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# May 2011 Newsletter

BMW Motorcycle Club  
Greater Cincinnati



## The Moonburger Experience 2011

By Bill Berry

It started out simple enough, put the word out that I was going to try and go to the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Moonshine Lunch Run in Moonshine, Illinois and see who wanted to join me, if anybody. A few members had gone before but last year I went by myself. I had talked to a guy(Mike) at work of my previous trips out to Moonshine and he said he'd like to join me next time and he knew another guy(Greg) at work who wanted to go so I sent them the e-mail with all the info. Then on Tuesday Alan Disher e-mailed me that he wanted to go also and would join me as I rolled by the Sharonville exit on I-275. Sounded like a ride was forming. But Mike and Greg wanted to leave a little later and stop for breakfast even after I explained the Sweet-Roll Lady would have homemade cinnamon rolls and pecan rolls at the lunch run headquarters. Now you all know I'm always up for a breakfast run, but the Sweet-Roll Lady was gonna be up all night making tray after tray of rolls for us bikers to buy with all monies going to a local kids charity so I told Mike and Greg we would meet them at the Moonshine Store.



The last 2 years I went the weather had been cold(30's) but dry. This year the temperature was mid 50's to start but the radar showed a Technicolor blob over central Illinois, so I put on the Michelin-Man suit(Frog-Togs) before starting out. Sure enough about 10 minutes after leaving Loveland I pass under the Sharonville exit and

on the entrance ramp is Alan waiting for me, talk about precision. We pull into the rest area in Indiana to see if anybody is there to join us from the west side but no takers. As we are suiting up to leave a group of about 5 bikes go by westbound, at O-dark-thirty, heading towards the rain...gotta be going to Moonshine.

We make it to Greencastle Indiana before the rain starts. From there it keeps picking up in intensity until we are getting hammered in Terra Haute. Rain from all directions, sometimes sideways, lightning, wind, hail, it was gettin' it. As we take the exit to Casey, Illinois the rain lets up to a light rain. The parking lot isn't as crowded as in years past but still a lot of people under the portico trying to stay dry. Once inside there's even more people stalling, milling around until the rain stops. In the conference room I pick up my pre-ordered shirt and locate the Sweet-Roll Lady. We give her a donation and she says "15 seconds in the microwave". She knows her rolls, perfect after 15 seconds.

On the way back out to the bikes we glance at the weather channel in the lobby and sure enough it was hail we rode through. The rain has stopped by now and we gear up to ride down to Moonshine. As we reminisce about the last time we were here and the parade we avoided a couple of guys ask if they can follow us to the store and next thing you know Alan is the parade leader. The 10 miles or so down to the Moonshine Store shows just how much rain there was, most of the fields are flooded with ditches overflowing on to the road in some spots.

As we pull up to the store bikes are starting to park along the streets in each direction maybe 30 or so. It's gonna be risky parking on the grass/mud this year. We find a place on the road by the Amish-Lady selling pie/ice cream. It's about 10:45 our time and I don't see a line but they are ready for a crowd with an additional catering grill setup outside. Once inside there's maybe 20 people in line so we fall in and enjoy the atmosphere. Since the rain has stopped and everybody's in raingear, sitting on the wet picnic tables is not an issue so we find a place and dig in. Alan finds a unique relish over on the condiment table along with all the fixin's.

The Moonshine Store has really prepared for the crowds this year. Besides the extra grill inside as in years past they also had a grill outside from a catering company.



This allowed for two lines plus they had big tubs of drinks on ice outside to ease the wait. They have also fixed up the garage to the right of the store to sell souvenirs, which eases the crush inside. Even the Amish Lady had more help. One girl to take your order/money, one guy to dip the ice cream and a couple of guys making the ice cream while she sliced/served the pies. For a dollar you got about a 1/5 of a pie and an extra half-dollar got you a huge serving-spoon of ice cream.

As we mill around looking at bikes and watching the crowd you could just feel the crowd growing. Every time you looked down the street you'd see another wave of bikes trying to park. I would guess the street to the west of the store easily had bikes parked on the edge for a quarter mile or more.

So we're standing across from the store just taking it all in and this guy walks by with a big camera and tripod. I ask him who he's filming for and he said channel 20 in Springfield Illinois. Next thing you know he ask if he can interview me I say well, er, I don't know, and Alan is over there saying "sure you can, here Bill, let me hold your jacket liner for ya.". So he puts a microphone on me and starts asking all the important questions like "Why all this way for a cheeseburger?", Why in the

rain?", "Isn't it dangerous?", "You didn't think about turning around and go home?". Well he said we'd be able to see it on the Internet but I have not found anything, maybe the middle-age Michelin-Man look doesn't make good video. Just as well.

After a couple hours Alan and I decide to start for home and decide on Rt.50 since it's mostly blue skies now. Apparently about that time my friends from work, remember Mike and Greg, are just getting in line for a cheeseburger. Later at a gas stop I get a message from Mike stating that and even though the line was long it moved right along.

The ride home was nice across southern Indiana, past all the swollen creeks and rivers. Each time we stopped I text'd home to see if it was still raining and the last time in Versailles they said the rain had stopped so it was clear sailing all the way home. Got home around 6, just in time to watch a little Nascar (nap).

The Moonshine Lunch Run website says they served 2068 Moonburgers to approximately 1600-1800 bikes. They have a date set for next year of April 14, 2012. It's a great experience that all motorcyclists should enjoy. It's a great way to start the year.

<http://moonshine-run.com/Moonshine/>

Video Coverage [http://www.illinoiscentral.tv/sections/videos/videos/vid\\_43.shtml](http://www.illinoiscentral.tv/sections/videos/videos/vid_43.shtml)



## A Riding Weekend

By Tom Ritter

Hi all.

For the past three years, club members and friends have ventured to the western end of North Carolina and stayed at the Iron Horse Motorcycle Lodge near Stecoah, NC for a riding weekend. At our last two monthly club meetings, we began discussing if, when, and where we might choose to hold a club riding weekend this year.

Several of us have talked about finding a suitable place closer to home. By reducing the length of the ride to and from our weekend destination, we are hopeful that additional riders as well as possibly some non-riders may join us. The Red River Gorge area in KY and the Hocking Hills area in OH have been suggested. As in years passed, mid to late September and/or early October seem most preferred by the members.

Our wish list for a facility includes; some private cabins or at least private bedrooms with their own private bathrooms; some private bedrooms with a shared bathroom; some shared bedrooms with a shared bathroom; and some tent camping with bathroom/shower facilities available. We hope to arrange for group dinners with catering being an option. Breakfast arrangements remain undetermined. And, of course, since most of us enjoy an adult beverage or two when the day's riding is done, we are looking for an "alcohol permitted" facility. A place for an evening camp fire would be nice as well.

Due to the separation of lodge rooms, cabins, and tent camping, and their policies on fire pits and alcohol, state parks do not appear to be a desirable option.

Although we are not yet aware of a single facility in the Hocking Hills area that offers everything we may want all in one place, for now we are focusing our efforts in that area. There are lots of good riding roads in that region and plenty to do for non-riders. In addition to a KOA Kampground, Hocking Hills offers literally dozens of homes and/or cabins. Based on our preliminary research, except for a few cabins and the tent camping at the KOA Kampground, you are looking at approximately \$100 per night. The availability of ideal cabins/lodges is limited around the dates we are considering. Most of the homes/cabins in Hocking Hills advertise sleeping capacity well in excess of the number of bedrooms. So, obviously some shared bedrooms are contemplated to make maximum use of each unit. This may work for those looking for a less expensive alternative.

Due to the difficulty in finding exactly the right facility/arrangements in Cabins or Lodges in Hocking Hills, we have also investigated a hotel in that area. There's a Holiday Inn Express (HIE) hotel in Logan, Ohio right in the heart of Hocking Hills. And, there's a nice BBQ restaurant within walking distance of the HIE.

To begin to narrow our choices of facilities and weekends, we need to get a rough idea of how many singles and how many couples are interested in joining us for this trip. We also need to know how many private rooms/bath rooms are preferred. I will discuss the possibilities at the May meeting at the Smith's and then post an email similar to this article on the group discussion board. We will then need a preliminary response from those interested.

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### [BMW MOA 2011 Rally News](#)

#### **2011 BMW MOA International Rally,**

**July 21 - 24, in Bloomsburg, PA.**

- Got questions? 2011 BMW MOA [Rally FAQ](#)
- Who will be the [GS Giant](#)?
- Register for the BMW MOA Rally [right here](#).



#### **2011 BMW Firecracker RA International Rally Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin June 30, 2011 – July 3, 2011**

[On Line Pre-registration! Click HERE!](#)

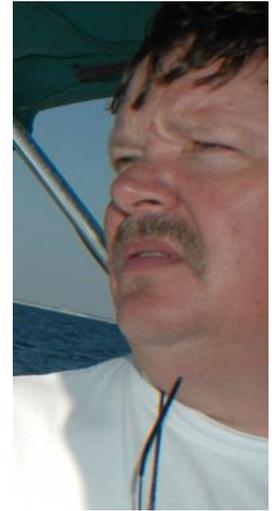
[Mail-in Pre-registration Form! Click HERE!](#)



## Captain Tom's local rally picks

### May 13-15th 10TH. ANNUAL CENTRAL KY. "SHINEFEST"

Come back again or for the first time to one of the finest rally locations in the Cumberland! Located at THE INDIAN RIDGE CAMPGROUNDS: 300 Campgrounds, rd.! Ph. # [270-465-7697](tel:270-465-7697) and located 12 mi. south of Campbellsville, Ky. 42718 off of Ky. St. Rd. #55! Wooded campsites all with water and electricity, in either open or semi-secluded areas also cabins which are limited in numbers. Rally fee (not including camp fees) \$15/person ABC members or \$18/p non-ABC members! Campstore with snacks, pool table, great shower/bathroom facilities, outdoors and indoor shelters in case of weather hassles, swimming pool, b'ball, horseshoes, etc.! Restaurants and adult beverages not far away. Rally fee includes the following: Friday night cook your own dogs/burgers (provided), beverages and then Sat. as you either explore or relax, there'll be several pork roasts attended on the slow smoker to be simmered in a rich B.B.Q. sauce served up Sat. evening with all the fixings you may recall from cookouts in the past at uncle Bob's, followed by vendor donated prize drawings and some awards! A \$3 get-a-way breakfast Sunday morning! Area attractions include: The National Corvette Museum, Makers Mark Distillery, Mammoth Cave and of course the wonderful roads of the Knobs of Ky. So contact Rocky or Connie, the campgrounds proprietors, to reserve your cabin, tent site reserving suggested but not necessary! Sponsored by your Ky. A/M Bill Denzer [airhead@windstream.net](mailto:airhead@windstream.net) This e-mail address is being protected from spam bots, you need JavaScript enabled to view it or [270-403-1150](tel:270-403-1150)



### Friday, May 20, 2011 - Sunday, May 22, 2011

Burkesville, Kentucky

Last Updated: 04/14/2011 - 19:45

Riders of European motorcycles from all over the country gather to enjoy some of the best riding in the southeast on well maintained roads through the foothills of Kentucky and Tennessee. Location - Burkesville, KY (south central KY) on the banks of the Cumberland River at the intersection of Hwy 61 and Hwy 90. The coordinates for the rally are: N36 47.226, W85 22.139. The Rally site is the beautiful Burkesville City Park with level grass camping sites and bath rooms with showers (bring your own towel and soap). Several restaurants offering good food and value are within walking distance of the campground. You will find the local residents hospitable and appreciative of your visit to their community. Rally fee is \$40 per person if pre-registered by May 13th or \$45 at the gate. Rally registration includes: camping, Rally T-shirt & Rally Pin for the first 250 registered, Friday night at the movies, Saturday lunch provided by Bloodworth Motorcycles, Saturday night steak and baked potato dinner, Saturday night live entertainment and door prizes. Free coffee and lemonade available all day. There will also be a 50/50 drawing held Saturday night. Day passes are \$25 (includes Saturday lunch and dinner only).

For those wanting to stay in a hotel instead of camping, there are two hotels in Burkesville and they usually fill up fast. For reservations call Riverfront Hotel [270-864-3300](tel:270-864-3300) [www.riverfrontlodge.net](http://www.riverfrontlodge.net) or Alpine Lodge [270-864-7100](tel:270-864-7100) [www.alpinemotel.com](http://www.alpinemotel.com).

The Rally is hosted by the BMW Motorcycle Club of Nashville. For more information email [rally@bmwmcon.org](mailto:rally@bmwmcon.org). Registration forms are at the website <http://bmwmcon.org/rally.html>

### Thursday, July 28, 2011 - Sunday, July 31, 2011

Tall Timbers Resort KOA, Dayton, OH

Last Updated: 03/25/2011 - 21:45

The Buckeye Rally: The United Sidecar Association National Rally will be held in Dayton, Ohio at the Tall Timbers Resort KOA. View virtual tour at: <http://www.daytonkoa.com>.

On site camping reservations will be taken by the KOA at [1-800-562-3317](tel:1-800-562-3317) or e-mail the campground at [camp@daytonkoa.com](mailto:camp@daytonkoa.com). PLEASE tell them you are with the USCA and get 20% off, now until the rally. They are holding over 100 sites until mid-March, after that it's open to all. Pre-register by July 15, 2011:

- Adult USCA Member \$25, non-members \$35
- Adolescent members age 10 – 18 \$10, non-members \$15
- After July 15, 2011 and at the gate:
- Adult USCA Member \$30, non-members \$40
- Adolescent members age 10 – 18 \$15, non-members \$20

Weekend Forecast for  
Sturgis, MI  
[ English | Metric ]

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Apr 29 Project: Lawn Equipment	30 Photos: Weather from 30,000 ft.	1 Top 10 Family Vacations
WINDY High 59°F Partly Cloudy / Wind Low 44°F	High 67°F AM Clouds / PM Sun Low 52°F	High 57°F Scattered T-Storms Low 45°F
Precip: 10%	Precip: 20%	Precip: 60%



**Debbie & Allen Smith** are hosting our May 14th meeting. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm and is located at:  
3646 Longhorn Drive  
Hamilton, OH 45013

**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..... Scot & Lisa Friedman
- July 9th..... Joe & Chris Berry
- August 13th..... Jesse & Eric
- September 10th..... George Nyktas & Mary Tholking
- October 8th..... Tom & Joni Raybuck
- November 12th..... **Open**
- December 3rd?.....Holiday Party



**May 1 9:00 am**  
Breakfast ride at:  
**Pearl's Diner**  
4696 Dixie Highway  
Fairfield, OH -

**GCBMWC Dues**

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

Send your dues to:

**Debbie Smith**  
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**2011 MOA Mileage Contest**

There's Still time to get in. Your entries must be post-marked by May 9th.

Fill out the form and send it in today.

[Download form](#)

## April 2011 Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:45 April 9th at the home of the Fishers.  
Minutes were read and accepted.

Treasurers report was given with a ending balance of 1401.58

starting 1320.58 27.00 split the pot,69 dues a 15.00 pay out for MOA.

We had 2 visitors (insert names here) They are both students at the the Air Force Tech School in Dayton.

### Old business

- Mike Mister hosted the March Meeting. Got to know his dog Major how takes all commands in German!
- With Mike LaBars extra duties we need assistance on the newsletter.
- The club ride was through Alexandria after breakfast at the Colonial Cottage. 11 bikes on the ride.
- Moto Ohio has hosted a few events. Accident scene class and a Ducati night.
- The RA rally will be June 30 to July 3rd. in Wisconsin
- The MOA rally will be in Bloomsburg PA July 21 to the 24th.
- The club Riding contest was discussed and The MOA mileage forms are due.

### New Business

- Alan Smith passed around information on the new K1600. George Nyktas has pre ordered 1 from Moto Ohio.
- Bill Berry was off on the Moonshine Burger run. About 1000 round trip.
- Mike LaBar sent a note about Kim's progress and Informed us that her mother will be going in for the same procedure in the next week. Kim is doing well and Mike thanked every one for the cards and emails!
- Larry and Gail will be setting up a ride to the Chicken Place in Ireland IN. It will will be a overnight trip leaving from his home on the river. The place is still run by the same folks as 40 years ago. Date June 25 about a 2 1/2 hour drive. More info to follow.
- The Battle Creek mini rally was mentioned by Tom Raybuck. Several members stated they will be going this year.
- The June Meeting will be at the home of Scott Freidman. The May meeting will be at the Smiths.
- The August meeting date is still open.
- The Fall club ride was discussed. New locations were up for consideration. The Iron Horse is very nice but we were thinking of something closer. Hocking Hills and Red River Gorge were possibilities.
- Name tag were discussed with the new logo.
- There is a new Vintage BMW magazine being published. It is a quarterly and can be ordered online at the Vintage BMW owners web site.
- Auto Bahn has sold all his old stock parts. Lenny will be down sizing due to some health issues. He will no longer have the First Saturday open house. His shop will still be open for service work.
- With the weather starting to get better the Tuesday bike nights at the Comet will become more "festive"
- Meeting was adjourned and the 50/50 was won by (insert name here).

**Website of the Month**

[MedJetAssist](#)

# Mini Rallies from the past



## A Snapshot Back in Time

- Who is this guy?
- What was the last year he was a member?
- When was he a club officer?
- What event was this?
- What date was this photo taken?



## May 2011

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## June 2011

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## July 2011

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## Rallies & Events

Tuesdays—Bike night at the Comet

Wednesdays-Bike night at Quaker Steak & Lube

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

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

April 29 - May 1, 2011

+ **Frosty Nutz Rally**  
Yankee Beemers #153

April 29 - May 1, 2011

+ **Mountain Motorcycle Retreat**  
Camp Living Stones (CLS)

April 30 - May 1, 2011

+ **26th BMW Flea Market and MotoExpo**  
Blackhawk Region BMW Association, Inc. #35

May 01, 2011

+ **26th Annual Polk City Ride-In**  
Bahnstürmers #138

May 6 - 8, 2011

+ **Annual Buzzard Bottom 4**  
Poverty Riders International #131

May 13 - 15, 2011

+ **Natural State Rally**  
Naturally Beemers #181

May 13 - 15, 2011

+ **10th Ky. Shinefest Rally**  
ABC Airheads

May 13 - 15, 2011

+ **MORTON'S BMW SPRING FLING 2011**  
Morton's BMW

**2011 Red Bull Indianapolis GP tickets are on sale now.**

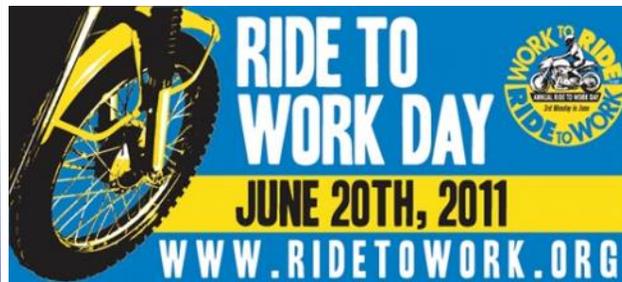
The 2011 Red Bull Indianapolis GP is scheduled for Aug. 26-28 at IMS. To purchase tickets, visit [www.imstix.com](http://www.imstix.com) or call the IMS ticket office at (800) 822-INDY.

Race Day general admission tickets cost \$40, with Friday general admission \$10 and Saturday general admission \$20. A three-day general admission ticket is \$60. A Friday-Saturday general admission ticket is \$25. Race Day reserved seat prices start at \$70.

May 7, 2011 Xenia, Ohio

## Ride with the Ribbon

Sponsored by Moose Lodge  
The event starts at Moose Lodge 1629, 947 Cincinnati Ave, Xenia. Sign up starts at 10:00 am and the first bike leaves at 11:00 am. The ride is a breast cancer benefit. For more information call (937) 657-2414, or [click here to send e-mail](#).



Who is this guy?  
Greg Cullers

Last year he was a member.  
2009 member

When was he a club officer?  
2001 & 2002 Vice President

What event was this?  
Bluegrass Rally

What date was this photo taken?  
9/1/2002

### 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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