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Can you guess who I am standing next to in this picture? I had a back stage pass... I was in Nashville...Wife's name is Nancy... Rocking Chair...

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# May 2010 Newsletter

## MD2020 Rally By Alan Disher

Memorial Day weekend 2009 found Matt (my son), our friend Kyle Hayes and I riding to Hagerstown VA for the start of the MD2020 Rally. Matt and Kyle would run together in the rally and I would run solo. Since time is really important in the rally, more than two people become a liability. Gas tank range and bladder range are important considerations. Running a rally is not about riding fast, it's about planning and minimize stopping. The serious competitors have auxiliary gas tanks and carry a total of 11 gallons. My bladder won't last that long so it's not a consideration for me.

This 2020 had a special 1000 point bonus. It was obvious you would not finish well without scoring this bonus. To score this bonus you had to get a gas receipt from Winchester VA., St Mary's, WV, Erie PA and Binghamton, New York, and a final receipt from the first city you started from within 24 hours. You also had to have a 3 hour rest stop in those 24 hours. That means you had 21 hours to make the loop. It looked like you had to run a circle. The original bonus points sent earlier by the rally master had points located in the center of those cities. So an obvious strategy is to run a circle and grab bonus points along the way. Determining which bonus locations to get would be the challenge. Some of the bonus points have criteria such as daylight only, open 9 to 5 etc. As you can see it takes planning. Of course using mapping software and a GPS makes it much easier to figure many different routes but there is a real art to it. The two top finishers in the rally had incredible efficient routes based on points earned per mile ridden.

At the 4 am breakfast meeting we were introduced to riders that arrived late (about 2AM) from Quebec Canada. They were also going to ride in the 11 day iron butt rally. This was a tune up ride for them. The rally books and flags were passed out and last minute questions were answered. One of the questions was "do we have to go to the center of each city" and the answer was no, just get a gas receipt with the city name on it.

We headed out to the parking lot for the official start. For some reason I was slow getting ready to leave and Matt and Kyle wished me luck and rode off. I was one of the last to leave and was only about 2 miles down the road when I realized I was not dressed warm enough. I pulled over and took off my jacket and added another layer. I started down the road and figured I just wasted

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**Welcome**

**Dorathy Elsaesser**  
**Our newest members**  
**to be voted in.**

## Your 2010 Officers

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about 15 minutes, dumb on my part.

My first destination was Winchester to get my first gas receipt, about a 25 minute ride down the interstate. About 15 minutes down the road I saw a sign that said Winchester next 3 exits. The first exit said "to route 50". What luck, Route 50 west was what I wanted and I could get my gas receipt. There was a gas station at the exit, I pulled in and saw two other competitors filling up. I got my gas and receipt, found my next bonus point in my GPS and pressed go. The sun was just coming up, it was a beautiful morning and I was riding!



About an hour later I arrived at the first bonus location (a historical marker about ice mountain), got out my flag, took a picture, entered my odometer reading in the rally book and was putting the book back into my tank bag when I hear some bikes pulling up.

"How did you get here already?" I heard Matt say. I answered the only thing a father could say "Wish you knew don't you"

I knew what Matt and Kyle were thinking.... Game on!

I had a list of bonus locations on my tank bag in the order I wanted to run them. I saw the number for the next one on my list and I looked for my next bonus location in the GPS and it was gone! I headed out anyway because I needed to head west and I'd figure out my next move later. After about 30 minutes I saw a sign for Mary Hales birthplace. This was not on my list because I thought it was too far off the highway but since I had missed my second bonus point I decided to go for it. I followed the signs down some west Virginia back roads with twists and turns and gravel on every turn. I thought of John Fischer. I arrived at the location and one of the riders was there on a gold wing taking a picture. I took my picture and made my rally book entry while the Gold Wing rider was turning his bike around. The road we came in on was a loop road that would return us to 50 farther west than we came in. We headed back towards route 50 and I was amazed how fast the Gold Wing was taking the corners with gravel. When we hit 50 we saw the sign. Route 50 west closed, bridge out, Detour. We headed east. Again, the gold wing rider turned up the wick and I followed about 100 yards behind as we headed east. After about 2 miles I figured we must have missed a sign and I turned around and headed west. I did discover where the detour went, there was no sign for the east bound traffic.

There was 20 points available for a receipt with "Burrito" on it. I pulled into a McDonalds and got a coffee and breakfast Burrito. Bingo, 20, points.

I continued to St Mary's WV collecting points when I could. I met another



rider as I got gas in St Mary's. He said he was heading directly for Erie, I was heading elsewhere. I ran into another rider at a bonus location and we rode together for about 50 miles until I peeled off to get another bonus. I pulled into a convenient store for gas and a lottery ticket (another bonus) I asked the clerk for a lottery ticket. She said "You have to get them out of the machine" I asked, "if I buy it out of the machine, can you give me a receipt?" She said "No and you are the second guy to ask me that, and he was dressed just like you!" (Helmet etc) I just laughed; I'd get my ticket somewhere else. My gas receipt said Erie PA., I'm good to go, I put my next location in the GPS (a lighthouse on the lake) and

headed out.

After the lighthouse bonus, I was heading east towards Binghamton. It was getting dark, the temp was dropping and there was lightning in the distance. I pulled into a rest area, put on my waterproof riding pants and added a layer. I took about 15 minutes to rest, I'd been on the road for about 16 hours and I was running pretty close to my schedule.



I got back on the road, it was dark, it was getting colder and it was starting to rain. I watched a huge lighting storm in the distance. I was heading directly for it.

My fuel light came on, meaning I had about 60 miles left on this tank. I kept riding. It was approaching midnight and I saw that many gas stations were closed. I saw a sign that said Binghamton 10 miles. I rode about 6 miles and I saw an exit. I got off the highway and continued east towards Binghamton. Finally I saw a gas station. I pulled in, filled up, got my receipt and discovered I was not in Binghamton yet. I found a few gas stations in my GPS that was in Binghamton and headed that direction. After passing two closed stations I found one in the worst part of town. I got my 50 cents worth of gas and my Binghamton receipt in record time.

I found my way to interstate 81 and headed south towards Winchester Va. to close the loop. Looks like my time will just work out. I see a motorcycle ahead. It's almost 1 AM, it's probably a fellow rally rider. As I close up on him it starts to sprinkle and he suddenly pulls to the side and stops. As I'm going by I realize this is a couple on a goldwing in the rally and I pull over to see if they are OK. Before I get unhooked from my bike the pilot is standing next to me and says, "We're Ok, we just putting all paper away so it won't get wet in the rain" I say Ok and start off. The rain gets harder and fog comes in. Visibility is really poor. I slow down. It begins to hail. My glasses fog up and this becomes really difficult riding. I continue until I see an exit. I get off and head for the gas station / convenience store. There is just a small covering over the pumps. I pull between the pumps so I can get some relief from the rain. I get off and walk into the station and pour a cup of coffee.

The door opens, the Goldwing pilot walks in. "Did you find it?" he asks. "Find what?" I answer. "There's a bonus point right around here" he says.

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I finish my coffee, head out to my bike and mount up. I see the pillion on the Goldwing but no pilot; he's after the bonus point. I get back on 81 and start south. I'm tired and I know it. Riding in the fog, hail and rain has really taken the energy. I have a deadline to complete the loop and I'm trying to do the math in my head but I'm thinking slowly. It's time for a rest. I continue down the road for a while. I see an exit and start to get off

when I realize nothing is open. I get back on 81 and ride. Finally I see a rest area. I lie across a picnic table and instantly fall asleep. 30 minutes later I wake up. I stand up and see the Gold Wing Pilot lying on the ground. He is not moving. I go to the bathroom and when I get back the pillion has the pilot standing up and she's trying to wake him up. I think he should sleep.

I'm feeling pretty good after the power nap so I mount up. As I head down the road I'm trying to figure out if I have enough time to get back to Winchester in time. I keep watching the time and figure I will just make it or be 10 minutes late. As I approach Hagerstown I make the decision that I will be 5 minutes late and I may as well get my 3 hours sleep in the motel room I paid for. I get gas near the hotel so I will have the required receipt to start my rest period. I have lost the 1000 points. I get my three hours sleep, get up, get a shower and head for the same gas station to get my end of rest period receipt. After some sleep I realize I was calculating the time to Winchester and my return point was 10 minutes closer. I would have made it.

I head north to collect more bonus points.

I check into rally headquarters. I finished, which was my goal, but not very high since I lost the 1000 points. Jim Owens was the winner and he went on to win the 2009 11 day Iron Butt Rally.

If I would have scored the 1000 I would have beat Matt and Kyle. There were lot's of funny stories and we all had a great time.

In 2010, Matt and I will be a team and Kyle will be running with his friend Chris from Atlanta.

If you think you would like to try a rally, a 10 hour rally would be a good start.



Donald Jone's Goldwing with gm alternator

Donald competed in the 2007 Iron Butt in the "hopeless" category. He was DNF

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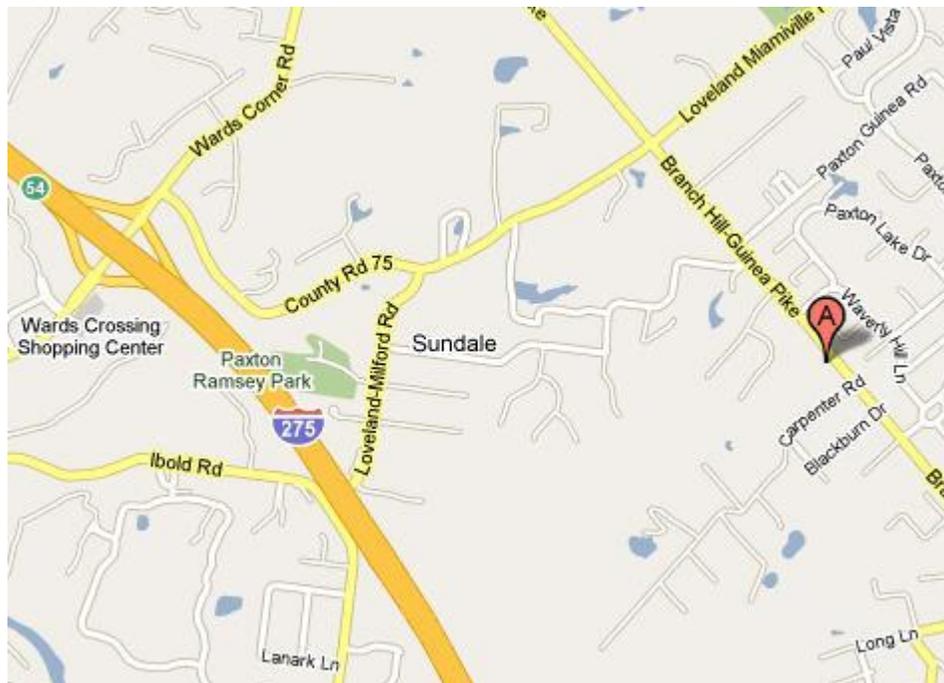
**MOTOHIO**  
 european motorbikes



Mike & Kim LaBar are hosting our May 8th meeting. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm and is located at:

**6293 Branch Hill Guinea Pike  
Loveland, OH 45140**

I-275 to Wards Corner exit..  
East to Loveland Miamiville to  
Branch Hill Guinea Pike.  
Take right 1/2 mile on right



**GCBMWC Dues** are past due. \$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**

Four wheels  
move the  
body. Two  
wheels move the  
soul.

~Author Unknown

### Meeting Schedule for 2010

January.....	Joe & Chris Berry
February.....	Tom & Joni Raybuck
March.....	Barb & John Fischer
April 10th.....	Steve & Karen Thoerner
May 8th.....	Mike & Kim LaBar
June 12th.....	Eric Ratterman & Jessie BauBlitz @ <a href="#">Autobahn Craftwerks</a>
July 10th.....	Joe & Chris Berry
August 7th.....	Larry Lovejoy & Gail Deatherage
September 11th.....	Joe & Linda DeLuca
October 2nd.....	Tom & Cheryl Ritter
November 13th.....	Tom & Joni Raybuck
December.....	Holiday Party

The MOA Mileage contest started April 10th and will end October 10th 2010. Bring your contest entry form to the next meeting to get signed. Entries must be postmarked by May 10th.

[Download the form](#)

## April 2010 Minutes

The club held their April meeting at Steve & Karen Thoerner's. The meeting started at 7:47 pm on 4/10/10.

There were approximately 30 members in attendance,  
The minutes of the prior meeting were read by Mike LaBar.

The treasury report was read by Debbie Smith.  
Beginning balance: \$1,223.07  
Dues & 50/50 collected \$131  
Ending balance \$1,354.07  
There are 39 paid membership with 67 members

### OLD BUSINESS

The Iron Horse campground was voted for our September 25-26<sup>th</sup> weekend. The deadline to reserve rooms was extended to March 31<sup>st</sup>. There are 6 Private and 8 Semiprivate rooms plus the campground for tent camping. Ironhorsenc.com is their site. Telephone 828-479-3864

Club logo is being revisited for new artwork.

### NEW BUSINESS

Dorothy Elsassor sent her check and attended at least 2 club events and was voted in.

The Ritters rode to Motohio.

Bill Berry went to the 6th annual lunch run to Moonshine, IL

Tom Raybuck brought flyers for the Gilmore Vintage Bike Show on June 13th  
Mini rally shirts were available for purchase @ \$5.00  
Snap on gloves from Big Lots for \$7.00  
Breakfast rides are now back to the regular time of 9:00am

MOA Mileage forms are due may 10th.

George Nyktas will address our club charter.

Tom spoke about the Battle creek club meeting in August.

Christmas Party. We need to decide on the location and get things booked

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm

Bob Ulrich won \$38.00 in the 50/50



## Terry's Turf Club

Dinner at Terry's Turf Club is an adventure in signage as well as a great place for a killer burger. There's no missing the place on Eastern Avenue as the signs and neon lights are the first thing you see. We went on a Monday night and only had to wait 10 minutes. On the weekends, the wait may be an hour or more, but the patrons wait outside sitting on old weathered movie seats in a block party atmosphere. I can see why Guy stopped here for a taping of Diners Drive-ins and Dives.



We tried just about everything on the menu and enjoyed all of it. The fried Halloumi cheese was very good, the ginger wasabi shrimp great, and the filet mignon chili was pretty good for appetizers. The ¼ pound burgers are their signature dish and that's what Kim, John, and I got. Mine had all the fixins with a burgundy mushroom truffle sauce. Brother John got a Thai peanut sauce & fojus gras and Kim's extra well done with halloumi cheese.

Fun place!



## May 2nd Breakfast Ride

Our Ride Captain, Tom Raybuck will be riding back from Sturgis, MI. on the 2nd. At the time of printing Tom had not found a ride leader for May 2nd.



## May 2010

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## June 2010

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## July 2010

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## August 2010

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## Rallies & Events

Apr. 30-May 2  
**Georgia Mountain Rally**  
 Hiawassee, Georgia  
[www.bmwmoqa.info](http://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

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

**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

### 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 Speedway  
 Daytona Beach, Florida  
**March 26-28** Auto Club Speedway  
 Fontana, California

**April 16-18** Road Atlanta  
 Braselton, Georgia

**May 14-16** Sears Point/Infineon  
 Sonoma, California

**June 4-6** Road America  
 Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin

**July 16-18** Mid Ohio  
 Lexington, OH

**August 13-15** Virginia Int'l Raceway  
 Alton, VA

**September 3-5** New Jersey Motor-  
 sports Park  
 Millville, NJ

**September 24-26** Barber Motorsports  
 Park  
 Birmingham, Alabama

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

Don't forget the Open  
 House at Lenny's on the  
 first Saturday of the month  
[Autobahn Craftwerks](#)

## 2010 World Superbike Schedule

DATE	NATION	ROUND
28/02	 Australia	Phillip Island
28/03	 Portugal	Portimao
11/04	 Spain	Valencia
25/04	 Netherland	Assen
09/05	 Italy	Monza
16/05	 South Africa	Kyalami
31/05	 United States	Miller Motorsport
27/06	 San Marino Rep.	Misano Adriatico
11/07	 Czech Republic	Brno
01/08	 Great Britain	Silverstone
05/09	 Germany	Nürburgring
26/09	 Italy	Imola
03/10	 France	Magny Cours

BMW, BMW MOA and Miller Motorsports Team up for World Superbike Race Weekend

If you plan on going to the Chicken Rally on Memorial Day weekend, you may want to watch the new BMW R1000SS race in the only US circuit in Birmingham.

[Click here for more details](#)



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In 2010 BMW returns to the Isle of Mann [Story](#)

### SCHEDULE:

Free Practice is on Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Qualifying runs from Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, to Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

The race calendar is as follows:

#### Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup>

1200hrs - Superbike TT Race 6 laps

1500hrs - Sidecar TT Race 1 3 laps

#### Monday June 7<sup>th</sup>

1045hrs - Supersport TT Race 1 4 laps

1415hrs - Superstock TT Race 4 laps

#### Wednesday June 9<sup>th</sup>

1045hrs - Supersport TT Race 2 4 laps

1315hrs - Sidecar TT Race 2 3 laps

1630hrs - TT Zero Race 1 lap

#### Friday June 11<sup>th</sup>

1230hrs - Senior TT Race 6 laps

### Website of the Month

[www.ultimatemotorcycling.com](http://www.ultimatemotorcycling.com)

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