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Answer on  
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Can you guess who  
I am standing next  
to in this picture?  
I had a back stage  
pass... I was in  
Nashville...Wife's  
name is Nancy...  
Rocking Chair...

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# June 2010 Newsletter

## Mini Rally 2010

Left Raybuck's at 8:30 on Friday, Tom leading the way, with Bob, Steve and me following. We head north west and find our selves in downtown Markle Indiana stopping for lunch at the



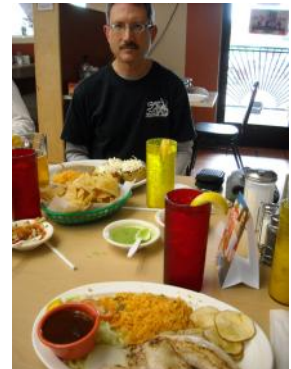
Davis Family Restaurant where everything on the wall is for sale, and the pie home made. Back on the road, the weather just couldn't have been better. Sunny and 70. We arrive at the Green Valley Campground in Sturgis, register and setup our tents. While setting up, a nice lady came by with a tray of cold beers. We needed those cold ones because we were sweating in the hot sun. Bob arrived with more cold beers and happy hour was in full swing. The Mini Rally Friday night dinner did hit the spot, but with a little chili, cheese, and onions, think what it could be? I watched about 45 minutes of Avatar before I got bored. By 10:30 I was ready to hit the air mattress sack.

Sleep does not come as easy as it should. The pitter patter on my tent in the middle of the night has become annoying with lightning and thunder and wind.



Saturday morning the weather had moved on. After the quickest, coolest shower ever,

Bill Berry leads us to Breakfast in Middlebury, IN at the Village Inn. An Amish place where the locals know where to have a good breakfast. We gas up on the way back to the campground and after an hour or so we are on our way to Fennville



for authentic Mexican at Su Casa. More diner points for us. 200 miles later we are back at the rally for the awards. We managed to avoid rain all day when it starts to sprinkle a bit. Then a beautiful rainbow appeared as the rain stopped. I seek out the lone vendor of the rally. A guy from Howe that was selling led brake lights. When he offered free installation

## BMW Recall

BMW has announced the recall of its R-Series Boxer-Twin and K 1200 GT motorcycles after a potential fault in a brake pipe was detected. The affected units include the ones manufactured between August 2006 and May 2009.

The company has identified a risk of leaks in the braking system of its K 1200 GT motorcycles and other models built on the same base. In its official statement, BMW explained that it was possible that vibrations on affected motorcycles could cause the front brake pipe to leak and, over an extended period of time, brake fluid to escape.

"In the event of this happening, riders will notice the leaking brake fluid or a reduction in the brake fluid level in the handlebar mounted brake fluid reservoir. This may result in a gradual loss of braking performance of the front brake. The rear brake is not affected."

No accidents have been reported so far because of the issue. Sources close to the matter state that the recently issued recall notice might involve some 122,000 units worldwide.

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I bit, and an hour later I had a set of very bright led lights surrounding my license plate.

It rained again Saturday night and stopped in the morning. The weather gods had really smiled on us as it stopped raining after a fine pancake breakfast. Just the fuel I need to pack up a wet tent. The ride home was mostly dry until we reached Eaton. The highlight on the way home was our stop in Greenville, OH at the Maid-Rite. Those loose beef sandwiches are awesome.

I said, "I'll have 1 hamburger." He said "Just one?" with a puzzled look on his face. "OK make it two." Glad I did.

### Other quotes:

"Tom, SIGNAL!"

"Did you ask if he's ever installed one of these before?"

"Here kid check out Toms' crack"

"What is that?"

"Who is that?"

"Let's get pie."

### Lessons learned:

Have earplugs in the tent.

Bring an empty bottle of Gatorade to your tent at night.

Never take your hand off older gas pumps.

Never obstruct your view of your turn signal indicators with a GPS.

If I ever camp again bring Ambion or Nyquil



## BMW Adventure Ride, Bybee, TN

By John Fischer

The weather was good when I left home Friday afternoon for Bybee, TN for the Saturday, April 17 Adventure Ride. I had communicated with Harry and Ron about meeting them there. They were going to trailer their bikes (650 X-Country and F800GS) and I wanted to ride (R1200GS) down. Any way to add mileage to the GS's odometer you know. I'm desperate to beat that Jones guy some year in the mileage contest.



I was fortunate to have looked at the flyer's navigation directions as my Garmin MapSource had chosen a different Bybee, TN. There are three Bybees in Tennessee. It was just short of 300 miles getting to the sign in location. It was a Strange person who promoted the event. His name, John Strange, seemed strange to me, but he was as nice as could be and put on a good event. Harry and Ron rolled in shortly after me and we all signed up and did a little bit of pre ride bench wrenching or BSing before heading back to the Motel 8 camping facility.

It was cloudy and threatening rain as we started out on our 179.4 mile route and stayed that way as we meandered generally southward on primarily narrow paved and unpaved roads including a short section of the Foothills Parkway on the eastern border of Smoky Mountain NP. There was quite a variety of bikes-GSs, KLRs, XRs, V-Stroms, even an old two stroke. We passed through Maggie Valley and got to within 10 miles of the Blue Ridge Motorcycle Campground. I thought about my diesel experience there several years ago. After a lunch break our smaller group resumed following the route and, as I was the only one with a roll chart, I was in the lead. Unfortunately, I took I-40 eastward instead of westward and after several miles to the next exit we stopped to discuss and several wanted to give up trying to complete the route. So we decided to follow the GPS's quickest route back to the starting point.

Well the calculated way was I-40 westward and we breezed along until coming to the road closed signs. Remember the rock slide on I-40? A NC Trooper told us how we could go on several more exits then follow a difficult 12 mile gravel road to get around the blockage. That road was not on my GPS and most roads are - even some which can't be ridden. We followed his instructions and did get back about 5 PM. The dinner provided by Mr. Strange was great and the beer helped it slide down so smoothly. After several hours of bench riding it was time for bed.

My return ride was great but it started off with a scare. On US-25e at about 65 MPH I saw a turkey starting to run and it struggled to fly. Turkeys take off like B-52s -very slow ascent. I ducked as low as I could and just missed it.

The return ride highlight was the stretch of KY-89 between McKee and Irvine. I got home feeling good about completing my first Adventure Ride. There were only thirteen more days to go before the Renfro Valley Dual Sport Ride.

[Ride along with John](#) at Renfro Valley.

## Testing the 3rd wheel.

I visited Middletown Cycle to test ride the Can Am Spyder RT & RS. I signed the waiver, and after a short overview of the RT by Chris, I was off on my ride. I turned down the radio to hear the 990 cc Rotax twin, and set the adjustable windshield to its lowest position so I could look over rather than through it. This model had no clutch and shifting was done with your left thumb and index finger. There is a reverse gear also. The brake pedal applies braking to all wheels and felt unfamiliar without my right hand. I went along straight and then my first curve I slowed down and steered while leaning into the curve to fight the centrifugal forces. It was like riding a 4 wheeler, but very planted. And, very twitchy in the curves and even in the straight aways, I felt like I could not let go and go perfectly straight. Too much contact patch made for a ride full of work. Maybe the ride gets better with a little tire wear.



Next I rode the RS that had the familiar clutch and gear shifter. The RS is slightly more foreword riding and leaning your body into curves is easier, but it still has the same ride characteristics as the RT. I got it up to 70 mph and it was pretty stable, as I pressed my curve entry speed, timing the turn is key. I found myself turning too soon and riding the white line. I never felt any loss of traction or tipping sensations. The Spyder to me felt like a 4-wheeler or a car more than a bike. It does attract attention, but it comes with a hefty price tag starting at 16k and going up to 23k.

The next day I went to Midwest Polaris and test rode the Piaggio MP3 500ie. Maneuvering the 500 cc scooter out of the showroom seemed easy to the owner with the fixed wheel lock in use. He goes through the controls as I straddle the scooter, still in its locked position. The start button fires up the big scooter and with another press of a button the wheels are unlocked and I instantly feel the wheels free to lean. A twist of the throttle and away I go. The brakes are on the handlebars. Left controls the rear, right controls the front two wheels. They are very strong together and stopping would be no problem. I find rt 222 in Batavia and head south to see how this baby handles in the curves. I instantly had a huge grin, as I was able to enjoy the lean of the bike rather than my body to stay on. The automatic transmission was very smooth and delivered ample torque and acceleration,

**There are two types of people in this world; people who ride motorcycles and people who wish they could ride motorcycles.**



June 21st, 2010

which meant I could focus on enjoying the smooth ride and push my cornering speeds. The ergonomics were just a little cramped for me but it still was a blast. As I came back to the dealership I tested the wheel locking feature as I came to a stop a light comes on signifying that the lock can be applied. With a press of a button the wheels are locked, I hear a beep signifying the wheels are locked, as I come to a stop to turn left. With my feet on the floor boards, I wait for the traffic before I give it gas, and the lock releases as I turn left. Very cool.

At half the price of the base Spyder RS, the MP3 has my vote. Maybe I will try the new Harley Trike next. It goes for only \$30k.



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Eric Ratterman & Jessie BauBlitz are hosting our June 12th meeting. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm and is located at:

**4111 Spring Grove Ave.**

**GCBMWC Dues** are past due. \$15.00 for a single membership or \$18.00 for both single & associate to

Send your dues to:

**Debbie Smith**  
**3646 Longhorn Dr.**  
**Hamilton, Ohio 45013**

### A Jack Daniels Fish Story

I went fishing this morning but after a short time I ran out of worms. Then I saw a cottonmouth with a frog in his mouth.

Frogs are good bass bait. Knowing the snake couldn't bite me with the frog in his mouth I grabbed him right behind the head, Took the frog, and put it in my bait bucket.

Now the dilemma was how to release the snake without getting bit. So, I grabbed my bottle of Jack Daniels and poured a little whiskey in its mouth. His eyes rolled back, he went limp. I released him into the lake without incident and carried on fishing using the frog.

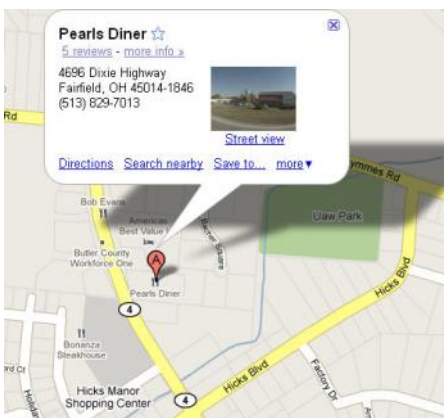
A little later, I felt a nudge on my foot. There was that same snake with two frogs in his mouth.



### Breakfast Ride June 6th

9:00 am Pearls Diner in Fairfield.

President Tom Ritter will lead us on a ride into Indiana



### Meeting Schedule for 2010

January.....	Joe & Chris Berry
February.....	Tom & Joni Raybuck
March.....	Barb & John Fischer
April 10th.....	Steve & Karen Thoerner
May 8th.....	Mike & Kim LaBar
June 12th.....	Eric Ratterman & Jessie BauBlitz @ <a href="#">Autobahn Craftwerks</a>
July 10th.....	Joe & Chris Berry
August 7th.....	Larry Lovejoy & Gail Deatherage
September 11th.....	Joe & Linda DeLuca
October 2nd.....	Tom & Cheryl Ritter
November 13th.....	Tom & Joni Raybuck
December.....	Holiday Party

## May 2010 Minutes

The club held their May meeting at Mike & Kim LaBar's. The meeting started at 8:20 pm on 5/8/10.

There were approximately 20 members in attendance.

The minutes of the prior meeting were read by Tom Ritter.

The treasury report was read by Debbie Smith.

Beginning balance: \$1,354.07

Dues of \$48 & 50/50 of \$38 collected for a total of \$86.

Ending balance \$1,440.07

There are 40 paid memberships with 68 members

### OLD BUSINESS

Dorothy Elsessor was voted in last month in abstention..

Tom Ritter sent an email to the Iron Horse Campground confirming to date reservation from Mike LaBar, Bob Ulrich, Neil Jones, Tom Ritter, Bill Wright, Jim Osbun, and Joe DeLuca. As of April 14<sup>th</sup> there are rooms still available for the club's September 24-26<sup>th</sup> event.

Christmas Party – Germania Society could cost the club \$1100 subsidizing the event. If there are other venues available that may be more affordable, we should explore.

### NEW BUSINESS

Ride reports were given on the last breakfast ride by Tom Raybuck, Bill Wright went to the GA Mt rally and didn't make it out of KY, John Fischer went south to ride in a dual-sort event equipped with helmet cam. Tom Raybuck reported on the Mini Rally and our Triple D quest of good eating and 80 and sunniness, and the hazards of placing your GPS in front of your right turn signal indicator.

Tom Raybuck is looking for a volunteer for the next breakfast ride in June.

Euro Rally was discussed.

Tom Ritter did a valve adjustment and broke his quick disconnects with John Fischer. Fortunately, Tom had a set of metal quick disconnects

Debbie Smith spoke about our limited options for bike repair by independent wrenches. And about her recent visit to Autobahn Craftwerks.

June Meeting will be at Autobahn Craftwerks. Tom will contact Eric & Jessie for details on the meeting 4111 Spring Grove Ave.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm

Not sure who the 50/50

## June 2010

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27	28	29	30			

## July 2010

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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

## August 2010

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29	30	31				

## September 2010

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## Rallies & Events

June 7-12  
**Americade**  
 Lake George, NY  
 June 10-13  
**34th Iowa Rally**  
 Middle Amana, Iowa

June 11-13  
**Pemi River Campout**  
 Pemigewasset River

June 30—July 3  
**Honda Wing Ding**  
 Des Moines, IA

July 9-11  
**AMA Vintage Days**  
 Lexington, OH

July 15-18,  
**MOA International Rally**  
<http://www.bmwmoa.org/rally10>  
 Redmond, Oregon  
 Sunny and 70

July 29 – Aug 1  
**RA National Rally** at Green Mountain Energy Park in Pownal, Vermont.  
<http://www.bmwra.org/rally/>

Aug 9-15  
**Sturgis Rally**  
 Sturgis, SD

**MotoGP 2010 Provisional Schedule:**  
[Nicky & Casey Team Ducati 2010 video](#)

May 30: Italy - Mugello  
 June 6: Great Britain - Silverstone  
 June 26 \*\*: Netherlands - Assen  
 July 4: Catalunya - Catalunya  
 July 18: Germany - Sachsenring  
**July 25 \*\*\*: United States - Laguna Seca**  
 August 15: Czech Rep. - Brno  
**August 29: Indianapolis - Indianapolis**  
 September 12: San Marino & Riviera di Rimini - Misano  
 September 19: Hungary - Balatonring  
 October 10: Malaysia - Sepang  
 October 17: Australia - Phillip Island  
 October 31: Portugal - Estoril  
 November 7: Valencia-Ricardo Tormo – Valencia

### 2010 AMA Superbike Racing - Championship Schedule

June 4-6 Road America Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin  
**July 16-18 Mid Ohio Lexington, OH**  
**August 13-15 Virginia Int'l Raceway** Alton, VA  
**September 3-5 New Jersey Motorsports Park** Millville, NJ  
**September 24-26 Barber Motorsports Park** Birmingham, Alabama

<http://www.amaproring.com/>

Don't forget the Open House at Lenny's on the first Saturday of the month  
[Autobahn Craftwerks](#)



That's me and George Jones.  
 Nashville 2003

When I was younger, all I wanted was a nice **BMW**.  
 Now, I don't care about the **W**.



## 15th Annual Gilmore “Vintage Motorcycle Show”

Sunday, June 13, 2010

The Midwest largest and fastest growing Vintage Motorcycle show features hundreds of motorcycles 20 years old and older (open to all makes) and a huge swap meet. Spectators arriving on motorcycles park their rides in a special lot next to show field – making one gigantic bike show! Held Rain or Shine.

Special Event Admission of \$9.00 includes all museum exhibits (including the Ultimate Muscle Car exhibit) at no extra charge - those under 11 FREE!

Hosted by the BMW Club of Battle Creek.

6865 Hickory Road  
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[Map](#) [Flyer](#)



***RIDE SAFE.***

In 2010 BMW returns to the Isle of Mann [Story](#)

### SCHEDULE:

Free Practice is on Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Qualifying runs from Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, to Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

The race calendar is as follows:

#### **Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup>**

1200hrs - Superbike TT Race 6 laps

1500hrs - Sidecar TT Race 1 3 laps

#### **Monday June 7<sup>th</sup>**

1045hrs - Supersport TT Race 1 4 laps

1415hrs - Superstock TT Race 4 laps

#### **Wednesday June 9<sup>th</sup>**

1045hrs - Supersport TT Race 2 4 laps

1315hrs - Sidecar TT Race 2 3 laps

1630hrs - TT Zero Race 1 lap

#### **Friday June 11<sup>th</sup>**

1230hrs - Senior TT Race 6 laps

*If you want to get some-  
where before sundown,  
you can't stop at every  
tavern.*

### Website of the Month

[HellForLeathermagazine.com](http://HellForLeathermagazine.com)

**BMW S1000RR going 192 mph  
in New York**

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