



BEEMER ZEITUNG

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

When I was tourmeister, back in the day, the last thing I wanted to be involved with was all the "hi-tech" paraphernalia available to motorcyclists, especially while riding...things like i-pods, mp3 players, headsets with PTT, then, gps, with blue tooth, nicely connected to cell phones. Many of my friends jumped on most, if not all, of that stuff and I retaliated by being irritated every time I was forced to wait on riders who had to get "hooked up" with all their accoutrement. Finally I broke down and acquired a cheap intercom system, so Louise could sing to me while we were riding cross country on lonely roads like the Extraterrestrial Highway through Area 51 in Nevada.

It was on just such a day that we were peacefully traversing Nevada on That Highway when something hit me in the chest and just about knocked me off Sirius Black, our R1150RT. I quickly slowed to a halt and checked my jacket for a bullet penetration...nothing. Louise got off and checked the tires...all okay. We launched back onto the highway and soon pulled into the parking lot of Li'l Ale Inn where Geoff Adams waited on us and informed us that two F-16's had buzzed us at super-sonic speed and blasted us with a sonic boom. I had been in such Nirvana, listening to Louise, that I never saw them coming or going. Talk about distracted. The lady who owned the ranch where the Li'l Ale Inn resided (and also ran the Inn complete with mock-ups of Alien beings) allowed as how the fighter guys loved to catch motorcyclists on that lonely stretch of highway and hit them with a low super-sonic pass. Such speeds are not typically allowed the military at such low alti-

tudes most places in the US.

We now have a new Tourmeister and he is very much into "hi-tech" as are his close associates. I'm still pretty much an advocate of "lo-tech" but I'll have to admit that in most cases, properly utilized, gps and bike-to-bike radios can be of immeasurable benefit. Over the past several years, I had already slowly succumbed to the value of gps and have, fallen prey to relentlessly monitoring and following "Its" directions, in spite of road/traffic conditions and even ignoring information provided by road signs (in English). However, this bike-to-bike radio stuff just seemed like a way to encourage useless and distracting conversation.

All that said, I've had the opportunity to ride "in the pack" on several of Vince's events since he took office and have to admit that the bike-to-bike communication system between the members of his team could have saved me a lot of time waiting at intersections and backtracking to find errant or "broken-down" riders. On our TGIS ride at the end of March, communications among the leaders, mid-pack and tail gunners even enabled smooth transitions, as in u-turns, when our leadership momentarily had a blank screen moment.

Okay, I guess the likes of people like me are possibly somewhat dinosaurial up beside our younger counterparts. But, I am greatly relieved knowing that with Vince's group, there's a better chance that No One Will Be Left Behind.



Special points of interest:

- *President's Report*
- *School Disaster*
- *Motorcycles & Health*
- *Amusements*
- *And more...*

Membership Meeting

Tuesday
April 12
7:30 PM

Spring Creek BBQ
1509 Airport Freeway
Bedford, TX
817-545-0184

At Forest Ridge & Airport Freeway (Hwy 121)

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CATEGORY 1 PHOTOGRAPH FOR APRIL



RILEY IS READY - BY PAUL LANGE



THE 1937 NEW LONDON SCHOOL DISASTER MUSEUM

Oh! My God! It's our children

Another literary offering by STEPHEN SLISZ

That painful cry echoed throughout the East Texas oil community of New London on a Thursday afternoon in the spring of 1937. A natural gas leak, spreading through the crawl-space of the London High School ignited and caused an explosion, destroying the school and killing almost half of the students and teachers in attendance. The disaster was the deadliest school catastrophe in US history and the third deadliest disaster in Texas history following the 1900 Galveston hurricane and the Texas City explosion and oil fire of 1947.

More recently, the February 2011 ice and snow storms seemed to paralyze much of the DFW Metroplex. Area increases in energy consumption and the resulting spikes in usage caused many local communities to suffer rolling blackouts and dwindling natural gas pressure and supplies, leading to snuffed out furnaces, stoves and pilot lights all across north Texas. Energy company spokes-persons and local news anchors seized the opportunity to warn of the dangers of downed power lines and leaking natural gas lines as well as leaks from aging furnaces and appliances, and followed with reminders to call 911 should we smell leaking gas.

One news report centered on the fact that raw natural gas is mostly odorless and colorless, and that the rotten cabbages smell of the gas today is a direct result of the 1937 London school gas leak and explosion. Odorization of raw natural gas would probably have happened eventually, but within weeks of the explosion, the disaster spurred Texas lawmakers into passing legislation requiring odorized natural gas.

Weather reports within those news segments promised better weather ahead and with it, cures for two weeks worth of Cabin Fever. Gambling on the weather

forecast is risky I know, but hoping the forecast of better weather meant motorcycling weather, I cashed in a few vacation chips and spent them on a rare-for-me weekday ride. Mental notes from the aforementioned news report and a quick search of the Net laid out a plan and route for a day-trip down to New London and a visit to the School Explosion Museum.

Ride partner for the trip, Jim Cassidy, met me just after rush hour at the Circle Grill just off Loop 12 in far East Dallas. A long time fixture in the area, the 60's style Circle Grill is the type of eatery where the waitresses have been there thirty years, patrons are known by name, and some of the customers even have their name tag stuck to the bar in front of their favorite lunch counter stool. Big on good comfort food, you'd think an AARP card would be required just to walk in the front door.

After a light "Senior's" breakfast, Jim and I hit Hwy 80, fueled up in Forney, and headed to East Texas down Edom way. South on 314/315 we rode through the broken shadows of the East Texas Piney Woods, looped around Palestine, and fortunately encountered only one slow car the whole morning. Wishing to avoid the crunch of downtown Tyler, we rode around it, through Jacksonville, and stopping once for gas and two potty stops, we hit New London from the backside of town.

Arriving late in the lunch hour we decide to eat first and check the museum afterward. Good decision. The museum exhibits are sobering and some photo displays are rather gruesome. Not gory by any means, just a little graphic for

some I'd bet. Some sensitive folks may



have trouble enjoying a meal after taking in the museum. That said, the museum has a gift shop, old fashioned soda fountain and a nice little tea room serving lunch specials, sandwiches, and even hand-made shakes from the fountain. With our late arrival Jim and I missed the Chicken 'n Dumplings special. A Retired Teachers luncheon filling a back room, beat us to the punch. Still we got away with a grilled sandwich, potato soup, and a drink for well under \$10... my club sandwich being nice enough that I really didn't miss the dumplings.



After lunch we paid the museum's \$3 admission donation and met Monday's tour guide - John Davidson. Per our request,

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MUSEUM(Continued from page 3)

John gave us an abbreviated tour of the museum, highlighting the more interesting exhibits.



Jim questioned John about the unusually large number of stu-



dents attending such a rural area school. John explained that poverty stricken families flocked to the area's rich oil fields during Depression Era hard times and were thrilled to send their children to one of the nation's wealthiest schools, the district itself having been valued near 20 million dollars. Revenue from a dozen wells on school district property gave rise to New London's million dollar high school. School facilities boasted an auditorium with a balcony, a lighted football field, and a 2-story high school with a fully equipped chemistry lab and industrial trades workshop. It was equipment from the trades shop the proved the schools undoing.

Common to the oil trade of the times, natural gas was a waste product of extracting crude oil, and was burned off in oil company flares. Also a common practice of the times, plumbers often tapped into these waste gas lines to provide free heat to the area's homes and

businesses. Since there was no deemed value to the waste gas, oil companies often ignored the dangerous practice. On March 18, 1937, a natural gas leak swept through

the lower crawlspace under the London school. At approximately 3pm an industrial trades teacher switched on an electric sander and ignited the raw natural gas. The gas explosion lifted the school building into the air and it collapsed into itself, burying students and teachers in a rubble of brick, steel and concrete. Of the estimated 600 students, teachers, employees, and visitors in the school, 295 were killed in the explosion.

An official inquiry into the disaster, decided that since tapping of raw natural gas lines was such a common practice, no fault was found with the school district using raw gas in the school buildings. The public outcry over the disaster however hastened the State's

lawmakers to pass legislation requiring the addition of odorizer Mercaptans to Texas' commercial use natural gas. Within five years nationwide grief over the tragedy forced regulations requiring the odorization of commercial use natural gas for the entire country.

By the end of 1939 a new school was built on the same property as the destroyed building and a monument erected in front of the school to commemorate the 1937 catastrophe.



In 1980, survivor Mollie Ward started a movement to open a museum dedicated to the school explosion when younger generations started asking what she remembered about the tragedy. Mollie realized the history was being forgotten and she started collecting...

If you go:

New London is about 150 miles from DFW.

Jim Cassidy and I took a 325 mile scenic route, so your mileage may vary.

The New London School Explosion Museum

www.newlondonschool.org

620 State hwy 42



New London Texas (Southeast of Tyler in Rusk County)

Hours
Mon – Fri 9am to 4pm

Sat (Mar – Aug)
10am to 3pm

Soda Fountain
opens same hours

Tea Room 11am to 2pm

CATEGORY II PHOTOGRAPH FOR MARCH



BREAKFAST IN LAJITAS by Marc Dabal

MOTORCYCLES & OUR HEALTH

**By Paul
Lange**

May I offer a couple of quotes to ponder ?

“You will seldom see a motorcycle in front of a psychologist office,” and “Some weekends, I’d rather be on my motorcycle worshipping and thinking about God rather than be in church thinking about my motorcycle”.

Years ago Dr Caroline Sunderland and Dr



Chris Bussell from Nottingham Trent University’s exercise physiology department, racers Tommy Hill and Chris Walker for fitness advice, Dr Glenn Wilson from the University of London and No Limits track days applied medical technologies to monitor heart rate and standard physical calculations derived that 90 minutes of mundane easy motorcycle riding burn off One Big Mac (492 calories), and 35 minutes burns off One Pint of Lager (165 calories)! But don’t think this is stating that motorcycle riding is the complete physical fitness panacea for all things just yet. Their findings reveal solid facts pointing out how many calories we could be burning. Aggressive riding uses more physical energy and re-

quires a faster pace of decision process... thus we could be burning more calories during an aggressive and less on a relaxed gentlemen’s cruise.

This team of Doctors also logged and compiled physiological benchmarks while a test rider wore his “motorcycle gear” riding an exercise bike as he cycled through computer controlled rates while his breath was collected and analyzed to see how much oxygen he was using. The scientist then calculated his energy consumption at different heart rates during the exercise. From there it was a simple matter of applying this data to the heart rate information during

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his motorcycle trip to calculate the energy he consumed out on the road.

Their data revealed surprising physical information and results. Even during stage one when the rider was putting no effort into his riding at all, he was expending the same energy as he would on a brisk walk. Data was collected while he was riding a Honda Hornet so he was having to hang on a little more than he would have on a fully faired bike. The first section was through a 30mph suburb. Dr. Caroline writes that “just holding your body in the posture you require for riding takes energy and you have to remember that lying down... your using up 8kj/min (a third of the energy the rider was using). Also anytime you’re making decisions, your brain is working hard, using up sugar (energy). The more decisions, the faster you’ll use energy.”



So although you may think you’re not doing much on a gentle ride, you are. You’re giving your heart as good a work-out as you’d get from a brisk walk. Suddenly the fact that a day’s riding can leave you knackered isn’t surprising – It’s not just the concentration, it’s the exertion of, effectively, walking all day. Steady riding expends the same energy as walking because of the physical effort needed to maintain your riding position and mental effort of avoiding obstacles and dangerous situations.

Meditation- “Many motorcyclists will have experienced the sensation of complete concentration on a fast road ride-where all their mental faculties are engaged in processing information coming in from all their senses and are flawlessly controlling all the motor skills necessary to ride the bike without mishap, feeding all necessary in-

puts to hands, feet, arms, legs and torso. It is nearly impossible to think of anything else”.

When Dr. Wilson heard this, he spotted a link. “The result sounds identical to meditation, where you concentrate on one thing in order to block out everyday stresses. The benefits are well known – there have been many studies to prove meditation lowers blood pressure and acts as an antidepressant. My guess is that this kind of riding would have the same effect. A couple of times a week should see benefits.”

Stress Relief – “Whereas getting into a car is usually a precursor to increased stress, getting on a bike is more likely to have the opposite effect.

You are physically and mentally escaping from tense day-to-day life say the psychologists.”

Endorphins – “These are the brains smiley drugs. Scientist are still arguing over exactly how and why they are released but it’s probably safe to say that if you’re riding through beautiful countryside, having just carved through a series of gorgeous bends and have a feeling of content well-being, you’ve just been endorphined.”

Adrenaline – “This is a fight or flight hormone triggered by the type of stress often experienced when riding like a twerp (unless on track, when that’s expected), it boosts oxygen and glucose to the brain and muscles, sends your heart racing and makes you feel alive.”

In conclusion the facts are that a two hour ride is proven to be as physically taxing as a two hour walk means your hobby is legitimately part of a healthy lifestyle. The fact that it staves off depression makes it a healthy exercise for modern living. So maybe we have new validation sorted out here: get fit, be happy, ride more. Maybe that short evening ride after work to “clear our minds” could be doing us more good than we ever imagined.

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Remember . . .

1. Indecision is the key to flexibility
2. Traction is your friend
3. Testosterone and bravery receive too much emphasis in the motorcycle world
4. Ride your own ride
5. Stay hydrated – drink fluids even when you are not thirsty
6. Dress well and know your environment
7. Know your machine and pay attention, listen and feel to what it’s telling you
8. Check your tires often
9. Check your packing and your straps often
10. Roll on ..Roll off – if you are breaking in mid corners often. . .slow it down
11. Staggered formation with two seconds between, respect one another’s ride
12. Clear your visor and your head often – stay focused
13. Perception – time – distance. Scan your environment all the time
14. Search, Evaluate, Execute – SEE the risk and adjust accordingly ahead of time
15. Riding safely is a skill and a mind set – exercise both

Life is better when the wheels are turning.

This photo was taken in July 2004 at Rock Point on the Pacific Coast Highway, just north of Notleys Landing, looking south down the PCH. In the distance is one of the infamous arched bridges on the northern section of PCH south of Carmel. They all have names, just don't remember it. Photographer is a good friend that lives in SoCal. Of all the times I've up and down the PCH, this is the best pic that actually has me in it alone.

There are 12 or so of us that ride around the US/Canada every season. We live all over the US, one in Toronto. We have all worked together/against, or in the same industry over the years. Each season, we start riding in late April and finish up in early November. During the season, we have one 10 day trip planned that most all show up for. The rest of the year, people come and go during the various legs we ride.

In 2010, I left Colleyville in May, rode to all four corners of the US, spent 10 days touring all the Canadian Maritimes, (which included Cape Spear, the eastern most point of North America) and returned via Key West in early November – 10,420 miles. 8 of the guys showed up for the 10 days in the Maritimes and between 2 and 4 rode the other various legs of the journey. Only two of us did the whole season together. We even have a stone with our names on it at the Madawaska, ME corner monument!

2011 – main trip is 7 days in the Canadian



Meet JOE GREENHAW

Rockies starting in Provo, UT and ending in Seattle, WA. A smaller group of us will break off at Jasper, Alberta and go to the Northwest Territories and Yukon, coming back down through Hyder, AK so a few of them can mark AK off their bucket list and on down to Seattle, WA. For me, this trip will mark off my bucket list all of Canada but Nunavut Territory, which I can't get to on my ST1300. From Seattle a smaller group of east coast riders and I will ride down the PCH to SoCal so they can mark off Blaine, WA, the PCH, and San Ysidro, CA. That will leave them with just Key West for their fourth corner. We will all

end up in Ashville, NC in late October for a fall foliage ride and for me, back to Colleyville in November to end the season.

This is what a life time of memories are made of!

I know it pains my BMW friends (9 of the 12 bikes are BMW) that I ride an ST, but I've owned three since early 90's and they are just bullet proof long distance machines.

Love my R90S for day trips!

Joe



BMWDFW CLUB PICNIC
SATURDAY, MAY 21

Show up around 12 noon at Sharon Seelig's Ranch, 654 CR 514, Bluff Dale, TX, NE of Stephenville, TX. Tourmeister will lead a ride to the picnic after breakfast at LePeep. RSVP by May 19th is advised to Ralph Schwartz, texas254@tx.rr.com or 972.821.6484. Detailed directions and event specifics will be available at bmwdfw.org. The rain date for the picnic will be May 28th, if needed.



THE 2011 INDIVIDUAL CHALLENGE RIDE

Do you like the GS or the GT? Maybe you're the RR type. And color... You have to have the right color. Is your choice Alpine White, Red, Blue or Yellow? One thing we can agree on: Choice is great! So Choice is what you're getting in this year's Individual Challenge Ride.



Pick a theme, for instance. Maybe this ride you want to visit a few of the more notable Texas cafes. Or how about riding a Forts tour? There's always the State Parks to ride. Or visit some new roads in Arkansas, Colorado or Louisiana. Of course you can always visit Paris or Miami.

Then there are the times you want to stretch your legs a bit. You can choose Colorado or Arkansas to break in those new tires. There's always a marathon ride to Marathon, Alpine, Big Bend and or Fort Davis. Come on, you know Texas is a pretty big state. Ride across Texas and you've ridden one-third of a coast-to-coast ride.

This year's Individual Challenge Ride is all about Choice. There are over 400 destinations and bonus locations on this year's ICR. And more than 70% of those are within a couple of days riding! You can really rack up some points by riding weekends.



This year we are changing the recognition levels. That's right; you can choose your strategy to fit your objective. We are going to have an overall total point's winner, along with second and third place. We are adding an Efficiency Award, too. That's determined by dividing the total points by the total number of locations visited. The highest point total wins.

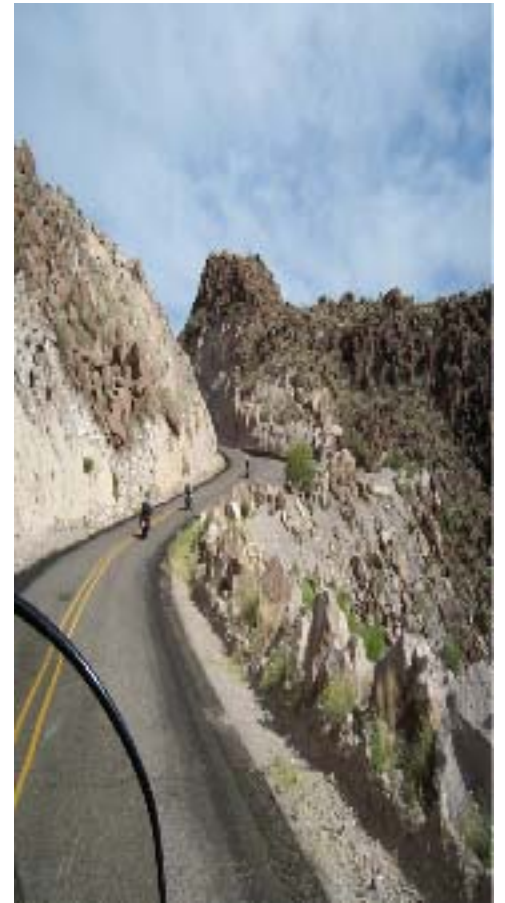
And we just might be looking at the photo's to find that really unique and creative photo that captures the ICR feeling.



This is not a hard contest to track either, with difficult-to- manage paperwork, documentation and what not. We want you to ride, not work! The ICR Destination worksheet is easy to use. If you've got it on a computer, just place a "1" in the Places Ridden column after you've visited a spot and taken a picture. The worksheet will keep track of your points. If you don't want to have the Desti-

nation worksheet on a computer, just put a "1" in the column and turn in the worksheet copy along with your pictures. We'll compute your worksheet score for you when you turn in your documentation.

So grab that camera, jump on that bike and get out there and ride! Visit a few places on the list and get some pictures of those places that you visit. The contest runs from February 9th to October 1st with the documentation due by October 15th. All the Contest rules and the Destination worksheet are on the Club website at <http://bmwdfw.org/> under the Contest tab.



FOR OUR AMUSEMENT



RIDIN' BITCH



Mark Harmon - Cranfill's Gap by noon



The World's most interesting man.

Ron Bleau
Wins award for his R60 @
NTNOA - LOP



OFF - ROAD IN BIG BEND
(Clockwise - Top to bottom)
Don, Taylor, Steve Berwyn, Don, Taylor & Dave

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2011 BMWDFW *Calendar of Events*



Apr 07/10; Thu/Sun; TEXAS ADVENTURE RIDE, Junction, TX The dual sport community knows that the dual sport riding in the Texas hill country is both better and more abundant than the paved road only riding. TAR is the annual dual sport adventure rally in the Texas hill country. www.texasadventure.net for more information.

Apr 08/10, Fri/Sun; TEXAS NATIONAL BMW RALLY - BMWDFW will have a presence at this rally. Hosted at Robinson Park, Llano, TX, by the San Antonio BMW Riders. A NO FRILLS RALLY with no entry fee but a \$10 per night camping fee. RV camping info at <http://www.llrgc.com/>. Hotel info at <http://www.llanotx.com/tourism.htm>. For more info check out the rally link at www.sabmwra.org site.

Apr 08/10, Fri/Sun; 19TH DOGWOOD TRAIL RALLY, BMW Riders of Mississippi. Turkey Creek Water Park near Decatur, MS. www.bmwridersofmississippi.org and

Apr 22/23, Fri/Sat; BLITZ TO BRANSON SIXTEEN. Rally for the Internet BMW Riders. The official location will be The Honeysuckle Inn and Conference Center, 3598 Shepherd of the Hills Expressway; at the corner of Shepherd of the Hills Expressway and Highway 76 (the main highway thru Branson). MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATIONS at: 1-888-386-3648 and tell them you're with the Internet BMW Riders. If you plan to come please

let Voni know so she can add you to our officially registered updated almost daily list. Go to <http://www.ibmwr.org/events/2011/blitz2branson.shtml> for all the information.

Apr 24, Sunday EASTER SUNDAY

Apr 29/May 01, Fri/Sun; GEORGIA MOUNTAIN RALLY, 21th annual, NEW LOCATION; Lake Chatuge at GA Mountain Fairgrounds Music Park, Hwy 76, near the Ramada Inn (1311 Music Hall Road, Hiawassee, GA 30546).

May 13/15, Fri/Sun; BMOA NEW ULM RALLY, 27th Annual, New Ulm, TX www.bmoaonline.com

May 13/15, Fri/Sun; NATURE STATE RALLY. A no-frills rally, located at the Corps of Engineers Sequoia Park, Ormond Lock and Dam #9 on the Arkansas River, south of Morrilton, AR with easy access from I-40. Take AR 9 south over the river bridge. Park entrance is 5 miles south of intersection US64 & AR9. Look for BMW roundel and signs. Complimentary coffee, donuts, and hot dogs. No rally registration but low fees to cover camping. Rally patches and tees available. Facilities and showers on site. Restaurants and motels nearby. For additional information contact Rod at rod.kilduff@conwaycorp.net or 501/329-8859.

May 21, Saturday; BMWDFW CLUB PICNIC, 12 noon, Sharon Seelig's Ranch, 654 CR 514, Bluff Dale, TX, NE of Stephenville, TX. Tourmeister will lead a ride to the picnic after breakfast at LePeep. RSVP by May 19th is advised to Ralph Schwartz, texas254@tx.rr.com or 972.821.6484. Detailed directions and event specifics will be available at bmwdfw.org. The rain date for the picnic will be May 28th.

May 26/29, Thu/Sun; THE GREAT CHICKEN RALLY (ROCKET CITY RALLY), 22nd Annual, Ditto Landing, Huntsville, AL. <http://>

www.bmwmoal.org/rally.html for all the details.

Jun 20, Wednesday; ANNUAL RIDE TO WORK DAY. www.ridetowork.org.

Jun 24/26, Fri/Sun; MISSOURI STATE BMW RALLY, 39th Annual, Springfield BMW Road Riders. Crane City Park in Crane, MO, 30 miles SW of Springfield on ST. HWY 413/265. New new dual sport ride on Friday afternoon. http://www.motomo.org/MO_State_BMW_Rally.html for registration and information.

Jun 30/Jul 03, Thu/Sun; 2011 BMW FIRECRACKER NATIONAL CHIPPEWA FALLS, Riding through the scenic beauty of Chippewa Falls in Wisconsin. www.bmwra.org

Jul 22/24, Fri/Sun; AMA VINTAGE MOTORCYCLE DAYS, Lexington, Ohio Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, Lexington, Ohio <http://www.americanmotorcyclist.com/news.asp>

Jul 21/24, Thur/Sun; 2011 BMW MOA INTERNATIONAL RALLY, BLOOMSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA. Bloomsburg Fairgrounds. GPS Coordinates: Fort McClure Blvd. and US Route 11 Bloomsburg, Pa. 17815 41.003698, -76.454946. Directions: <http://www.bloomsburgfair.com/> Your 2011 Rally Chair - Mark Austin, Your 2011 Rally Co-Chairs - Michael "Roc" Shannon & Denise Fletcher, Contact: rally-chair2011@bmwmoa.org. Plan your trip: <http://www.itourcolumbiamontour.com> & <http://www.visitpa.com/pa-maps/index.aspx>

Jul 28/31, Thu/Sun; TOP O THE ROCKIES RALLY, 38th annual, Paonia, Colorado. <http://www.coloradobeemers.org/content/view/2/25/>

Aug 04/07, Thu/Sun; STANLEY STOMP RALLY, 37th annual, Grandjean, Idaho. www.idahobmwriders.com

Aug 04/07, Thu/Sun; ROCKY MOUNTAIN ADVENTURE RALLY, Sipapu Ski and Summer Resort, New Mexico about 25 miles from Taos. Go to <http://www.advrider.com/forums/showthread.php?t=607314> to register and get all the details.

Aug 06, Saturday; 100,000 FOOT COLORADO PASS RIDE, 12th annual, 500 miles over 10 mountain passes higher than 10,000 feet. Register online at <http://www.coloradobeemers.org/content/view/28/37/>.

Sep 3/5, Sat/Mon (Labor Day Weekend); BEYOND EPIC, Clarksville, Arkansas. Whether you want to ride paved, non-paved, or both, the Beyond Epic rally is the place to be on Labor Day weekend.

Sep 9, Fri; LAST DAY TO RESERVE ROOMS at Edelweiss Inn for the Annual Fall Color Tour – see October 28/30 below.

Sep 17, Sat; LONE STAR BMW RIDERS ANNUAL R-T-E (RIDE TO EAT) HAMBURGER COOKOUT. Noon to 2pm at Chickasaw National Recreation area. RSVP is requested. For the RSVP, ride and location details, see <http://www.bogriffinrides.com/html/bmwcookout2010.htm>.

Sep 30, Oct 01/02, Fri/Sun; BMWDFW FAREWELL TO SUMMER RIDE. *Please note date change from last month's event listing.* Let's celebrate the

mitigation of summer's heat. Details are still being worked out, but get this date on your calendar.

Sep 30, Oct 01/02, Fri/Sun; NTNOA LAKE O THE PINES RALLY, 27th annual, near Jefferson, TX. <http://www.ntnoa.org/11loprallye.htm>

Oct 1, Sat; Ending Date of the Contests for: **Discovery Individual Challenge Ride** (documentation due in to Vince Breckner by Oct 15th <mailto:vbreck1@gmail.com>)

BMWDFW Individual Annual Mileage Contest

All Contest forms are available at <http://bmwdfw.org/> under the Contest tab

Oct 15, Sat; ENDING DATE FOR CONTEST SUBMISSIONS for:

• Discovery Individual Challenge Ride - documentation due in to Vince Breckner <mailto:vbreck1@gmail.com>

• Photo of the Year - Submit last photos to Don Mills at mailto:don_mills@sbcglobal.net

• Article of the Year - Submit articles to the newsletter editor, Don Mills at mailto:don_mills@sbcglobal.net

• BMWDFW Individual Annual Mileage Contest - submit BMWDFW Individual Annual Mileage Contest Forms to Dennis Bufton. Mail completed form to BMWDFW, PO Box 132, Bedford, TX,

76095-0132

All Contest forms are available at <http://bmwdfw.org/> under the Contest tab

Oct 21/23, Fri/Sun; HARVEST CLASSIC 2011 EUROPEAN AND VINTAGE MOTORCYCLE RALLY, Luckenbach, TX www.harvestclassic.org. Registration for the 2011 rally is now open at <https://s08.123signup.com/servlet/SignUp?PG=1522221182300&P=15222211911422563600>

Oct 28/30, Fri/Sun; BMWDFW 2011 ANNUAL FALL COLOR TOUR, Eureka Springs, AR. Make your reservations at the Edelweiss Inn at 2066 E Van Buren in Eureka Springs, 800 870 2529. Tell Cindy or Bryan that you're with the BMWDFW Club. Rooms are two Queen beds at a rate of \$59. Saturday we'll be having dinner at the Café A'more right across the parking lot. Be sure to drop Stephen Slisz a note (yeha_stephen@yahoo.com) if you're planning on joining us at dinner Saturday. All the details are at the club website at <http://bmwdfw.org/>.

Nov 06, Sunday * Daylight Saving Time Ends *****

Nov 30, Tue, Last Day for RSVP for the BMWDFW Annual Awards Banquet to Dennis Bufton at <mailto:buftond@tx.rr.com> or 817-988-8950 with a "Yes I am" with number of guests or "No I am not" coming.



BMWDFW Club (BMW Club of Dallas – Fort Worth), www.bmwdfw.org, Members forum at bmwdfw@yahoo.com.

RECURRING CLUB EVENTS

MONTHLY CLUB MEETING, 7:30 PM, 2nd Tuesday, except December. Spring Creek BBQ, 1509 Airport Freeway, Bedford, TX. On the westbound access road of Airport Freeway at the corner of Forest Ridge Drive in Bedford. Dinner and social begins 6 PM.

CLUB BREAKFAST / RIDE, 2nd Sunday, MONTHLY, 9 AM / 10 AM, Mary's Brazos Café, Tin Top, 15 mi south of Weatherford, Texas. A ride follows, weather permitting.

WEEKLY CLUB BREAKFAST, 7:45 AM, Le Peep Restaurant, 2113 Harwood Rd, Bedford, TX, 817.858.5532. At the northwest corner of Harwood and Central Drive in Bedford.

4th SATURDAY RIDE, follows breakfast at Le Peep, MONTHLY. Ride information published prior to the ride or announced as impromptu. Weather permitting!

