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September 2010 Newsletter

Continental Divide Ride By John Fischer

On Thursday, July 1st, Mike, his brother Dave, Lincoln (Mike's friend from their Marine days), and I started out for Salida, Colorado to begin our Continental Divide Ride adventure. My GS was in the truck and the other two GS's were on the trailer. A short 1275 miles later we arrived at the Cotopaxi, CO., KOA. We had arrived well before the 2 PM check in time and it was looking like we might have a lot of time to kill but Mike jumped into action and helped the desk clerk install several 8' fluorescent tubes and we were then quickly checked in.

Our tents were up in a flash and with plenty of daylight left we took a little truck tour. After a good lunch in Westcliffe, CO., we went southeastward to Bishop's Castle. That is an amazing rock structure built by just one man (a very eccentric man).

For those of you familiar with the Loveland Castle I'd say that Bishop's Castle is so much more impressive. Check it out if you get a chance.



<http://www.fremontcounty.us/bishop-castle.htm>

Iron Horse Week- end Sept 24– 26

Make sure you don't miss this great weekend of fun and great riding. This will be my first time staying at Iron Horse motorcycle campground and I am looking forward to it.

Here are some pictures from last year from Bob Ulrich. [Click here.](#)

"Marsha says that riding clothes don't flatter our women. I say they are cute anyway, all of em."

Neil

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My three companions went most of the way up to the top. I was quite apprehensive myself (chicken?) and stopped at the first level. On our way out of the grounds we got to hear Mr. Bishop shout some of his unusual views about our country's history and direction.

Our next stop was the Royal Gorge Bridge near Canon City, CO. I was very disappointed by that place. I thought it was an actual highway bridge but it's really just a tourist attraction and they wanted \$25.00 per person to go out on it. None of us wanted to do that and we headed back towards our campsite. I think we all slept like a rock.

Saturday dawned a beautiful cool day and Dave, Mike, and I hit the first dirt road a few short miles up the road just outside Salida. Lincoln was towing the trailer and going to meet us in Bigfork, MT. That day's destination was Steamboat Springs, CO., and most of the riding was on scenic dirt roadway. The Boreas Pass area was spectacular. After lunch in Breckinridge we continued on our way toward Steamboat Springs. I had been wondering what the waypoint called DEEP WATER was going to be like. When we got to it I was glad to see that it did look passable if one could take the right line across. Of course it's not always possible to stay on the best line when fast deep water is flowing over those baseball size smooth rocks which are the roadway (CR 16). Dave got sucked toward the bushes and Mike wound up in the deepest part.

We all got through but our boots were filled with that cool Rocky Mountain water.



We departed our KOA campsite in Steamboat Springs early on Sunday and passed through some of the prettiest country I've ever seen - just north of Columbine, CO. At a downhill curve in the dirt road (CR-129) I was startled by the unexpected quick stop of Mike in front of me. It's good that he didn't plow into the herd of sheep being driven up the road by a shepherd on horseback (cowboy?) and several sheep dogs. We came to another similar sized herd of sheep being driven on the road but that was later in the morning on paved Hwy-70 in Wyoming.



After a bite to eat in Rawlins, WY we continued onward across the Great Divide Basin. Unfortunately, Dave took a 60 MPH spill after an altercation with a puddle on the dirt road (BLM-3215). Dave suffered only a sore hip and hand and could have continued on but it was a sorry looking R1100GS. The forks were bent and leaking and the twisted bike looked awful. It was like a rain of debris where the bike had tumbled down the road with the luggage breaking apart. The red fender had left a red depression in the roadway. We pondered briefly which direction to head and took a pitiful dirt road toward Lamont, WY. There was nothing there so we continued back about 50 miles to Rawlins with Mike carrying Dave, and me carrying his luggage. We got checked into the Comfort Inn and contacted Lincoln for a change in the game plan. Dave would ride with Lincoln and Mike and I would finish the ride together.

Lincoln's brother had use of a great condo in Teton Village, WY., so we headed there on Monday morning. Mike and I were on the road for probably 11 hours - mostly dirt road time- in beautiful mountain country.

We came onto paved roads on the northeast side of Jackson, WY and found our way to the condo. What an amazing difference from tent camping. I had a two bed room to myself and everything was luxurious.

Tuesday morning Mike and I set out for Butte, MT. We took Ashton-Flagg Ranch Road which runs

along the south end of Yellowstone NP. If you ever want to sneak into Yellowstone just go to Ashton, ID and head east on the dirt road for 45 miles and you'd be in! It's a really pretty area but your vehicle might need repairs. After some blacktop riding and lunch near Island Park, ID we set out westward on dirt road (ID 503) toward Red Rock Pass. I had considered getting gas in Island Park but passed it up. About ten miles into the dirt road I saw the comforting sign "No gas next 65 miles". We figured Mike had enough to transfer if I ran dry so we forged on. I just stayed in 6th gear at a steady throttle. My low fuel warning came on about 5 miles before hitting I-15. I ran 235 miles on that tank full - my most ever. Considering the late hour, we bypassed the rest of that day's route and headed up I-15 to our Butte, MT., KOA and met Dave and Lincoln for dinner. Maybe I can get back to that section some day.

Wednesday Mike and I set out for Bigfork, MT - our Divide Ride destination. There was ice on my seat that morning and I was wearing all of my gear as well as Mike's jacket liner- but I was still cold and we had about 15 miles of expressway before hitting the dirt on Basin Creek Road. Once we began that climb things warmed up. Mike spotted an elk but I didn't see it. We came down the mountain into Rimini, MT after about 30 miles of dirt road. We decided to wimp out and take the easy way (pavement) to Bigfork. That's another section I'd like to get back to.

Mike and Dave's parents have a lovely house on the Swan River. and I enjoyed a beer and watched the water flow by. We had a great dinner at a local restaurant.

Thursday morning Dave, Lincoln and his daughter, and I set out for Glacier NP by car. We made it up to Logan's Pass and hiked to the top. The snow was about 1 foot deep along a great part of the hiking trail and made for difficult walking on the slopes. My legs were still sore the following Monday.



This was one of my favorite MC trips ever and my hat's off to Mike for coordinating all the routes and camping facilities.

Bike Night at The Comet

By Tom Raybuck



After Lenny, from Autobahn Craftwerks, performed his magic on the 1971/5, I needed somewhere to take it. Bike Night at the Comet came to mind, as Jessie and Eric have spoken many times about the mix of bikes that show up there. So, I post to the club site and get one taker and Bill Wright and I make plans to head down. I meet Bill at the Thorton's at Sharon Road and he is a little surprised to see me on the old bike. It has been a while since I have ridden the /5 and it is taking a while to work my way back to 1971 technology. Loud hard shifts, a 4 speed gearbox and it's at least a foot lower than my GS. As we roll down I-75, I start to feel at home again. The bike does get a few smiles and a thumbs up from a man in a 3 series convertible -- the fun of riding a classic. We get off the highway and go past Autobahn. Lenny is sitting outside and I give a toot of the horn and a wave. It must be a good feeling to see your handy work zoom by (well, "zoom" may be a stretch!). Bill was sure he knew where we were going and after one trip around the block, we head a little further up the hill to the Comet.

There were several bikes there already, so we park at the end of the line. A quick walk by and see a very nice 1972 750 Honda, a 500 Yamaha twin, and a new Ducati. We head inside to get a beverage and see what the Comet is all about. A large beer cooler in the corner with a wide selection of micro brews gets Bill's attention and I decide on an IPA draft. It looks to be several locals sitting at the bar with more tables full of folks starting the relaxing evening. Back outside, there are several tables with a railing so you can enjoy your cocktail outdoors. We strike up a conversation with the owner of the Honda and become instant new friends. As we were relaxing, Eric and Jessie show up and Eric has his arm in a sling. We get the lowdown on skinny country roads and young drivers, and... Well, his full story is for another time. We all sit and watch bikes come and go. Some very nice older ones and some new ones, as well. A few make you wonder how they even got there in the first place!? A Norton Commando and a very Old Triumph that the owner had a series of steps needed to shut it down. Soon, Debbie Smith and Joe Berry join us. We meet some of Eric's friends and have a great time with a bunch of new biker friends. I would guess, with all of the bikes that came and left, there were maybe 30 in total. Bill and I decide it is time to head home so we say our goodbyes and head to the bikes. A young man comes up to Bill to tell him that he has the "baddest" dual sport he has ever seen! Instead of going back to the highway, we head up through the neighborhoods to Cross County and pick up 75 there. Bill pulls off at Sharon Road and I continue along alone, enjoying riding my old friend again. One thing I did remember on the way home is why I didn't ride much at night...40 year old headlights are not that bright. Definitely not as bright as this 53 year old owner! All in all, a great evening and a definite "do over".



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Dani Pedrosa Wins MotoGP at Indy.

Ben Spies, second place marked his best result to date and a second podium in what has already been a fantastic rookie season. Spies started from pole – the first of his MotoGP career – and his race result capped off a great weekend that also saw him confirmed as a factory Yamaha rider for 2011.

Jorge Lorenzo came in third and secured his top spot. He has 11 podium trips this year.

Valentino Rossi came in forth which is very good for riding injured.

Nicky Hayden lost one of his knee sliders around the 5th lap and affected his performance. He finished sixth after starting on the front grid.

Joe & Linda DeLuca will be hosting the September 11th meeting at 7:00 pm.

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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 September 5th

Family's main street restaurant 104 n main street Walton KY. [Map](#)

August 2010 Minutes

The club held their August meeting at Larry Lovejoy's and Gail Deatherage's place in Warsaw, KY. The meeting started at 7:20 pm and the meeting was held by the lagoon at 7:25 on 8/7/10.

There were approximately 25 members in attendance with all officers in attendance.

The minutes of the prior meeting were waived.

The treasury report was read by Debbie Smith.

Beginning balance: \$1,517.07

50/50 of \$34.00 collected.

Ending balance \$1,584.07

There are 43 paid membership with 73 members

OLD BUSINESS

Logo—Work is currently going on. Samples to possibly come in September

The RA Rally was discussed.. Strange venue.



NEW BUSINESS

Christmas Party – Dec 4th or 18th is available. The club has been subsidizing this event heavily in the past. Tom & Cheryl tasted the food at Raffel's and thought it was good and a good value. With a 50 person minimum, and a cost of \$35/plate, this is a very doable option. We discussed setting a guest price of \$30 and members to pay \$25. This is a \$5 increase over last year.

Mike LaBar made a motion that we hold our Christmas Party on December 4th at Raffel's in Blue Ash and charge members \$25 and guests \$30. The motion was seconded.

It is rumored Neil Jones may be coming back to Dayton.

Jimmy Smith talked about the Gilmor Museum in Hickory Corners, MI

Tom Raybuck invited us all to the following weekends Redneck County Fair gathering.

Bill Wright and Tom Raybuck reported on their rescue operation for fellow BMW riders.

Larry mentioned the sunset booze cruise was ready to set sail.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

Eric Ratterman won \$34 on the 50/50

September 2010

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November 2010

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December 2010

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Rallies & Events

Sept 3-6
Fingerlakes Rally
Watkins Glen, NY

Sept 3-6
Sherando Lake Rally
Richmont, VA

Sept 10-12
Green Mountain Rally
Vermont

Sept 10-12
Wisconsin Dells Rally

Sept 10-12
Beemers in the Bluegrass Rally

Sept 24-26
GCBMW C Gathering at Iron Horse
Campground
Cherohala Skyway, TN

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

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



Early GCBMW C members

Websites of the Month

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others.

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MotoGP 2010 Provisional Schedule:

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

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