



GREATER CINCINNATI BMW CLUB

November 2002 Newsletter

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November 3rd Brunch Ride

November's brunch ride will be held at **Pearl's Diner at 11:00 am**. For the next 4 months we will have brunch at 11:00 am rather than breakfast at 9:00. The December – February restaurants will be named at a future date. Perhaps the weather will shine. See you Sunday.

November 9th Meeting 7:00 pm

To be held at Curt Nichols house in West Chester

Off I75 take the Hamilton/129 exit. (I think is exit 24) Stay on 129 for about 4 miles and exit on to 747. At the exit light turn left (south) and go to the second light and turn right (west) on to Hamilton Mason road. Go about 1/4 mile and turn right on Crown Point. (Woods of Logston subdivision) Turn left off Crown point onto Peakview Ct. (second street) We are the first house on the left. (house # 4669)

Our phone number is 513.893.1694

Nominations for Club Officers are now being accepted at the November and December meetings

Flemingsburg – Gorge Ride

Eight of us started out a few Sundays ago from our favorite Waffle House in Kentucky Four of us stopped at Flemingsburg to head west off the beaten path and the other four continued on to Red River Gorge despite over cast skies ahead. Chuck, Allen, Jeff and I road the two laned 32 and 10 and some other fun and dry roads and saw sunlight, while Curt, John, Greg, and Steve rode the 4 laners and forged on to the gorge braving the threat of rain. Riding in a group of four is more to my liking anyway... So no... I don't see it as wimping out. Here's what John had to say about his ride:

It never really rained (at least not by my definition) but the roads were wet from a previous rain and it was generally

pretty misty. The sun tried to poke out from the clouds from time to time, but we never really saw it until we got back to Lexington (we blew back to Northern Kentucky/Ohio on the Parkway/Interstate). I got home at 5; Curt at 5:45. Not sure how many miles, but we got in a lot of riding!

Greg, Curt and I made it all the way to the park, where we took the chair lift up to the bridge. Greg had not been to Red River Gorge or the bridge and I think really enjoyed it. Steve headed north once we got to the Parkway.

Once we got below I-64, I would have to say the roads were spectacular. In my early days as a lawyer, I used to travel a lot in eastern Kentucky. I had not been down there in years (never on a bike) and frankly had forgotten how pretty it is. The wet pavement certainly kept us from attacking the curves, but in many cases I found the riding as good as down in North Carolina. Big words, I know. It is a shame you have to "waste" a couple of hours getting down there (not to mention back) because a lot of good riding could be found going off in numerous directions from the park. Maybe worth a weekend trip some time.



The Alley Shop was the place to be the morning of the hill climb races up at Origionia. Plenty of eye candy for the exoctic bike enthusiast. I'm told that this was their 13th year that they have had a gathering at he Alley Shop on Paddock Road.

CLUB 2002 MILEAGE CONTEST CLOSES--2003 BEGINS

By: Jerry Cummins

The club's 2002 Mileage Contest closes at midnight on October 31, 2002. Please e-mail your mileage readings and the model BMW you are riding to Jerry at: equimediac@aol.com. The readings will serve as the final reading for 2002 and as the initial reading for the 2003 contest. This year recognition will go to the high mileage rider and to the average mileage rider of the club. Everyone is encouraged to submit their mileage readings, so that we have an accurate picture of how active we all are on our motorcycles.

Passengers, please submit your readings, also.

If you entered into the MOA Mileage Contest, it ended at midnight on October 13, 2002. Many of you submitted your applications through me. I am taking the ending applications and will be sending them to the MOA. I have blank copies for everyone to fill out. Please contact me and I will meet you somewhere (any excuse for a ride) so that we can get them into the MOA before their deadline. It will look good for our club to have as many participants as possible.

When we choose to go for a ride on our favorite bikes, we expose ourselves to risks that many people are afraid to face. We find ourselves surrounded by cars and trucks...the drivers of these vehicles are tuned out to the rest of the world. They are inside of their insulated vehicles, listening to music, possibly even watching TV, on their cell phones, thinking about everything but driving.

As any police officer, firefighter, EMT or other emergency vehicle driver can attest to, many drivers are so insulated from the outside world in their cars or trucks that they cannot hear the sound of an approaching siren. Every time I drove my big fire truck, with numerous flashing lights and three sirens on it (plus airhorns), to an emergency, I faced drivers who would not move out of the way, and some who would actually cut me off. If they can't see a big red truck that has enough lights on it to decorate a Christmas tree, they certainly can't see a motorcycle coming down the road.

In addition to the dangers that cars and trucks pose to us, we have to deal with weather. The wind, which might not affect the driver of a low sports car, can throw us off course. We all know what rain and wet roads can do. Add antifreeze on the roadway, large potholes, pedestrians who dart out without looking, animals, wet leaves, rocks, gravel.... I an go on and on.

I have a lot of respect for anyone who takes up motorcycling. I think we should all take credit for every mile we ride. We have dared to go out and do something that a majority of people are afraid to do, yet many people envy us for doing it. I can't count how many people have approached me to talk about my bike and

how many of them wish they could do the same, yet they have dozens of excuses for not trying. I encourage everyone to send me your mileages. Every mile on a motorcycle is an accomplishment and you should be commended for having the courage to have ridden it.

And, I also encourage everyone to enroll in a MSF riding course, if you haven't done so in the past couple of years.

Greater Cincinnati BMW Club takes Largest Club Trophy

Five of us attended the Hoosier Beemer Rally and that was enough to take the Largest Club in Attendance Award. Seems kinda silly since a week prior we woulda – coulda – shoulda taken the same award at the Bluegrass Rally.



Motorcycle Safety Tidbits

De Bree in Da Road

If you were lucky enough to get out on your bikes in the past week, you surely soaked in the beautiful colors of the leaves painting the landscapes of your travels. Taking in too much of the scenery now after a few days of rain can get you in trouble. The leaves are falling onto our playing surface and we need to ease up on the corner speeds because of it. Soon it will be salt or sand or a combination. Yuck! I better get riding. But at a relaxed pace if dares da bree in da road.

Product Review

MotoLights

I recently purchased a pair of MotoLites to go on the RS. I had BMW Tri-State install them. Why? Cuz I'm no wrench and they come with a lifetime guarantee. Even bulbs I'm told. That sounded pretty good to me. I tested them out right away on rt 22 in KY, in the dark, on a twisty road that I had never been on. I was very glad to have them as they lit up the road in front and the sides of the road. I also like having three lights in a triangle in front so as to be seen by the "Left in front of you – I never saw you" situations.



BMW Tri-State Open House Yields Goodies for GCBMWC Members

Tom Collins won the top prize from the drawing, a pair of MotoLites. Mike LaBar won second prize, a Firstgear Meshtex jacket. Awesome jacket! Thanks BMW Tristate!

The Prez Sez...

Here we go again. I've been button-holed a couple of times recently by a member who is unhappy/concerned about how our group rides operate. The most important point made, at least to my way of thinking, and something we haven't discussed before, is the tendency for riders in a group to be afflicted by what I'll call the herd mentality. It most often rears its ugly head in passing situations or at busy intersections where the group needs to join heavier traffic. Riders either put themselves at unnecessary risk or adversely affect the flow of surrounding traffic just so they can stay close to the group. So pay attention to your surroundings. Make your moves through traffic with consideration for all vehicles. We don't get special consideration because we're out on a ride together.

On a recent outing a group did a fair amount of riding on interstate and other four-lane highways. Whenever the lead rider would pull into the left lane to pass slower vehicles, there was a tendency for the rest of the group to rush to follow, generally disregarding the existing flow of traffic in the left lane. First this is potentially dangerous if riders don't carefully judge their lane changes in relation to surrounding traffic. Second, if our actions cause people in the left lane to start hitting their brakes, they're not going to be very happy with us. And we don't need to tick off any more people, just ask Jerry.

Now I'll be the first to admit that I may be a part of this problem. When I was cutting my riding teeth in Chicago many years ago I learned that as soon as the last rider in the group became aware that the lead rider wanted to

shift lanes, the last rider would make the shift, thus allowing all the riders between to change lanes as a group.

I still think this can work, IF

1) the group is fairly closely spaced, 2) everyone in the group is familiar and comfortable with this practice, and 3) other traffic in the new lane is not approaching too quickly.

If one of the reasons people tend to act this way is because they think they will lose the rest of the group, it's a good segue to the other concern, and one that we regularly need to be reminded of.

Keep track of the rider behind you!!!!

I don't like to shout, but this ain't brain surgery. Whenever the group turns, everyone in the group must pay attention to the rider behind them. If you can't see the rider behind you, find a safe place to wait until you're sure that they see you and which way you're headed. Most of the time this works just fine. But every once in a while someone forgets, or perhaps they decide that they don't want to be bothered by any silly group ride etiquette. But since it is a group ride, no one gets to ride exactly the way they would like. So if you're one of the one percent that doesn't want to be bothered showing consideration for your fellow riders, don't go on group rides! If, on the other hand, you tend to forget what's going on behind you, please make an extra effort to look out for your fellow rider.

Now as part of my cool down, I'll ask everyone to tuck this in a corner of your mind for continued winter reflection. Thanks.

Bob

GCBMW Meeting Minutes 10-12-2002

Called to order at 7:55 pm at the de Jongh's, with 20+ in attendance. A favorite topic was everyone's ride home in the rain from the Bluegrass Rally

Mike LaBar read the minutes.

Treasurer's report:

September balance \$1399.60

October balance \$1414.60

Business

- The November 9th meeting will be held at Curt Nichol's house in West Chester.
- Mike LaBar reported that Hueston woods is holding 12 rooms for our January meeting and that there were no banquet rooms available on Jan 11th. (since been cancelled)
- It was decided that we would explore meeting in January at one of the gambling boats for an overnighter. Travis Brown volunteered to make calls.
- It was decided that our December meeting will be held at the School House Restaurant on December 7th. Dinner at 5:00 and meeting afterwards upstairs.
- Mike Crum advised that next year's poker run will be on April 26th 2003

- Mike LaBar announced the our club won the most present at the Hoosier Beemer Rally – with 5 of us attending.
- Henry Pierce spoke to the Charleston Convention Bureau and relayed that when you make your reservation, make sure there is shuttle service.
- The next MOA National will be held in Charleston, WV on July 10 – 13 and the MOA wants us back as volunteers for the registration booth.
- Lynn Cummin spoke about the MOA and club mileage contests. Our club mileage contest ends October 31st. The MOA contest forms must be postmarked by November 15th.
- Henry has a new source for nametags.

Nominations:

Deanna Smith nominated Mary Pierce for Treasurer
 Mike Crum nominated Jerry Cummins for Treasurer
 Henry Pierce nominated Mike LaBar for Secretary
 Tom Raybuck nominated himself for Secretary
 Henry Pierce nominated Tom Collins for VP
 Bob Ulrich nominated Greg Cullers for VP
 Mike LaBar nominated Bill Berry for VP
 Henry Pierce nominated Bob Ulrich for President
 Henry Pierce nominated Mike Crum for President – declined
 Mike LaBar nominated Tom Raybuck for President - declined

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm
 50/50 won by Mary Pierce

GCBMWC Market Place

If you have something to sell and want it to appear here, or sold something on this page, [email the webmaster](#)

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](#)

Club Calendar of Events

November 3rd – Brunch ride at Pearl's – 11:00 am

November 9th Club Meeting at Curt Nichols

December 1st Brunch Ride – 11:00 am TBD

December 7th – 5:00 Dinner at the School House Restaurant Meeting at 6:30 upstairs

BMW Rallies

NC October 25-27, 2002
 16th Halloween Rally
 Zooland Campground – Ashboro, NC

LA November 8-10, 2002
 3rd Cajun Guzzi/Beemer Rally

FL November 15-17, 2002
 11th "Sun Your Buns" Rally

FL January 17-19, 2003
 20th Winter Rally