

**Greater Cincinnati
BMW Club, Inc.**

MOA# 18
RA# 220

Publication date:
3/2/2010

Editor: Mike LaBar
labrew@gmail.com



Can you guess who I am standing next to in this picture? I had a back stage pass... I was in Nashville...

Visit us on the web

WWW.GCBMWC.ORG



Subscribe to our eGroup by sending a blank email to:
gcbmwc-subscribe@yahoo.com

Inside this issue:

Trip to the Adirondacks	1
Costa Rica Driving	2
Meetings	3
February Minutes	4
Rally Schedule/Events	6
HD/BMW Dealership in Louisville	7
BMW Motorrad USA Expands Dealer Network	8

**BMW Motorcycle Club
Greater Cincinnati**



March 2010 Newsletter

Record Snowfall for February in many areas—not in some

Kim and I went to visit my brother who lives in the Adirondacks. We have never been up there in the winter so we took two weeks at the beginning of February to head up north where the real winters are. We had Dora (the Explorer) packed to the gills and headed off to the Northeast. We stopped in Rochester as the snow began to fall and the next day we visited one of the restaurants in the contest in Rome, NY. [Teddy's](#) is the name of the place and there is Teddy Roosevelt memorabilia and Teddy bears all over the restaurant. The lunch crowd looked like they were older, and that always a good barometer that the food is good.



It was. I had their special, fish & chips and Kim had there award winning Rigatoni. Both dishes were great. Rack up 1 point for me. We arrive at our destination 3 hours later just in time for hap-

py hour. We saw little snow on the way up, but there was a covering of snow up there from their last snowfall. Temps got down to -10° and never got above freezing during our stay. For the next 2 weeks Ohio Texas, Louisiana and just about all points south got record snowfall while the Adirondacks had settled into a pattern of high pressure pushing all the precipitation to the south. Everything was backwards. It was 50° in Vancouver and freezing in Atlanta!

We were not going to get soaked in like we thought. To do that we had to go home. No rush. Just relax and settle into the Adirondack pace.

The ice on the lake was about 2' thick which makes it fun to do doughnuts while ice fishing.





Costa Rica Driving

By Neil Jones

Driving in Costa Rica is like a big organized free-for-all. It is the same all over the country. Little attention paid to stop signs, the double yellow, and traffic lights. Yet there are unwritten rules of the road, and if you violate the rules you hear about it with horns and flashed headlights.

Our first day there we came to a railroad crossing with red flashing lights and a stop sign. No cars even slowed down. Our driver told me that nobody pays attention because "the signals were new. They just put them up." They flash red 24-7, whether there are trains or not.

We encountered a traffic light at a pedestrian crossing near a hospital. When the light turned yellow and red, cars kept going until a brave pedestrian actually had the nerve to start across. As soon as the person was across, cars started moving again through the red light.

The double yellow is merely a suggestion. We saw a lot of passing on the double yellow, on hills, in curves, and actually I became pretty good at it, if I do say so myself.

At intersections with stop signs, cars would stop only if opposing cars were coming through. Those facing a stop sign would push out into the intersection as far as they could until those with the right of way were out of the way. These include buses, motorbikes, scoot-

ers, bicycles, delivery trucks and semis. Stopping to talk to another driver was tolerated, and the talker would move on when a waiter would honk.

Once I was the 5th car in line waiting for a traffic light, a car pulls out, left of center, passes everybody stopped at the light and turns left, through the red light. Nobody even honked at him. This was normal. Scooters and bikes always split lanes in slow traffic. This was normal.

While drivers would push out through a stop sign, they wouldn't go through until those with the right of way were out of the way. If you did you got honked at. If you pass on the double yellow and the oncoming vehicle had to brake, you got honked at.

It seemed chaotic, but it also seemed to work well. There were almost no policemen anywhere. Certainly not for urban traffic control. We never saw anyone getting cited, but we did see a few fender benders and 3 overturned semis.

On one rural road we had to stop for a family of monkeys to cross, including a young one riding on his mother's back.

Neil (back home in NH)

I asked God for a bike, but I know God doesn't work that way. So I stole a bike and asked for forgiveness.

Your 2010 Officers

President **Tom Ritter**
tritter5@cinci.rr.com

Vice President **Tom Raybuck**
bucksinohio@aol.com

Secretary
 Webmaster **Mike LaBar**
labrew@gmail.com

Treasurer **Debbie Smith**
dasbmw@zoomtown.com



John & Barb Fischer are hosting our February 13th meeting. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm and is located at:

5109 Pebblevalley Drive
Cincinnati, OH, 45252

[Map](#)

GCBMWC Dues are due by March. That's right now. \$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



Meeting Schedule for 2010

January.....	Joe & Chris Berry
February.....	Tom & Joni Raybuck
March.....	Barb & John Fischer's
April.....	Open
May.....	Merrill and Diane Glos
June.....	Eric Ratterman & Jessie BauBlitz
July.....	Joe & Chris Berry
August.....	Larry Lovejoy & Gail Deatherage
September.....	Joe DeLuca
October.....	Tom & Cheryl Ritter
November.....	Tom & Joni Raybuck
December.....	Holiday Party

If you would like to participate in the 2010 Mileage contest, just send me an email with your year, make, model, and odometer reading. Remember, it doesn't have to be a BMW to play. You can't win if you don't play. The last winner raked in the cash. You can too.

Send you info to Mike LaBar at labrew@gmail.com

Paid Up Members

- Frank & Rosa Alfaro
- Jack & Arlene Basham
- Woody & Christina Benson
- Bill & Nancy Berry
- Joe & Linda DeLuca
- Allen Disher
- Harry Finks
- John & Barb Fischer
- Ken Francois
- Gary & Sue Franklin
- Scot & Lisa Friedman
- Merrill & Diane Glos
- Bill Hanna
- Tim & Cheryle Hutzal
- Neil Jones & Marsha O'Connor
- Mike & Kim LaBar
- Allen Leach
- Chris & Anne Long
- Larry Lovejoy & Gail Deatherage
- Luis & Sue Martinez
- Ken Norris
- George Nyktas & Mary Tholking
- Karl Perry
- Henry & Mary Pierce
- Eric & Robin Puleo
- Tom & Cheryl Ritter
- John & Marilyn Sires
- Allen & Debbie Smith
- Jim & Deana Smith
- Steve & Karen Thoerner
- Bob & Gail Ulrich
- Bill & Sheila Wright

Make sure **YOU** are on this list if you want continued delivery of this newsletter in April.

February 2010 Minutes - Recorded by Cheryl Ritter

Minutes from the February 13, 2010 Meeting of the Greater Cincinnati BMW Motorcycle Club

Meeting called to order at 7:50 PM – hosted by Tom & Joni Raybuck

Tom Ritter suggested that someone might make a motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting. Debbie Smith made a motion which was seconded by Tom Raybuck.

Jim & Rosemary Osbun, who are neighbors of Tom & Joni, were welcomed as guests. They ride a Honda ST.

Debbie Smith read the treasurer's report covering the time period from December 13, 2009 to February 13, 2010. As of December 13, 2009, the club had \$1,860.09.

We had income of \$1,826.00 (which consisted of; \$64 from Split the Pot, \$522 from dues for 27 memberships, and \$1,240 from dinner receipts for 62 attendees).

We had disbursements of \$2,463.02 (which consisted of; \$700.51 to Germania for the use of the facility, \$1,258.90 to Hammanns for the catering, \$50.00 as gratuity to the two bartenders, \$300 to Neil Jones as the winner of the mileage contest, \$100 to Neil Jones as the winner of the Lakes contest, and \$53.61 to reimburse Mike LaBar for the Web Domain renewal fee.)

We had an ending balance of \$1,223.07, with 31 paid memberships, and a total of 57 paid members.

Debbie reported that we had a total of 68 attendees at the Christmas party; four of which were gratis. Debbie also reported that the club spent a total of \$2,609.41 on the party. (However, that figure included \$400 to cover the two contest awards. So, we actually spent \$2,209.41 on the party.) Debbie reported that the club collected \$1,280 in dinner receipts; and that the club treasury subsidized the Christmas Party in the amount of \$1,329.41. (However, that figure included \$400 to cover the two contest awards. So, the club actually subsidized the party in the amount of \$929.41.)

Old Business

Regarding the club logo for club materials, Mike LaBar needs artwork with a higher resolution. Member Scot Friedman mentioned that he might be able to provide some advice.

For the 2010 club riding contest, the members agreed to the "Triple D Ride to Eat", our equivalent of Dinners, Drive-Ins, and Dives. Mike LaBar has updated the club web site with contest rules, a link to a map, a list of locations, etc.

Joe DeLuca made a preliminary report on a proposed site for the club weekend. We had agreed to consider one of two weekends, either September 17-18 or September 24-25. Joe contacted the Iron Horse Motorcycle Lodge in NC and North Bend State Park in West Virginia. Both locations were booked for the weekend of September 17-18. So, Joe made tentative reservations at each location for the weekend of September 24-25; six private and eight semi-private rooms at the Iron Horse and nine private rooms at North Bend SP. The Iron Horse agreed to hold the rooms until March 19th. The members agreed that we should go ahead and sign a non-binding contract to hold the rooms at North Bend SP. There is a possibility that the Iron Horse would get a firm commitment from a group that wants rooms the weekend we reserved. In that case, we will get first right of refusal on the rooms we have held but not necessarily until March 19th.

The research committee members (Joe DeLuca, John Fischer, Bill Wright, Frank Alfaro, & Luis Martinez) are hoping for some better weather so they can ride over to North Bend SP and check out the property.

The committee will provide another report at the March meeting.

New Business

The RA has announced that their annual rally will be held the last weekend in July at the Green Mountain Energy Park near Pownal, VT. George Nyktas reported that camping may be a popular option as rooms are a little more expensive than in years past. However, there is additional lodging nearby. George expects many vendors and the Vintage bikes should be there.

The February 2010 edition of BMW ON (the MOA magazine) featured an article written by none other than Bill Wright (with photos of both Bill & Sheila).

The meeting was adjourned around 9:00 PM.

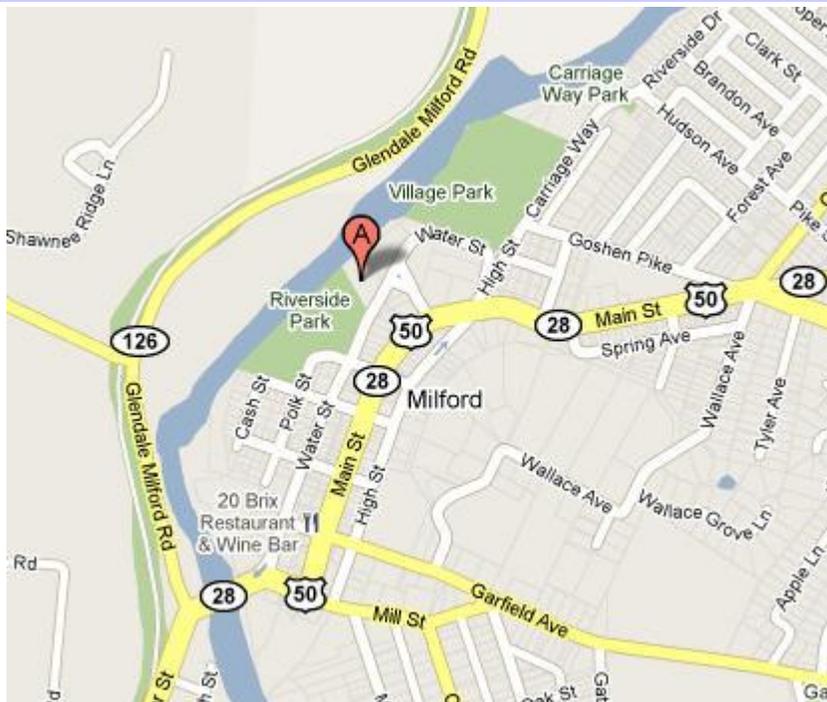
Joni & Tom Raybuck went above and beyond, as usual, to make for an enjoyable evening. Guests were asked to bring photos of themselves when the couples had first met. Members cast votes for the woman whose appearance had changed the least and the man whose appearance had changed the most. Deana Smith won for the women and Tom Raybuck won for the men.

Sheila Wright won the Split the Pot (aka 50-50)

March 7th Breakfast Ride 10:00 am

American Legion Post in Milford, 450 Victor Stier Dr.

..Should be sunny and 70.. No wait. That's the Mini Rally forecast



March 2010

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

April 2010

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

May 2010

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

June 2010

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Rallies & Events

Feb 26-March 10
Daytona Bike Week
 Daytona Beach, Florida

April 9 - 11, 2010
18th Dogwood Trail Rally
www.bmwridersofmississippi.org

4/23 & 4/24
15th Annual Branson Blitz

4/29 - 5/2
The Blue Ridge Rendezvous!

Holiday Inn Express and Suites
 26 Hoover Robinson Rd, Dillsboro, NC
 (828) 631-1111‎

Apr. 30-May 2
Georgia Mountain Rally
 Hiawassee, Georgia
www.bmwmoqa.info
 Rain, guaranteed

Apr. 30-May 2
The Original Mini Rally
 Sturgis, Michigan
 Sunny and 70

May 7-9
BMW MOA Weekend Getaway
 Hermann, Missouri

May 21-23
DownEast Rally
 Phippsburg, Maine

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

April 11 *: Qatar - Doha/Losail
 April 25: Japan - Motegi
 May 2: Spain - Jerez de la Frontera
 May 16: France - Le Mans
 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

May 27-30
22nd Great Chicken Rally
 Huntsville, Alabama

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

2010 AMA Superbike Racing - Championship Schedule

March 3-5 Daytona Int'l SpeedwayDay-
 tona Beach, Florida
 March 26-28Auto Club SpeedwayFon-
 tana, California
April 16-18 Road AtlantaBraselton,
 Georgia
May 14-16 Sears Point/
 InfineonSonoma, California
June 4-6 Road AmericaElkhart Lake,
 Wisconsin
July 16-18 Mid OhioLexington, OH
 August 13-15Virginia Int'l RacewayAl-
 ton, VA
September 3-5 New Jersey Motor-
 sports ParkMillville, NJ
September 24-26 Barber Motorsports
 ParkBirmingham, Alabama

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

Louisville BMW to be absorbed by HD Dealer

I just read on the [BMW Sport Touring](#) forum that HD of Louisville is going to purchase and operate BMW and Vespa of Louisville. What a great move. There are only a handful of BMW/HD dealers out there and it seems like a great fit me. With Harley sales down and a glut of dealers and BMW dealerships struggling, a combined dealership covers just about the whole motorcycling demographic. A dealer that carries HD, BMW, and Vespa will attract all motorcyclist from the hard core Harley dudes, to the adventure-tourers, to the fun loving geeks on scooters, and especially the sportbike riders with the new S1000RR.

Just think if this combo were to proliferate, bringing together the best and most popular bikes out there Worlds would collide... perhaps, but maybe for the good. Dealerships could learn from one another. When I got back into riding, I wanted a Fatboy in the worst way. If Harley would allow test rides I may be riding Harley right now. BMW gave me that opportunity back in 1997 and I was a proud owner of a new RT within a week. If BMW had half the marketing machine that HD has, brand awareness and merchandising could be improved upon.

Combining the two into one dealership is a great idea. Maybe I would wear more leather, don a 1/2 helmet on hot days, and clean my bike more often. Maybe the HD rider would feel more comfortable in a full faced helmet and textile protective gear. Perhaps the MC community as a whole would can learn from each demographic and embrace the different cultures of the common denominator we all share, the thrill of riding on 2 or 3 wheels. (thought of you Larry in that last sentence.)

From Jeff Cooke—owner of BMW Louisville

But, for the record, we have finally closed on the sale of the Breckinridge Street property to the Downtown Scholar House and its partners. It was supposed to have closed at the end of October and we were to have moved to Frankfort Avenue immediately thereafter.

When they couldn't close, we had to postpone leasing the Frankfort Avenue site and then that property went under a contract for sale. A December closing date on our property also came and went so I decided to hold off looking for a new site until I was sure the real estate deal would actually close.

In the mean time we were approached by HD of Louisville regarding a possible purchase of the BMW dealership. Being of the school that everything (other than my honor) is for sale, we negotiated a deal for the sale of the BMW and Vespa dealerships. The sale is subject to factory approvals which are pending. We expect to receive the approvals before the end of March and then we will complete the transaction and move the dealership to Arthur Street.

I will be engaged by them for 3 months to oversee the transition and after that will evaluate what comes next for me.

HD of Louisville is owned by the Martin Group out of Bowling Green, KY. They are primarily an auto group but they own HD of Bowling Green as well as HD of Louisville. They are looking to expand their powersports involvement. I have known their motorcycle management team for a while as a result of wholesaling some HD trade-ins and they are first rate guys. I have absolutely no hesitation about having them take over the reins. They have a top flight organization and will provide a very nice facility for BMW Motorcycles. And, interesting enough, due to their size, they operate seven (7) days a week.

This is not my farewell address but it should bring you up to date.

Jeff Cooke
BMWLOU

Good luck Jeff. I hope HD & BMW can make it work.



Website of the Month

WWW.bmwspporttouring.com

One of the greatest motorcycle forums out there.



You too can contribute to the newsletter .
Your content is appreciated and will make for a better publication.
Plus you can win prizes.
Send content to:

labrew@gmail.com

BMW Motorrad USA Expands Dealer Network with the Opening of Eight New Facilities

- * 10.02.2010
- * Press Release

BMW Brand Targets Growing Number of Dual-Sport Riders

Woodcliff Lake, NJ – February 10, 2009... BMW Motorrad USA has announced the opening of eight new dealerships within the past five months to better serve BMW motorcycle customers in new and underserved markets.

“In 2010 and beyond we will continue to identify growth opportunities for the BMW brand in markets that do not currently have a BMW motorcycle dealership by partnering with new or existing motorcycle dealers in those areas,” commented Todd Andersen, BMW Motorrad USA Marketing Manager.

The newest authorized BMW dealerships include: Van-Wall Powersports in Perry, IA; BMW Motorcycles of Chattanooga in Chattanooga, Tenn.; Bergen County BMW Motorcycles in Rochelle Park, NJ; Montgomeryville Cycle Center in Hatfield, PA; BMW Motorcycles Tulsa in Tulsa, OK; BMW Motorcycles of Spokane/Westside Motorsports in Spokane, WA; BMW Motorcycles of Utah in Sandy, UT; and Kissell Motor Sports in State College, PA.

“Our dedicated dealer network was the key to our success last year,” added Mr. Andersen, citing the fact that BMW Motorrad USA outperformed the industry for the 2nd year in a row in 2009 despite an overall motorcycle industry decline of 41 percent. “Our dealers continued to serve our customers well thanks to new products like the K1300 GT, K 1300 S, and the new S 1000 RR Superbike, as well as attractive financing programs from BMW Financial Services.”

Vot about Zinzinnati?

Ve may not be east or vest, but ve are very German here.

Do YOU have your Superbike Superstakes ticket from the MOA?

Here's there FAQ page link

http://www.bmwmoa.org/club/bmw_moa_club_news/bmw_moa_superbike_superstakes_faq



It's Planning Time.

Now is the time to look over your calendars, assess your vacation time and how best to use it on your bike. Choose the events you just have to go to and those you would like to go to and mark them on your calendar. Now take your plan to your significant one that will give you your final say so. Go ahead plan big and book that room. Plan those routes around Triple D dining points—That's Money!



Visit our friends in Columbus
www.motohio.com

MOTOHIO
european motorbikes