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# February 2012 Newsletter

BMW Motorcycle Club  
Greater Cincinnati



## What Got Me Riding?

By Mike LaBar  
My 1972 Mini Enduro

My early influences started with my Big Wheel. I rode that thing till the wheels disintegrated. Later, when I could ride a two wheeler, I got a red Schwinn 5-speed with a banana seat, sissy bar and tall handlebars. I was bad ass.

When my mom turned 40, my dad gave her a Puch moped as a gag gift. He had a basket put on it so she grocery shop for us 8 kids. I was 12 or 13 and since she never rode it, I did. I took off the basket and after a while the moped just wasn't taking to the trails very well and I thought it was a girls bike. I started saving my money up for a better bike. One that fit me and I could take on the trails. My cousin had a Honda mini trail that I liked a lot but it was kinda small. I found the bike I wanted in a magazine and after saving my grass cutting money in the Summer of 1972, I had enough to buy half the bike. I



I talked my dad into helping with the other half and we went to pick up my dream bike, a 1972 Yamaha Mini Enduro. This was just my size yet it looked like a real motorcycle. I remember dad trying to talk me into getting the Yamaha 100 enduro, but it was just a little larger than I thought I could handle and dad would be able to fit on the 100, where the 60 cc was too small for him. I had my \$150 and wanted that bike so bad. I remember sitting in the back of the station wagon holding onto the strap that held it securely to the bumper of the Olds. I rode that yellow miniature motorcycle everywhere. I was told not to ride on the street, but I did. I made a trail that went through the woods in the back. My favorite memories were taking it to the Adirondacks and a few times Dad took me to Five Mile where I275 was being constructed. We had about five miles of flattened dirt to the river before the concrete was poured. There were quite a few dirt bikes out there and the smell of 2-stroke exhaust filled



the air. I rode it for years before I outgrew it and got my license. By then I was not as interested in riding a street bike, and bought my first car, a Mazda RX3. Got a ticket on my home with it.

It wasn't till 1994, when my kids were turning teenagers when I got that itch again. I wanted a Harley but they were so expensive and the waiting list was ridiculous. I fell in love with and bought a 95 Yamaha Virago 750 in a retro black and green. I liked the look so much, and it was an easy bike to ride. Just not on the



expressway. After a few years of Harley posing I thought I would try something new. In 97 I bought a new R1100RT and the hook was permanently set. This was riding on a whole new level. Ernie Shull who was president of the club and a fine BMW technician, got me to join the Greater Cincinnati BMW Club. Hooked again.

## How I got started motorcycle riding?

By Bill Berry

Gotta blame my brother. Sure, Dad was the first one in the family to have one but my brother was having fun on a motorcycle and took me for a ride.

See, when the oil embargo happened in the early '70's, Dad started looking for ways to save on fuel while driving the family-truckster to/from work and raise 5 kids. Now being a life-long UAW member at Fisher Body, American was the only choice. So being thrifty Dad bought a Harley 350 single for commuting. Yes, this was the AMF era of Harley-Davidson but there was not much choice for buying an American motorcycle. Mom was not pleased about Dad owning a motorcycle. It might have been the fact of 4 sons in the house, or she just didn't like them, we never heard. As a matter of fact, Dad didn't hear much of anything for about 6 months, but Dad rode it rain or shine to save money. Dad finally gave up on the Harley when the rear axle vibrated out and put him in the ditch. He found a Yamaha 650 twin to replace the Harley but I digress. During this time my brother decided to try motorcycling. Mom was not pleased. He showed up with a Honda 550 inline 4, two-tone brown, chrome, it was awesome. He didn't hear much for about 3 months from Mom, just looks. I'd help him wash it and look at it in exchange for rides, it was awesome.

I wasn't too long I had some coin in my pocket and my brother helped me find a Honda 350 inline 4, metallic black, special edition, chrome, it was awesome. I didn't hear much for about a month from Mom, just looks. Either we were beating her down or I was her favorite.

About this time one of my brother's friend had bought a BMW motorcycle. We'd never seen one, looked a little weird, sounded a little weird, but he had heard of these get-togethers where all these BMW riders camp out all weekend and ride around. My brother and his friend went to one of the campouts and said it was awesome. Wasn't long after that my brother



came home with a BMW motorcycle. Soon after that I asked if I could go to one of these campouts on my Honda? "You mean to a rally? Sure, bring your buddy also, everybody's welcomed." So my buddy and I rode along with my brother and his friend to the Indy Rally in Indianapolis, 100 miles, the furthest I'd ever ridden. The whole weekend was spent camping out, looking at bikes, riding, drinking a little beer, it was awesome.

Pretty soon I realized I needed a BMW motorcycle, a '73 R50/5, black, toaster tank, chrome, it was awesome.



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## What Got Me into Motorcycles

By Derek Pierce

It was my Dad. I guess one could call it the middle age crisis. But I was 14 or 15 when dad got his first bike. A Suzuki 425e. He quickly found that he needed a larger, more tour oriented bike. And that is when he got his first BMW. A R65. I inherited the Suzuki and Dad made sure I took a riding class at Scarlet Oaks. Soon after I was 16, and was taking my motorcycle license tests and getting my license before I knew it. This all took place before my drivers education class at school. And when computers were first being used at the DMV. Which wasn't very good. Because when I took my 'car' drivers license. The computers indicated that I had already taken my 'car' license and the clerk asked why I was taking the test over again. So for some reason (computers, go figure) I was given my 'car' license at the same time of my motorcycle license.



Years later Dad is still riding. And because of him I now own two BMW bikes. I enjoy riding and wish I could ride more with my Dad. He is my hero, mentor and best friend to whom I owe a great debt. And our biggest bond beyond being family. Is motorcycles. And I hope to someday do the same with my child. When/ if that is.

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What got YOU into motorcycling? Tell us your story.

Send your reason for riding to Mike LaBar at [labrew@gmail.com](mailto:labrew@gmail.com) for upcoming issues.



## Buying a new OLD bike !!

By Jim Smith

On Nov. 16, I purchased a 2011 Royal Enfield B5 model, which is their basic model.

It's a 500cc single cylinder, which Enfield has been making in India since 1955, nearly unchanged. That is, until the past 10 years or so, when they finally began to modernize it.

It now has a unitized engine (gearbox in the same casting as the engine), the gearshift has been moved so the shaft comes out the left side of the engine case, a 5 speed transmission, electronic ignition, electric starting, disc front brake, and the latest addition is the Electronic Fuel Injection. So pretty much, it is state of the art.

It starts very easily without having to use a choke or enrichener, and yes, it does have a kick starter should it be needed. And you can tell immediately that it's a "thumper", with that big, long stroke single jumping up and down beneath you. It never lets you forget that it's there, but the vibration is not overly bad. In fact, it's expected. I suppose Enfield could engineer a counter balancer into this engine, but then, it might spoil the character of the whole bike.

The rear brake is still a drum type, and just like days of old, it's not very powerful, but it would eventually stop you. Probably in the same day you applied it !! But used in combination with the front disc, stops are quick and sure, equal to most modern bikes.

The transmission shifts very smoothly and cleanly, but if you do a sloppy shift, I detected a false neutral between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> gear.

They advertise this bike as being able to get 85 mpg, but so far my best mileage has been 78.5 mpg, with 68.5 being my worst. It has a 3.2 gallon tank, so you can still easily get 200 miles before you need to refill. It has a low fuel warning light, but no petcock.

In the 7 weeks I've owned it, I've already put 750 miles on it. First service was done at 377 miles, as they recommend 300 miles. The engine has hydraulic valve lifters, so no adjustment is required.

It has 3 things that I don't particularly like about it. It has no trip meter (I use an erasable marker to mark the mileage down on the speedo face). The seat is very firm. Well, actually it's hard as a rock. Heindl say's it'll break in after I've ridden it around the world a couple of times. And the rear shocks, well, they're shocking ! I've got them set on the lowest preload setting, and it still rides like a rigid frame. I think I can detect just a slight softening of them at this mileage, but they could be a LOT better. I think I now understand why the more expensive models are all sold with a sprung solo saddle. That could be in the future for me too !!

List price was \$5495, and out the door was \$6104. Not too bad for a brand new bike. And I really like it so far. It puts the fun back in riding. Thump thump thump !!



**A short one from Glos.....** January 27, 2012

Took advantage of a warm day in January and headed to Mexico. Visited this place: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ocpuuaNwMSw> and this place: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dnhtxvGmal0> both are on the eastern slope of the Sierra Madre Oriental.



My guides to the "Cave of the Swallows"

On the return, to beat the ice storm, I rode from Houston to home, 1140 miles in 20 ½ hours stopping only for fuel.... (I-10, 12, 59, 65, 71, home) 20's from Mammoth Cave to Louisville, teens from Louisville to home.... Arrived home 5:30 am January 20<sup>th</sup>, 16 degrees. Burrrrr.

I like my Super Tenere.

merrill



## RTE Guidelines

Anyone can declare an RTE at anytime, it doesn't have to be on a weekend and it can be as near or far as you desire because participation is strictly voluntary. Note: The Moonshine Lunch Run started as an RTE with 19 original participants.

Participants are responsible to route themselves and must ride a motorcycle to the destination. These are NOT group rides although you're welcome to ride with others if you so choose.

Destination must focus on food ie; restaurants, diners, festivals, etc

The person that declares the RTE must file a brief post mortem either by e-mail, newsletter submission, or verbally at next meeting that describes who showed up, food comments, and any remarkable occurrence you find noteworthy.

It's just that simple folks, now get creative and HAVE SOME FUN!

-Bill



There is an official [ridetoat](#) website that has over 1000 RTE destinations that may spark your interest for your own RTE.

I like those post mortems here in the newsletter preferable.

Click the map to take to their site.





<http://americanquilttrail.com>

## Quilted Barns

The concept of barn quilts began with Donna Sue Groves and her wish to honor her mother, Maxine, and her Appalachian heritage by having a painted quilt hung on her barn in Adams County, Ohio.

As is often the case, good ideas fall by the wayside when work and other obligations intervene. Donna Sue mentioned the project from time to time for several years until she was encouraged by her friends to go ahead and paint that quilt square.

Her work with the Ohio Arts Council and other community organizations inspired Donna Sue to alter her plan. Rather than creating a personal tribute, she suggested that a "sampler" of twenty quilt squares could be created along a driving trail that would invite visitors to travel through the countryside. A committee of volunteers worked together to both plan the trail and to formulate guidelines as to how the project would be managed. Several barn owners signed on, and the work began.

So it happened that the first quilt square on the American Quilt Trail does not hang at the Groves farm. The Ohio Star was painted by local artists and installed on a building at a greenhouse nearby—a location that allowed for a public celebration of the inauguration of the quilt trail. A Snail's Trail quilt square was later painted by an artist and mounted on the barn where Donna Sue and Maxine Groves reside.

That first quilt trail was hardly begun when a group of quilters from neighboring Brown County, Ohio, started their own project. For several years, Donna Sue worked with organizations in Ohio and Tennessee to foster the growth of new trails. She also served as advisor for dozens of individuals who were either creating a painted quilt for their own property or planning a quilt trail in their community.

Donna Sue traveled to Iowa to introduce the concept; each year more and more trails are created in that state. Kentucky was the next to join; the Bluegrass State is home to about 800 painted quilts.

Quilt trails are created by quilt guilds, civic groups, local arts councils, 4-H clubs, school groups, and other organizations. Most are a countywide effort, which allows for a distinct trail in a single area and creates local pride in the project.

This simple idea has spread to 29 states and to Canada, and the trail continues to grow. Over 3000 quilts are part of organized trails; dozens more are scattered through the countryside waiting to be discovered.

This has the makings of a great riding contest. Barns are great! They take you to the country where riding is best.

There is plenty of documentation on the web to get you going.

Click on the map to take you to a handy site to begin your Barn Quilt Trail

What are your thoughts?

Thanks Bill Berry for this great idea.



## Blonde paint job

A blonde, wanting to earn some money, decided to hire herself out as a handyman-type and started canvassing a wealthy neighborhood. She went to the front door of the first house and asked the owner if he had any jobs for her to do.

"Well, you can paint my porch. How much will you charge?"

The blonde said, "How about 50 dollars?" The man agreed and told her that the paint and ladders that she might need were in the garage. The man's wife, inside the house, heard the conversation and said to her husband, "Does she realize that the porch goes all the way around the house?"

The man replied, "She should. She was standing on the porch."

A short time later, the blonde came to the door to collect her money.

"You're finished already?" he asked. "Yes," the blonde answered, "and I had paint left over, so I gave it two coats. "Impressed, the man reached in his pocket for the \$50. "And by the way," the blonde added, "that's not a Porch, it's a Ferrari."

***BOTH POLITICIANS  
AND DIAPERS NEED TO  
BE CHANGED OFTEN  
AND FOR THE  
SAME REASON!***

## BMW RA NEWS

The BMW Riders Association have elected George Nyktas as President and Bob Ulrich as Treasurer. Congratulations to the both of them!

Now let's support them by becoming members.

Join <http://bmwra.org/membership/>

Ohio Region

<http://www.bmwra.org/~raOhio/>



## Toasted Coconut Pecan Pie

### Ingredients:

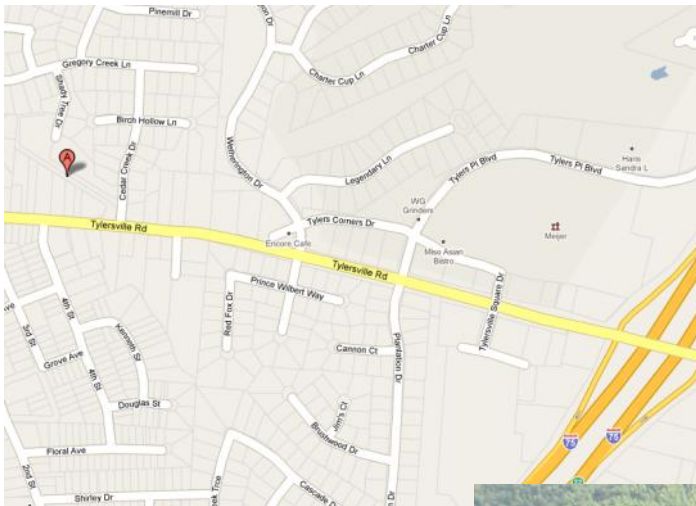
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup sweetened coconut flakes, (3 1/2 ounces)
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans

### 1 unbaked pie shell

### Preparation:

Add ingredients, one at a time in the order listed; mix well. Pour into unbaked pie shell. Bake in a 350 degree oven for about 35 to 45 minutes, or until set.





Joni & Tom Raybuck are hosting our February 11th meeting. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm and is located at:

**7703 Shady Lane  
West Chester, Ohio 45069  
(513) 759-0889**



**GCBMWC Dues**

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

Send your dues to:

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**Meeting Schedule for 2012**

**1st Sunday Ride  
February 5th 10:00 am  
Breakfast at**

Pee Wee's Restaurant at 2325 Anderson Rd. Cresent Springs, KY

[Route Map](#)

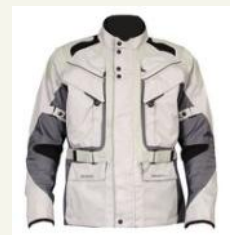


- January 14..... Bill & Sheila Wright
- February 11th..... Tom & Joni Raybuck
- March 10th..... Steve & Karen Thoener
- April 14th.....
- May 12th.....
- June 9th.....
- July 8th..... Joe & Chris Berry
- August 11th.....
- September 8th.....
- October 13th.....
- November 10th.....
- December 8th.....Holiday Party

**Website of the Month**

[www.motorcyclegear.com](http://www.motorcyclegear.com)

Thanks for the tip Jesse. I scored a new Kilimanjaro jacket for \$97.



## Minutes of the GCBMWC Meeting

### December 3, 2011

**Meeting held at Bill and Shelia Wright's** - called to order at 7:35 PM by out-going President Tom Ritter. Tom handed over the gavel to in-coming President Bill Wright. John Fischer was also installed as Vice President. Tom Ritter was acknowledged for his fine leadership as President.

**Board Members Present:** Bill Wright, Debbie Smith, John Fischer, and Mike LaBar.

**Treasury** The club treasury held 2,832.58 at the beginning of the period.

**Income received from:**

50-50 - \$30

Dues collected. \$105

Dinners collected. \$655

**Expenses:**

Contest prize awards - \$200

Germania—\$700

Catering—\$1250

Tips—\$100

**Ending Balance** \$1436.97

The club started the year with 39 paid members.

Debbie's report was accepted.

**Old Business:** Name tags. Tom Ritter handed out samples of new name tags.

**New Business:** Breakfast at Raybuck's. Tom reported 15 folks came to feast on his super breakfast. Motions were made to hold it there every month.

RTE Ride to Eat was introduced by Bill Wright for informal gatherings of riders that ride to eat at a noteworthy place and to report on the event at the next meeting or send a newsletter article to the editor.

Bolstering the coffers. How can we raise funds? What do we need funds for? Be creative. We talked about past attempts. Shirts (cafepress.com)

Two committees are to be formed. Club Gathering (which was formed with Jim Osbun (chair), Joe DeLuca, John Fischer, and Tom Raybuck. Christmas Party (looking for volunteers)

A motion was made to not read the minutes from prior meetings at the meetings. Seconded and approved!

**Meetings:** Steve and Karen are hosting March. Chris & Joe Berry volunteered for July. (BBQ)

Bill Howson from Lebanon was unanimously voted in. bhowson47@gmail.com

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

## February 2012

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## March 2012

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## April 2012

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## Rallies & Events

**Tuesdays—Bike night at the Comet**

**Wednesdays-Bike night at Quaker Steak & Lube Milford**

To see a full listing from the MOA Calendar click [HERE](#)

Your RTE could go here.



Did a mini bike get you into riding?.

- Ohio  
February 18, 2012  
**Classic Swap Meet**
- Florida  
March 9 - 18, 2012  
**BMW Campout - Daytona Bike Week**  
Various Clubs
- 
- March 16 - 25, 2012  
**IMTBike MOA Andalucian Tour - Spain**  
BMW MOA
- Alabama  
March 30 - April 1, 2012  
**1st BMW Club Veteran Riders International Campout**  
BMW Club Veteran Riders International #329
- Pennsylvania  
April 6 - 8, 2012  
**Adventure beginner rider workshop for large-displacement adventure bikes**  
MAC-PAC #289
- Texas  
April 13 - 15, 2012  
**Texas National Rally**  
San Antonio BMW Riders Association #62
- Mississippi  
April 13 - 15, 2012  
**20th Dogwood Trail Rally**  
BMW Riders of Mississippi #15
- Pennsylvania  
April 13 - 15, 2012  
**Weekend Getaway - Gettysburg**  
BMW MOA

### 2012 Club Gathering Committee

Jim Osburn Chair  
John Fischer  
Tom Raybuck  
Joe DeLuca

### 2012 Christmas Party Committee

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2012 RA Rally will be held June 14-17<sup>th</sup> at Copper Mountain, Colorado

### 2012 MOA International Rally

Sedalia, Missouri  
July 19 - 22, 2012.

Have you entered the club mileage contest?  
Send Mike your odometer readings today.

### STORE HOURS

Monday	Out Riding
Tuesday	9:00AM - 6:00PM
Wednesday	9:00AM - 6:00PM
Thursday	9:00AM - 8:00PM
Friday	9:00AM - 5:00PM
Saturday	9:00AM - 4:00PM
Sunday	Out Riding

**MOTOHIO**  
european motorbikes