



GREATER CINCINNATI BMW CLUB

January 2003 Newsletter

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Club Calendar of Events

January 1st 2003 11:00 am Breakfast at Perkin's at the Tylersville exit off 75. Also at 1:00 pm, Brian Lindsay and Full Throttle Magazine will depart BMW Tristate for a 50 mile run ending at Dewey's Pizza. \$10.00 for pizza and soft drink

January 5th 11:00 am Brunch Ride –at Pearl's

January 11th 7:00 pm Meeting at Destinys's (behind Pearl's)

February 2nd 11:00 am Brunch Ride

Feb 8 7:00 pm - Meeting at George Niktus's in Loveland
Directions:

Exit #19 I-71 North or South. From Exit Ramp, turn left to Fields-Ertel. Go East on Fields-Ertel to Montgomery Rd. Go North on Montgomery Rd. to 3rd light. At entrance to Villages on Heritage Green, turn left on Village Dr., then left on Old Village Dr., then right to 9596 Carriage Run Circle.

Mar 2 9:00 am - Breakfast Ride

New Years Brunch Ride

On New Years Day a brunch ride will be held at **Perkins at Tylersville off I75 at 11:00 am**. If the weather is favorable Greg may lead us on a ride. In addition, BMW of the Tri State is the starting point of another New Years Day ride put on by Brian Lindsay and Full Throttle Motorcycle Magazine. The group will depart at 1:00pm. 50 miles later they will end up at Dewey's Pizza at Harpers Point. \$10 for Pizza and soda. Dress warm and ride safe and if you do plan to ride, make sure you take your bike out for a pre ride check and fill your tires.

January "Holiday" Party

At the December meeting we announced that our January party would be held at Destinys in Fairfield. Here are the details:

Destinys is located "behind" Pearl's Diner on Dixie Highway. The entrance is between Pearl's and Wendy's.

We can arrive starting at 6:00 PM. Destinys will begin serving dinner at 6:30. We'll start with a tossed garden salad. Our dinner buffet will have Pecan Chicken with Honey Dijon Sauce, Roasted Rosemary Pork Loin, Oven

Roasted Redskin Potatoes, Green Beans Almondine and Baby Buttered Basil Carrots. Our dessert will consist of mini cheesecakes, cookies, assorted dessert bars and fresh fruit with dip. Beverages will be coffee, iced tea, soft drinks and draft beer.

The cost is \$15 per person. If you will be joining us for this party, please get your checks to Henry Pierce, 1186 Shayler Woods Dr., Batavia OH 45103, no later than January 6th. We need to have a final count to Destinys by the 7th. Make sure you indicate on your check that it is for the January party. The club will cover the additional cost of the dinner and the beer.

We hope you will join us!

The Prez Sez ...

Wow, what a great turnout for our December meeting! Upstairs at the Schoolhouse was all decorated for the holidays and we had a fine meal. Elections were held, club mileage contest results were announced and Mike LaBar unveiled his club calendar.

The calendar is loaded with photos of various club members and events covering many years, and unless Mike sold out at the meeting, is available for \$12. Best of all, the proceeds from the sale of the calendars go into the club treasury. Great idea, Mike!

The next items on our social calendar include a New Year's Day brunch, a first Sunday brunch on the 5th, and our Holiday party and January meeting on the 11th. The details of the Holiday party are noted elsewhere, but I'd like to take this opportunity to encourage everyone to come out for this event. Destinys' list of satisfied clients is pretty impressive, so I have high expectations for our little outing. Don't delay, get your checks for the party to Henry today!

Happy New Year, everyone!
Bob

CLUB 2002 MILEAGE CONTEST

The club mileage awards were held at the December meeting. Prizes for the top three riders and a special prize for our "Average" rider will be given out. Prizes and certificates were handed out to all participants. Be sure to enter the 2003 mileage contest and you too could win. Thanks to Jerry Cummins for organizing a great contest. Here are some stats from Jerry:

Greg Cullers received the complete oil change with 14634 miles.
Jack Basham received the 4 qts of oil with 14363 miles.
Chris Long received the filter with 14163 miles.
Mike LaBar received the average award with 8733 miles.

Here are the mileages:

Jerry Cummins 23,556
Greg Cullers 14,634
Jack Basham 14,363
Chris Long 14,163
Phillip Koenig 12,321
Steve Thoerner 11,585
Travis Brown 11,125
Tom Collins 11,065
Lynn Cummins 9,608
John Wharton 9,522
Edward Eismann 9,237
Mike LaBar 8,733
Alan Leach 7,541
Steve Snyder 6,415
Bob Ulrich 5,860
Michael Crum 5,262
Deana Smith 4,762
Bill Berry 4,263
Jimmy Smith 2,661
George Becker 2,606
Karl Perry 1,374
Henry Pierce 1,311

Total turned in club mileage was 191,967 miles.

Two up riders were:

Ann Long with 5200
Gail Ulrich with 2634
Kim LaBar with 1825

The real winner as far as miles on two wheels was Jerry Cummins. If he does as good in his new role as secretary as he has done with the mileage contest, the club will prosper.
Great job Jerry!

Motorcycle Safety Tidbits

Group Riding

By Mike LaBar

"Oh what fun it is to ride... on a two wheeled fair-red bike"

I like group rides. It's a way of strutting our stuff and a great way to learn new roads you never knew existed.

It's a good way to meet fellow riders and share the common bond we have. The love of the road and you and your machine. Group riding has many flavors depending on the group and the size of the ride. A Harley ride may have hundreds of bikes and their focus is more social so the ride may become a parade. Group rides should never stop at bars, and should not ride side by side. Winger group rides are structured with plenty of stops. With all the CBs and communications going on there's more opportunity to stop and smell the roses, take potty breaks, re-fill the coffee mug, eat breakfast ice cream etc. It's very difficult to loose a rider on a Wing ride. They got the communications thing down. Sport bike rides. Never been on one, but I imagine it would cover the most known twisty area over and over and the ride captain may start the ride with "Catch me if you can." And there would be lots of wheelies and hot doggin ...just ask Travis. Beemer rides are the best. Casual, informal, yet organized and well mannered, the Beemer ride is above all, meant to be safe. Everyone rides protected and in a staggered manner except when it gets curvy and the single file formation allows a rider all of the lane. We don't have the communication tools for the lead and trailing riders like some group and perhaps the lack of hand signals means we're enjoying ourselves so much that we don't want to stop. What we do have is a method of keeping the group together when we get separated. It works as long as you take care of your buddy behind you. Whenever you make a turn, check your mirrors. You should be doing this anyway when you come to a stop or turn. If your buddy is behind you, proceed. If the rider is not in visible distance, stop and wait before you turn, or if you do turn, make sure you can be seen. It's plain common sense. Of course everyone should have their cell phones with them. It may be a good idea to exchange cell phone numbers in our group to find the occasional lost rider should we forget our "Turn with your buddy behind you rule."

Personally, I prefer small group rides of 3-5 riders. It's easier to keep track of everyone and you can stop to smell the roses or take a picture or two along the way.

Whether you like group riding or like the solitude of riding alone, dashing through the curves is a blast, but parading on a cold wintery day with a bunch of dye-hards on salt ridden roads gets the motor running too.

Be safe out there

Club Growth and the Need for Change

The club has experienced steady growth in the last few years. It seems like we vote new members into the club practically every meeting. The books have never been better with well over \$1000 in the bank. Much of the growth and participation level is due to our presence on the Internet and using communication tools like our Yahoo eGroup. Let's face it, the pc is almost as common as the microwave these days. Emailing the newsletter has saved GCBMWC \$200+/yr in postage alone... not to mention saving me a bunch of time printing

and stuffing and licking envelopes. Currently, there are only 6 members that are snail-mailed this newsletter. Since we rely on the Internet as a strong communications medium, I feel that a position of webmaster should be included somehow. As the secretary/newsletter editor, the website content was somewhat easy to keep current and in line with the newsletter. That's changed now as Jerry Cummins will be taking the reins of newsletter editor

Jerry was our Mileage Contest Coordinator last year and did a great job at it, it's not right that he be asked to do that job again and still be the secretary/newsletter editor. Besides, he of all people should be able to participate in that contest. Yep, I think it's time to add a position that coordinates and oversees club activities such as the mileage contest, painted barn contests, poker runs, etc. Whether they are board members or directors or committee chairs, the need for the service is there.

Just my .02 - Mike

Product Review

Battery Tender

If your bike is like mine, it's sitting out in the garage freezing it's diodes off. Hopefully Santa brought you a Battery Tender to keep your battery from losing power over the cold winter months. It constantly monitors the battery without the damaging effects of trickle chargers. Voltage output compensates for temperature changes, providing additional protection. Initial charge brings battery to full charge at approximately 14.2 volts. After full charge is reached, converts to float charger and monitors battery at 13.2 volts. Although a constant charge is being applied to the battery, there is little or no current (approx. 10 miliamps). Periodic maintenance is recommended, but Battery Tender(R) can monitor a battery for years without fear of boiling or destroying the battery.

GCBMW Meeting Minutes 12-7-2002

Called to order at 7:15 pm at the Schoolhouse Restaurant with 45 in attendance.

Mike LaBar read the minutes and was approved.

Treasurer's report:

November balance \$1444.60

Income of 35.50 (dues & tags)

Expenses of 85.53 (MOA re-chartering, medallian engraving, stamps, and 2-year domain name renewal)

December balance \$1394.57

Business

- The January meeting will be held at Destiny's on 1/11/03
- George Niktus volunteered to host the February meeting.
- RA brunch at Old Country Buffet held 12/8
- Mike LaBar made a motion to reimburse the host of a meeting \$15.00 as a thank you gesture. Motion approved.
- Bob Ulrich asked for a show of hands of those interested in a New Years Day ride. Not a one.
- Jerry Cummins handed out Mileage Contest Awards. Everyone won an emergency info tag

for helmets, a bike cleaning cloth, and a certificate. There were 8 riders that rode over 10,000 miles, and Jerry himself, rode 23,556 miles. – Wow! To bad he disqualified himself.

Awards went to:

Oil Change winner – Chris Long

Oil winner – Jack Basham

Filter winner – Greg Cullers

Average Mileage Award – Mike LaBar

- Elections were held. (39 votes)
Voted in for 2003 were:
Bob Ulrich – President - uncontested
Tom Raybuck – Treasurer - uncontested
Jerry Cummins – Secretary (25-14)
Tom Collins – Vice President (20-19)
- Mike LaBar moved that the club pay for the beer for the evening. \$100.00 (44 beers at \$2.50)
Motion approved.
- Mike LaBar sold GCBMWC 2003 calendars for \$12 each.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

50/50 won by Tom Raybuck \$36.00

Ohio Bicentennial Barns

Now that you got that digital camera from Santa, you can start plotting your course for photos of these 89 barns in our 88 counties. Details I'm sure to come. There could be big prizes awarded... perhaps even a medallion...

For more information on these uniquely painted barns visit:

<http://www.ohio200.org/barns/>

GCBMWC Market Place

If you have something to sell and want it to appear here, or sold something on this page and should be removed, email Mike LaBar at labrew@one.net

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](#)

Membership Dues are Due by the March Meeting

**\$15.00 for single memberships and \$18.00 for
Associate memberships. Checks can be made out
to GCBMWC.**

Mail dues to:

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