



GREATER CINCINNATI BMW CLUB

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Americade – Lake George, NY

Kim and I left for Americade, the largest touring rally, on Sunday June 2nd, a perfect day to start our journey towards the Adirondack Mountains. The morning was cool and the expressway sparsely populated. The RT was doing what it likes to do best... put on the miles. At Erie, PA we took rt 17 or better known as the Southern Tier Expressway. The Southern Tier parallels the NY State Throughway, except it is more scenic, more curves, and way less traffic. Practically no traffic as a matter of fact. I used my radar detector more that day than any other I can remember, averaging 85-90 mph. The one thing I remember is how many dead deer there were along the side of the road. I lost count after 20. We traveled 550 miles that day, a record for Kim and we were both ready to get off the bike. The comfort seat did extend my riding comfort, but the stock passenger seat had to be brutal on Kim. We stopped in a small town called Corning for much needed nourishment and rest. The next leg from Corning to Lake George was just over 200 miles so we took the scenic route and made many stops to take in the surroundings. Surprisingly, we don't encounter many bikes on our route until just a few miles from Lake George. Once we arrived, there were bikes of all kinds and we were the majority on the streets. This was bigger than any rally Kim and I have attended. The majority bike type of course was Harley's and Gold Wings.

headache. We check in with the other workers at our American Modern Insurance booth and begin our shopping spree. We ran into Bill Gardner who was setting up his Rider Warehouse T-shirt booth. Up there in the Adirondacks, it was cool and we were not prepared. With 90 degree temps at home, we packed according to what was perceived a few days ago in the sweltering heat. Shoulda looked at the local forecast before we left home. Anyway we both bought a few cool weather pullovers and of course a new AirHawk seat cushion for Kim.

Americade is so big that it is spread out all over town. The vendors were mostly down by the lake, while the demo rides and seminars were a mile away. There were many seminars we had planned on attending, the first of which was "Insuring your Passion", put on by Jim Evans of Progressive Insurance. We arrive 10 minutes early so as to get a good seat, and the guy never showed. Not that he had a large audience, but there were a few of us that wanted to hear what he had to say. (Note to self – Don't buy Progressive Insurance.) Looking at the other seminars going on at the time, there was just a hand full of folks. The weather was just too beautiful to be sitting in a room. We head back into town to check out the shiny bikes and unusual people. We got our fill of both, and it was on this day that Kim decided she wanted to ride... a trike.



Kim & I wake up early Tuesday morning to get our vendor wristbands and bypass the whole registration

There was an abundance of trikes and sidecar rigs that we checked out, and she liked the Goldwing Trike best. That back seat does look comfy.

By Tuesday night, we had decided we had already seen and heard all we wanted. Too many darned bikers. Even though this is supposed to be a family type event where loud pipes are discouraged and even ticketed, loud pipes were everywhere. Of course, loud pipes to me may be different from the next rider, but compared to my bike, all Hardlys have loud pipes. We pack it up and head north to small town called Minerva, where I have family, and we stay with my cousin and brother for the next 4 days.



As loud and crowded as Americade was, it was the complete opposite in Minerva where the 4 of us had the lake to ourselves. Just us 4 and a few black flies. Every once in a while we'd hear a Hardley up on 28N in background of total peace and quiet. There are some fantastic roads and scenery up in the Adirondacks and I look forward to returning in the fall when the leaves start changing. If you get a chance to ride in this area you won't be disappointed.

That's No Toy – That's Farm Equipment!

While in the Adirondacks, Kim and I experienced a, new to us, form of riding, off-road ATVing. My brother recently bought a Polaris 6 wheeled, go anywhere you want, ATV that Kim and I had too much fun with it.



John's Polaris Sportsman 500 six wheeler is not only fun on the trails, but it comes in handy for all kinds of work, like moving boulders and timber to riding up to the general store for a 12 pack and snacks.

After we came home, I visited Midwest Polaris on my lunch hour and test rode a Sportsman 500 4-wheeler. The memories of the Adirondack trails overcame me. A week later I was taking delivery of my own Sportsman 500 4-wheeler, along with a drag behind 44" brush cutting deck mower. The very helpful and knowledgeable, Vickie at Midwest Polaris then asked, "Is this going to be used as farm equipment? You don't have to pay taxes if it is." "Well of course it's farm equipment." I replied. The LaBar Farm has suffered a week or more of draught conditions and the new ATV was much needed in the production of the crops and the cutting of the hay and the herding of the livestock, and the list goes on... It's my story and I'm sticking to it.

The Prez Sez...

Get out and ride!
Bob

MOA National in Trenton, ON July 11-14, 2002

What you need

For US citizens entering Canada and re-entering the US, you should carry your Passport if you have one, or your original Birth Certificate if you don't. And of course your license with picture ID.

Drivers must have proof of insurance coverage, which is compulsory in Canada.

More details can be found at the Canadian Customs site <http://www.ccra-adrc.gc.ca/customs/individuals/visitors-e.html>

Set your GPSs to N44 06 142 W77 34.132

Motorcycle Safety Tidbits

Riding in the Heat

On these 90 degree hot & humid days I see lots of bikes, mostly Harleys with riders sporting tank tops, T's, and occasionally bare chests, and of course no helmets. It sure looks cooler than my gear in this heat, but I sure wouldn't want to be them in a get off. The fact of the matter is that riding unprotected in the heat will only dehydrate you faster. I've been shopping around for a lightweight mesh jacket that offers the kind of protection I want when riding. There are a few good articles in recent publications I have read in the ON and Motorcycle Consumer News that compare them. Most of us wear textile jackets with removable liners, so what I do on these hot and humid days is dampen my t-shirt and put my Kalahari jacket over it. It feels like I'm riding in AC until the cooling effects of evaporation dry up the shirt and jacket. By then it's time to rehydrate

Another tip is to get a water bladder with a drinking tube and put it in your tank bag. You must keep hydrated when it's hot, and my Platypus lets me get a drink while I'm riding. It's amazing how refreshed you feel after just a few swigs.

So keep cool and stay hydrated on those hot summer days!

GCBMWC Pictures

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GCBMW Meeting Minutes 6-8-2002

Held at the Von Fahnstock's in Versailles

Called to order at 7:20 pm – 19 in attendance

Introduced guest Kelly Nickol of Versailles – He'd read of our meeting on our web site

Bob Ulrich read the minutes of the previous meeting (as best he could).

Treasurer's report:

Previous balance \$1843.26

Income 54.00

Expenses 103.35 (name tags)

New balance 1793.91

Checks to AMA Legislative Fund for \$150 and MOA Charity Challenge for \$100 have not yet been sent

Working balance \$1647.41

Report accepted as read

Old Business

- July meeting will be in Trenton, Ontario
- August meeting will be at Mike & Kim LaBar's with a cookout
- September meeting is still open (Tom Raybuck will be hosting the Battle Creek club on Sat., Sept 7)
- Henry had no news on the name tags
- There has been no report of the Poker Run results
- Volunteering at Trenton – Latest from George Becker indicates we will do registration on Friday morning. Currently 7 have volunteered...make that 8 with Jack Basham.
- Legislation on old vehicles – Bob U. found article in National Motorists Assoc. News about defeat of Federal Scrapage Plan which would have affected vehicles 15 years and older

New Business

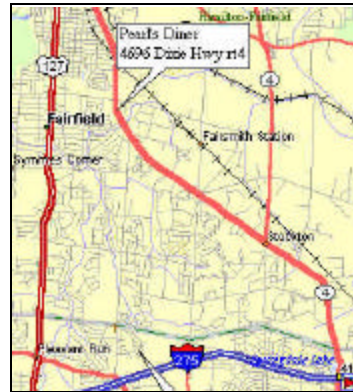
- We received Cleveland Club News – a 16 page quarterly newsletter of note – Gathering of Ohio clubs, Oct 11-13, Whispering Hills Campground
- Bob also provided a copy of the Chicago Region News
- Ohio RA campout in Peebles, OH is June 14-16, RSVP if you will attend
- Trenton activity possibilities
 - Pie place ride – Would Bill or Henry care to volunteer?
 - Dinner outing – Any volunteers to coordinate?
- Bob reported on his trip to Henry's Restaurant near W. Jefferson, OH – supposedly great pie, looks really run down, closed Sundays

- Pierces found another pie place in Wooster, OH – 99 cents per piece
- Ohio Bicentennial Barns – potential for rides or contest for next year – Hamilton county's painted in spring – Greene and Fayette counties' to be painted in fall - website is <http://www.ohio200.org/barns/>
- Thanks to Nick and Mary for hosting the cookout!

Adjourned 7:45

Jim Smith won \$11 in the 50/50

Club Calendar of Events



- July 7th Breakfast ride at Pearl's Diner 9:00 am
- July 13th Informal Meeting at MOA International Rally
- August 4th Breakfast ride at Pearl's Diner 9:00 am
- August 10th Meeting at Mike & Kim LaBar's
- September 1 Breakfast ride at Pearl's Diner 9:00 am
- September 14 Club Meeting (No meeting place designated yet)

BMW Rallies

NY July 4-7, 2002

10th Udder Nonsense BMW Rally – E Durham, NY

30th MOA National 2002 - Land O'Loon Rally

Trenton Ontario Canada

July 11 - 14, 2002

CO July 18-21, 2002

Top O'the Rockies Paonia, CO

WA July 25-28, 2002

Cascade Country Rendezvous

Washington State BMW Riders #104

CO August 3, 2002

100,000' Colorado Pass Ride

ID Aug 4-8, 2002

5th Nez Perce GS Rally

Bavarian Mountain West MC Club of Idaho

SD Aug 4-11, 2002

BMW Riders' Refuge at Sturgis

ID August 8-11, 2002

Stanley Stomp – Sunbeam, ID

NC Aug 8-11, 2002
25th Dan'l Boone Rally

MA Aug 9-11, 2002
7th Damn Yankees Rally
Yankee Beemers

RI Aug 9-11, 2002
7th "Penguin's" Perpetual Rally

NE Aug 9-11, 2002
20th Huskerally

RA National 2002 – Red River Rally
Red River, New Mexico
August 15 – 18, 2002

IL August 16-18, 2002
22nd Hard to Be Humble Rally
#84 Dinky Dozen BMW Riders, Inc

IL Aug 23-25, 2002
Galena Campout
Northern Illinois BMW Riders

VA Aug 30 Sept 1, 2002
Sherando Lake Rally
Richmond BMW Riders

NY August 29 sept 2, 2002
Finger Lakes Rally – Watkins Glen, NY
Finger Lakes BMW Club

WI Sept 6-11, 2002
32nd Annual Wisconsin Dells Rally

CO Sept 12-15, 2002
Best of Colorado Gypsy Ride

IN Sept 13-15, 2002
9th Darlington Caribbean Rally

KY Sept 13-15, 2002
Beemers in the Bluegrass

VT Sept 13-15, 2002
20th Green Mountain Rally

IN Sept 27-29, 2002
16th Hoosier Beemer Rally & Swap Meet

NJ Sept 27-29, 2002
20th Last Chance Rally... Let's Roll!

ME Sept 27-29, 2002
Freeze Your Buns Rally

TN October 4-6, 2002
28th Return to Shiloh Rally – Savanna, TN

MO October 11-13, 2002
27th Falling Leaf Rally – Petosie, MO

VA October 11-13, 2002
Colonial Virginia Motorcycle Rally

NC October 25-27, 2002

16th Halloween Rally
Zooland Campground – Ashboro, NC

Other Events

June 29-July3 AMA Women and Motorcycling Conference
July 2-5 Wing Ding XXIV – Fort Wayne, IN
July 9-11 Women on Wheels Ride-in – Gilbertsville, KY
July 17th is National Ride to Work Day
July 19-21 AMA Vintage Days @ Mid-Ohio
July 26-28 AMA Superbike Mid-Ohio Lexington, OH
Aug 5-11 Sturgis Motorcycle Rally – Sturgis, SD
Aug 9-11 AMA Superbike VA International Speedway, VA
Aug 11th Cuddle Bear Poker Run – Dayton, OH
Sept 12-15 Las Vegas BikeFest. – Las Vegas, NV
Oct 17-20 Biketoberfest – Daytona Beach, FL