



“Carpe Viam” - - - “Seize the Road”

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Trivia question....

What day is this?

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Seventh Issue by New Editor!

I left Dayton May 2nd, headed west on a loosely structured ride with my only destination being a visit with my sister (who lives in a motor home) in Moab, Utah. We spent 3 days Jeeping on the slick rock mountains, creeping and climbing through the canyons and creek beds. After that I spent another 5 days touring Utah, Monument Valley, Zion National Park and into Nevada where I spent too much time on US 50, the appropriately named “Loneliest Road in America.” I am so proud to be from Dayton, home of the Wright brothers who invented a more efficient way to get across Nevada.

I had a great time visiting with old friends in California and relatives in Oregon. My ride back included Montana, Wyoming, South Dakota, including a great adventure resulting from a tank of bad gas from a station in rural Montana. Got time? I’ve got stories.

Neil the Editor



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New Members are always welcome!

Bring cash or check to a meeting or mail a check to
Tom Ritter, 9881 Voyager Way, Cincinnati, OH 45252
Single member \$15. Couple \$18.

Club Breakfast & Ride Sunday, June 1

John Fischer, Vice President of Rides says:

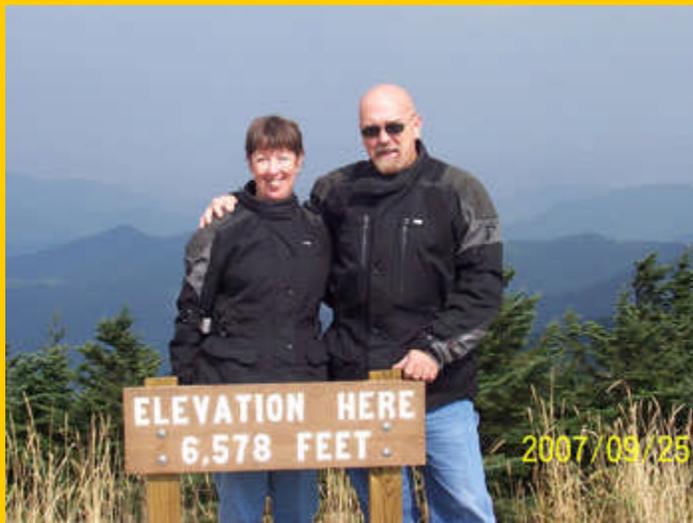
This Sunday is the breakfast ride meeting at the Fort Wright Family Restaurant at 9 AM. 1860 Ashwood Circle; Fort Wright, KY: 41011. (859) 331-8359. It's just southwest of I-71/75 exit #189 (Kyles Lane). Eat @ 9 AM and ride @ 10 AM. The approximately 50 mile route ends at the Sparta KY entrance for I-71. For those who plan to attend the GNCC race at Sparta perhaps we'll get to see a BMW or two. This is the first year that BMW has an entry in top level American off road racing that I know of. I think you would enjoy the event. The pro race starts at 1 PM and will end about 4 PM or before.

Answer to trivia question on page 1 Day. What is a day? Is a day more than just a 24 hour block of time in the spectrum of human existence? Is a day merely the part of that 24 hour period when the sun is shining? What if it's cloudy? Is that still a day? Today? Does the word "today" come from the base word "toady?" What do toads have to do with a day? And what about frogs? Don't they count for anything? When your throat is sore don't they say you have a frog in your throat? Why don't toads get some of the recognition? After all, they are just as important as frogs.

Next Club Meeting Saturday June 7!

At the home of Shelia & Bill Wright!
3959 Sharonview Dr.
Cincinnati, OH 45241
(Near Sharonville)
(Map available on club website)

Bill Wright sez: “Roundels will be posted at Cornell Road and again at Sharonview. There will be plenty of hot food and cold drinks as well as a special guest. Motorcycle parking in driveway, cars on street.”



Meeting hosts, Shelia (on the left) and Bill Wright.

Rallies & Events

2008

- **June 6-8**
- **KY - IN Festival of Fives**
- *Muscatuck County Fairgrounds*
- *North Vernon, IN*
- *Slash 5, airheads & vintage bikes*

- **June 8 (Sunday)**
- **Vintage Motorcycle Show**
- *BMW M/C Club of Battle Creek*
- *Hickory Crossing, MI*
- *www.GilmoreCarMuseum.org*

- **June 12-15**
- **32nd Iowa Rally**
- *Marengo, Iowa*
- *Pure Stodge Touring Assn.*
- *Traditional Iowa Rally beverages included.*
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- **June 13-15**
- **Rallye du Quebec**
- *Notre Dame des Bois, Quebec*
- *Get a little French in your riding life.*
- *www.Notredamedesbois.com*
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- **June 19-22**
- **BMW RA International Rally**
- *"RA in da U.P., You Betcha"*
- *Houghton, Michigan*
- *www.BMWRA.org*
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- **July 17-20**
- **BMW-MOA 2008 International Rally**
- *Gillette, WY*
- *www.bmwmoa.org*

More Info on **RA National rally** on the following 2 pages.

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The **Iowa Rally** is one of the big traditional BMW rallies, gathering 1,000 or more bikes. For many years this rally was held on the private property of Keith Dempster, one of the legends of the MOA. Your editor has been there two times.

Now held at a public site, Pure Stodge Touring Assn continues to offer unlimited free "traditional Iowa Rally beverages." These beverages have a vague familiarity to products marketed by Miller Brewing, Anheuser Busch and others.

Getting there is fairly straightforward. It is 550 miles by Interstate and can be accomplished in 10 hours. You gain one hour in mid-Indiana. The Mississippi River signals your entry into Iowa, and Marengo is not much farther.

If you get bored, and I doubt you will, nearby attractions include the Amana Colonies. Check it out.

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Rallye du Quebec is another exciting gathering of BMW's in our French-speaking neighbor Canadian province. Not for the timid, this rally is one of the most interesting you will ever attend. Go boldly, or stay home. This year is their 30th event.



RA n da UP

June 19-22, 2008

Michigan Technological University, Houghton, MI

Those that have ridden the Upper Peninsula of Michigan will tell you the ride is diverse and very interesting. Not the most challenging, but not boring either.

The RA visits this fascinating region for its 36th Annual Rally. And it doesn't get any better than the Keweenaw Peninsula. Houghton is the gateway to the peninsula and as you cross the draw bridge from Houghton to Hancock, leave the town of Hancock, population becomes sparse. A reminder of the days when copper mining was king and the local copper mine employed hundreds.

The copper mine was also the force that shaped a unique local culture. Waves of immigrants came to the region to work the mines: Finns, Germans & Italians, with the Finns being the largest portion of the workforce. That strong Scandinavian influence remains today and can be seen in the names of towns, streets, food and sounds: close your eyes and listen to the locals talk. For a moment you'd swear you were in Scandinavia.

The RA will hold its rally on the campus of Michigan Technological University. A first for the RA as it seeks to offer diverse and interesting rally sites.

The site is compact and will save steps. Camping, facilities, food, entertainment and seminars are all within easy walks. There are three tent camping areas: all in the same area, but at different levels. The base level area will be designated as "Group Camping". If clubs want to set up and establish encampments, there is room to spread out a bit. The next two camping areas climb in a bit of elevation with the highest field having a great view of the university, surrounding forest, Houghton's drawbridge and the beautiful blue waters of the Keweenaw Bay of Lake Superior.

MTU has excellent hot shower facilities with locker rooms. All camping areas have porta-potties conveniently located. RV camping is available.

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Enter the way back time machine to your college days and make a reservation for a Dorm Room. MTU has set aside a block of dorm rooms for the rally and these can be reserved at the same address listed under "Lodging". A direct link is provide to make these reservations.

Seminar rooms and the cyber café are in the Recreational Complex. Two formal classrooms and the balcony of the SDC Woods Gym will be used as seminar rooms.

The social center for the rally is the Gates Tennis Center. The GTC will house Registration (in the main lobby), food service, Beer Garden, Entertainment and the general information/Volunteer booth.

Rally pre-registration is open on-line (www.bmwra.org/rally) and by downloading a registration form from the website or the April edition of the OTL. ERC course will be conducted Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the rally. Sign up on-line or via the paper form.

On Saturday night of the rally, we will have a pasty dinner. Pasties are truly a UP tradition and came from miners of yore. These tasty pastries were made for miners to take for lunch and were compact and kept well. Dinners are just \$5 each and something to try. Just ask any local!

More information available. If you have questions please e-mail: rallyinfo@bmwra.org

(This article was furnished directly to our club by the Treasurer of the RA)

**Minutes from the May 10,
2008
Meeting of the GCBMWC
at the home of Merrill &
Diane Glos**

Meeting Convened at 8:10 pm

Officers present: President Bob Ulrich, Vice President John Fischer, & Treasurer Tom Ritter. (Secretary Neil Jones was in Moab Utah with family.)

Members present: Bob & Gail Ulrich, John & Barb Fischer, Tom & Cheryl Ritter, Bill & Shelia Wright, Joe & Chris Berry, Merrill & Diane Glos, Larry Lovejoy & Gail Deatherage, Mike LaBar, Allen Leach, Jack Basham, Bill Berry, Steve Thoerner, & Pete Wilton.

No Guests.

Next meeting on June 7th at the home of Bill Shelia Wright in Sharonville.

Tom Ritter read the minutes from the meeting on April 12, 2008. Minutes were accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Tom Ritter reported that the previous balance in the club account was \$2,104 and that the club had income of \$50 (\$15 from dues and \$35 from split the pot) making the new balance \$2,154. The club now has 37 paid members fro 2008. The Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

Club Rally in October

Bob Ulrich will be attending the club rally in October at the Iron Horse Motorcycle Lodge without Gail and is looking to possibly share the cost of a room. Tom Ritter stated that nothing was new regarding reservations but asked that members who plan to attend go ahead and make their reservations as soon as possible.

John Fischer rode to Shawnee State Park and stated that the roads in that area would be good for a club rally but he did not inquire at the park as to cabins, etc.

John Fischer reported that he and last month's guest Mickey Kemper attended the International Trials Riding event in Sequatchie (correct spelling confirmed), TN on April 25th. John claimed that the riders many members saw compete last year near Dayton, Ohio would not likely even attempt this course due to its extreme difficulty.

Club Riding Contest

Mike LaBar stated that he took many pictures of international cities during his ride to Sturgis Michigan.

Battle Creek BMW Club, Michigan Mini-Rally

Tom Raybuck, Bob Ulrich, Pete Wilton, & Mike LaBar attended the Mini-Rally in Sturgis. Although the weather was sometimes rainy and stormy, a god time was had by all.

The Battle Creek BMW Club has an excess of T-Shirts leftover from the rally and has sizes large and extra large for sale.

Mike LaBar and Pete Wilton spent a night at the "Meth" Hotel. So named due to the reported methamphetamine laboratories that have operated from the hotel.

(Minutes of May Club Meeting—continued)

MOA Mileage Contest

Several MOA mileage contest forms were signed and validated by MOA members at the meeting. The deadline for submission is (was) May 11, 2008.

New Club Logos

Copies of several ideas for club logos were circulated amongst the members in attendance, including many versions that had been previously reviewed.

Bill Wright & Bill Berry made a motion that the members accept a previously reviewed version with the "Moto-Man" substituted in the upper portion. The motion was accepted. Mike LaBar will attempt to create the artwork.

Upcoming RA Rally in Michigan

Bob Ulrich reminded the members that the RA needs volunteers for the upcoming RA Rally in the upper peninsula of Michigan. Volunteers would be rewarded for their efforts.

Award for Highest Mileage for a member

Bill Wright made a motion that the club establish a new annual award, rewarding the member with the most miles ridden with a certificate for \$300 for tires. The motion was discussed and accepted.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Minutes Recorded by Tom Ritter

Try This When Pulled Over

(and let us know how it works)

Officer stops motorist.

"Do you know why I stopped you, sir?"

"Yes, I think I do know why you stopped me. You stopped me because when you were little your mother dressed you in girl's clothing and your father beat you when you were bad. You stopped me because you were too fat to play high school sports and too ugly to get dates. You stopped me because when your classmates were all getting lucky, you were getting lucky with an old Playmate of the Month. You stopped me because you were too slow and lazy to get into college and while your classmates got good jobs you were working at McDonalds. When you finally found an opening on the police force you jumped at the chance to wear a badge and get some respect. You stopped me because finally you got a job, a gun, blue flashing lights and a siren. You stopped me because this is the only way to get even with your mother and father and all those classmates. You stopped me because I can't put you in girlie outfits and I can't beat you and I cant make fun of you. I have to pretend to respect you for 5 minutes while you write a stupid citation for going 12 miles over the stupid speed limit."

"Just slow it down sir, and have a nice day."

Schedule of 2008 Club Meetings

Date	Location/Hosted By
June 7	Shelia & Bill Wright
July 12	Gail Deatherage & Larry Lovejoy
August 9	Allen & Debby Smith
September 13	Moto GP in Indianapolis
October 11	Tom & Joni Raybuck
November 8	
December 13	Christmas Holiday Event

If you would like to host the November meeting at your home, please advise Club President Bob Ulrich, or make your interest known at a club meeting.



Your editor's tent site in Monument Valley, AZ.
Feeling a bit like a cowboy, I heated a can of beans over my campfire, and slept alone.

"When you step on the brakes, your life is in your foot's hands."
George Carlin

2008 GCBMW Membership List

Jack & Arlene Basham
George Becker
Woody & Tena Benson
Joe & Chris Berry
Bill & Nancy Berry
Janet Bertog
John Borgman
John Campbell
Charlie Carter
Tom & Margaret Collins
Mike & Barbara Crum
Greg & Kathy Cullers
Jerry & Jynn Cummins
Oscar & Morgan DeJongh
Alan Disher
Richard Easley
Ed Eismann
John & Barb Fischer
Heather & Lael Forester
Ken Francois
Gary & Sue Franklin
Tom Gibson
Merril & Diane Glos
Tim Hagfors
Daniel Henderson
Michael Henegar
Richard M. Hopple
Henor Hysa
Neil & Jackie Jones
Simon Jung
James Chris Katzer
Phillip Koenig
Michael Laatsch
Mike & Kim LaBar
Wesley Landrum
Allen Leach
Jeffrey E. Lemkuhl

Chris & Anne Long
Larry Lovejoy & Gail Deathridge
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Walt & Judy Mills
Ken Norris
Geore Nyktas & Mary Tholking
Karl Perry
Heny & Mary Pierce
Doug Porter
Gary R. Price
Eric & Robin Puleo
John Rapp
Tom & Joni Raybuck
Dale & Mary Reckman
Tom & Cheryl Ritter
Peter C. Roberts
Tia Robertson
John Sires
Jim & Deana Smith
Allan & Debbie Smith
Steve & Karen Thoerner
Ralph & Terri Todd
Bob & Gail Ulrich
Robert Utz
Charles Van Skaik
Chuck Waldemayer
Mabel Wessendarp
John Wharton
Shawn Wilson
Bill & Shelia Wright

**Thanks to each person
who has joined the club
in 2008.**

**If your name is missing
from this list, contact
club Treasurer Tom
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