



GREATER CINCINNATI BMW CLUB

December 2002 Newsletter

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December 1st Brunch Ride

December's Brunch ride will be held at **Sarah's Family Diner at 11:00 am**. Sarah's is just south of Rt 48 on Rt 28 across from Eagles Nest Golf Course. Take exit 57 off I275 and head east on 28 for 4.5 miles.

December 7th Dinner/Meeting 5:00 pm

To be held at the Schoolhouse Restaurant in Camp Denison on Rt 126 between Milford and Loveland.

Nominations to the Board

Elections will be held at the December meeting at the Schoolhouse. The official/unofficial nominations for 2003 are as follows:

Tom Raybuck for Treasurer
Mike LaBar for Secretary
Jerry Cummins for Secretary
Greg Cullers for VP
Tom Collins for VP
Bob Ulrich for President

CLUB 2002 MILEAGE CONTEST

The club mileage awards will be held at the December meeting. Prizes for the top three riders and a special prize for our "Average" rider will be given out. In fact, everyone that participated in the Mileage Contest is going to win a prize and a certificate. Thanks to Jerry Cummins for organizing a great contest once again.

The Prez Sez...

Once upon a time our club met in bank basements (and if my feeble memory serves me correctly, it was on first Tuesdays). But the banks kept converting their basements to cubicles and other business related stuff. So we would move somewhere else. We tried a bowling alley one month. The music was so loud you couldn't hear yourself think, let alone hold a meeting. And after the meetings we would stand around (sometimes in the parking lot) and socialize.

At some point some bright soul suggested that we hold our meetings at members homes, and that we move our meetings to Saturday night, so we would have more time and a more hospitable environment for our socializing. We agreed that the hosts would provide the use of their home, that everyone would bring their own beverage, and that everyone that wanted to would bring a snack or dessert to share. We tried it; we liked it. We've been doing it this way for the better part of twenty years.

In the last few months our hosts have, either through honest misunderstanding or simple generosity, provided what I consider to be much more than their share of the food. And I believe everyone appreciates their generosity. But what I want to emphasize is that we don't expect our hosts to provide our dinner... unless of course the club has come to an agreement with them to underwrite a club function, be it a cookout or other special party.

Bottom line: if you volunteer to host a meeting, please don't feel obligated to contribute anything more than a snack or dessert to the food table. If you choose to do more, so be it. We will enjoy and be grateful for your generosity.

Regarding our holiday party, the report from the casinos is in. They are expensive. Travis checked with one. They wanted \$200 to provide a room for us to eat and meet, plus \$20 to \$30 per person for dinner. Hotel rooms would cost \$135 each. The subject of bar expenses wasn't explored. Travis was assured that the prices for the other casinos would be similar. In any case, the club will be covering some of the expenses. We've spent anywhere from \$190 to \$325 the last few years.

In the meantime, Jim Smith inquired at Destiny's, a banquet facility located behind Pearl's; and Greg Cullers determined through Kathy McAfee that the Colonial Racquet Club may still be available. So here are our options as I know them now:

Kings Island Resort – There is no separate charge for the meeting room, meals would be around \$21 each, and hotel rooms would be \$59 each. The menu selections are fairly extensive. We could have a cash bar (with usual cash bar prices, and a \$200 minimum or \$35 /hour for a

bartender) or a ½ barrel of beer (we only needed a ¼ barrel last year) for \$165.

Destiny's - There is no separate charge for the meeting room, meals would be \$18 to \$22 each, and there is a Ramada up the street if you don't want to drive home. The menu selections are fairly extensive. We could have a cash bar (with prices slightly less than those at Kings Island) or a ½ barrel of beer for \$115. These prices are for a four hour period. If we want to be there longer, prices would be slightly higher.

Colonial Racquet Club – Last year's prices were \$125 for the room and \$50 for ¼ barrel of beer. I would assume that we would do what we have in past years, with the club providing entrees and everyone bringing something to share. If we go this route I would like to see a committee to help Kathy and Greg with set up and clean up.

I'd like to know how these options rank with you. I'll be posting the question on the e-group. Those of you without access to the e-group can contact any of the officers with your vote. Let us know your first, second, and third choices by Thursday, December 5.

We'll be holding elections at our December meeting and I've taken the liberty of rearranging the slate of candidates. Back in October Jerry Cummins was nominated for treasurer and Tom Raybuck volunteered to run for secretary. In further conversation with Tom, he said he might miss a number of meetings due to commitments at home. I felt that it would be better for Tom to serve as treasurer, since he wouldn't be missed so, if he could not attend a meeting. So I have asked Jerry and Tom to switch the offices for which they are running, and they have agreed to the switch. So don't be surprised when you see your ballot and Jerry Cummins is listed for secretary and Tom Raybuck is listed for treasurer.

To those of you I don't have the opportunity to see in the next couple of weeks, I hope you have a very safe and happy holiday season.

Bob

Motorcycle Safety Tidbits

Right & Left Turns

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If all you had to do was ride in a straight line, almost anybody could handle a motorcycle. But in the real world we have to negotiate turns with our bikes. While it is convenient to think otherwise, it is simply not accurate to believe that making a right turn is exactly the same as making a left one except for direction. There really are different risks and realities involved.

For example, in all countries where we ride on the right side of the road, right turns are sharper than left turns, while the reverse is true in the other countries. (This article will focus on the US road model.)

That means that right turns are harder to negotiate than left turns at any given speed. It also means that in

addition to being harder to negotiate, if you mismanage the turn and go wide, you will find yourself in a lane of traffic that is running in the opposite direction. In a left turn situation that you mismanage you will find yourself off the road entirely.

Which is more dangerous is largely a function of chance.

If, for example, there are no oncoming cars when you mismanage a right turn, at least you remain on pavement and have the chance of recovering from going wide, but any oncoming cars present you with a head-on collision as an alternative.

Running off the road in a mismanaged left turn may not be worse than taking a tumble, but it could very well involve falling off a mountain.

While making right turns involves greater lean angles at any particular speed than a corresponding left turn, there is usually MORE TRACTION available in a right turn than when turning to the left. This, because most roads are crowned. Thus, while turning to the right the road is cambered into the turn while turning left it is cambered away from the turn.

Left turns effectively provide you a narrower lane for use by your motorcycle. That is, because you must lean a motorcycle in order to make a turn, you cannot ride as far to the left within your lane when making a left turn as you might like without dragging your head or left grip across the center line and into the path of oncoming traffic. Unless there is a retaining wall involved, motorcycles can use their entire lane width when making right turns.

Making a right turn at an intersection is FAR LESS dangerous than making a left turn at that intersection. The most obvious reason being, of course, that you do not have to cross the path of any oncoming traffic to do so. (As an aside, a pedestrian crossing the street at an intersection is FAR LESS at risk if he keeps the center of the intersection to his right rather than to his left because immediate danger comes only from his left and less immediate danger comes from easily visible sources.)

Turning left has two other dangers that are not present when making right turns: (1) The possibility that your side stand is down and, because most road surfaces are crowned, (2) you cannot lean a bike as far in a left turn as you can in a right turn without dragging some part of the motorcycle against the pavement.

One final thought: If you make a left turn across an oncoming traffic lane your danger is not restricted solely to that oncoming traffic. Before you actually make your left turn you must do a head check to the left to insure that someone is not trying to pass you on the left! If you are struck by that passing vehicle YOU ARE TO BLAME as you have performed an unsafe lane change!!!!

Product Review

MotoLights

Last month I wrote about Motolights and how effective they are while riding at night and "Being seen". I had the opportunity to test their warranty a few weeks back as one of the lights just quit working. I'm happy to report that BMW Tri-State stood behind Motolight's warranty and fixed the problem.

GCBMW Meeting Minutes 11-9-2002

Called to order at 7:15 pm at Curt and Sandy Nichols, with 20+ in attendance.

Mike LaBar read the minutes.

Mike Crum made a correction to the Poker Run date.

April 12th is the new date.

Treasurer's report: Given by Bob Ulrich

October balance \$1414.60

Income of \$11.00 dues and \$19.00 name tags

November balance \$1444.60

Guests Gary Franklin and George Niktus
Neil and Jackie Jones were also present, as well as
Larry Oakley, guest of Jimmy and Deana.

Business

- Bob Ulrich brought up Kings Island Resort as a backup plan for our January gathering.
- Mike Crum spoke about Butler State Park.
- Mike LaBar will check on Belterra for January gathering.
- It was decided that our December meeting will be held at the School House Restaurant on December 7th. Dinner at 5:00 and meeting afterwards upstairs.
- Mary Pierce declined her nomination as treasurer.
- Bob solicited for nominations. Lynn Cummins volunteered to run for Secretary.
- Jerry Cummins spoke about the MOA and club mileage contests. He has disqualified himself, to the dismay of the group, from the contest. Jerry admits he has an unfair advantage.
- Jerry has lined up from BMW Tri-State for the top three mileage riders:
 - 1st prize Oil Change
 - 2nd prize Oil
 - 3rd prize Filter
 - Jerry made a motion to spend \$300.00 on small prizes from BMW Tri-State for all 28 participants. Motion approved.
 - Jerry mentioned paying for MSF Safety courses.
 - Mike LaBar moved that the club pay for all Safety courses up to \$25.00 for all club members. It was decided that the club would reimburse the first 20 members that complete a safety course. Motion approved
 - Mike LaBar moved that we extend the gifts to Host/hostess's of club meeting. Tabled.

- Greg Cullers distributed copies of "The Pace".
- Bob Ulrich spoke about upcoming Ohio RA Brunches.
- The December 1st Brunch Ride will be at Bassannos in Milford 11:00 am – Bassannos closed their doors. We are going to Sarah's Family Diner.
- Jim Smith came up with the Bicentennial Barn photo contest idea.
- New members Gary Franklin, George Niktus, and Neil Jones were all voted into the club unanimously.

Nominations:

Deanna Smith nominated Mary Pierce for Treasurer
Mike Crum nominated Jerry Cummins for Treasurer
Henry Pierce nominated Mike LaBar for Secretary
Tom Raybuck nominated himself for Secretary
Henry Pierce nominated Tom Collins for VP
Bob Ulrich nominated Greg Cullers for VP
Mike LaBar nominated Bill Berry for VP
Henry Pierce nominated Bob Ulrich for President
Lynn Cummins nominated herself as Secretary.
Tom Raybuck was nominated for Treasurer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm
50/50 won by Gary Franklin \$20.00

GCBMWC Market Place

If you have something to sell and want it to appear here, or sold something on this page, [email the webmaster](#)

2000 Suzuki SV650, with 3.3K miles, Givi bag mounts and windshield.

Needs nothing, ready to ride. Red paint. Gel seat and stock.

List price \$5800. Asking \$4300. Bought new in 2001.

[Jim Smith](#) 539-5311

1999 K1200 LTS - 15K, Champagne color, 2K on Metzeler 880s. Includes Kathy's Bag Liners. All services current and BMW performed. New windshield in September 2002. Garaged and never down. \$10,900

Allan Smith - 513-738-2930 weekends or leave a message

Pete Tsipis is selling his two bikes.

1995 K1100LT Metallic Grey 44k miles, excellent condition. Includes BMW Tankbag, Seang Night Cutter Driving lights, Hard bags (lids repainted), one year old BMW battery. \$7000.00

Number two is:

1983 R100RT Maroon 90+k miles, good condition. Includes hard bags. Fairing has been repainted. windshield is about 4 years old. \$3200.00

[Picture link](#)

Club Calendar of Events

December 1st Brunch Ride – 11:00 am at Sarah's Family Diner 1513 Rt 28 just south of Goshen, across the street from Eagles Nest Golf Club.



December 7th – 5:00 Dinner/Meeting at the School House Restaurant in Camp Denison.

You can renew your memberships starting at the December meeting. \$15.00 for single memberships and \$18.00 for Associate memberships. Checks can be made out to GCBMWC.

Happy & Safe Holidays to you and your loved ones.