Indianapolis Motor Speedway is the largest spectator sporting facility in the world. The Speedway plays host to three of the largest-attended sporting events in the world: The Indianapolis 500-Mile Race, the Allstate 400 at the Brickyard and the United States Grand Prix.

Event Classes: MotoGP, 250cc, 125cc

2006 MotoGP World Champion: Nicky Hayden, United States, Repsol Honda Team

Participating MotoGP Manufacturers: Ducati, Honda, Kawasaki, Suzuki, Yamaha

MotoGP Bike Specs: 800cc engines generating approximately 220 horsepower

Top speed: Approximately 208 mph (335 km/h) Bike weight: Approximately 326 pounds (148 kg)

Tickets: Ticket orders are being accepted now for the inaugural Red Bull Indianapolis GP.

Orders can be placed either online at www.indianapolismotorspeedway.com All tickets for this event are three-day tickets, with both reserved and general admission seating available.

About Indianapolis: Average September high temperature: 77.4 degrees Fahrenheit (25.2 Celsius)

Average September low temperature: 55.2 degrees Fahrenheit (12.9 Celsius)

Average September precipitation: 2.88 inches (7.32 cm)

Information courtesy of Steve Thoerner

Rallies & Events

2008

- **February 29-March 9**
- **Daytona Beach Bikeweek Campout**
- Holiday Park, Bunnell, Florida

- **April 4-6**
- **16th Dogwood Trail Rally**
- www.BMWRidersofMississippi.com

- **May 2-4**
- **35th Original Mini Rally**
- **BMW MC Club of Battle Creek**
- Green Valley Campground, Sturgis, MI

- **May 2-4**
- **Georgia Mountain Rally,**
- Bald Mountain Park, Hiawasse, GA

- **May 22-25**
- **The Great 'Chicken Rally' in Rocket City**
- Huntsville, AL www.BMWMOAL.org

- **June 19-22**
- **BMW RA International Rally**
- "RA in da U.P., You Betcha"
- Houghton, Michigan
- www.BMWRA.org

- **July 17-20**
- **BMW-MOA 2008 International Rally**
- **Gillette, WY**
- www.bmwmoa.org

2008 BIKE WEEK

The first big rally of 2008 is the gathering at Daytona Beach for **Bike week** (aka Trailerweek) **Bike week** is a loud and boisterous gathering for motorcycle racing, concerts, parties and street festivals. It gathers 4 to 500,000 enthusiasts, primarily Harley riders from all over the US and Canada, attracting all varieties of motorcycles, including hundreds of BMW's which typically gather at Holiday Travel Park in a nice, semi-private, semi-quiet park where the camaraderie of BMW riders can be shared.

B-Cubed (**Beemers for Bike Week and Biketoberfest**) is the BMW host at Holiday Travel Park in Bunnell, Florida, I-95 and Old Dixie Highway, exit 278. There is a grassy, shaded, camping area beneath the palm trees. The center of Daytona Beach lies 20-30 minutes away. Lots of interesting coastline waits for you to explore, historic St. Augustine is nearby, and this is a great launching place for visits to Cape Canaveral, Disney World and even Key West.

Typical BMW vendors at the campground include engine and tire mechanics, ear protection specialists, bike detailing and striping shops, plus all the T-shirts and other bike accessories you might want.

Holiday Travel Park is an actual live Florida trailer park, with seasonal residents in motor homes, permanent and semi-permanent travel trailers and campers. They all love the BMW visitors and the seniors open their meeting hall for you, preparing daily meals, maps and all else you need. They have plenty of clean rest rooms with hot showers and laundry machines. In addition to all the bikes, the campground has space for a limited number of RV's. For details on the park, try Holidaytravelparkco-op.com

Every year several GCBMWC members ride to Bike Week and live to tell about it. Will 2008 be your year?



Paying off the RA!!!

GCBMWC 1/1/2008

Meeting Minutes

Date: December 8, 2007 Location: Beckett Ridge Country Club

Officers Present: Bob Ulrich, President, Tom Ritter, Treasurer; Vice-President, John Fischer, George Nyktas, Secretary

Next meeting: January 5th at home of George Nyktas & Mary Tholking at 7:00 PM

I. Minutes of Prior Meeting:

The meeting began at 8:30. Reading of the minutes of the prior meeting was dispensed with.

II. BMW RA Officials present: Debbie (RA Vice-President and Rally Chair) and Mel Harbour; Bill (outgoing Ohio Region Rep) & Brenda Johnson; Mark (incoming Ohio Region Rep) and Katie Hawkins.

III. Guests: Mark & Ingrid were guests of Mike & Barb Crum.

IV. Treasurer's Report:

Tom Ritter presented the Treasurer's report. The balance in the checking account as of November 10 was \$2,028. \$17 in split the pot was added at the last meeting. No dues were collected. No disbursements were made and the checking balance is therefore \$2,045 as of the meeting tonight. There are presently 51 paid memberships. A copy of the report is available for any member who would like to review it by contacting Tom Ritter.

The report was accepted as read.

V. Old Business:

Logo Redesign: Sample logos were available as created by Jimmy Smith and Don Raush. These will be further reviewed at the January meeting with the objective of making a final selection among these and any others submitted by that time. Mike Crum and Tom Collins indicated they will be working on a submission.

New Business

Club Rally: The first choice for the club rally remains the Iron Horse Motorcycle Campground. As previously reported there are lodges as well as a bunkhouse and a restaurant on site. Potential dates are 9/5 & 6 and 9/26 & 27, 2008. An additional suggestion was made that we consider Shawnee State Park near Portsmouth, Ohio. There was not enough interest in this site and consideration ended.

2008 meeting schedule:

Date	Location/Hosted By
January 5	George Nyktas & Mary Tholking
February 9	
March 8	
April 12	
May 10	
June 14	
July 12	Gail Detherage & Larry Lovejoy
August 9	
September 13	Moto GP in Indianapolis
October 11	Tom & Joni Raybuck
November 8	
December 13	

RA Regional meeting: Bob Ulrich reminded us it will be in Dayton on Sunday morning. Mileage Contest Awards were presented by Mike Labar. The results will be detailed on the club website.

New Members: None at this meeting.

Election of Officers by Acclimation:

President – Bob Ulrich

Vice President – John Fischer

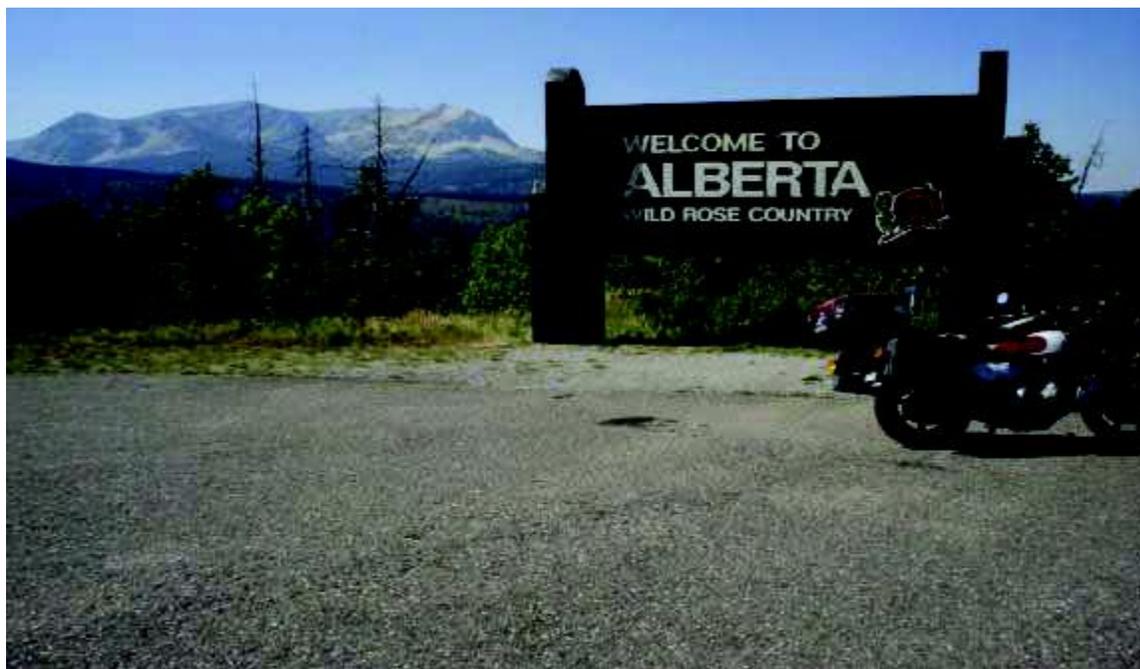
Treasurer – Tom Ritter

Secretary – Neil Jones

Announcements: Debbi Harbour told us that the **2008 RA Rally** will be in the Michigan UP from June 19-22nd. The specific location cannot be announced yet since the facility contract has not been signed.

Members were reminded that dues for 2008 are now due.

Adjournment at 8:56 PM



New Year's Resolutions For the Adventurous BMW Rider

1. I will ride more miles in 2008 than I did in 2007.
2. I will see new and interesting places that I have not visited before.
3. I will have more fun in 2008 than I had in 2007.
4. On my motorcycle adventures, I will stop and meet interesting people, visit interesting restaurants, stop and read more historical markers than ever before.
5. I will write up my adventures, sending a copy to the GCBMWC Newsletter Editor.

Place a printed copy of the above resolutions on the mirror where you will see it every day.
Read it out loud every morning as you arise and every night just before bed.