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March 2012 Newsletter

BMW Motorcycle Club
Greater Cincinnati



February 22nd, 2012

Dear Family and Friends,

A ranking member of the Texas Board of Natural Resources happens to be a BMW MOA (Motorcycle Owners Association) member who read my MOA-ON magazine article titled "A Not So Small Miracle" printed in the 12/2006 issue following my ride to the tip of Tierra del Fuego. When he learned of the completion of my journey with a ride to Prudhoe Bay in 2010, he wrote me saying that he had nominated me for a "Texas Cowboy Spirit" award and that he wanted to, and had the authority to, rename a Texas river in my honor and asked if that would be ok. Yeah.



A year passed and nothing happened. "Oh well." Then, just before Christmas I received a nicely framed "Cowboy Spirit" certificate, an official proclamation about the river name change with GPS coordinates (?) and an official Texas highway map showing the location of the singular bridge that crossed the river where new signs were posted.

To my knowledge, this is only the second 'Glos family' public landmark, the other being "Gloss Ave." which runs between Ridge and Lester Roads in Pleasant Ridge, named for the family homestead which was there. (since razed and subdivided.) (the city added another 's' during WWI to make Glos sound less German and Dad's uncle followed suit, so I have Gloss cousins.)

Since I was passing through Texas on my way to and from Mexico in January 2012, I thought it would be cool to find the bridge and river sign. It was only 770 miles out of my way.

The renaming wasn't what I expected, but I thought it appropriate.....

Merrill



* photo taken between Houston and Beaumont Texas on I-10. Passed it and the next two exits before considering it fotoworthy. The bits about Glos/Gloss are true.

My Passion for Motorcycles

By Jim Smith

I first became aware of motorcycles when I was about 10. An uncle had a Harley, but no, I didn't get to ride on it.

One day in my 14th year, during summer school vacation, I heard a single cylinder engine approaching. The road in front on my house was under construction, turning it from a 2 lane to a 4 lane. From my front porch, I saw a kid about my age riding a black bike, a small cloud of dust following him. I didn't know the kid, or have any idea of what kind of bike it was, but this was the first motorcycle I'd seen that was smaller than a Harley. My interest was immediate, because I liked two wheels, and I wanted a motor on my bicycle.



About 2 weeks later, sitting in the same spot, I heard another small engine coming up the dusty construction zone. My eyes lit up and I beheld the most beautiful thing I'd ever seen. It was an Allstate MoPed, resplendent in deep maroon paint and chrome, and it just so happened, I did know this kid.

I wanted one. Badly ! However, having no money, this presented a problem. I knew my Dad couldn't afford to buy one for me, without even knowing the cost. Somehow, I found out what the bike was, and quickly turned to my Sears & Roebuck catalog, and there they were. The bike that Charles Acres Jr. was on was a deluxe model, complete with splash panels, chrome luggage carrier, chrome tank top, larger saddle and little toolboxes on each side of the rear fender. And it was \$212. A standard model was \$174. Might as well have been a million. I had about thirty four cents to my name. But the fire was lit within me.

Over the course of the next year, our little town became infested with those little Allstates. There were maybe 20 of them. All owned by kids whose Dads made more money than mine did.

I found out the black bike I originally saw was a Mustang scooter, owned by a kid whose Dad was working on the highway construction.

A friend who lived just a quarter mile from me, had his grandfather buy him a Parilla Dart Motorbike, from a dealer in Knoxville. It had a four stroke 50cc engine, with overhead valves, a three speed transmission and even though it had pedals, you had to straddle it like a real motorcycle, unlike the Allstates, which had a step-thru frame.

During the summer of 1959, I got to ride my friends Parilla, with a little instruction from him. And later, I also got to take a short ride on my cousins Allstate MoPed. Boy, the hook was set.

I got a part time job, bagging groceries at a store across the street from where I lived. My friend had pretty much destroyed the Parilla, and I came to an agreement with him on buying it. I had to carry it home in baskets and boxes, and over the winter, I put it all together, with help from Dad. And at age 16 I had my first motorcycle, up and running and for very little money.

The rest, so they say, is history. From that day, I have owned about 40 motorcycles, of most all the major brands, and a couple or three pretty obscure ones too.

My love for motorcycles has never diminished, and I currently own 4. My Triumph and Royal Enfield will probably be with me as long as I'm able to ride.

Jim Smith, age 67, in my 53rd year of riding.

Submit your newsletter articles to Mike LaBar labrew@gmail.com

A Snapshot Back..



November 2003 breakfast ride. Route 10 was the planned ride. Seems like a tradition.

Hi all.

Over the past few years, several members have asked whether they could acquire a club name badge (or name tag). It has been our intent all along to create new badges using the new club logo for those that want them. Well, we have finally decided on a new badge.

Samples of the new badges were passed around at the meetings this year at the Wright's and the Raybuck's. (The attached PDF file shows the graphics.) At the Raybuck's, we also passed around a sheet of paper for the purpose of gathering the names of those in attendance who wanted a new badge. Unfortunately, somewhere between 10:00 PM at the Raybuck's and 10:00 AM the next morning at my house, I lost the list of names. Here are the 17 names I recall being on the list; Bill & Sheila, Tom & Joni, Bob U, Jim & Deana, Jim & Rosemary, Eric & Jessie, Debbie S, Tom & Cheryl, Joe & Chris, Bill B, and Mike & Kim. My apologies if your name was on the list and it is not listed here.

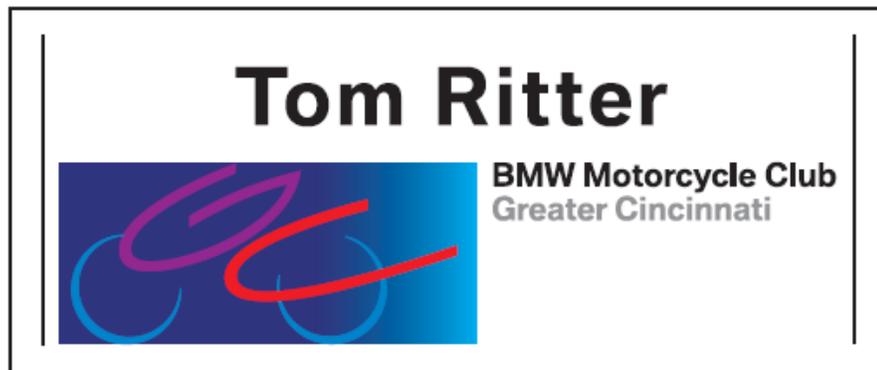
Due to the set-up costs involved, it is likely that we will only order new badges this one time. So, now is your chance to order. Especially for those who did not attend the meeting at the Raybuck's, I want to give you the opportunity to speak up and have your name included in this order.

The new badges will be \$12.50 each. These are a very nice, high quality badge with a protective coating and a very strong magnet. (In my opinion, the badge looks even better than the picture.) Assuming BMW doesn't change the logo rules, we expect to be using this name badge for many years to come. So, now's the time to order.

We expect to be placing the order soon. So, please either call me ([513-470-0547](tel:513-470-0547)) or send me an email (tritter5@cinci.rr.com) if you have any questions or you want to be included.

Thanks,

Tom Ritter



Seen on FaceBook...



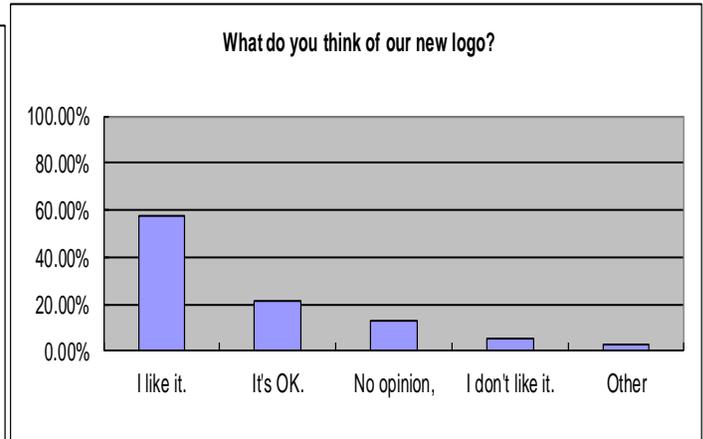
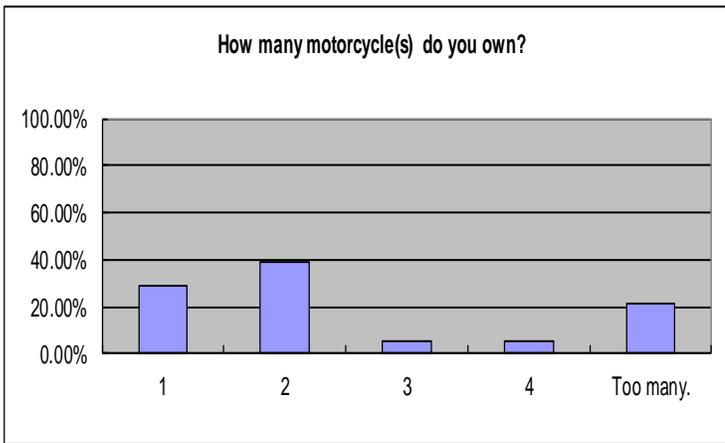
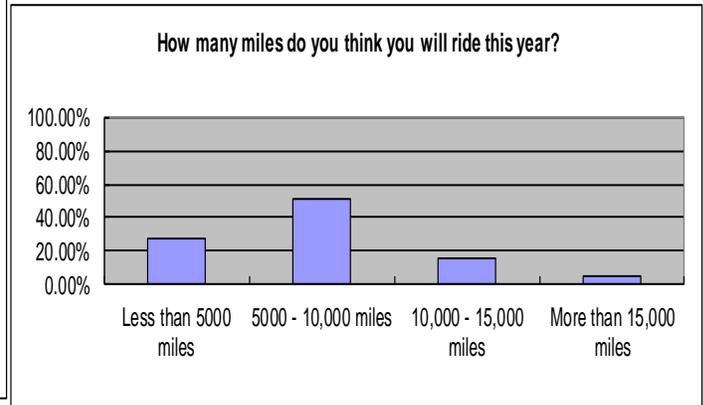
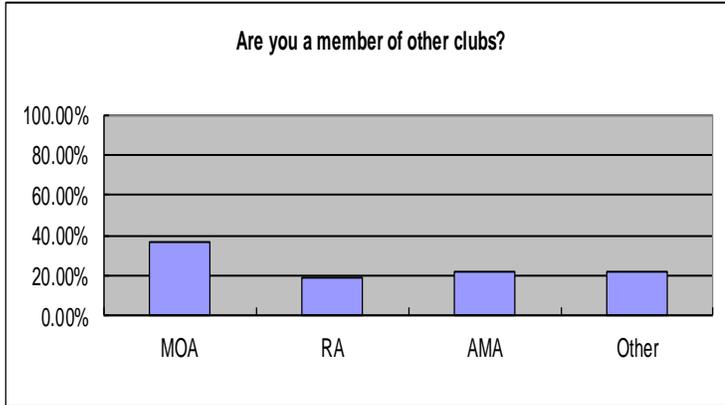
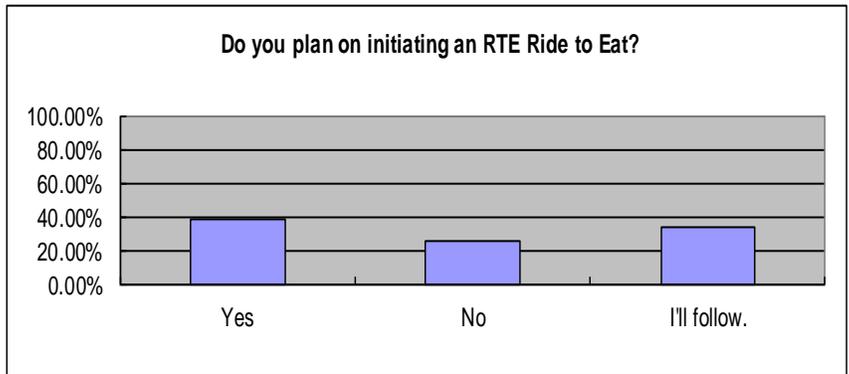
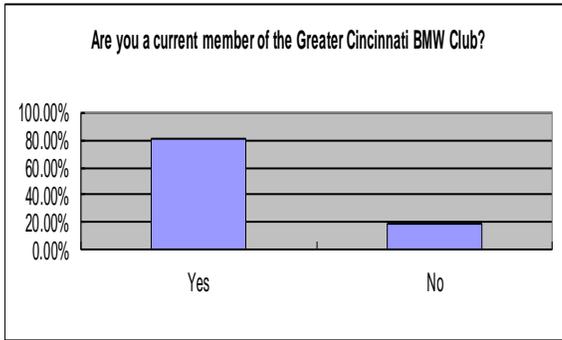
Neil Jones

Marsha and I drove from Yuma to San Diego, taking the 2 lane roads that run along the Mexican border. There are some amazing steel fences separate the two countries. Border Patrol agents are everywhere. We were stopped at 10 or 12 checkpoints, but when they saw our Ohio plates and this old paleface driving they waved us right through.

We found a pretty hotel, the Kona Koi, on Shelter Island, with a nice view of San Diego across the bay.

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GCBMWC Survey #1 Results



I plan on going to..

Bike Week Daytona	3.90%
Mini Rally Sturgis, MI	9.09%
Georgia Mountain Rally	2.60%
Chicken Rally Huntsville	2.60%
RA National in Copper Mt., Colorado June 14	14.29%
MOA National in Sedalia, Missouri July 19	7.79%
Beemers in the Bluegrass	9.09%
Club gathering in mid September	29.87%
Other	20.78%
Count	77

- Harley ABCs of Touring
- AMA Vintage Days @ Mid-Ohio, AMA Superbike @ Mid-Ohio
- Road Runner Magazine Rally in July
- Curve cowboy, Duluth MN
- Ama vintage days, ama superbike at mid ohio
- Ohio RA Spring and Fall camp outs
- RA National or MOA National, probably not both
- Year Round Riders ride in April
- Rounders Spring ride Huntingdon, PA
- RA or MOA rally this summer, depends on schedule, undecided
- I-BMW rally at Lake Cumberland, KY
- Honda Wing Ding in Fort Wayne

Our Christmas party for 2012 should be..

Catered and/or at an establishment.	50.00%
Like other meetings where we bring food and	40.00%
Other	10.00%
Count	30

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This is our new online store! Thanks to CafePress, we are now selling all kinds of products with our unique graphics on them. With every purchase you make, GCBMWC gets a small commission helping to raise funds. Show off your club pride with our new brand with these great new offerings.

Shop On!



Mug
\$12.00



Stein
\$15.00



Ceramic Travel Mug
\$20.00



Thermos Food Jar
\$19.00



Thermos Can Cooler
\$16.00



MORE COLORS AVAILABLE

Shot Glass
\$7.00

With every item purchased, the club gets \$1.01. That is the mark up price on most every item in the store. The mug above has a base price of \$10.99 + \$1.01(GCBMWC's) = \$12.

Get your goodies with our new official and casual logos today.

<http://www.cafePress.com/gcbmwc> Tell your friends.

Republicans Democrats

The difference between Republicans & Democrats

A Republican and a Democrat were walking down the street when they came to a homeless person.

The republican gave the homeless person his business card and told him come to his business for a job. He then took twenty dollars out of his pocket and gave it to the homeless person.

The Democrat was very impressed, and when they came to another homeless person, He decided to help. He walked over to the homeless person and gave him directions to the welfare office. He then reached into the Republicans pocket and gave him fifty dollars.



Decadent Peanut Butter Pie

Ingredients

- 1 cup Jif® Creamy Peanut Butter
- plus
- 2 tablespoons Jif® Creamy Peanut Butter
- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 (12 ounce) container frozen whipped topping, thawed and divided
- 1 prepared chocolate pie crust
- 1 (11.75 ounce) jar Smucker's® Hot Fudge Microwaveable Ice Cream Topping, divided

Directions

1. Beat together 1 cup peanut butter, cream cheese and sugar in a medium bowl with an electric mixer on medium, until well combined. Gently mix in 3 cups whipped topping until thoroughly combined. Spoon mixture into pie shell. Using a spatula, smooth mixture to edges of pie.
2. Reserve 2 tablespoons of hot fudge topping into the corner of a resealable plastic bag. Microwave remaining topping, on HIGH (100% topping), for 1 minute. Stir. Spread topping over pie, covering entire peanut butter layer. Refrigerate until set. Spread remaining whipped topping (1 1/2 cups), over hot fudge layer, being careful not to mix the two layers.
3. Cut a small corner from bag containing topping. Squeeze bag to drizzle topping over pie. Place remaining 2 tablespoons peanut butter in a resealable food storage bag; cut bag corner and squeeze to drizzle in opposite direction from topping. Refrigerate until ready to serve.





Steve & Karen Thoerner are hosting our April 10th meeting. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm and is located at:

**3391 Sunbrite Drive
Covington KY 41015**

I-275 to Taylor Mill/Covington Rt 16 exit. Then go 4 miles south to left on Sunbrite Drive



GCBMWC Dues

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

Send your dues to:

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Hamilton, Ohio 45013**

Your 2012 Officers

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- Secretary/
Webmaster **Mike LaBar**
labrew@gmail.com
- Treasurer **Debbie Smith**
dasbmw@zoomtown.com



Meeting Schedule for 2012

- January 14..... Bill & Sheila Wright
- February 11th..... Tom & Joni Raybuck
- March 10th..... Steve & Karen Thoener
- April 14th.....
- May 12th.....
- June 9th.....Larry Lovejoy and Gail Deatherage
- July 1st..... Joe & Chris Berry
- August 11th..... Mike & Kim LaBar
- September 8th.....
- October 13th.....
- November 10th.....
- December 8th.....Holiday Party

1st Sunday Ride March 4th 10:00 am Breakfast at

This Sunday's (3/04/12) breakfast ride will start at the Amvets Post 13 in West Harrison, IN [<http://www.amvets13.org/>]. I have not eaten there but I was assured that they could easily handle 20 of us at 10 AM Sunday. The location is 515 S. State Street, West Harrison, IN 47060.

[Map](#)
[Ride Route](#)

Website of the Month

<http://www.cafepress.com/gcbmw>

From one of our first purchasers:

The new online store works great.
Got my hat & shirt Saturday, looks great.

Question, can anybody order from that site?
i.e. kids for gift buying?
"Dad, you are the hardest person to buy for."
-Bill Berry

Answer: By all means.

Minutes of the GCBMWC Meeting

February 11, 2012

Meeting held at Tom & Joni Raybuck's- called to order at 7:40 PM by President Bill Wright.

Board Members Present: Bill Wright, Debbie Smith, John Fischer, and Mike LaBar.

Bill Wright went over the club survey results.

Treasury The club treasury held 1346.97 at the beginning of the period.

Income received from:

50-50 - \$31

Dues collected. \$480

Expenses:

Ending Balance \$1515.97

The club started the year with 39 paid members.

Debbie's report was accepted.

Old Business: Name tags. Tom Ritter handed out samples of new name tags and collected names of those present who wanted name tags from Trash and Trinkets. (Scot Freidman).

Jessie Baublitz mentioned that Cafepress offers fund raising with your own store. Mike LaBar will set up our online store. A motion was made and carried that Mike LaBar would be the shop/logo keeper

A signup sheet was passed around for those who want name tags @ \$12.50

New Business:

A motion was made and seconded to allow Debbie Smith to run as treasurer for her fourth year in spite of our by-laws.

Jim Osbun reported on a possible destination for our club outing.

Club Membership—Do we want to grow our club?

Bill Berry suggested Quilted Barns as our riding contest for 2012. Motion made and seconded.

Tom Prior is now eligible to become a member.

Bill Wright solicited the passengers to write stories of their experiences for the newsletter.

Joe DeLuca spoke about the annual Pork Festival in Eaton, OH on September 15th and 16th. Breakfast and being in the parade was discussed. To survey.

Samples of Cafepress items with our logo were brought in by Mike LaBar.

Christmas Party (looking for a committee chair & volunteers) Having a Christmas party with 50+ people makes it unreasonable to hold it at someone's home. How much do we want to spend and how much should the club contribute? Mike to survey.

Meetings: Steve and Karen are hosting March. Larry & Gail for June. Chris & Joe Berry for July (1st Saturday). LaBar's in August. Looking for meeting locations for April, May, September, October, and November

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

March 2012

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Florida
 March 9 - 18, 2012
BMW Campout - Daytona Bike Week
 Various Clubs

Tennessee
 March 29 - April 1, 2012
6th March Moto Madness
 The GS Giants #354

Alabama
 March 30 - April 1, 2012
1st BMW Club Veteran Riders International Campout
 BMW Club Veteran Riders International #329

Pennsylvania
 April 6 - 8, 2012
Adventure beginner rider workshop for large-displacement adventure bikes
 MAC-PAC #289

Tuesdays—Bike night at the Comet

Wednesdays—Bike night at Quaker Steak & Lube Milford

To see a full listing from the MOA Calendar click [HERE](#)

Your RTE could go here.

April 2012

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Texas
 April 13 - 15, 2012
Texas National Rally
 San Antonio BMW Riders Association #62

Mississippi
 April 13 - 15, 2012
20th Dogwood Trail Rally
 BMW Riders of Mississippi #15

Mississippi
 April 20 - 22, 2012
BMW Veteran Motorcycle Club of America and friends at Bench Mark Works
 BMW Veteran Motorcycle Club of America

Wisconsin
 April 22, 2012
28th Wild Goose Run
 Port Washington BMW Club #116

2012 Club Gathering Committee

Jim Osburn Chair
 John Fischer
 Tom Raybuck
 Joe DeLuca

2012 Christmas Party Committee

May 2012

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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Vermont
 April 27 - 29, 2012
Frosty Nutz
 Yankee Beemers #153



Mike Meister is looking for volunteers at his booth at the MOA International Rally. If you are interested, contact Mike is you would like to help. [Mike Meister](#)

2012 RA Rally will be held June 14-17th at Copper Mountain, Colorado

2012 MOA International Rally

Sedalia, Missouri July 19 - 22, 2012.

STORE HOURS

Monday	Out Riding
Tuesday	9:00AM - 6:00PM
Wednesday	9:00AM - 6:00PM
Thursday	9:00AM - 8:00PM
Friday	9:00AM - 5:00PM
Saturday	9:00AM - 4:00PM
Sunday	Out Riding

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