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# February 2011 Newsletter

BMW Motorcycle Club  
Greater Cincinnati



## January's Breakfast Snow Ride

[Tom's video](#)



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### Spy photo

Steve sits on his next bike, the Yamaha Super Tenere



## K1600 GT and GTL

This might just be the bike for you. Put your deposit down soon.

[Videos](#)

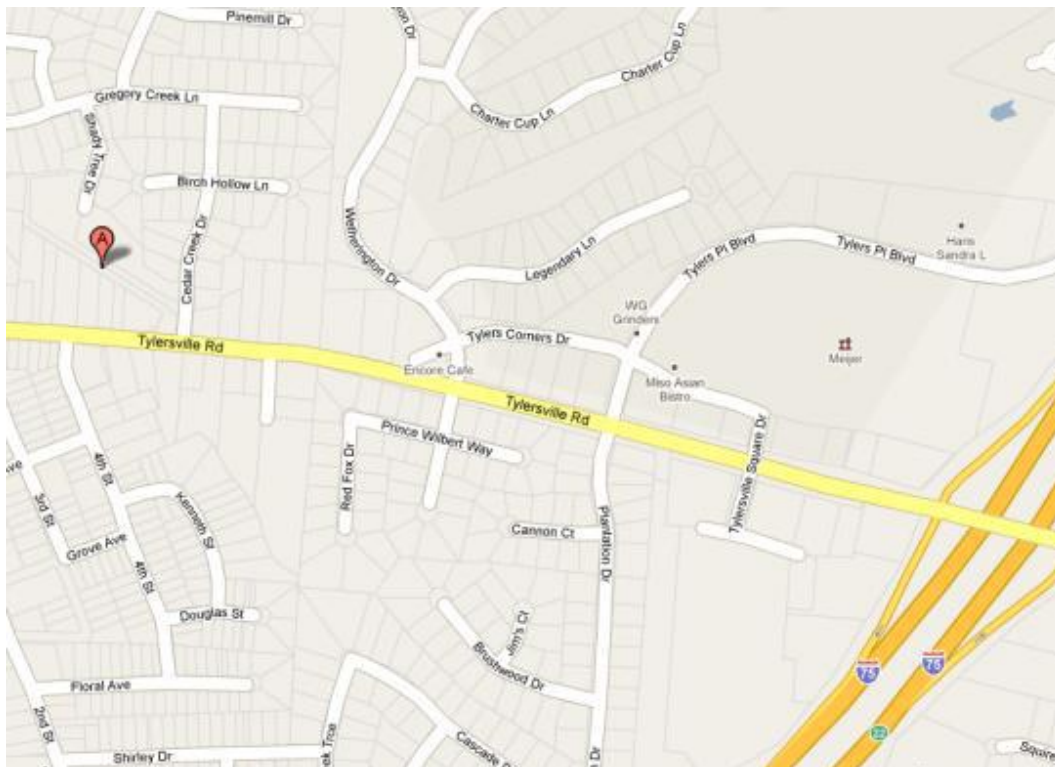
[Preorder your GT or GTL here](#)

[Specifications](#)



BMW Motorrad USA posted a nearly four percent growth in sales in 2010, despite a continued double digit downturn in the U.S. motorcycle market. BMW sales were bolstered by the February launch of the BMW S 1000 RR superbike, which has redefined the limits of sportbike performance.

The most powerful production 1000cc sport bike in the world, the S 1000 RR quickly surpassed the BMW R 1200 GS to be the best selling bike in BMW's model lineup for 2010. In its debut year, the BMW S 1000 RR earned numerous awards from the U.S. media, including Robb Report's "Best Sportbike," Cycle World's "Best Superbike for 2010," and Motorcyclist's coveted "Motorcycle of the Year" Award. Other popular core models in BMW's lineup – the R 1200 GS, R 1200 GS Adventure, and R 1200 RT – benefitted from the introduction of a new engine and posted strong sales, as well.



**GCBMWC Dues**

\$15.00 for a single member-ship or \$18.00 for both single & associate

Send your dues to:

**Debbie Smith**  
**3646 Longhorn Dr.**  
**Hamilton, Ohio 45013**

**Pay Up Folks**

**Your 2011 Officers**

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**Meeting:**  
**February 12th 7:00pm**

**Tom & Joni Raybuck's**  
**7703 Shady Lane**  
**West Chester, OH 45069**  
**513-759-0889**

**Meeting Schedule for 2011**

- January..... Jim & Rosemary Osbun
- February 12th..... Tom & Joni Raybuck
- March 12th..... Open
- April 9th..... John & Barb Fischer
- May 14th..... Debbie & Allen Smith
- June 11th..... Mike & Kim LaBar
- July 9th..... Joe & Chris Berry
- August 13th..... Larry Lovejoy & Gail Detherage
- September 10th..... George Nyktas & Mary Tholking
- October 8th..... Tom & Joni Raybuck
- November 12th..... Open
- December 3rd?.....Holiday Party



**Breakfast Non-Ride Feb 6 10:00 am**

As I sit here stuck in my driveway that's covered with a sheet of ice and neighbor Fred's car stuck in the road, I have decided that we will have a breakfast only this Sunday. The forecast is for more rain and then freezing. There is going to be lots of salt on the roads by the weekend. To keep the salt off the bikes and be safe we will just have breakfast. It will be a good time to get together and relax after a few crappy week of weather. We will meet at Sara Jane's in Monroe. 1012 Lebanon street. They have finished the road construction and you have to go up two lights to turn left now. See you all there. Be safe in the ice. Tom

March & November are still available for hosting. If you would like to help fill out the year with hosting one of these months, please let one of the officers know or let us know at the next meeting.

CycleGadgets.com has gone out of business.

"We are extremely proud of the history we've had with CycleGadgets.com, and will always fondly remember the terrific customers we have met and friends we have made. We want to thank all of you who have purchased from CycleGadgets.com at our website, in our store, and at rallies for making the past 11 years so very special. "

## January 2011 Minutes

The club held their January meeting at Jim and Rosemary Osbun's. We had Jim's white bean chili and corn bread prior to the meeting. The meeting started at 7:45 pm on 1/8/10.

There were approximately 20 members and no guests in attendance.

The minutes of the prior meeting were read.

The treasury report was read by Debbie Smith.

Beginning balance: \$1,478.58

\$51 in 50/50 and \$384 in dues and \$1127.00 in dinners collected.

\$70 in tips, 1640 for Raffel's catering, and \$200 for contests were paid out.

Ending balance \$1,330.58

There are 27 paid membership with 48 members

### OLD BUSINESS

Discussed the club new years breakfast ride. Tom rode.

The Christmas party was discussed and feedback was requested

### NEW BUSINESS

The club officers were installed for 2011.

It was vote that the club get 2 \$50 gift cards for the work the designers did on our logo.

Thank you cards for Motohio and BMW Grand Rapids were also discussed.

Tom received an email requesting where to get service.

To keep Motohio in our newsletter.

Meeting location for April was confirmed with the Fischers

Allen Smith visited a dealer in Virginia in regards to the new K1600 GT/L (\$25k+)

Sample Business cards were passed around

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm

Mike LaBar won the 50/50

Just want to send a note to let the BMW Motorcycle owners in the Cincinnati area know that Falcone Powersports is offering pick up and delivery service for motorcycles. Falcone Powersports is the BMW Motorrad dealer located in Indianapolis. We have a BMW Certified Master Technician as well as two BMW Certified technicians offering superior service for your BMW Motorcycles. In addition to pick up service we are offering a 15% discount on labor and 10% discount on parts for any scheduled routine service on your BMW Motorcycles. Contact me either via email or phone to schedule your service.

Jeff Schweiger  
Service Manager  
Falcone Powersports  
2416 W 16th Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46222  
317/803-2432

Looking for service on your BMW?  
This email was sent to our club eGroup on Jan 25th

## 2011 Riding Contest — Alphabet Towns

This year we bring back the ABC towns contest that was last done in the mid 90's I believe. The concept is simple. Take a picture of your bike or self or both in front of the town sign or post office or firehouse that has the name of the town. Choose 26 cities, towns, villages that start with A through Z. The further away the more points. We will use the familiar 50 mile radius equaling 1 point scoring method. So Aurora, IN (37 miles) would be worth 1 point and Amarillo, TX (1004 miles) would be worth 20 points. I found a cool site that calculates miles in a straight line that can help assign points for your towns visited.

<http://www.daftlogic.com/projects-google-maps-distance-calculator.htm>



As an example, here I am in Antwerp, OH in 2008 for the International Cities Contest. I am 138 miles from home as the crow flies. That equates to 3 points in our 50 mile radius/point scheme. If your destination is 2000 miles away you get 40 points. Add them up after you complete the alphabet to get your total points. I plan on using a spreadsheet to track my progress. Hint. ;-)  
Contest begins as soon as the snow clears and ends in November. Photos must be taken in 2011.

Total Distance  Miles  KM  Nautical Miles  Metres  Feet Autopan ?

[Clear Last Point](#) [Zoom To Fit](#) [Clear Map](#) [Toggle Markers](#) [Pan to My Location](#)



### [Superstakes II Tickets Now Available](#)

The Super Prize will be loaded for adventure with every available adventure touring accessory that BMW MOA members have come to expect - luggage, crash bars, skid plates, GPS mounts, the works.

**For every 10,000 tickets sold, another R1200GS will be added to the prize pot!**

**Tickets available until February 28, 2011.**

## If you are 50, or older, you might think this is hilarious!

### Growing Up Without a Cellphone

When I was a kid, adults used to bore me to tears with their tedious diatribes about how hard things were. When they were growing up; what with walking twenty-five miles to school every morning.... Uphill... Barefoot... BOTH ways...yadda, yadda, yadda

And I remember promising myself that when I grew up, there was no way in hell I was going to lay a bunch of that on my kids about how hard I had it and how easy they've got it!

But now that I'm over fifty, I can't help but look around and notice the youth of today. You've got it so easy! I mean, compared to my childhood, you live in a Utopia! And I hate to say it, but you kids today, you don't know how good you've got it!

1) I mean, when I was a kid we didn't have the Internet. If we wanted to know something, we had to go to the library and look it up ourselves, in the card catalog!!

2) There was no email!! We had to actually write somebody a letter - with a pen! Then you had to walk all the way across the street and put it in the mailbox, and it would take like a week to get there!

3) Child Protective Services didn't care if our parents beat us. As a matter of fact, the parents of all my friends also had permission to kick our butts! Nowhere was safe!

4) There were no MP3's or Napsters or iTunes! If you wanted to steal music, you had to hitchhike to the record store and shoplift it yourself!

5) Or you had to wait around all day to tape it off the radio, and the DJ would usually talk over the beginning and mess it all up! There were no CD players! We had tape decks in our car. We'd play our favorite tape and "eject" it when finished, and then the tape would come undone rendering it useless.

6) We didn't have fancy stuff like Call Waiting! If you were on the phone and somebody else called, they got a busy signal, that's it!

7) There weren't any cell phones either. If you left the house, you just didn't make a call or receive one. You actually had to be out of touch with your "friends". OH MY GOSH !!! Think of the horror... not being in touch with someone 24/7!!! And then there's TEXTING. Yeah, right. Please! You kids have no idea how annoying you can be when u don't answer ur phone, but  
if we text u...u'll text back!

8) And we didn't have fancy Caller ID either! When the phone rang, you had no idea who it was! It could be your school, your parents, your boss, your bookie, your drug dealer, the collection agent... you just didn't know!!!

### The Perks of Being Over 50

1. Your supply of brain cells is finally down to manageable size.
2. Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.
3. You sing along with elevator music.
4. Your joints are more accurate meteorologists than the national weather service.
5. You have a party and the neighbors don't even realize it.
6. People call at 9 PM and ask, "Did I wake you?"
7. People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.
8. Things you buy now won't wear out.
9. You can live without sex but not without glasses.
10. You enjoy hearing about other peoples operations.
11. You get into heated arguments about pension plans.
12. You can eat dinner at 4 P.M.
13. There is nothing left to learn the hard way.
14. You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge.
15. You quit trying to hold your stomach in, no matter who walks into the room.
16. Your eyes won't get much worse.
17. Your investment in health insurance is finally beginning to pay off.
18. You can't remember who sent you this list.

7th Annual

**Moonshine Lunch Run**

**April 9th 2011 in Moonshine, IL**

[More info](#)

You had to pick it up and take your chances, mister!

9) We didn't have any fancy PlayStation or Xbox video games with high-resolution 3-D graphics!

10) You had to use a little book called a TV Guide to find out what was on! You were screwed when it came to channel surfing! You had to get off your butt and walk over to the TV to change the channel!!! NO REMOTES!!! Oh, no, what's the world coming to?!?!

11) There was no Cartoon Network either! You could only get cartoons on Saturday Morning. Do you hear what I'm saying? We had to wait ALL WEEK for cartoons, you spoiled little rats!

12) And we didn't have microwaves. If we wanted to heat something up, we had to use the stove! Imagine that!

13) And our parents told us to stay outside and play... all day long. Oh, no, no electronics to soothe and comfort. And if you came back inside... you were doing chores!

And car seats - oh, please! Mom threw you in the back seat and you hung on. If you were lucky, you got the "safety arm" across the chest at the last moment if she had to stop suddenly, and if your head hit the dashboard, well that was your fault for calling "shot gun" in the first place!

See! That's exactly what I'm talking about! You kids today have got it too easy. You're spoiled rotten! You guys wouldn't have lasted five minutes back in 1960 or any time before!

Regards,  
The Over 50 Crowd



## Dangerous Texting

If you equate texting to drinking, both illegal while driving, this lady ought to be arrested for public in-texting-cation. She was so embarrassed she had to go on national TV and show her face and get her 5 minutes of fame. I'm sure she will profit from her stupidity.

[Good Morning America interview—Cathy Cruz Marrero](#)

## But Officer . . .

**One Sunday, sitting on the side of the highway waiting to catch speeding drivers, a State Police Officer sees a car puttering along at 22 MPH.**

**He thinks to himself, "This driver is just as dangerous as a speeder!" So he turns on his lights and pulls the driver over.**

**Approaching the car, he notices that there are five old ladies - two in the front seat and three in the back - wide eyed and white as ghosts. The driver, obviously confused, says to him, "Officer, I don't understand, I was doing exactly the speed limit! I always go exactly the speed limit. What seems to be the problem?"**

**"Ma'am," the officer replies, "you weren't speeding, but you should know that driving slower than the speed limit can also be a danger to other drivers."**

**"Slower than the speed limit? No sir, I was doing the speed limit exactly! Twenty-two miles an hour!" the old woman says a bit proudly.**

**The State Police officer, trying to contain a chuckle explains to her that "22" was the route number, not the speed limit.**

**A bit embarrassed, the woman grinned and thanked the officer for pointing out her error.**

**"But before I let you go, Ma'am, I have to ask . . . Is everyone in this car OK? These women seem awfully shaken and they haven't muttered a single peep this whole time," the officer asks with concern.**

**"Oh, they'll be all right in a minute officer. We just got off Route 119."**

## February 2011

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## March 2011

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## April 2011

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## Rallies & Events

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

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

January 7 - February 27, 2011

+ International Motorcycle Shows

January 14 - 16, 2011

+ 28th Annual Winter Rally - Florida's Coolest Rally  
BMW Motorcycle Owners of Northeast Florida #42

January 22, 2011

+ PANDORA'S SWEET 1600 FUNDRAISER EVENT

March 4 - 13, 2011

+ BMW Campout - Daytona FL Bike Week  
Airhead Beemer Club #214

April 8 - 10, 2011

+ 19th Dogwood Trail Rally  
BMW Riders of Mississippi #15

April 17, 2011

+ 26th Wild Goose Run  
Port Washington BMW Club #116

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

Out thoughts and prayers go out to fellow BMW rider, U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Gifford .

Get Well Soon.

[Send Gabby Well Wishes.](#)

## Websites of the Month

[Don't try this](#)

Thanks too everyone who have added great content to the newsletter.

Your content is appreciated and will make for a better publication.

Send content to:

[labrew@gmail.com](mailto:labrew@gmail.com)

Keith Code's  
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Take your riding skills to the next level.

[View 2011 Schedule](#)

*We just got in a large shipment of the newest Arai and Scorpion Helmets in a variety of colors and a full range of sizes.*

*At Motohio we believe in Premium Protective Full Face Headgear.  
What's your Head Worth?*

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