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October 2010 Newsletter

Iron Horse Weekend 2010 By Mike LaBar

I left the house for the GCBMWC gathering at the Ironhorse Motorcycle campground at 7:15 am on the 24th. I stopped at the rest area just north of the 71 split thinking there might be a GCBMWC member heading south. Sure enough, there was Tom Raybuck sitting in his Liberty Mutual claims mobile. He was traveling to Louisville to look at a car and stopped to eat his breakfast burrito and review his claim files. We chat for 15 minutes or so. No other members come by so we head south together for about a mile. Traffic on I75 seemed light so I stay on the slab until Maryville. I was going to avoid the Dragon, but thought I should slay it while it's dry. I saw three groups of photographers and 3 cops on my subdued run down. I stopped to buy a t-shirt and have a



cheeseburger at the end thankful I made it through. The rest of the way in I enjoyed and arrived around 4:00 or so. What a nice place this



is. My first time. Beautiful grounds, great lodging, good food, fire pit, big screen tv, and reception on my cell phone. The only thing wrong is that it is a dry county.

Saturday, after breakfast Debbie Smith and I head towards the Cherohala Skyway, but Debbie turned around in Robinsville as her hand was giving her problems and it affected her riding. I go on to the Skyway helmetcam rolling. This is one of my favorite roads and I enjoy 20 minutes of heavenly riding, when I encounter low hanging clouds blowing by.



What not to do or say when pulled over on your bike.

- When you get pulled over, say "What's wrong, officer, there's no blood in my alcohol?"
- When he asks why you were speeding, tell him you wanted to race.
- When he talks to you, pretend you are deaf.
- Refer to him by his first name.
- If he asks you to step off the bike, automatically throw yourself onto his hood..
- When he asks you to spread them, tell him you don't go that way.
- Bribe him with donuts.
- Ask if he has a daughter. If he says yes, say I thought the name sounded familiar.....
- When he comes up to your bike, say I have a badge just like yours!
- Ask if he watches Cops. When he frisks you, say You missed a spot, and grin.
- Try to sell him your bike.
- Ask if you can buy his car.
- Stare at his lights and say "Look at the pretty colors!"

very cool sight for a thousand feet, but once i got to 5000 feet things got soupy in the fog. Suddenly, it wasn't fun anymore because I could only see 15 feet in front of me. I find the next scenic overlook and turn around and head back. I went on to Bryson City for BBQ and return back to Iron Horse by 2:00. A hundred miles of rain free riding. Time enough for a nice nap in my most excellent room, before happy hour. We gather at cabin 4 where we enjoy adult beverages and snacks while telling our riding stories of the day. Thanks you tom, Cheryl, and Debbie for playing host. I had a very nice prime rib dinner and a pecan cobbler that was awesome. Sometime after dinner it started spitting rain and it kept it up until we left the next morning. I enjoyed my first stay at Iron Horse and wished I stayed longer. Good times.



[Ride along with Mike on the Cherokee Skyway](#)



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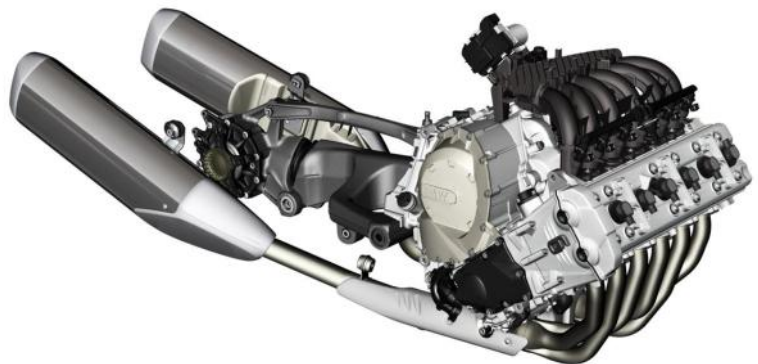
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Highlights of the BMW K 1600 GT and K 1600 GTL:

- Supreme in-line six-cylinder engine with a high level of pulling power, especially in the lower and medium engine speed range.
- Engine output 118 kW (160 HP) at approx 7,500 rpm and maximum torque approximately 175 Nm at approximately 5,000 rpm.
- Over 70% of maximum torque available from 1,500 rpm.
- Lightest and most compact six-cylinder in-line engine in serial motorcycle production, weighing just 102.6 kg and measuring 560 mm in width.
- Consistent lightweight construction throughout the entire vehicle (magnesium front panel carrier, aluminum rear frame, crankshaft etc.).
- E-Gas (ride-by-wire).
- Three modes to choose from: "Rain", "Road" and "Dynamic".
- High active safety due to the standard BMW Motorrad Integral ABS (partial integral).
- Traction control DTC (Dynamic Traction Control) for maximum safety when accelerating (optional extra).
- Chassis with Duolever and Paralever and ideal concentration of masses for dynamic riding properties combined with optimum comfort.
- Electronic Suspension Adjustment ESA II for optimum adaptation to all uses and load states (optional extra).
- World premiere in motorcycles: Adaptive Headlight (optional extra) in conjunction with standard xenon headlight and lighting rings for increased safety at night.
- Integrated operating concept for the first time with Multi-Controller, TFT color screen and menu guidance.
- Audio system with preparation for navigation device and controllable interface for iPod, MP3, USB, Bluetooth and satellite radio (only USA and Canada) (standard in the K 1600 GTL).
- Innovative design with outstanding wind and weather protection.
- K 1600 GT with active riding ergonomics for proactive touring.



Bike Night at Quaker Steak

By Mike LaBar

Last Wednesday Kandace (my step daughter), and I went to bike night in Milford at the Quaker Steak & Lube and hung out for a bit. There were 200 or so bikes, 90% Harley/ cruisers, 5% sport bikes, and 5% other odd stuff. The place was way to crowded to eat so we just walked around and i took pictures. As we walked around, this guy comes up to



me and asks if I would take a picture of him and his buddy with their bikes. I said sure and he ran to his truck to get his bikes. I was a little puzzled for a second and he brings back a tricycle and a Big Wheel. He told me he gets harassed for coming to bike night when he and his buddy don't own bikes. I find the most chopped bike to set them in front of and snap away. Biker wannabes.

The coolest bike I saw was a new Ducati Multistada 1200. I was checking it out while it's owner was checking out my GS as we were about to leave. After 45 minutes we ride back home toking the long way of course.





My Bikes

Since 1995
By Mike LaBar

My first bike I bought as an adult was a 95 Yamaha Virago 750. I wanted a Harley but loved the look of that bike. It was much cheaper and was a great learner bike.

In 97 I still wanted a Harley, but had unpleasant dealer experiences, so I went to BMW of the Tri-State and bought a new 97 R1100RT. Heavenly. I was sitting upright and looking for the curves. What a great touring machine. I was a BMW rider from then on.

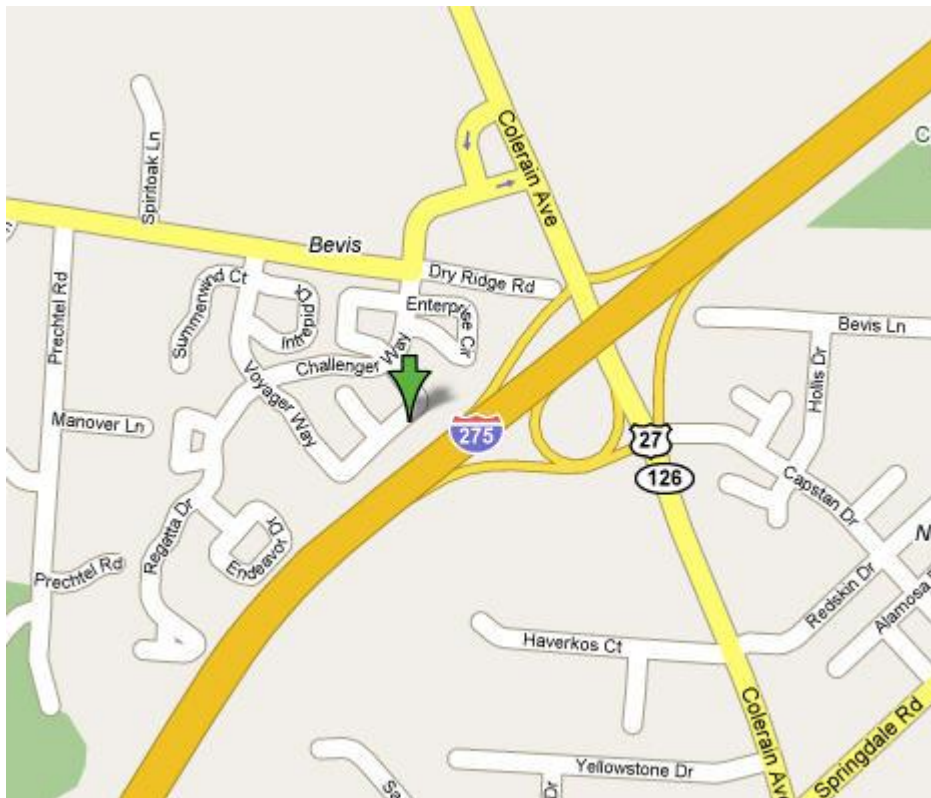
My next BMW was my 94 R1100RS which is the favorite. It just "Fits".

A shady co-worker asked me if I would put 1000 miles on his 87 K100 to match the mileage on his title. I ended up buying that bike and it only had 5k miles on it. I liked it very much but it was a tall and top heavy bike. Smooth as silk after you hit 80. I sold that bike to Pete and bought a 93 K75. Now there was a smoooooth bike. Still wondering why I sold that bike. The day I sold the bike to a newer rider 5 minutes after him handing me the check, he drops it taking it off the center stand.

There seemed to be a GS movement some years back and I jumped on the bandwagon. Sold the RT for a 97 R1100GS with the Midas Muffler. I like it very much, I can carry more stuff on the GS and gravel roads don't scare me none. Send me your "My Bikes" story.

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Tom & Cheryl Ritter will be hosting the October 2nd meeting

let's plan as follows; arrive here between 5:00 and 5:30, enjoy some good food and conversation between 5:30 and 6:30, have the meeting between 6:30 and 7:15, and walk to Donauschwablen around 7:30.

Tom & Cheryl Ritter
9881 Voyager Lane
Cincinnati, Ohio 45252

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 @ Autobahn Craftwerks
July 10th.....	Joe & Chris Berry (triple B cook-off)
August 7th.....	Larry Lovejoy & Gail Deatherage
September 11th.....	Joe & Linda DeLuca
October 2nd.....	Tom & Cheryl Ritter
November 13th.....	Tom & Joni Raybuck
December 4th.....	Holiday Party @ Raffel's in Blue Ash \$25/member \$30/guests



Breakfast Ride October 3rd

Mama's Grill—Williamsburg, OH Mike LaBar will get us lost from there.

GCBMWC Dues

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

Send your dues to:

Debbie Smith
3646 Longhorn Dr.
Hamilton, Ohio 45013

BMW
S1000RR is
king!

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MCN took part in the annual Masterbike test at the new Motorland circuit near Valencia, Spain, where all nine 1000cc inline-fours and 1200 V-twin sports-bikes competed head-to-head.

- Outcome:
- bmw s1000rr
 - aprilia rsv4 mv
 - agusta f4
 - ktm rc8
 - ducati 1198
 - honda fireblade
 - suzuki gsx-r1000
 - kawasaki zx-10r
 - yamaha r1

Grandpa & Logan



September 2010 Minutes

The club held their September meeting at Joe & Linda DeLuca's place in Eaton, OH. The meeting started at 8:05 pm on 9/11/10.

There were approximately 25 members in attendance.

The minutes of the prior meeting were read.

A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of the fallen on 9/11

The treasury report was read by Debbie Smith.

Beginning balance: \$1,587.07

50/50 of \$36.00 collected.

Paid out \$200 for the Christmas party deposit to Raffel's

Ending balance \$1,373.07

There are 43 paid membership with 73 members



OLD BUSINESS

Family's Restaurant in Walton, KY was a hit at our last breakfast ride.

Christmas Party – Dec 4th .

Logo—still nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Iron Horse weekend coming up.

Club officers can be nominated at the October meeting.

10/10/10 is the date that the Alley Shop used to hold their gathering. Since the building is up for sale, there will most likely be a new venue. Maybe Lenny's More details to come.

George Nyktas is taking care of our charters with the MOA and RA

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm

Jim Osbun won \$29 on the 50/50



Ralph Needlemyer: Webmaster for the biker gang, Hell's Riders.

Nominations for 2011 officers start at the next club meeting.

September 2010

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November 2010

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December 2010

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Rallies & Events

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

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



Anyone seen this guy?

October 1-3
Return to Shiloh Rally
Pickwick Dam, TN

October 1 - 3, 2010
Color in the Catskills

October 8 - 10, 2010
North of the Border Rally

October 8 - 10, 2010
35th Anniversary Falling Leaf Rally

October 14 - 17, 2010
Biketoberfest 2010

Websites of the Month

Jay Leno's Garage

<http://www.jaylenosgarage.com>

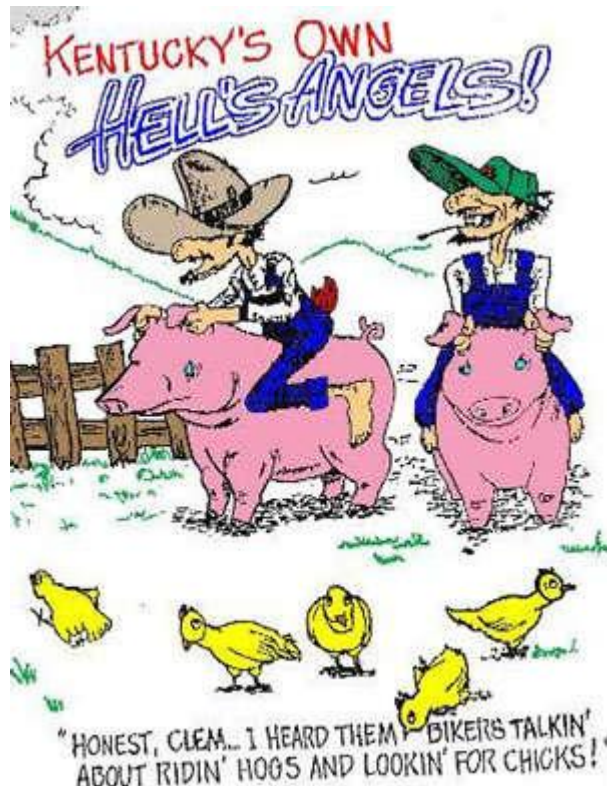
[Article on the 2010 BMW S1000RR](#)

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