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Kick Start by Steve Brown, President

Greetings all and Happy Fall to everyone, isn't it a great time of year. No more hurricanes (I hope), no more sweltering heat, and plenty of activities to keep us out and riding. I attended The North Texas Norton Owner's Association's Lake 'O the pines Rally as well as our own Bandera weekend and thoroughly enjoyed both weekends.

The LOTP Rally in East Texas is one of my favorite events and once again the NTNOA did a great job and actually incorporated a couple of field events this year, but the highlight for me had to be our own Bill Bath showing 'em whats up with his Royal Enfield in the burnout pit Saturday night. What a hoot! I hope Bill will forgive me for informing everyone that after the burnouts, beer and gravity got the best of him and we mercifully covered him up as he laid beside the shores of beautiful Lake 'O Pines that evening. Also congratulations to VP Jerry Caves for taking 1st place in class in the bike show with his beautiful Bonnie.

A few days later I met up with several members in Bandera for a gorgeous weekend riding our favorite Hill Country roads for our annual fall weekend. A total of eleven bikes and thirteen persons including myself made the most of a weekend out of the big city in one of the most beautiful regions of this great state. One of the interesting things about this years ride was the fact that due to the presence of the yearly bicycle race on the same route as ours, we decided to ride the route in reverse to allow ourselves to oppose the bicycle traffic. The result was the always fantastic Texas Ranch Roads 335 and 336 looked completely different allowing us to notice previously unseen views.

Sorry I was unable to attend The Harvest Classic Rally in Lukenback, the club was well represented and I'm proud that the BMOA became a sponsor this year. Congratulations to Jerry Caves who again took best of class in the bike show with his Bonnie, so bets are it will never be for sale. Hopefully we can continue to support this and other charities while enjoying our hobby and each others friendship.

Ride Carefully

STEVE

October Meeting – October 5th, 2005

The meeting was opened by Steve welcoming Janet Fagan who added class to the meeting.

Old Business

September Ad Hoc Ride – Went to Jim McCanless's to view his collection (See October Newsletter). Afterwards lunch in Chappell Hill with a stop by Washington on the Brazos.

NEWSLETTER – thanks to Dan Farr for a great newsletter and Bill Bath for his contribution.

RIDE TO THE RACES – Seven members met at Cy-Fair and took the back roads to College Station. Jerry Caves cooked (thanks Jerry). We missed the parade lap and the race was delayed 1-1/2 hours due to a grass fire. Overall there was a small turnout at the races but the 125cc race was a screamer.

CHARITABLE DONATION – Donated \$500 to the Harvest Classic – Candlelight Childrens foundation. Two tee shirts were given to the BMOA to be used for New Ulm rallye door prizes.

BRITISH SINGLES RIDE – is going on at the time of the meeting. We wish we were there.

WEBSITE – Thanks given to Jack Updyke for a great website that includes video and photos of the work day at Ortho's...thanks Jack. 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 John Kish.

New Business

TREASURER'S REPORT – We have money in the bank, state and federal taxes and fees are paid, no changes, no new revenue a small charge for newsletter and miscellaneous expenses.

OCTOBER INDIVIDUAL RIDE (not BMOA sponsored) – RIDE TO Lake O'Pines NTNOA Rallye. Contact David Porter if you want to ride up.

NTNOA Rallye – at Lake O'Pines this weekend. Steve Brown will be there Friday. See you there.

RAT GATHERING – October 7th – 9th in Hot Springs, Arkansas (Riders Association of Triumph)

BANDERA WEEKEND – in October, there are two cabins left as of Friday, Sept. 2nd at the River Front Motel. Phone 830-460-3690.

16th ANNUAL HOUSTON ALL BRITISH MOTOR VEHICLE EXPO – Saturday October 15th at Trader's Village.

RC AIRPLANE MEET – October 15th – 16th at Bomber Field in Monaville

HARVEST CLASSIC – in Luckenbach October 21st to 23rd.

ROUNDTABLE – David Porter hit a bird....a slow bird. Clayton & David to ride to Bandera Thursday. Pauline Brown and Janet Hall will not be going to Bandera, Steve and Danny will not have anyone there to tell them to stop drinking.

Malcolm was awarded a bottle of Champagne for racing at Sandia raceway.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION – Newsletters are distributed on line and via snail mail at the member's choice. Please advise Dan Farr 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.

NEXT MEETING – November 2nd.

2005 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 8:00 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)

October:

30th - **BMOA Annual Swap Meet**, Hickory Hollow

November:

2nd - **BMOA Meeting**

7th - Ad Hoc Ride through Cleveland National Forest

26th - British USA/Gulf Coast BMW Annual Bike Show & Open House

December:

7th - **BMOA Meeting**

3rd - Monthly Ad Hoc Ride to Frosty's

Other picnics and rides scheduled as interest and weather permits.

Mid Ohio Trip by Earnie Shick

In last minute map reading, my wife Loretta and I started off only never having been there I figured Rt. 22 out of Cincinnati, Ohio instead of up to Columbus Ohio and then turned down to New Lexington and Mainsville. So as we arrive in the area there is big tents, cars, trucks everywhere. So I think we are here but it is a county fair, I stop at a convenience store and the owner was an old truck driver and he knew the country. Everybody makes the mistake he said as what we want is Lexington and Mansfield. So in 2 hours on Rt. 13 we arrived to room next to Johnnie and Paul Kopyar at the same motel.

I saw the largest swap meet ever, I swear there were rows A to Z and all about 1/8th mile long. I mean BIG!! The asphalt track about 2.3miles long, meandering up and down and over country side. Such a big parking lot of RV's, trailers, tents and all for a wet weekend. All racing was in between showers and even during them. Motocross racing which we never made in another section of this farm which was BIG. Friday night we went 20miles up to a super flat track race with swapped leads to end of races. As we left in heavy traffic, 15minutes and rain started but we were glad it held to after the races. We all got wet more than once, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday, Malcolm burned a hole in a piston and had no compression. We took head off to find out. Time for a beer and watching weekend. Allen Johncock really had a nice Garage paddock and track and I helped pit crew a little for him. Allen passed on practice Saturday in rain, but Sunday a break in clouds let him race and he finished 1st I believe, maybe 2nd but doubt it. See his race #7 was pas middle afternoon in Ohio and I had a commitment in Pittsburgh, PA that same evening. I left after the race and went to PA visiting brother and 3 sisters, 2 up in Philly area. So a super race, swap meet and vacation in one, was truly great.



November Meeting – 1st Wednesday (11/2/05)

17th B-17 Gathering and Big Bird Fly-In at Bomber Field by Earnie Shick

A nice warm Sunday morning turning to a very hot day and only Ron Marek on a BMW showed up with Earnie Shick and his Saturn (car). Earnie had a bit of cancer removed on each ear tip and his helmet was too tight (good fit). The bomber field consists of about 1/8th mile of asphalt strip with grass strips along each side. Pit area is covered wood structure along air strip with rented 1st floor and seating above pits on second level with roof for SUN!! Most planes and pilots have their own canopies, RV's and trailers. I noticed license plates from Missouri, New Mexico, Wisconsin, Texas and maybe more as I did not search far in parking lot. Drinks, food and souvenirs were available. We enjoyed premier performance of radio controlled scale aircraft replicas of the past century's most famous planes like: WWI with single, bi plane and DR-1 Folker triplane of 63" wing spans. WWII with fighters like F6F Hellcat – 95", F8F Bearcat – 86", P47 Thunderbolt – 92", Warhawk – 94", F4U Corsair – 93", P51 Mustang -98" WWII Bombers – 4 engine planes were B-17 Flying Fortress, B-19 and B29 Superfortress. 15 or so BIG PLANES with wing spans of 12' to 21'. Korean war with a MIG jet so smooth and quiet and fast, some USA Navy colored jets, silver gray Air Force One which performed over 200mph.

I have named only some of the planes so detailed. We saw some slight wrecks of props catch asphalt or broken wheel structures also. I counted 15 cycles with windshields, bags, radio's etc, like not British. It was a very nice experience with bombers dropping bombs and small parachutes, fighter planes flying cover for slower big bombers. A must see next year if dream or like airplanes.



Motorcycle Wisdom:

From the book:
"Sit Down, Shut Up & Hang On!"
Written by Penny Powers and Chuck Hays

The best alarm clock is sunshine on chrome

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 2nd at Hickory Hollow, 8:00 PM

NOVEMBER INDIVIDAL RIDE - Sunday November 6th

Ride through the National Forest. Meet at McDonalds corner of Hwy 105 and Hwy 59, 9am gassed and ready to go.

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SUNDAY, Oct.30

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Lake o' the Pines 2005 by Bill Bath (My story and I am sticking to it)

This years' North Texas Norton Owners Association rally drew about half the crowd that we had last year but those that were there were some high quality folks. Although the weather was not perfect it was better than the last 3 or 4 years. Lake o' the Pines had the first cool weekend of this season with mid-70's days and mid-50's nights. We had a couple of short rain showers on Saturday but thanks to Jerry Caves and his folding canopy tent, we stayed high and dry. Our group included Jerry, Steve Brown, Twitchy, and Larry and Irma Dale. Checkerboard Mike also joined us part of the time and the famous Johnny Cool favored us with a visit.

Steve brought his ingenious outdoor grill and kept us fed with bacon cheeseburgers and Czech sausage. Between Jerry and Steve we had more food than we could eat and we were able to entertain some rather well behaved hooligans from the 59 Texas Club from Dallas/Ft. Worth who camped next to us. 59 Texas is a club dedicated to keeping the Rockers era, 59 Club spirit alive. For those that don't know the 59 Club (and I certainly didn't know all that I have learned in the past few days) check out www.59texas.org and www.the59club.org.uk.

Twitchy took us all on a hundred mile ride to get a cup of Community Coffee at the Louisiana Visitors Welcome Center. Apparently he did not get enough riding after riding to the rally on his Triumph twin. In any case, it was a great ride on some really scenic back roads. I think we only spent about 5 minutes on the Interstate before we were back in the country again. I have to say I was totally lost the whole time and when we passed a road sign that read "Uncertain 5" I was not at all encouraged. We never did actually get to Uncertain, Texas but we did see some great views of Caddo Lake. Twitchy pointed out Caddo Lake is the only natural lake in Texas.

The LOP bike show was excellent, I'm sure, but we missed most of it because of our ride to Louisiana. Luckily, Jerry stayed behind to put his bike in the show because he won first place in the '73-'83 Triumph class. Congratulations Jerry. The Norton club added a cold start contest (that we missed so I have no report on that) and a slow race. Theirs was a rather unique slow race that I have never seen before. They laid out a sort of question-mark shaped course on a slight hill near the back of the campground. The course included a lot of ruts and tree roots as well as two 90 degree turns and a 180! The riders competed against the clock so it was a lot more like observed trials than a slow race and it certainly lacked the exciting, wheel-to-wheel action of the slow races at New Ulm. After dark they organized a burn out pit that really wowed the crowd and put a great cap on a wonderful day. Overall, this was my best Lake o' the Pines rally ever...but I say that every year.





Harvest Classic by Dan Farr

You might have missed one of the nicest rallies in Texas if you were not in Luckenbach, TX for the Harvest Classic. This is the third year for this Eurobike event with proceeds going to the Candlelight Foundation, a charity for children with cancer. It was announced that through sponsors (BMOA was a sponsor), silent auction items and admission that \$30,000 was raised this year. A great event that makes you feel good in many ways.

I arrived on Friday and was met by Tim Russel who was camping along a creek. Tim some how convinced my wife Gaye to make a trip to the Fredricksburg brewery and bring back a half gallon of dark beer. This was enjoyed throughout the weekend and it is possible that the jug was refilled a time or two. Jerry Caves and David Porter were about as was Mike Haven from MPH. Ducati North America and Ducati Austin were very generous with their participation and donations. I was offered a test ride on a 999 Ducati but let good sense govern, (I might have had to have one if I survived the ride). Aprilla and Venture dealers were also present and offered test rides.

The bike show was great with bikes from the 20's through 80's. Jerry Cave's Triumph Bonneville won 1st place in the 1975 – 1979 class. Being a Ducati sponsored event, I figured I had a chance with my 1974 bevel but placed third behind a beautiful Norton Commando and fantastic, rare, original owner 1974 Suzuki Water Buffalo. Butch Hudgins won 1st with his BSA Rocket twin and 2nd with his Indian Chief.

The silent auction had some very nice items. Tim Russel scored a new helmet and I was out bid by Tim and Jerry for a Ducati belt buckle (by \$0.01). They said I could keep it until they figured out how they both could wear it together...an ugly mental picture. Door prizes were very nice and generous by the sponsors and dealers.

The proximity to Austin brought in the "keep Austin weird" crowd which is always entertaining. The "scooter" crowd was also in attendance which added a different flair to the event. Fun... Evenings in Luckenbach were mellow with live entertainment by many artists jamming together. Good amateurs and a few professionals joining together picking and singing country tunes.

A must attend event. See www.harvestclassic.org for more photos.





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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 8:00 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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