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March 2011 Newsletter

**BMW Motorcycle Club
Greater Cincinnati**



Riding Days are Coming.

By now you have taken your first ride in 2011 or at least made sure your bikes are running. Hopefully, you have had the trickle charges going through the Winter and all is well with your bikes. Now is a good time to check your tires. How old are they? Is the tread still good? Is your pressure where it needs to be? How about your brakes pads? Do you know how much your pads are worn? When was your last brake fluid change? Have you adjusted your valves recently? 6K service? Annual service? These are all things to consider as the riding season begins. It sure sucks not having a local BMW dealer, but thanks to the folks at Motohio and Falcone Powersports, we are not left out when it comes to servicing our Beemers. Both have reached out to our neck of the woods and have pickup and delivery options. Things have most likely started picking up at these dealerships so don't wait too long for your service needs.



Mike & Ann Allen 614-759-6686

Motohio European Motorbikes, 5936 Scarborough Blvd., Columbus, OH 43232

Jeff Schweiger Service Manager Falcone Powersports 2416 W 16th Street Indianapolis, IN 46222 317/803-2432

Accident Scene Management Instruction Class

<http://www.accidentscene.org>

A Crash Course for Motorcyclist

Motohio has Scheduled an ACMI Class for Sun. March 20, 2011 9:00am-4:30pm Motohio European Motorbikes, 5936 Scarborough Blvd., Columbus, OH 43232

This 8 hour course is \$65.00 lunch included, check or money order payable to Motohio

RSVP to Annie Allen Email- annie@motohio.com or 614-759-6686

World Superbike—Phillip Island

Leon Haslam was one of the stars of the opening round of the 2011 Superbike World Championship season last weekend at Phillip Island. Last year's runner-up had looked to be struggling earlier in the week during the testing sessions, but when the flag dropped, the BMW Motorrad man was able to get and stay amongst the frontrunners, taking his S 1000RR to a brilliant third place in race 1.

"As a team we have made huge steps forward from two weeks ago. We still have some issues that need looking at in more detail to ensure we can become regular podium finishers, but on the whole we should be happy with the two races," he declared. "The first race was great; we encountered some issues in race two but still managed to finish in the top five, so we are definitely happy."

Despite the problems in race 2 the 'Pocket Rocket' was able to score more points with a fifth place, taking his total to a creditable 27 for the Australian weekend. The Derby man can now look forward with confidence to the next round at Donington, his home track, where he will surely be one of the protagonists.

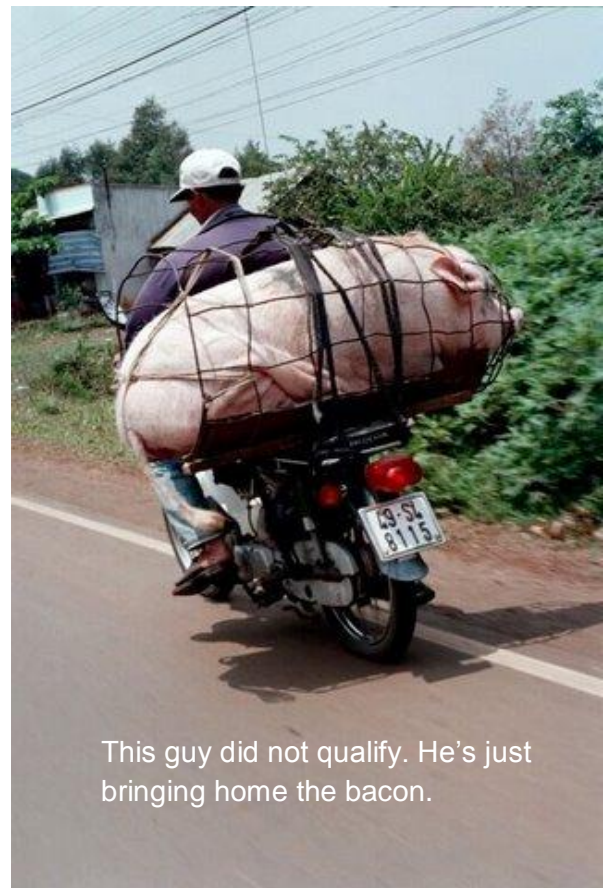


"A huge credit goes to the team for their efforts this weekend, but we now have to sit down and work out in detail how we plan to make that next step forward," he added.

Spain's Carlos Checa (Ducati Althea Racing) scored a splendid double win at Phillip Island, a repeat of his double win at Imola last September.

Just like in the first race, no one was able to run with the Spanish rider and he finished a couple of seconds ahead of Max Biaggi (Aprilia Alitalia).

- SBK.com



This guy did not qualify. He's just bringing home the bacon.



Meeting:
March 12th 7:00pm

Mike Meister's
 3419 Sunbrite,
 Covington, KY, 41015

Meeting Schedule for 2011

- January..... Jim & Rosemary Osbun
- February 12th..... Tom & Joni Raybuck
- March 12th..... Mike Meister
- April 9th..... John & Barb Fischer
- May 14th..... Debbie & Allen Smith
- June 11th..... Mike & Kim LaBar
- July 9th..... Joe & Chris Berry
- August 13th..... Larry Lovejoy & Gail Detherage
- September 10th..... George Nyktas & Mary Tholking
- October 8th..... Tom & Joni Raybuck
- November 12th..... **Open**
- December 3rd?..... Holiday Party



Mar 6 10:00 am Breakfast ride at Mason Grill
 124 E Main St, Mason OH - [Map](#)

GCBMWC Dues

\$15.00 for a single membership or \$18.00 for both single & associate

Send your dues to:

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[Cosmo's](#) on Mainstrasse in Covington will be showing the Daytona 200 on Saturday, **March 12 @ 1:00**. Come join us!

If we get a big enough group Cosmo's may put on an extra bartender that afternoon. We are also talking about getting a big projector TV for the race, so please let me know if you plan on coming!

~[Jessie](#)

T.W.O. has gone out of business.

We Regret to inform you that Two Wheels Only will cease operation on March 15th 2011. We'd like to thank all of you who supported this establishment and the local community for the last 29 years. It's been a fun ride!

February 2011 Minutes

The club held their February meeting at Tom & Joni Raybuck's. We had Jim's white bean chili and corn bread prior to the meeting. The meeting started at 7:34 pm on 2/12/11.

There were approximately 25 members and no guests in attendance.

The minutes of the prior meeting were read.

The treasury report tabled by Debbie Smith.

Ending balance as of the February meeting \$1,330.58 dues of \$32 and STP of \$12 taken in and \$100 taken out for gift cards. Leaving \$1274.58

There are 27 paid membership with 48 members

OLD BUSINESS

Discussed the club breakfast sled ride. 26 MPH were reached.

Tom Ritter send out two \$50 gift cards to our logo designers.

NEW BUSINESS

Karl Perry mentioned the Barber Museum Tag Rewards Days.

Lucy Lou (Boarder Collie) is now the new Mayor of Rabbit Hash.

Mileage contest and Alphabet Towns contest was discussed.

7th annual Moonshine Run Apr 9th. Moonshine, IL Stand in line for a cheeseburger. (meeting day)

Allen Smith talked to Jeff Schweiger Service Manager Falcone Powersports and Mike Allen about pickup services. Good until end of February.

Allen Smith also gave K1600 GT pricing. Demos will be in the last week of April

March 12th meeting was solicited. November is still open.

John Fischer had a bad day of sled riding and falling down

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm

A Snapshot Back in Time

Who is this guy?

Where is this guy now?

Where was this picture taken?

What GCBMWC event was this?

What date was this photo taken?



2011 Riding Contest — Alphabet Towns ... Revised

This year we bring back the ABC towns contest that was last done in the mid 90's I believe. The concept is simple. Take a picture of your bike or self or both in front of the town sign or post office or firehouse that has the name of the town. Choose 26 cities, towns, villages that start with A through Z. The further away from home, the more points. Add up the miles and that's your total town miles.

I found a cool site that calculates miles in a straight line that can help assign points for your towns visited.

<http://www.daftlogic.com/projects-google-maps-distance-calculator.htm>

I will post a link on the website, but I would bookmark it.

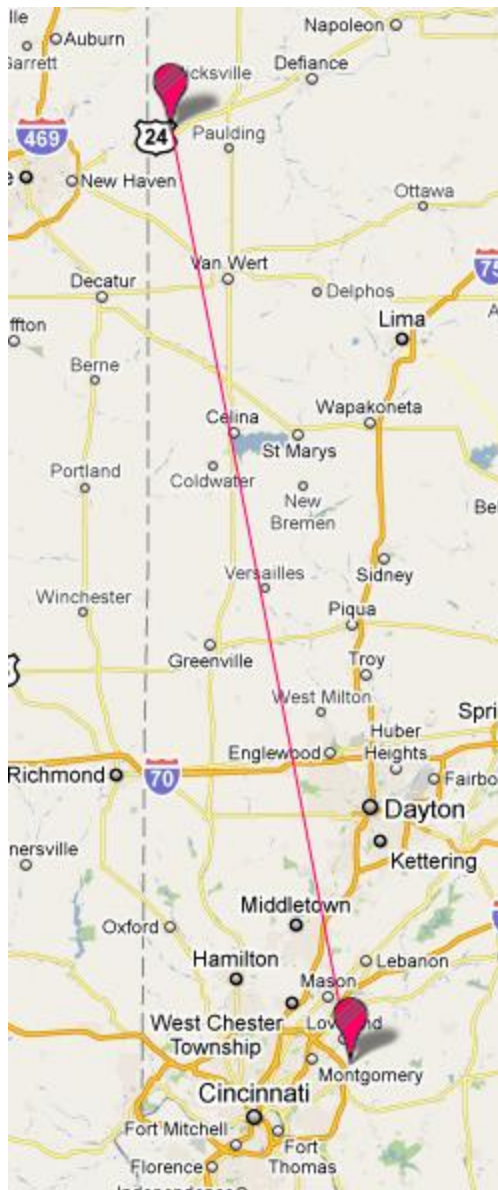


As an example, here I am in Antwerp, OH in 2008 for the International Cities Contest. I am 138 miles from home as the crow flies. I will have 138 miles to add to my total miles. The further you are away from home the better. I plan on using a spreadsheet to track my progress. Hint. ;-)

Contest begins as soon as the snow clears and ends in November.

Photos must be taken in 2011.

Have fun out there and be safe.



Zoom in and find your home location.

Click once to establish point A

Zoom out find your town.

Click a second time on your town and you will get the straight line distance.

Shown below the ads are the miles and other handy buttons.

Total Distance Miles KM Nautical Miles Metres Feet Autopan ?

[Clear Last Point](#)

[Zoom To Fit](#)

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[Pan to My Location](#)

March 2011

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May 2011

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Rallies & Events

1st Saturday each month visit Lenny at [Autobahn Craftwerks](#) for Open House

Tuesdays—Bike night at the Comet

Wednesdays-Bike night at Quaker Steak & Lube

To see a full listing click [HERE](#)

7th Annual

[Moonshine Lunch Run](#)

9 April 2011 in Moonshine, IL

March 4 - 13, 2011

- + **BMW Campout - Daytona FL Bike Week**
Airhead Beemer Club #214

April 8 - 10, 2011

- + **19th Dogwood Trail Rally**
BMW Riders of Mississippi #15

April 17, 2011

- + **26th Wild Goose Run**
Port Washington BMW Club #116

April 29 - May 1, 2011

- + **38th Original Mini Rally**
BMW Club of Battle Creek #14

April 29 - May 1, 2011

- + **21st Georgia Mountain Rally**
BMW Motorcycle Owners of Georgia #23

Who is this guy?
Michael Henegar

Where is this guy now? ... 2007 member

Where was this picture taken?
Kincaid Lake State Park

What GCBMWC event was this?
Our first poker run

What date was this photo taken?
4/24/2004 1:58 pm

Websites of the Month

[BMW Maintenance Schedule](#)

Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course will celebrate its 50th season of racing in 2011.

The Honda Super Cycle Weekend, presented by Dunlop Tire, will be held July 8-10;

AMA Vintage Motorcycle Days will take place July 22-24.



[Barber Museum Tag Reward Days.](#)

[Visit their website](#)

We just got in a large shipment of the newest Arai and Scorpion Helmets in a variety of colors and a full range of sizes.

At Motohio we believe in Premium Protective Full Face Headgear. What's your Head Worth?

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