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Backup motto, "Carpe Viam" Seize the Road
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FIFTEENTH ISSUE BY NEW EDITOR!

Spring arrives this month as the sun moves to our side of the equator. March is the month of hope for the motorcycling community. Several warm riding days are soon to be here. Southern climates beckon the long-distance rider. More motorcycle rallies are coming up, though a few have been canceled due to the economic climate. Call ahead before embarking.

Are we gonna ride?

Neil the Editor



We're on the Web at GCBMWC.org

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Club Breakfast and Ride Sunday March 1

Club VP Tom Raybuck has called for a gathering at a place in Kentucky on Sunday March 1 at 10 am. It is called The Dixie Colonial Cottage Inn Restaurant, on the main street in Erlanger. You know the place, its just downwind from Pittsburgh. We met there before. For more details or more accurate directions, call Tom at 513-759-0889



Y'all come and getcha some goetta.

BMW Motorcycle Rallies

- ◆ Now to March 8 [Daytona Bike Week](#)
- ◆ Holiday Travel Park, Bunnell, FL
- ◆ Bring earplugs

- ◆ April 3-5 [Dogwood Trail Rally](#)
- ◆ BMW Riders of Mississippi
- ◆ WWW.BMWRidersofMississippi.com

- ◆ May 1-3 [Georgia Mountain Rally](#)
- ◆ Hiawasse Georgia
- ◆ New campground this year
- ◆ WWW.BMWMOGA.info

- ◆ May 21-23 [The Great Chicken Rally](#)
- ◆ Huntsville Alabama
- ◆ WWW.BMWMOAL.com

- ◆ July 16-19 [BMW MOA National Rally](#)
- ◆ Johnson City TN
- ◆ WWW.BMWMOA.com

- ◆ July 23-26 [BMW RA National Rally](#)
- ◆ Canaan Valley WV
- ◆ WWW.BMWRA.org

Ok, so there aren't a lot of March rallies.

You can still catch the tail end of Bike Week if you start south right now.

Surely Robert Munday will be writing us about the Dogwood Trail Rally.

The Great Chicken Rally is very popular among Cincinnati riders.

Follow the links for more details. Line up a fellow rider and pack your camera.

If you don't like these big rallies, plan your own get-away. This is a big and beautiful country. Pick the specialty you enjoy most and write about it, whether it be good eating places you found or the interesting people you met. Make notes and keep your friendly editor in mind as you travel.

Controversial BMW Designer Quits

By [Richard S. Chang](#) *NY Times* (lifted without permission)

Depending on whom you talk to, Christopher E. Bangle, head of BMW Group design, is either a forward thinker or a reckless design agitator. BMW announced his resignation, saying that the reason he quit was to pursue other interests in design outside the automotive field.



Christopher E. Bangle

“Christopher Bangle has had a lasting impact on the identity of BMW Group’s brands,” said Klaus Draeger, a board member of the BMW Group. “His contribution to the company’s success has been decisive, and together with his teams he has mapped out a clear and aesthetic route into the future.”

Mr. Bangle, 52, might be best known for his controversial [redesign of the BMW 7 Series](#) earlier in the decade, but he and his team were also responsible for the BMW roadsters Z3 and Z4 and the S.U.V.’s that have broadened the appeal of the brand over the last decade. He also oversaw developments of the new Mini and Rolls-Royce models and motorcycle concepts.

Adrian van Hooydonk, the head of BMW automobile design, will take over the position.

Mark your calendar for the big March 14 Club Meeting



Hosts Cheryl & Tom Ritter

**9881 Voyager Lane
Cincinnati, OH 45252
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These procedures apply:

- ⇒ Bring a veggie or dessert to share
- ⇒ Ride your bike if you can
- ⇒ Bring cash or check for your 2009 dues

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The February 21 Meeting Held at Tom & Joni Raybuck's home

It looks like a good time was had by all attending this event. Tom & Joni are legendary party-givers. Unfortunately, your usually reliable Editor did not have a good time because he did not attend due to other demands. Minutes of the meeting are on pages 9 and 10. A full dose of secretarial gratitude is expressed to Gail Ulrich for recording the Minutes.



BMW R 7



Do you remember the BMW R7? No? That's because it was sealed in a box for 70 years.

The R7 was originally built in 1934 as a prototype, and production plans were scrapped as World War II spread across Europe. The R7, which was more heavy and expensive to build than BMW would have liked, was stripped of some useful parts and put away in a box.

In 2005, the R7 was brought back into daylight, and BMW Classic rebuilt the bike, which has suffered corrosion over the years. Now the bike, which many consider a masterpiece ahead of its time, is operational again.

Proof that President Obama loves us. Read all about it!

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (popularly called the Stimulus Package)

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 has been signed into law by President Obama. It is a nearly \$800 billion stimulus package that includes nearly \$300 billion in tax relief and makes more than 300 changes to the Internal Revenue Code.

The new law provides immediate relief to both individuals and businesses.

INDIVIDUAL INCENTIVES

New Car (and motorcycle) tax Deduction

Purchasers of new vehicles after the February 17, 2009 can deduct an above-the-line deduction for state and local sales taxes or excise taxes paid on the purchase. Deductible sales or excise taxes cannot exceed the portion of the tax attributable to the first \$49,500 of the purchase price of any one vehicle; and any deduction will be phased out if the purchaser has an AGI exceeding \$125,000 (\$250,000 for joint returns). Any newly purchased, domestic or foreign vehicle, including cars, SUVs, light trucks or motorcycles, first used by the taxpayer that weighs no more than 8,500 gross pounds generally qualifies. Motor homes also qualify.

Disclaimer:

Everyone knows that the GCBMWC Newsletter is a source of strictly reliable, factual, unbiased and accurately reported information, advice and commentary. Therefore, only a durn fool would need to consult a tax professional to see how the purchase of a new motorcycle might affect their personal or business taxes for 2009.

Minutes of the GCBMWC Meeting

February 21, 2009

Held at the home of Tom & Joni Raybuck

The meeting was called to order by Bob Ulrich at 7:55 p.m. The following members were present: Bill Berry, Joe and Chris Berry, John Fischer, Mike LaBar, Allen Leach, George Nyktas and Mary Tholking, Eric Ratermann and Jessie Baublitz, Tom and Joni Raybuck, Tom and Cheryl Ritter, Allen and Debbie Smith, Jim and Deana Smith, Steve Thoerner, Pete Wilton, Bill and Shelia Wright, Bob and Gail Ulrich, and special guest Tom Collins.

The minutes of the January meeting were read and accepted.

The treasurer's report was read and accepted. The opening balance was \$1366.59. Income included \$180 for dues, and \$30 from split-the-pot, for a new balance of \$1576.59. There are 26 paid memberships for 2009 thus far.

Old Business

Meeting schedule so far:

March 14 -- Tom and Cheryl Ritter
April ??
May 9 -- Steve and Karen Thoerner
June ??

Tom Raybuck was "pretty sure" it would be 70 degrees and sunny for the Battle Creek Mini Rally in Sturgis, Michigan, May 1 - 3.

Bob Ulrich provided dates for some **upcoming Ohio BMW RA events**:

March 15 -- Breakfast meeting in Utica
April 24 - 26 -- Campout near Mt. Vernon
June 20 - 21 -- Campout near Peebles

Dues are due by the March meeting

Report on trip to Gravy (the restaurant):

Thanks to the newspaper article about the restaurant, the Gravy staff was overwhelmed by the response. There were lots of folks waiting for a table, and service was slow. The restaurant makes seven different gravies every day, and most of the entrees come with gravy. The food was good, and the club should plan a trip there after the crowds thin out. Gravy is on SR 28 east of Milford, occupying the same location that used to be "Sara's".

A Quaker Steak and Lube is scheduled to open on US 27 (Colerain Ave.) and I-275 on March 11.

Bill Berry suggested that we break the meeting into "Old Business", "New Business", and "Restaurant Business". :-)

New Business

New requirements for use of the club logo with the BMW corporate logo will be discussed at a future meeting.

Club Event Ideas

Mike LaBar suggested that we visit lakes, with photos of the bike in front of the identifying sign, or the lake itself -- the bike in the photo doesn't have to be a BMW. (Waterfalls don't count.)

Upcoming Rallies

Georgia Mountain Rally; Chicken Rally (Jim Smith already has a room); European Riders Rally in Burkesville, KY

Holiday Party

Bob Ulrich asked Bill and Shelia Wright to handle plans for the holiday party

RA National Rally report

George Nyktas stated there are plans for a "rolling rally" between the MOA and RA rallies, and an Iron Butt rally will be done in conjunction with the RA rally.

Lodge rooms at Canaan Valley are still available, but you must tell the clerk that you wish to book for the RA rally.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Eric Ratermann won the 50/50.

Minutes recorded by Gail Ulrich

NEW LOGO REVEALED

Pictured below is the new Club logo designed by GCBMWC Web Master Mike LaBar, with guidance of Club President Bob Ulrich, in the seemingly endless effort to comply with BMW guidelines for the use of the sacred roundel by car and motorcycle clubs.



Looks good, don't it?

Is it just me or is VP Tom Raybuck looking thinner?



Your Dues are Due!

Club membership renewals are due NOW . The rates are unchanged from last year, only \$15 single and \$18 couple. Please send a check to GCBMWC, mail to Treasurer Debbie Smith, 3646 Longhorn Dr. Hamilton, OH 45013

You may also bring a check or cash to the March 14 membership meeting. If you don't pay by then we will talk about you behind your back.

GCBMWC Meeting Schedule

<u>Month</u>	<u>Hosts</u>
March.....	Cheryl & Tom Ritter
April.....	
May.....	Steve & Karen Thoerner
June.....	
July.....	Gail Deatherage & Larry Lovejoy
August.....	
September.....	
October.....	
November.....	Tom & Joni Raybuck
December.....	Germania Society