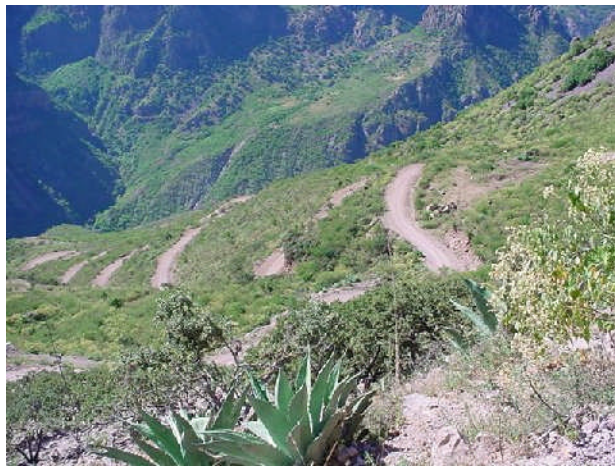




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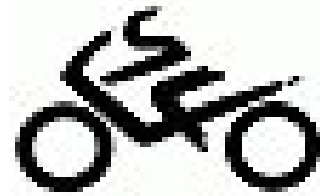
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**March 1, 2008**



The road down to Batopilas, Copper Canyon in Mexico

**We're on the Web**  
[www.GCBMW.org](http://www.GCBMW.org)



Trivia question....**What year was GCBMW founded?**

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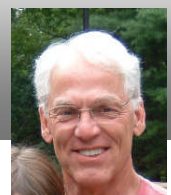
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**Third Issue by New Editor!**

Ahh March is here. Warmth is returning. It is the time to check out your bike for Spring riding. My RT came out of the garage on February 14 for a ride down I-75 in search of warmer climes. Things warmed up to 38 in Chattanooga where Motel 6 had left a light on for me. There, in my clean comfortable room I decided to go southwest toward Mobile and the Gulf coast of Alabama. The road ended at Dauphin Island Campground where I invested 4 days in tent camping, exploring the Audubon bird sanctuary and total relaxation. The sunny warm 66 degree days were wonderful. Our first 66 degree day will be here soon. Woohoo! Ride safe and keep smiling.

Neil



# GREATER CINCINNATI BMW CLUB

## 2008 OFFICERS

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

### 2008 Club Dues are Past due!

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, March 2

**John Fischer, Vice President of Rides** says: The next Breakfast ride is this Sunday March 2. Meet at the Bob Evans at 5875 Pfeiffer Road, Blue Ash, OH 45242. (513 985-9691). That Bob Evans is at intersection of I-71 and Pfeiffer Road just west of I-71. Eat at 10; Weather permitting ride at 11AM. I planned a 40 mile route that wiggles around Indian Hill and ends at I-71. Don't forget that meeting places and ride destination ideas are welcome. This meeting place was suggested by a certain Blue Ash resident and it's fine with me.

I Hope to see you all this Sunday.

JohnF 385-1497

## GCBMW Member George Nyktas featured in BMW RA Magazine

An unopposed candidate for the position of Treasurer of the RA, a job George was appointed to fill in October '07, here's how George describes himself in a position statement. Notice how he never even mentions his friends in Cincinnati:

"I have been riding motorbikes, scooters and motorcycles since I could hold them upright. I have



been a CPA since 1973. Believe it or not, I actually enjoy the work I do. Not as much as motorcycling but pretty much never-the-less.

"I currently own a 2004 RT that has taken Mary and me across the country on the Peaks of America Tour and on other memorable trips including to the Smokies several times. Also, I have a 1976 R90/6 with a Dnepr sidecar that has been great fun to ride and work on.

"I enjoy financial planning, budgeting, cashflow projections and tax work. I have used these skills since my October appointment as Treasurer.

"I am a member of the MOA, Airheads Beemer Club and the AMA in addition to the RA. I look forward to continuing to assist the organization in my area of expertise."

## Next Club Meeting Saturday March 8!

At the home of Cheryl & Tom Ritter



9881 Voyager Lane, Cincinnati, Ohio 45242

Meeting starts at 7 PM. Arrive early, stay late.  
Bring an appetizer or dessert. All are welcome.

# Rallies & Events

**2008**

- **April 4-6**
- **16th Dogwood Trail Rally**
- [www.BMWRidersofMississippi.com](http://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, Hiawassee, GA
  
- **May 22-25**
- **The Great 'Chicken Rally' in Rocket City**
- Huntsville, AL [www.BMWMOAL.org](http://www.BMWMOAL.org)
  
- **June 19-22**
- **BMW RA International Rally**
- "RA in da U.P., You Betcha"
- Houghton, Michigan
- [www.BMWRA.org](http://www.BMWRA.org)
  
- **July 17-20**
- **BMW-MOA 2008 International Rally**
- Gillette, WY
- [www.bmwmoa.org](http://www.bmwmoa.org)

## **Georgia Mountain Rally May 2-4-2008**

Traditionally popular with Ohio motorcyclists, this rally is sponsored by the BMW Motorcycle Owners of Georgia. The GMR takes place in Hiawassee, Georgia, in the North Georgia Mountains just south of the NC state line, and smack dab in the middle of thousands of miles of wonderful, woodsy, twisty mountain roads.

This rally is well-endowed with sponsors and vendors and features a magnificent giveaway of prizes. The rally site includes a variety of camping environments, from creekside to pine trees to open fields. Motels are also available.

Georgia Mountain Rally tradition includes a Saturday night cookout featuring T-bone steak, cooked to perfection.

If you have never ridden to a big BMW rally, this is a great place to begin. Plan on a full day's ride to get there, or take the back roads for a more leisurely approach.

**"The Income Tax has made more liars of Americans than golf has." Charles Kuralt**

## **35th Original Mini Rally**

**May 2-4-2008**

Sponsored by the **BMW Motorcycle Club of Battle Creek**. This rally is held at the Green Valley Campground in Sturgis, Michigan. Attendees get free coffee, donuts, tea, hot chocolate and hot showers all weekend. Nice restaurants are nearby, plus food is available at the campground. Saturday night features Live Music and a Pig Roast . Sorry, lip-synching and break dancing are not permitted due to local ordinances. The Sunday morning sendoff breakfast features pancakes with melted butter and syrup, plus hot coffee.

Sturgis is an easy 4 hour ride from Cincinnati. To find the Green Valley Campground from the Indiana Toll Road, go north on MI 66 (exit 121), then west on Fawn River Road. For more information, seek out GCBMW member **Tom Raybuck**. (Bucksinohio@aol.com) Tom is a member of the Battle Creek club and an enthusiastic supporter of the Mini Rally.

## Meeting Minutes

*Date: February 9, 2008      Location: Home of Chris & Joe Berry*

### Officers Present:

Bob Ulrich, President; Tom Ritter, Treasurer; John Fischer, Vice-President; Neil Jones, Secretary

***Next meeting:      March 8 at home of Tom & Cheryl Ritter at 7:00 PM***

- I.      Minutes of Prior Meeting:** Meeting called to order at 7:50 by Pres. Bob Ulrich (sitting on a wooden throne). Reading of the Minutes of the prior meeting by Secretary Neil Jones. A motion to accept the Minutes as presented carried.
- II.     GCBMW members present:** George Nyktas, Mary Tholking, Tom & Cheryl Ritter, Bob & Gail Ulrich, John Fischer, Larry Lovejoy, Merrill & Diane Glos, Jim & Deana Smith, Joe & Chris Berry, Bill & Shelia Wright, Bill & Nancy Berry, Pete Wilton, Neil Jones.
- III.    Guests:** no visitors or guests.
- IV.    Treasurer's Report:** Tom Ritter presented the Treasurer's report. The balance in the checking account as of January 1, 2008 was \$1721. January revenue was \$210, Disbursements were zero. The checking balance as of the Feb. 9 meeting date was \$1931.

Tom reported 26 paid memberships for 2008. A copy of the treasurer's report is available by contacting Tom Ritter.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented by voice vote.

- V. Old Business:**      **Logo Redesign:** Sample logos were reviewed, along with the Guidelines for inclusion of the BMW Roundel. A lengthy discussion of the alternatives followed. No decisions were made.

**Club Rally in North Carolina:** By show of hands, the club decided to hold the 2008 Rally at The Iron Horse Motorcycle Campground, on October 3 & 4, 2008. Tom Ritter will ask that a number of cabins be held for our members.

**Club Outing in Hocking Hills** Bob & Gail looked over the Burr Oak State Park and cabins, brought photos to share. The cabins have large screened porches overlooking the lake. Nancy Berry commented, "if its not Burr Oak, don't fix it." A committee of retirees will be formed to review the options.

**2008 Riding Contest.** International sounding cities will be the focus...finding towns with names such as Paris, Auckland and Beijing in Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky. Take a photo showing your bike with the town name in the background. Jim Smith and Mike LaBar will make up the rules.

## **Minutes of the Feb. 9 meeting...continued**

### **VI. New Business:**

1. Bob Ulrich noted that **MOA Rally** Leaders have asked for volunteers to staff the Registration tables at the National Rally to be held in Gillette, Wyoming.
2. Tom Ritter suggested a few ways to encourage members to **pay dues** more closely to the beginning of the year.
3. Tom Ritter raised the issue of **privacy** in regards to our membership contact information. In the past, membership lists have been available in printed form to members at club meetings. After discussion, no proposals to change this policy were made.

### **VII. Announcements:**

1. Bob Ulrich read an email from Tom Raybuck reminding members that the original **Mini Rally** is only a few months away.
2. Chris Berry noted that **Golden Corral** on Winton Rd. has a separate meeting room we could use for a Club event.

### **VIII. Adjournment** by unanimous consent at 9:00 PM

## Schedule of 2008 Club Meetings

Date	Location/Hosted By
March 8	Tom & Cheryl Ritter
April 12	Steve Thoerner
May 10	Merrill & Diane Glos
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	

If you are willing to host one of the remaining available meetings, please advise Club President Bob Ulrich, or make your interest known at a club meeting.

**"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  
Mike & Barbara Crum  
Alan Disher  
John & Barb Fischer  
Ken Francois  
Gary & Sue Franklin  
Merril & Diane Glos  
Neil & Jackie Jones  
Mike & Kim LaBar  
Allen Leach  
Larry Lovejoy & Gail Deatherage  
Curt Nichols  
Geore Nyktas & Mary Tholking  
Karl Perry  
Heny & Mary Pierce  
Tom & Cheryl Ritter  
John Sires  
Jim & Deana Smith  
Allan & Debbie Smith  
Steve & Karen Thoerner  
Ralph & Terri Todd  
Bob & Gail Ulrich  
John Wharton  
Pete Wilton  
Bill & Shelia Wright

**Thanks to all who have renewed their club membership for 2008.**

**If your name is missing from this list, contact club Treasurer Tom Ritter at [Tritter5@cinci.rr.com](mailto:Tritter5@cinci.rr.com)**



Who says Motorcycling is not good exercise?