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Chartered Club



Kick Start by Jerry Caves, President

The weather of late has certainly been agreeable for riding. We've had a lot going on this past month with club functions and other motorcycle events.

This year's Concan Rally, at Neal's Lodge, was a great event. The Friday weather wasn't too agreeable, but on Saturday and Sunday we had cloudless blue skies which made for some awesome riding through the Hill Country.

Thanks to Danny Hall and Steve Brown we had Fajitas and Margaritas, on Friday night, and fun was had by all.

On April 14th. The Aquarium Restaurant downtown, which is part of the Landry Corporation, held their 2nd annual bike show. It's a growing event. Almost 40 bikes participated. A lot of club members showed up with their bikes and hung around that afternoon for the live bands, a BBQ dinner, and the award ceremony. All proceeds from the bike show went to Wild Aid & Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

I heard that there was a nice group that showed up for "Ride to the Races" on Sunday, April 15th at Texas World Speedway. Unfortunately, I was not able to go, but David Porter will give us an update at the meeting.

Cliff Holland, proprietor of Gulf Coast BMW/British USA, held an open house Saturday April 21st showcasing the new Rotax parallel twin BMW's. Cliff provided soft drinks, BBQ beef sandwiches and Brat sausages to those who were hungry. After I left British USA, my wife Kathy and I headed over to the San Jacinto Battle Grounds to catch the re-enactment battle of Sam Houston and his Texas forces defeating Santa Anna and his Mexican army. The place was packed. As a native Texan I was proud to see so many people celebrating "Texas Independence."

This past Sunday I took a ride around Lake Houston and met up with the Starbucks coffee group to kick tires and listen to some good stories. These past weekends have really been favorable for riding. This is my favorite time of the year to get out on one of the bikes and enjoy the weather before it gets really hot.

Our next meeting is May 2nd.

See you all at the New Ulm Rally on May 18, 19 & 20th.

Ride safe and as often as you can.

Jerry

April Meeting – April 4th, 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.

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

Thanks to Dave and Debbie Smith for hosting a great Spring Picnic.

Annual dues were due on January 1st. 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.

AQUARIUM BIKE SHOW – Coming up April 14th. Last chance to have a little fun before settling up with IRS. If you show your bike you will need to be at the Aquarium by 10 a.m.

RIDE TO THE RACES – Coming up April 15th. One more chance to have some fun before paying IRS. We will meet at Cy-Fair High School on 290 at 10 a.m. and ride as a group. I think the Telge Exit gets you to Cy-Fair.

BANDERA WEEKEND – After a little discussion it was decided to move Bandera Weekend to coincide with Harvest Classic. It's not a long trip to ride between the two events. You might opt to stay at Bandera and ride over to Leukenbach to catch the Harvest Classic Rally. That is October 19th –21st.

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 or (713) 385-4295. His web site is www.progenda.com. Please offer suggestions areas of interest or offers to help.

Jack Updyke presented an idea again for a jacket with a BMOA logo on the back. It was well received and after a show of hands it was decided to include wings and add the image of Texas on the patch.

We adjourned at 8:00.

ATTENDANCE – 30

NEXT MEETING – May 2nd



May Meeting – 1st Wednesday (5/2/07)

2007 Calendar of Events

(also check the website 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)

May	2 nd 18 th --20 th	BMOA Monthly meeting BMOA New Ulm Rally
June	3 rd 6 th	Austin Roadrunner's Rally (confirm date, usually 1 st Sunday in June) BMOA Monthly meeting
July	1 st	Wednesday is 4 th of July, meeting TBA
August	1 st	BMOA Monthly meeting
September	5 th	BMOA Monthly meeting
October	3 rd 5 th – 7 th 12 th – 14 th 19 th – 20 th	BMOA Monthly meeting NTNOA Lake 'o the Pines Rally BMOA Bandera Weekend Harvest Classic Rally – Luckenbach
November	7 th 24 th	BMOA Monthly meeting British USA Annual Open House
December	5 th	BMOA Monthly meeting

Other picnics and rides scheduled as interest and weather permits.

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

Ride to the Races - Spring 2007

By Bill Bath

We had a perfect day for a club ride to Texas World Speedway to see the CMRA motorcycle races. The sun was shining, the roads were dry and the weather was cool. Our group of 8 riders left Cy Fair High School about 10:15 a.m. with Twitchy in the lead. We made the short trip, in light traffic, up Hwy. 290 until we turned off on 362. We had all agreed to meet up at the gas station at 105 and Hwy. 6 so all the modern bike riders screwed on the throttle and quickly disappeared out of sight. Twitchy was kind enough to set a more reasonable pace for our classic bikes. 362 was a great ride with nice curves and big fields of bluebonnets.

Everyone stopped for refreshments at the 6 & 105 gas station. Cliff made everyone smile when he pulled a box of fresh donuts out of the saddlebag of his BMW rocket ship. (At least it looked like a rocket ship compared to my old Enfield.) After a short break and the arrival of another rider, we all saddled up for the short ride up Hwy. 6 to the turnoff to the track. However, we didn't get very far before we ran into a big crowd of motorcycles waiting to get into the track. This was the biggest crowd I have ever seen at this event but with the great weather, I should not have been surprised.

Once we got into the infield we were all happy to see that Paul had already reserved a spot for us on the pit row. With everyone carrying something up the stairs it didn't take very long to get the Old Smoky and all the coolers, tables and food up the stairs and into position. Amazingly enough, Twitchy took over the cooking duties and we ate hot dogs and hamburgers until everyone was stuffed. I did actually see Cliff at the Smoky but I know Twitch did most of the cooking. We all cannot thank Paul enough for bringing the food and drinks. It's guys like Paul who make this ride such an enjoyable event.

The parade lap didn't start until well after lunch so there was plenty of time for everyone to get involved. There were more bikes in this years' lap than I can ever remember. This is without a doubt the biggest group of motorcycles that I have ever ridden with. After the parade lap, the racing started with a roar. What a thrill it is to stand on pit row and listen to 30 or 40 race bikes blast past with the throttles wide open. I spent some time on one of the back corners where the racers transition from a fast right hand turn to an even faster left. The front runners were so smooth. As they came out of the right hand turn, their bikes would rock over center to establish a tight angle with the road. Then the riders would slide off the side, and everything would lock into place. Bike and rider laid over into the turn, it was almost like watching an automated, production line machine.

Overall, it was one of the best trips that I have ever made to TWS. Thanks again to Paul and Twitchy for everything they did for us.













23rd Annual New Ulm

British & European Motorcycle Rally

May 18th - 20st 2007

www.bmoaonline.com



- # Door Prizes
- # Field Events & Bike Show
- # Street Class judging by popular vote
- # Concours judging by guest professionals
- # Award for the **Longest Distance** ridden to the Rallye on a Vintage British Motorcycle
- # Fun Run (Formerly Poker Run)
- # Swap Meet (please bring your own tables)
- # Camping with showers on the grounds & Trailer Hook-ups
- # Huge Rallye area with a weatherproof pavilion
- # Saturday night **Bar-B-Q**

Registration Fees:

Registrations Received Before May 1st Are Eligible for a Drawing for **\$50.00 CASH PRIZE!**

Singles - **\$30⁰⁰** → Couples - **\$40⁰⁰** (for the WEEKEND)

Day Pass - **\$10⁰⁰** per Person (Saturday Only, No Camping)

RV Hook Ups - **\$35⁰⁰** (for the Weekend)

(11 Hook-ups Available. Pre-registration required – first come, first served.)



Name _____ Adults _____ Children** _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Motorcycle _____ Year _____ Model _____

Club Affiliations _____ AMA Member: [] Yes [] No

[] RV Hook-up (state size) _____ E-mail Address: _____

EMERGENCY PHONE CONTACT NUMBER _____

*All participants must register by signing the AMA Event Waiver. **Children (under the age of 18) must be accompanied by parent or legal guardian; or with a NOTARIZED LETTER from the parent or legal guardian permitting the accompanying adult to sign AMA Event waiver on child's behalf. No exceptions. Children under 5 are admitted free.

Please make checks payable to BMOA and remit to:

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c/o Steve and Pauline Brown
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Humble, Texas 77346

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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 1st.

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting!



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Application for Membership

Annual Dues **\$20.00** New Renewing Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

AMA Membership Number _____

Please make checks payable to BMOA

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