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## Kick Start by Jerry Caves, President

The big event of last month and the Club's biggest event of the year was the BMOA Rally at the Fireman's Park in New Ulm, TX. Well, to say the least it was a huge success, our biggest and best of record. We had over 550 people sign in for the event. The weather could not have been more perfect for the weekend. Cool nights, warm days and not a rain cloud in sight. The RV parking area was sold out, tent campers were all over the park, many motorcycles and spares for sale and the day passers were out in full force.

We had a few glitches. The people that schedule events at the park had a kid's baseball game going on Saturday, which caused some minor problems. I was assured by the park's managers that this would not happen again. We had a power outage at some of the RV parking spaces, but that was corrected in a few hours. No injuries for the weekend were a great relief, though David Porter was taken to St. Joseph Hospital in Bryan for his health issues. He remains at the hospital in ICU, as of this writing. We all wish David our very best and for a speedy recovery.

A group of us met Sunday afternoon in the park after the Rally to discuss what we can do to make the next Rally even better. Some fresh, new ideas came up, like adding a couple of new field events, adding new categories for the Hinckley Triumphs in the bike show and a few other suggested changes to help speed things along.

As always, the Registration desk is the toughest job for all who worked it. Steve and Pauline Brown have my greatest appreciation for managing the area. Pauline has coordinated registration for a number of years now and she has it down to a science. She makes it look easy, but a very hard job to do. Thanks Pauline.

My many thanks to Jeff Dancey for coordinating the Rally, Keith Hollis for stepping up and taking reins of the bike show, Les Means for Security, Steve Brown for putting on the field events, Brian Parsons for the great rally t-shirts, Dave Porter for the Fun Run, Jack Updike for pictures and web updates, Paul Kopyar, Mike McGill, Dan Farr, Gale Gorman for all your behind the scene work. And every one of you Club members that volunteered and helped work the Rally this year. Without your support it just wouldn't have been the success it was.

See you at the June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Ride safe and as often as you can.

Jerry

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## May Meeting – May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007

Meeting was called to order by the Sergeant at Arms, Les Means and opened by the President, Jerry Caves, at 7:30.

### Old Business

**WEBSITE** – Thanks given to Jack Updyke for a great website. Send items of interest to Jack for posting on the website.

**NEWSLETTER** – Thanks given to Gale Gorman for editing the newsletter. Send items of interest to Gale for publication.

**MEMBERSHIP** - Print an application form off the website or from this newsletter and either give it or mail it to Danny Hall.

Annual dues were due on January 1<sup>st</sup>. If you haven't turned in your renewal, please take care of it this month. Make sure to submit your payment with a renewal form so we can keep an accurate record of receipts and contact information.

### New Business

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Danny Hall reported we paid for our insurance for New Ulm and ConCan and still have \$9,400 in the bank with dues and New Ulm registrations coming in.

**NEW ULM RALLY** – Jeff Dancey reported all is ready. Appealed once more for help at the registration desk. David Porter announced the Poker Run will be an hour and a half ride. RV spots are taken. Photographer Daniel Pierce will have a booth set up.

**SUMMER PARTY** – Danny Hall extended an invitation for a Summer Party at his place in Fayetteville. Stay tuned for the date and directions.

**NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION** – Newsletters are distributed on line and via snail mail at the member's choice. Please advise Gale Gorman if your preference has changed or you have difficulty receiving the newsletter.

**WEBSITE** – Jack Updyke has taken on the task of getting the BMOA website running again. Jack does websites for a living and has solicited the BMOA membership for suggestions. Jack can be contacted at [jupdyke@progenda.com](mailto:jupdyke@progenda.com) or (713) 385-4295. His web site is [www.progenda.com](http://www.progenda.com). Please offer suggestions areas of interest or offers to help.

We adjourned at 8:00.

**ATTENDANCE** – 29

**NEXT MEETING** – June 6th



## June Meeting – 1st Wednesday (6/6/07)

### 2007 Calendar of Events

(also check the website [www.bmoaonline.com](http://www.bmoaonline.com) for any last minute updates)

#### Regular Events

- € **BMOA of Houston** – First Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM at the *Hickory Hollow Restaurant* (101 Heights Blvd.) Come early for good bar-b-que, stay late for bench racing, tire kicking, riding, and whatever.
- € **Ming's Café** (Excellent Cantonese/Hunan Chinese fast food) Thursdays Informal gathering of (usually) European motorcyclists — 8:00 PM to... (2702 Montrose Blvd. » Houston, TX. 77006 » 713-529-7888)

June	3 <sup>rd</sup> 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Austin Roadrunner's Rally (confirm date, usually 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in June)</b> <b>BMOA Monthly meeting</b>
July	1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Wednesday is 4<sup>th</sup> of July, meeting TBA</b>
August	1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>BMOA Monthly meeting</b>
September	5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>BMOA Monthly meeting</b>
October	3 <sup>rd</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> 12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>BMOA Monthly meeting</b> <b>NTNOA Lake 'o the Pines Rally</b> <b>BMOA Bandera Weekend</b> <b>Harvest Classic Rally – Luckenbach</b>
November	7 <sup>th</sup> 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>BMOA Monthly meeting</b> <b>British USA Annual Open House</b>
December	5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>BMOA Monthly meeting</b>

Other picnics and rides scheduled as interest and weather permits.

The TON UP Club meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at Cosmo's.

## BMOA New Ulm Rally 2007

By Bill Bath

The motorcycle gods truly smiled on our BMOA rally this year. It poured rain in Houston on Thursday before the rally and it poured rain on Tuesday after the rally but it was beautiful for the weekend; low 80's during the day and cool enough for a jacket at night. I believe that the forecast for perfect weather is the main reason that we had more than 500 participants at this year's event. In the 10 years that I have been camping out at the site, I have never seen so many tents and campers on Friday night. There were as many campers on Friday as there usually are on Saturday. There was also a lot more action at the registration table on Saturday. During my 2-hour shift there were several times when we had people standing in line to register. There were only a couple of very short breaks when no one was being registered.

The field games on Saturday drew a big group of participants. From the cold start contest to the drag race, club members and visiting riders put on a great show of motorcycle action. Whether it was riding slow in the slow race or the ring toss or riding fast in the cold start and drag race, we showed that old bikes and old riders can still perform with the best of them. Our field games are one thing that really sets our rally apart. We are so lucky to have a rally site that allows this activity and to have so many riders that are willing to participate. Winning an event is not nearly as important as putting on a show for the spectators and having a great time doing it.

The Saturday night barbeque, put on by the New Ulm Volunteer Fire Department, was another highlight of the weekend. Getting everyone together at the long tables adds a lot to the community and fellowship of motorcycle enthusiasts. This is a chance to meet people from across the state and from across the spectrum of riders. Whether the folks next to you ride modern bikes or classics, café racers or scooters, everyone is family at this rally. Even the mayor of New Ulm turned out. Of course he was more than a little bit perplexed to be dazzled by insane banter between Frosty and Larry Dale.

After dinner, there was plenty of impromptu entertainment. In addition to the usual story telling, Les and several others brought guitars and sang a few songs. Of course, everyone knows Les can sing but I was surprised to hear that Frosty can sing too. Then we had a pretty big fireworks display that had more than a few people running for cover. The 59 Club and the Ton Up guys hosted the burnout board demonstration that drew a really big crowd. After all, bikers like nothing better than racing engines and smoking tires. The variety of machines ran the gamut from modern and classic motorcycles to a couple of Vespa scooters.

Sunday's bike show was a little different from previous years. In addition to a great selection of classic Triumphs and Nortons, we also had more BMW sidecars than ever before. Modern Triumphs were so well represented that there was talk of dividing this group into more than one class. The rarest bike at this year's rally was a 1920's Beardmore Precision. It was a great treat to examine this bike in detail, and even better to actually see it being ridden at the rally.

Finally, our prayers and best wishes go out to Dave "Twitchy" Porter who developed serious breathing problems on Saturday night and had to be taken to the hospital by ambulance. Dave has been an active club member for many years and he has organized and led innumerable club rides. We all hope that Dave and everyone else at this year's rally will be able to come back next year. I can hardly wait.



Steve Brown has just dropped the flag on the open class Cold Start race. That old Trident roared off and left the rest in the dust.



Sunday judging. This old warrior has a machine gun mounted on the sidecar.



Lots of bikes lined up for the Sunday Judgment Day.



A BEARDMORE in pristine condition.

BP could mean "before plastic." None here.



## LONGEST DISTANCE ON A VINTAGE MOTORCYCLE

This year's winner of the plaque for the Longest Distance Ridden on a Vintage British Bike is Philip Watkins from Palmhurst, TX. Philip rode his Norton 850 Commando 351 miles. He came up with his friend David Denny who rides a '67 BSA Spitfire. Seventy-plus year old Mr. Denny usually wins the Long Distance Rider award by riding the 320 miles from San Juan, TX which is somewhere down in the Valley. This year he was just nosed out by his buddy. Congratulations to these iron butt rides. They were the only two long haulers to sign up for the award.

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From the book:

"Sit Down, Shut Up & Hang On!"

Written by Penny Powers and Chuck Hays

☞ The only good view of a thunderstorm is in your rearview mirror.

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The BMOA hosts an annual British and European Motorcycle Rally for south central Texas the weekend after Mother's day in May. This three-day event consists of camping, food, planned rides, field events, vendors and in general a lot of buying, selling, swapping, and showing off British motorcycles and parts. The Rally concludes Sunday with a Motorcycle Show and awards presentation. The club promotes an annual Swap Meet the last Sunday in October. Throughout the year BMOA has planned picnics and parties and overnight rides and numerous day rides.

The BMOA meets the first Wednesday each month at Hickory Hollow Bar-B-Que Restaurant, 101 Heights Blvd., Houston, TX at 7:30 PM. Membership is open to anyone who has interest in British Motorcycles. Dues are due each January 1<sup>st</sup>.

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting!



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