

GCBMWC e-Newsletter

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Newsletter motto, "All the News We Can Find to Print"
Backup motto, "Carpe Viam" Seize the Road
Mission Statement (under construction)

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SIXTEENTH ISSUE BY NEW EDITOR!

Ahh, enchanted April. A great month for motorcycling! I did an Iron Butt ride in April, 2001, from Dayton to Hollis, NH. 1074 miles in 22 hours, documented. Yet I determined it was not a good way to see this beautiful country. April is a good time to evaluate your rain gear. Nothing feels worse than drips of rain running down the back of your neck, or up your sleeves, or into your crotch.

Are we gonna ride this month?

Neil the Editor

We're on the Web at GCBMWC.org



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Club Breakfast and Ride Sunday April 5

Club VP Tom Raybuck sez, “Hi all! We will be starting our April 5 ride from the Frisch's Big Boy in New Richmond, Ohio. Address Old US Hwy 52, New Richmond. Breakfast is at 9:00 and ride to follow.

“We will be traveling back north through Lindale-Laurel-Saltair-Bethel-Williamsburg-Newtonsville-Stonelick-Perintown ending at exit 59 the Milford Junction exit of 275. I will have the route sheets to hand out at breakfast. I am not as GPS savvy as Mr. Fisher to send a down loadable route. I look forward to seeing everyone!”

Tom



call Tom at 513-759-0889

BMW Motorcycle Rallies

- ◆ April 3-5 [Dogwood Trail Rally](#)
- ◆ BMW Riders of Mississippi
- ◆ WWW.BMWRidersofMississippi.com

- ◆ May 1-3 [Mini Rally](#)
- ◆ Sturgis Michigan
- ◆ Sunny and 70
- ◆ WWW.

- ◆ May 1-3 [Georgia Mountain Rally](#)
- ◆ Hiawassee Georgia
- ◆ New campground this year
- ◆ WWW.BMWMOGA.info

- ◆ May 21-23 [The Great Chicken Rally](#)
- ◆ Huntsville Alabama
- ◆ WWW.BMWMOAL.com

- ◆ July 16-19 [BMW MOA National Rally](#)
- ◆ Johnson City TN
- ◆ WWW.BMWMOA.com

- ◆ July 23-26 [BMW RA National Rally](#)
- ◆ Canaan Valley WV
- ◆ WWW.BMWRA.org

The Mini Rally, Georgia Mountain Rally and Great Chicken Rally are all very popular among Cincinnati riders.

Follow the links for more details. Line up a fellow rider and pack your camera.

If you don't like these big rallies, plan your own get-away. This is a big and beautiful country. Pick the specialty you enjoy most and write about it, whether it be good eating places you found or the interesting people you met. Make notes and keep your friendly editor in mind as you travel.

Mark your calendar for the April 11 Club Meeting

Hosts Deana & Jimmy Smith

314 Sunset Ct.

Mason, OH 45050

513-539-5311 (home)

Jimmy sez: “Deana and I are happy to host the April meeting. I think I’ll fix up a big pot of Brunswick stew for the meeting. We need volunteers to bring some sweet and creamy Southern style cole slaw to complement the stew. Also I’ll make some Southern country style cornbread, using my Mom’s recipe. Brunswick stew is a BBQ, smoky flavored stew with a long list of ingredients. I made some last month and it was **really delicious**. Hope everybody enjoys it.

“I hope the usual crew shows up along with some new faces and some that don’t usually make it. Everyone needs to bring their own beverage and some desserts.

“Take I-75 to exit 29, go west on OH 63 about 2 miles and turn left on Britton, right on Macready, left on Sands and right on Sunset. Ours is the first mailbox on the right.”

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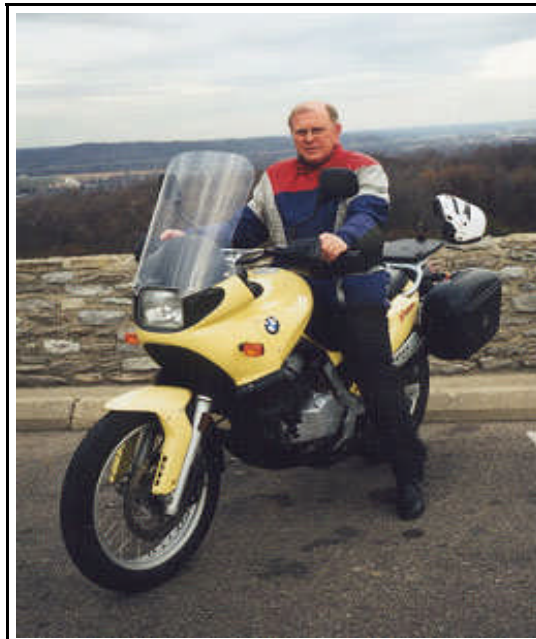
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Pictured below are the hosts for the April 11 GCBMWC meeting, Deana and Jimmy Smith. These photos show the Smiths at a turnout on the Blue Ridge Parkway. At the April meeting you can inventory the bikes in their garage, sample Jimmy's southern cooking skills, meet new and old friends, join the club, etc., etc. Ask Jim about his new tattoo.



MINUTES OF THE GCBMWC MEETING

MARCH 14, 2009

HELD AT THE HOME OF TOM & CHERYL RITTER

The meeting was called to order by Bob Ulrich at 7:44 p.m. The following members were present: Bill Berry, Henry & Mary Pierce, Bill Hanna, Joe Berry, John & Barbara Fischer, Allen Leach, George Nyktas, Mary Tholking, Eric & Jessie Ratermann, Tom and Cheryl Ritter, Allan and Debbie Smith, Jim and Deana Smith, Bill and Shelia Wright, Bob and Gail Ulrich, Marsha O'Connor and Neil Jones.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Neil Jones and approved as presented.

Treasurer Debbie Smith reported a closing balance in the club checking account of \$1,657.59 and 29 paid memberships. The report was approved as presented.

Old Business

Bob Ulrich announced openings in the schedule of club meetings. We still need hosts for the June, August and September meetings.

Bob Ulrich announced upcoming motorcycle events, including the Iowa Rally on June 1 and our own club event October 3 & 4. Also note the RA April 24 - 26 -- Campout near Mt. Vernon and June 20 - 21 -- Campout near Peebles.

There was a mention and brief discussion of the Lakes contest. Bill Berry has 3.

New Business

The April 5th club breakfast and ride will start the Summer schedule of 9 am breakfast and 10 am ride.

Joe Berry reported on a recent visit to the Indianapolis BMW - Triumph - Victory dealership, located on 16th St. not too far from the Speedway.

RA National Rally report

George Nyktas reported on the July RA national rally rates for admission, \$30 in advance, \$35 at the gate plus \$10 for non-members.

A motion for adjournment met with wide approval at 8:10 p.m.

After adjournment, Shelia Wright won the 50/50 drawing. Members tried to finish off Tom Ritter's pulled pork taco filling as well as a variety of pies, brownies, and other assorted treats. A 2-berry pie had been polished off earlier in the evening, largely consumed by the 2-Berry brothers.

Minutes recorded by Neil Jones

Your Dues are (past) Due!

If you haven't renewed yet, Club membership dues are overdue. The rates are unchanged from last year, only \$15 single and \$18 couple. Please send a check made out to GCBMWC, mail to Treasurer Debbie Smith, 3646 Longhorn Dr. Hamilton, OH 45013

You may also bring a check or cash to a membership meeting.

If you don't pay soon we will talk about you behind your back.

GCBMWC Meeting Schedule for 2009

<u>Month</u>	<u>Hosts</u>
March.....	Cheryl & Tom Ritter
April.....	Jimmy & Deana Smith
May.....	Steve & Karen Thoerner
June.....	_____
July.....	Gail D. & Larry Lovejoy
August.....	_____
September.....	_____
October.....	Allan & Debbie Smith
November.....	Tom & Joni Raybuck
December.....	Germania Society

If you would like to host the June, August or Sept. meeting at your home or business, please advise

8 President Bob Ulrich or say so at a meeting.

If you were expecting an April Fool's Day joke in this newsletter, I would ask you to get serious. This is a serious publication. The editor.

The Top April Fool's Day Hoaxes of All Time

As judged by notoriety, creativity, and number of people duped

1957: The respected BBC news show *Panorama* announced that thanks to a very mild winter and the virtual elimination of the dreaded spaghetti weevil, Swiss farmers were enjoying a bumper spaghetti crop. It accompanied this announcement with footage of Swiss peasants pulling strands of spaghetti down from trees. Huge numbers of viewers were taken in. Many called the BBC wanting to know how they could grow their own spaghetti tree. To this the BBC diplomatically replied, "place a sprig of spaghetti in a tin of tomato sauce and hope for the best."



1985: *Sports Illustrated* published a story about a new rookie pitcher who planned to play for the Mets. His name was Sidd Finch, and he could reportedly throw a baseball at 168 mph with pinpoint accuracy. This was 65 mph faster than the previous record. Surprisingly, Sidd Finch had never even played the game before. Instead, he had mastered the "art of the pitch" in a Tibetan monastery under the guidance of the "great poet-saint Lama Milaraspa." Mets fans celebrated their teams' amazing luck at having found such a gifted player, and *Sports Illustrated* was flooded with requests for more information. In reality this legendary player only existed in the imagination of the author of the article, George Plimpton.



1962: In 1962 there was only one tv channel in Sweden, and it broadcast in black and white. The station's technical expert, Kjell Stensson, appeared on the news to announce that, thanks to a new technology, viewers could convert their existing sets to display color reception. All they had to do was pull a nylon stocking over their tv screen. Stensson proceeded to demonstrate the process. Thousands of people were taken in. Regular color broadcasts only commenced in Sweden on April 1, 1970.



1998: The April 1998 issue of the *New Mexicans for Science and Reason* newsletter contained an article claiming that the Alabama state legislature had voted to change the value of the mathematical constant pi from 3.14159 to the 'Biblical value' of 3.0. Soon the article made its way onto the internet, and then it rapidly spread around the world, forwarded by email. It only became apparent how far the article had spread when the Alabama legislature began receiving hundreds of calls from people protesting the legislation. The original article, which was intended as a parody of legislative attempts to circumscribe the teaching of evolution, was written by physicist Mark Boslough.

