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# June 2011 Newsletter

**BMW Motorcycle Club**  
Greater Cincinnati



## Dr. Super Cub

(or how I learned to stop worrying and love the Scooter)

By Chris Katzer

In a temporary state of insanity, I bought a 1966 Honda Super Cub. I had already drunk the Madass Kool-aid, so this wasn't really a stretch. It was running when I bought it, but after a few rides, it stopped running.

A few months and a few hundred dollars later, the scooter is now running pretty well.

Working on scooters is somewhat simplified by the fact that I weigh more than they do. Not that it's a contest, but it's easier to move the bike around.

The Honda uses a 6V system; the first sign of trouble was finding a lantern battery running the thing. The bike developed some kind of a short and melted the battery. The wiring was a bit jury rigged (imagine that!), so I wound up re-wiring most of the bike with speaker wire. Try doing that with your fancy multi bus wiring loom!

The tires were dry rotted, so I went online and bought two new tires and tubes for about \$40. The nice thing about these old Hondas is that you can virtually replace the entire bike piece by piece via Thailand. It'll cost you about \$1800, but you could do it.

The only thing I could get the 45-year-old carburetor to do was fumigate my house with gasoline, so I went online and bought a brand new carb for \$35. It'll offend some purists, but my house won't burn down when the water heater kicks on.

If you research Super Cubs online, you'll find that our own Western Hills Honda is listed as premiere source of vintage Honda parts. The parts counter guy explained that when Honda shops go out of business, they buy out the old OEM inventory. That was helpful when my chain balled up and tore holes in that nice chain guard. You appreciate a light bike when you have to push it home.

The Internet in general is a great source for getting these projects running again. I was able to buy 6V bulbs and gleaned some helpful hints about the particular electrical challenges. The Internet also claims that the moon landing was an elaborate hoax, so you need to be judicious when considering advice.

Am I glad I did it? Yeah, sort of. It's an unusual bike and I hope to use it for commuting to work.

Will I buy another old bike? Probably about the time those memories of consternation have faded. However, you haven't seen me riding around on an airhead for a number of years now.

Ride safe

## **1966 Honda Super Cub FAQs: What the heck is that?**

### **History:**

You are looking at the best selling motor vehicle on Earth – there have been over 60 million Super Cubs made since 1958. These scooters with the underbone frame design are still made today largely unchanged. These motorcycles continue to serve as basic transportation in many developing countries. In Japan, you can buy one with fuel injection. The motorcycle manufacturer, Sym, makes a Super Cub clone sold in the US market today.

### **How fast does it go?**

In the back of a pickup truck, it will go 75 mph. With a fat person like me on it, it will go 35 on flat ground. Downhill, with a tail wind, it will go 42. In a tornado, it may go faster.

### **What kind of gas mileage does it get?**

About 120 mpg on regular gas.

### **What is reliability / parts availability like?**

It's a Honda, so with proper maintenance, the life expectancy is quite long. This bike is almost 50 years old. Some have claimed to put 30,000 miles on one without changing the engine. It's easy to find parts, whether reproduction/OEM parts on eBay / scooter sites. It could be brought back to original glory part by part. Li-fan makes replacement engines in a variety of displacements, if you'd ever need one.

### **Where can I get one?**

First place to check is Craigslist. There were a lot of these back in the days. With gas prices going up, there's an incentive to get them rolling again.

### **More on Scooters?**

A regular scooter contingency frequents the Comet on the West side of town.



**Ride safe!**

Post Script: In a recent fit of madness, I bought a baby blue 2010 Fly Scout. It's a Chinese knock off of the Super Cub, but is reasonably modern and fast compared to my 1966 model.



A sign that an intervention may be needed.

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**A Snapshot Back in Time**

- Who is this rider?
- What was the last year she was a member?
- What event was this?
- What date was this photo taken?





## **GCBMWC 2011 Autumn Weekend Club Ride/Gathering**

After three consecutive years visiting the Ironhorse Motorcycle Lodge in Stecoah, NC, the members voted to try a location closer to home this year. We will be viewing autumn colors while exploring the back roads in the Hocking Hills Ohio area the weekend of October 21-23.

Located very near the Wayne National Forest, with hundreds of miles of curvy roads, great scenery all around, and a large variety of non-riding activities, this location should be fun. Since this year's event is about a month later than years past, with the possibility of some cool nights, we thought the best option would be to stay warm and dry. So, base camp for this year's gathering will be the Holiday Inn Express Hotel in Logan, Ohio (<http://www.hiexpress.com/hotels/us/en/logan/loah/hoteldetail>).

The HIE has set aside a block of twenty rooms for us, with a rate of approximately \$100 per night plus taxes. Reservations are now being accepted. Call 740-385-7700, the sooner the better. Be sure to mention that you're part of the Greater Cincinnati BMW Motorcycle Club group when making your reservation. If we need more rooms, the HIE should be able to accommodate our needs. The blocked rooms will be released to the public September 1<sup>st</sup>.

The HIE is located at 12916 Grey Street, Logan, Ohio, 43138. A full breakfast is included in the room rate. And, Millstone BBQ (<http://www.millstonebbq.com/>) is within walking distance from the hotel.

### [BMW MOA 2011 Rally News](#)

**2011 BMW MOA International Rally,**

**July 21 - 24, in Bloomsburg, PA.**

- Got questions? 2011 BMW MOA [Rally FAQ](#)
- Who will be the [GS Giant](#)?
- Register for the BMW MOA Rally [right here](#).



**2011 BMW Firecracker RA International Rally**  
**Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin**  
**June 30, 2011 – July 3, 2011**

[On Line Pre-registration! Click HERE!](#)

[Mail-in Pre-registration Form! Click HERE!](#)



## Hanging Rock Dual Sport Ride

By John Fischer

Merrill, Todd, and I started out on Friday May 20th for Lake Hope State Park. Lake Hope SP is one of the CCC developed parks. It's just a few miles east of McArthur, OH. The KTM/Yamaha sponsored national dual sport/adventure ride was to start there on Saturday morning. Merrill had tried to find motel accommodations for us but everything was booked around McArthur so we set out with all of our gear planning on tent camping.



As luck would have it Merrill received a call as we were eastbound on US-50 not far past Milford. It was Rick from a motel in downtown McArthur. It turned out he had two rooms available so Merrill took one and Todd and I took the other to split. ( You can always tell the tightwads). We were feeling pretty lucky about not having to deal with the tents. The only thing that seemed strange at the time is that Rick said to give him a call when we got there and he would come to check us in. We did check in and paid before looking at the rooms. Now I know better. I do believe that was the worst motel room I've ever stayed at in my considerable years. It was worse than the \$2.50/night room that I rented in Carnegie, OK in 1967. Before going into his room for the night Merrill wished us the old standard " Good night, sleep tight, and don't let the ..... ...." . I was really thinking I might wind up taking some of those critters home with me.

We got an early start the next morning (great to get out of that sagging bed) and headed to the starting point of the dual sport/adventure ride. Merrill was a wuss and signed up for the adventure ride. Todd and I were big boys and signed up for the dual sport. Was that ever a mistake! The trail sections of the dual sport ride were very slippery due to the previous weeks of excessive rain. I don't know who flopped first, Todd or me, but we both took our turns. I got stuck on one short uphill that took me about 10 minutes to make 50 feet - and that was with Todd's help. My KTM was boiling over occasionally and my head felt about the same. I think we rode less than ten miles of actual trail and then abandoned our plan to finish on the dual sport route. We found a road and managed to find our way to the lunch stop location (Ash Cave by Hocking Hills State Park). We had skipped most of the dual sport route and went the easiest way on the highways but Merrill was already there eating. Todd and I decided to follow Merrill and the group he had hooked up with on the adventure route. The ride back zig zagged through beautiful country back to the Zaleski ( sa less' key) volunteer fire department where a bike wash for \$10 was offered. Todd and I really needed it as the mud we had packed on earlier had a lot of time to dry. Supposedly the dual sport bike wash is the single largest fund raiser for that fire department and I was glad to participate. I probably saved about \$8.00 on my water bill by washing the KTM there. My thanks to Mr. Kaeppener and all who do the work of promoting these dual sport rides.

Although I was disappointed in not being able to complete the dual sport route, the weekend was a memorable one and I'm am glad to have gone. I was able to get one picture worth sharing. Yes, that is a GPS unit on Merrill's windshield and yes, he did follow the lady's advice (for a change?).



## Mini Rally Recap 2011

Jessie and I arrived safely at Mid-Ohio. Only a little rain.

Unfortunately it appears the KTM event is canceled. I guess rain is okay, but thunderstorms aren't. Oh well, another time.

The hotel has an indoor pool with a waterslide and there is a steak and seafood restaurant next door so all is well.

I hope everyone else made it home safe and dry. For the record it was indeed sunny and ~70 for at least a minutes at the rally.

Eric

Warm Shower!!!!!!!!!!!!!! When I get the camera out of my tank bag we have photo proof of the weather.

I put 690 mile on for the weekend. A good start to the season. Lite rain from Greenville to Hamilton

With 8 Cincinnati members we were the 4th largest club in attendance!

-Tom Raybuck

From John Fischer:

It was a great ride up, around and back from my first mini rally. More than adequate calories and alcohol. I've already drained the fluids from the BMW for it's 600 mile break in maintenance. The only problem was the weather forecast of "sunny and seventy". Official weather history shows: <http://www.almanac.com/weather/history/MI/Sturgis/2011-04-30> and you could be sure that something like that would not be wrong! Right?

Good ride Tom.





**JUNE 11 MEETING GCBMW CLUB**  
 ?? [landsfriedman@fuse.net](mailto:landsfriedman@fuse.net)

<b>Food:</b> Sliced ham Potato salad Cheese Bread and condiments	<b>Bring to eat:</b> Desert Salad Sides Snacks Soda / Soft drinks	<b>Bring for comfort:</b> Folding Chairs Swimsuit Tent and gear if staying over Fishing poles
<b>Drink:</b> Beer , water and wine AM on Sunday Coffee and sweet rolls	<b>Come:</b> Early on Saturday (help or just hang) Park on the gravel drive inside the gate	

**Plan:**  
 To be outside on the decks around the fire  
 Bugs, heat and general camping type of environment.  
 Swimming is in deep water min. 6' at the shore  
 Rough roads in the community (don't speed or fall down)

## **GCBMWC June Meeting**

(First time at this location)

The June Club meeting is being held Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> at Scot & Lisa Friedman's home at 733 Lakengren Road on Lake Lakengren near Eaton, Ohio. Scot was kind enough to provide the following;

Members will need to enter only through **the front gate on SR 732**. All other entrances are not accessible for non-residents. GPS will usually route you to one of the back gates if coming from the south and then send you on a wild goose chase.

Cell phone number for all who get confused or lost is 513-379-8590, or e-mail [landsfriedman@fuse.net](mailto:landsfriedman@fuse.net). Cell coverage can be spotty, however. It is Preble County you know, wild geese and all (see above).

Scot also said something about the security people at the front gate knowing which attendees to strip search and/or let in. Perhaps you'll get lucky!!

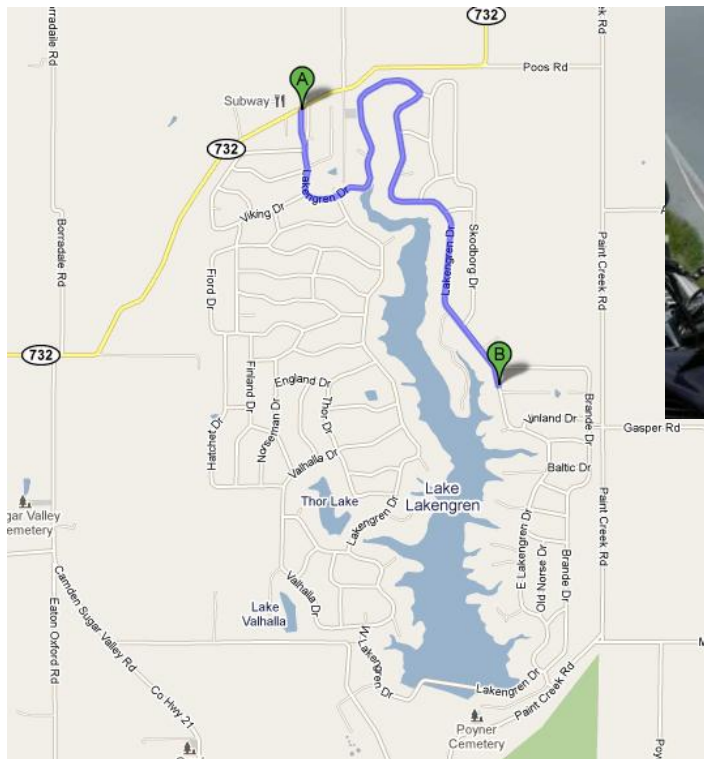
While looking for their house, from the road, about all you can see is a red two car garage and chain link fence. Scot will try to put a sign, bike or "something" at the end of the drive.

Lisa plans to serve sliced ham, potato salad, cheese, bread, condiments, etc. Perhaps members can provide appropriate sides dishes, salads, desserts, appetizers, etc.?

If the weather is nice, you are welcome to come early and enjoy the lake. By early, Scot means any time after 3:00. Or, if you want to mow grass or something like that, just call.

If it rains it will be a little cozy. If the weather cooperates, plan to be outdoors. For those with a long ride home, you are welcome to pitch a tent in the yard or by the campfire. Much better than a long, slightly sober ride home.

Questions???? Call Scot at the number listed above!!



**GCBMWC Dues**

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

Send your dues to:

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

**Your 2011 Officers**

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**Scot & Lisa Friedman** are hosting our June 11th meeting. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm and is located at:

733 Lakengren Dr,  
 Eaton, OH 45320 [Map](#)

**Meeting Schedule for 2011**



**Saturday Ride  
 June 23 9:00 am**

**Breakfast & Ride to  
 Belfontain, OH**

See a nice collection of 3 barns of bikes

- January..... Jim & Rosemary Osbun
- February 12th..... Tom & Joni Raybuck
- March 12th..... Mike Meister
- April 9th..... John & Barb Fischer
- May 14th..... Debbie & Allen Smith
- June 11th..... Scot & Lisa Friedman
- July 9th..... Joe & Chris Berry (BBQ Contest)
- August 13th..... Jesse & Eric
- September 10th..... George Nyktas & Mary Tholking
- October 8th..... Tom & Joni Raybuck
- November 12th..... **Open**
- December 3rd?.....Holiday Party

## Greater Cincinnati BMW Club Meeting Minutes - May 14, 2011

- Meeting called to order at 8:01 PM by President Tom Ritter - 20 members in attendance. Officers Mike LaBar and Tom Raybuck were absent.
- Minutes from the previous meeting were read by Tom Ritter and accepted
- There were no guests to introduce.

### - Treasurer's Report

Previous balance	\$1401.58
Income - 50/50	25.00
Expenses - RA Charter	-10.00
New balance	\$1416.58

We currently have 33 paid memberships plus 26 spouses for 59 total members.

### - Old Business

- May Breakfast at Pearl's – Jim Osbun was the only one there!
- Kim LaBar – She is doing pretty well. Her mother had the same surgery on 4/22.
  - A hat was passed at the April meeting. The book "cooking with Chemo" and a gift certificate for Dream Dinners were sent to Kim
- Mini Rally report – John Fischer said it was sunny and warm for a couple of hours on Saturday afternoon.
- Chicken Place run – For this June 25 event Larry has a club head count of 8, plus some of his or Gail's relatives. The restaurant is in Ireland, IN. Lodging for the evening will be at the Days Inn in Jasper, IN. Larry will check into getting a group rate. You can meet at Larry and Gail's or go directly to Ireland. It is not necessary that you ride your motorcycle for this event.
  - Fall Club ride – We'll be going to the Hocking Hills area of southern Ohio for our fall event. There was discussion comparing various lodging options including cabins and lodges, the KOA campground, and the Holiday Inn Express. The consensus was to look further into the Holiday Inn Express with the weekend of Oct. 21-23 as our first choice and Oct. 14-16 as our second choice. Tom Ritter will see if we can get a group rate at the hotel.

### - New Business

- Len at Autobahn Craftwerks has been in and out of the hospital. His business is struggling. He sold his parts inventory to Re-Psyche BMW Parts near Columbus. Another business has taken over the front two sections of Len's building.
- Motohio has a K1600GTL in their showroom, but no demo rides at this time.
- Tom Ritter told of his trip to Riverside BMW while in California on business. He went to see a presentation by Jim Hyde of RawHyde Adventures. Hyde will bring his school to us if we can guarantee him 15 students at \$1300 each!
- Jessie and Eric will be hosting our August meeting. The location has not been determined.
- The Raybucks have asked that they host the meeting in November instead of October, so now the calendar is open for October.
- Our July meeting will be a repeat of the Berry Brothers BBQ contest and eat-a-thon at the home of Joe & Chris Berry - There will be awards for the best smoked meat, the best side, and the best dessert, so bring your best and an appetite. A certified BBQ judge will be in attendance.
- Chris Berry told us about Smoke Chasing 2011, an AMA Grand Tour where you get points for going to BBQ joints in multiple states. Check the event's website at <http://www.smokechasing.com/> for details. Ride to Eat!!

Minutes—Cont.

- Tom Ritter told us about the book "The Invisible Gorilla" being promoted by the BMW MOA Foundation. When you buy the book before June 11 you can specify a charity to receive a portion of the cost of the book (hopefully the MOA Foundation).
  - Our June meeting will be on the 11th at the lake home of Scott & Lisa Friedman.
  - The Bridges, Bikes, and Blues event will take place June 18 in Preble County. For details go to [http://www.preblecountyregion.com/Bridges\\_Bikes\\_Blues.htm](http://www.preblecountyregion.com/Bridges_Bikes_Blues.htm).
  - Motorweek tested the K1600GTL recently.
  - Tom Ritter is still working on a location for our Christmas Party. If you know of a potential location, please contact Tom.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:57
- 50/50 won by Allan Smith



**Website of the Month**

[http://www.bmwmoa.org/news/racing\\_stories/bmw\\_moa\\_2010\\_rally\\_news](http://www.bmwmoa.org/news/racing_stories/bmw_moa_2010_rally_news)

**2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL GCBMWC BBQ CONTEST**

**July 9, 2011**

**BBQ Judging Categories:**

Whole Hog - Ribs - Pulled Pork - Poultry

If you've got a grill, you can smoke it!

So start practicing.

**Bonus Judging Categories:**

Appetizers - Side Dishes - Desserts

We'll Judge/Eat anything!!!

**Location:**

Chris & Joe Berry's  
1341 Forester Dr.  
Cincinnati, Oh 45240

**Time:**

Mid-Afternoon  
Details as we get closer

**RSVP**

[cberry47@yahoo.com](mailto:cberry47@yahoo.com)

by July 1, 2011

with number attending and categories entering

So start planning, practicing, honing those culinary skills

It's a fun hobby and at the end you eat,

Just like motorcycling

(If you do it right)

## June 2011

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## Rallies & Events

Tuesdays—Bike night at the Comet

Wednesdays-Bike night at Quaker Steak & Lube

May 28 - 31, 2011

+ **Cass Rally**  
Mountaineer BMW Riders #34

May 28 - 30, 2011

+ **Annual LaCrosse Ride**  
Chicago Region BMW #3

June 3 - 5, 2011

+ **Land of OZ Rally**  
KC BMW Motorcycle Club #46

June 3 - 5, 2011

+ **37th Square Route Rally**  
BMW Bikers of Metropolitan Washington #40

June 3 - 5, 2011

+ **35th Annual Hiawatha Rally**  
The BMW Motorcycle Owners Club of Minnesota #49

June 9 - 12, 2011

+ **35th Iowa Rally**  
Pure Stodge Touring Association #30

June 10 - 12, 2011

+ **19th Gathering of the Clans**  
Airheads Beemer Club #214

June 10 - 12, 2011

+ **31st Annual Rallye - BMW Club Quebec Inc.**  
BMW Club Quebec inc. #86

June 10 - 12, 2011

+ **Pemi River Rally**  
Yankee Beemers #153

June 11 - 12, 2011

+ **16th Vintage Motorcycle Show and Swap Meet**  
BMW Club of Battle Creek #14

**2011 Red Bull Indianapolis GP tickets are on sale now.**

The 2011 Red Bull Indianapolis GP is scheduled for Aug. 26-28 at IMS. To purchase tickets, visit [www.imstix.com](http://www.imstix.com) or call the IMS ticket office at (800) 822-INDY.

Race Day general admission tickets cost \$40, with Friday general admission \$10 and Saturday general admission \$20. A three-day general admission ticket is \$60. A Friday-Saturday general admission ticket is \$25. Race Day reserved seat prices start at

## July 2011

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Hello Everybody

This is James from BMW Louisville. I just wanted to let everybody know that we are going to have the BMW demo truck here June 17-18th with the K1600GT/GTL on it. Just wanted to let everybody know.

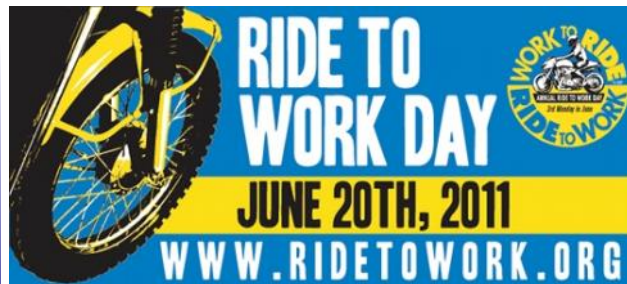
Looking forward to see everybody here.

James Davidson

[BMW Louisville](http://BMWLouisville.com)

## August 2011

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Who is this guy?  
Tia Robertson

Last year she was a member.  
2007 member

What event was this?  
Breakfast ride at Mamas Grill

What date was this photo taken?  
10/3/2004

### 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