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# January 2012 Newsletter

**BMW Motorcycle Club**  
Greater Cincinnati



## Happy New Year from Bill

As this year begins anew, please take a moment to reflect upon your personal history with motorcycling with specific focus on that glorious rush of excitement you felt as you sat upon your first self-propelled, two wheeler. Really, take a moment to let your mind wander back to that day, that moment when you fell in love with motorcycles.



For me, the memory is so vivid, I can still smell the exhaust of that little Rupp mini bike. I can even recall the warmth of that sunny day and the burning of the hot vinyl seat as I took my place atop the most magnificent machine I'd ever seen. It was magical, romantic, satisfying, and forbidden all at the same time, alluring to say the least. Of course, I went on to own, crash, rebuild, abuse, race, crash, modify, crash, sell, swap, trade and ride many more motorcycles in the ensuing 43 years. However, to this day as I mount a motorcycle, I still get the same feeling as when I sat on that little, red mini bike.

An editorial titled "Smell o' Gasoline", written on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 1912 by L.J. Berger was perhaps the first to articulate this feeling as follows. "The real spirit of motorcycling is in the open air, out where the breezes blow, not in the factory nor the auto show nor on the racetrack; and it is the conclusion of the ordinary user, and his ways of getting enjoyment and practical results – particularly his methods of righting things that go wrong on the best of machines – that are of the greatest interest to his fellow users" Sound familiar? It's still a relative statement today.

Berger goes on to write, "Some of those machines are ridden by city people, out for a day among the yellow, hairy hills; but more of them belong to the folks who are the real producers, and who find in the smell o' gasoline a

change from the odor of the fields, to which they are glad to get back before they have been away from it long. There is nothing that will do more to make the man of the country enjoy his own home more, or to realize the beauty of its setting in the landscape, than to get away from it occasionally and compare it with other places. The motorcycle enables him to do this." A more accurate description has, quite possibly, never been written! It triggered in me a pause to reflect which in turn, inspired me to file the following appeal to all of you.

As we descend into the grips of another Midwestern winter, contemplate what motorcycling means to you and then celebrate it! It's something quite different for all of us. For some it's riding fast, or slow, or far, on highways, back roads, or no roads. Others enjoy the Zen like experience of restoration and repair of vintage machines, or modifying more modern examples to perform beyond design. Still others prefer the simple enjoyment of ownership and collecting.

My point is, we're all motorcyclist joined by the common bond of these glorious machines and also by the common bond of our little club. Within this organization, resides nearly all flavors and interpretations of motorcycling and for that, we should be proud. So as we ease into this new year, I want to let you know that all is well and there will be something for everyone as we plan, together, our events and activities for the upcoming riding season.

This is your club, your hobby, your recreation, and your choice. Please speak up with ideas, suggestions, or initiatives that embrace change as a process rather than an event. Let's evolve together as a social group while respecting each other's interpretation of motorcycling because regardless of your opinion, they are all infinitely better than sitting on the couch as a spectator.

I have some unique ideas regarding possible activities, increasing membership (or not), bolstering our coffers, and celebrating our passion. None of which will be implemented without your collective approval by a show of hands and simple discussion. So be prepared for a slightly different meeting structure, sans the 'reading of the minutes' and other exercises in redundant tedium. It's about the pure and innocent enjoyment of motorcycles and the comradeship associated with club participation.

Think back now, about that first time on a motorcycle and bring that excitement to not only the next meeting, but throughout the coming year. Hell, I might even show up on a Rupp Rider ... you just never know.

Respectfully Submitted, Bill

Hi all:

Well, they say that all good things come to an end. That could mean my tenure as VP or it could mean to one of my many "interesting" rides. Whichever, I wanted to go out in style by having our last breakfast ride of the year begin at my house on Sunday. The weather is supposed to be a little non-cooperating, with the temps around 30 at 10:00a.m., so we'll play it by ear if there are any hardy souls who actually want to ride on Sunday. Regardless, you all are invited to a grand breakfast buffet here anyway. Bacon and eggs, sausage gravy and biscuits, blueberry pancakes, oatmeal, cereal, fruit, even some holiday slush if you're feeling "merry".

So that Joni and I can get an idea on food, can you let me know if you are planning to come and how many you are bringing? I know a couple of you are heading up to the RA breakfast in Lebanon, and it's a busy shopping time, so I'd just like to get a good count before we head to Kroger. Hope to see you on Sunday morning. Come hungry!

Tom





## 2011 Christmas Party at Germania

A good time was had by all this year at annual Christmas Party. Thanks again to club members, Mike and Ann Allen for bringing bikes for us to drool over and great door prizes.





## Beer Exchange

A great way to try new beers that others enjoy. Maybe we should do this at monthly meetings. Here are four that I enjoyed. The other two got away.



### Peroni

A light full bodied Italian beer with a smoother than Heineken taste. I could have 2-3 and a pizza.



### Beck's Dark

Smooth and easy to drink. Maybe too easy. I would eat a nice medium rib eye with this one.



### Shiners Cheer

My favorite. If its still out there buy it. This brew from Shiner, Texas is brewed with Texas peaches and roasted pecans. A desert beer that would be awesome with peach cobbler or pecan pie.



### Hobgoblin Ale

Oxford shire, England  
Very tasty. Very smooth.  
I will try this one again.  
Perhaps with fish and chips or mutton pie

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## BMW RA NEWS

The BMW Riders Association have elected George Nyktas as President and Bob Ulrich as Treasurer.  
Congratulations to the both of them! Now let's support them by becoming members.

Join <http://bmwra.org/membership/>

Ohio Region

<http://www.bmwra.org/~raOhio/>





## Colorado Here We Come!

**The BMW Rider's Association is announcing a vacation to remember.**

**Save the date! June 14-17, 2012**

### Copper Mountain, Colorado

Let's celebrate forty years of the RA by going back to the state of the first "RA Grand National". This anniversary rally will be an unforgettable "all about you" event. Do you want to ride, relax, hang out with friends. This is the place to do that.

Copper gives you the freedom to define your own vacation experience. Easy access to several 14,000 ft. peaks, hundreds of miles of Colorado Scenic Byways, an 18-hole championship golf course and long stretches of celebrated fishing waters make Copper a premier summer destination. That access, combined with an intimate resort village that produces world-class events and entertainment, is especially appealing to motorcyclists. To see more, visit [www.coppercolorado.com](http://www.coppercolorado.com).



The November OTL has a fabulous article written by Mike Rand about Colorado GS riding. Mike is our GS coordinator for the 40th. He is planning 12 GS rides of varying degrees of difficulty. We also have 10 different day trips set up.

Follow us in OTL, Facebook and the forum. We hope to see you in Colorado/Tina Doggett – rally chair

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After a little Facebook stalking I found this post and though I would Pass it along.



**Blane Kamp**

Merry Christmas to everyone and thanks for the support during my recent surgery. I'm feeling great and looking forward to the new year. Life is good!

Share · December 24, 2011 at 10:33am · 



“Hoping to see everyone on Saturday at our house. Shelia is making chicken jambalaya and sloppy joes. Side dishes and/or deserts welcome.”

Bill

**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**

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Bill & Shelia Wright are hosting our January 14th meeting. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm and is located at:

**3959 Sharonview Drive**  
**Sharonville, Ohio 45241**

[Map](#)

**Meeting Schedule for 2012**

- January 14..... Bill & Sheila Wright
- February 11th..... Tom & Joni Raybuck
- March 10th..... Steve & Karen Thoener
- April 14th.....
- May 12th.....
- June 9th.....
- July 8th.....
- August 11th.....
- September 8th.....
- October 13th.....
- November 10th.....
- December 8th.....Holiday Party

**Website of the Month**

<http://www.bmwra.org/>

Spots are open for upcoming meetings. If you would like to reserve your date, bring it up at the meeting.



**1st Sunday Ride**  
**February 5 10:00 am**  
**Breakfast at**

A location near you.

## Minutes of the GCBMWC Meeting

### December 3, 2011

**Meeting held at Germania** - called to order at 7:40 PM by President Tom Ritter.

**Board Members Present:** Tom Ritter, Debbie Smith, Tom Raybuck and Mike LaBar.

Acknowledged Mike and Ann Allen The Raybucks for hosting again in November and Mike for the newsletter.

**Treasurery** The club treasury held \$1,738.58 at the beginning of the period. Income was received from the 50-50 (Split-the-Pot)(STP) drawing (\$30). \$195.00 in Dues collected. \$870.00 collected for dinner, totaling \$1085.00.

The treasury had a balance of \$2,832.58 at the end of the period. Debbie's report was accepted. The club ended the year with 66 members.

**New Business:** Hocking Hills Ohio weekend for 2012 was discussed.

**Meetings:** Bill and Shelia are hosting January. Tom and Joni are hosting February. Steve and Karen are hosting March

From the anonymous book call out session Tom Raybuck hosted, contacts with Bill Duning (annual gathering in Lebonon on hillclimb Sunday.) Also spoke with Bill Haas who owns the Hatfield Inn B&B.

Mike LaBar handed out awards for the Alphabet towns to Larry Lovejoy and the mileage contest winners of John Sires, Larry Lovejoy, and Joe Berry. All with over 10,000 miles. A \$25 gift card was given to Jim Smith for his contributions to the newsletter

The new officers were announced for 2012.

The club ride on Sunday will start at Café Raybucks.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Split the pot winners George Nyktas and Kim LaBar

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Is your Battery Charger keeping your batteries from dying an early death? Keep them plugged in for 24 hours once a week so you don't encounter a dead battery before the next ride.

I start my bikes every 2 weeks and let them run for 10 minutes.





## January 2012

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## February 2012

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## March 2012

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## 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](#)



Larry wins again.

2012 RA Rally will be held June 14-17<sup>th</sup> at Copper Mountain, Colorado

## 2012 MOA International Rally

Sedalia, Missouri  
July 19 - 22, 2012.

The wife and I were at home watching TV.

I had the remote and was switching back and forth between a fishing channel and the porn channel. She became more and more annoyed and finally said:

"For God's sake! Leave it on the porn channel!"

You already know how to fish!"

Did you know that we have a group out on Facebook?

[Greater Cincinnati BMW Club Facebook Group](#)

facebook

**This group is scheduled to be archived**

Over the next few months, Facebook will be archiving all groups created using the old groups format. Would you like to [continue being a member of this group?](#)

### 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