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### Kick Start by Steve Brown, President

Hello again, greetings to all. Off we go into September and the year continues to fly by. First I'd like to say Thanks to VP Jerry Caves for filling in at last month's meeting while I was away on vacation and thanks to Jerry also for organizing our participation in the Aquarium restaurant Bike show. For those who didn't make it out to that weekend long event, we were given a nice prominent location to show off bikes at the front door of the restaurant and around the outdoor stage during band performances. Thanks to those who brought out bikes both Saturday and Sunday. A special thanks to Les Means, who was instrumental in getting the BMOA invited out for that event, I must say we were treated very well by the management of the Aquarium with quite generous perks for both days. They're already talking up the next show probably around next March.

I'm happy to say that we'll get to see our long lost newsletter editor this month; Dan will be back in town for a bit and says he'll see us at the meeting this month. Speaking of the meeting, be sure to plan to attend and have your vote counted on the awarding of charitable contributions. On that subject I'd like to say I'm very proud of the club for generating the money which we are about to donate, there are several great recommendations from club members and while we probably won't be able to fund them all, I certainly appreciate the effort everyone has made in deciding which way we want to move with this effort. The BMOA has made many charitable donations in the past but nothing on this scale. I want to thank Karl Moody and Ron Marek for helping us on this matter, I would have been quite lost without their help, and their approach has ensured the fairest process of choosing worthy recipients of the club's donations.

And lastly, let's start getting those great old and new Britbikes ready for the fall season! Lots of great events coming up in the next several weeks so let's all think thoughts of cooler weather and winding roads. See you at the September meeting and out on the road.

**STEVE**

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## August Meeting – August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Malcolm Dixon, then opened by Steve welcoming the ladies in attendance, Les's Lady – Carol, Rosalyn Myers, Soon Moody, Gaye Farr and Jean Rosnagle (Mothers against Cancer). Guests in attendance were Lyle Wagner – 1977 Bonnie, Richard Hutchins (previous member from years gone by) and Al Jerrel.

### Old Business

NEWSLETTER – Thanks Dan Farr and Gale Gorman for another great newsletter. Thanks for contributions: Bill Bath: Stories about Burt Munro; Dan Farr – “Greetings from Korea and Six Laws of Italian (British) vehicles”

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 John Kish.

### New Business

2006 DUES ARE OVER DUE!!! Please renew your membership as soon as possible. Dan has compiled the 2006 BMOA Roster and has distributed it via email to club members. If you joined and are not on the roster, please let us know. If you need a hard copy (snail mail) let Steve or Gale know. You must be a 2006 paid member for charity contribution recommendations to be considered.

TREASURER'S REPORT – John Kish reported we have approx. \$13,000 on deposit. Motions were brought up and passed to retain \$8000 in treasury and disburse remainder to charity.

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS – Steve asked for volunteers to form a committee to accept suggested charities from the membership and got two volunteers, Ron Mareck and new member Karl Moody. The goal is to begin getting ideas as soon as possible so we can have a vote on charities to fund by September. Anyone interested in a particular charity should plan on attending the August meeting to vote. Contact Karl Moody [karlmoody@hotmail.com](mailto:karlmoody@hotmail.com) Cell phone # 713-471-0894 or Ron Mareck (713) 271-5227

Vote for charity(s) scheduled for September.

**INDIVIDUAL RIDE (not BMOA sponsored)** – none

**CLUB TREASURER** – We are actively seeking a new BMOA treasurer for 2007. Please Volunteer.

**SEARGENT AT ARMS** - Les Means has volunteered to take the Sgt. At Arms position for the next administration

**ROUNDTABLE** -

**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](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.

**NEXT MEETING** – SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>



## September Meeting – 1st Wednesday (9/6/06)

# 2006 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)

### September:

- 6<sup>th</sup> - **BMOA Meeting**
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Monthly Ad Hoc Ride (to be announced)
- 16<sup>th</sup> - RC Model Airplane Meet – Bomber Field, Monaville TX

### October:

- 4<sup>th</sup> - **BMOA Meeting**
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Monthly Ad Hoc Ride (to Lake O'Pines)
- 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> - NTNOA Lake 'O the Pines Rally
- 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> - **BMOA Bandera Weekend**, Bandera, Texas
- 29<sup>th</sup> - **BMOA Annual Swap Meet**, Hickory Hollow

### November:

- 1st - **BMOA Meeting**
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Monthly Ad Hoc Ride (to be announced)
- 26<sup>th</sup> - British USA/Gulf Coast BMW Annual Bike Show & Open House
- tba - **BMOA Fall Picnic** (to be announced)

### December:

- 6<sup>th</sup> - **BMOA Meeting**
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Monthly Ad Hoc Ride (to be announced)
- tba - **BMOA Christmas Party** (to be announced)

Other picnics and rides scheduled as interest and weather permits.

### Motorcycle Wisdom:

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

## Don't argue with an 18-wheeler.

# STOLEN VELOCETTES

Keep on the lookout for two Velocettes that were stolen from me between Saturday evening July 1st and Monday afternoon July 3rd.

(1) This is a 1960 500 cc Venom that was custom-built by Dave Smith in Chicago. It has a short-stroke, squish head motor with dual plugs, BTH Magneto, dual leading shoe front brake with air scoop, and small black tank with rubber knee pads and round red Velo emblems. The Engine Number is VM4431 , the Frame Number is RS15127 , and the 2006 Georgia Tag is " VELO60 ". At the time of the theft the BTH magneto, oil tank, and timing cover and magneto timing gear were not fitted to the bike so these components would be needed to run the bike.

(2) This is an original 1970 500 cc Thruxton with approximately 1300 original miles on the odometer. The Engine Number is VMT1159C (coil ignition) and the Frame Number is RS20087 . The bike was not registered for the street and did not have a tag. The bike was prepped for racing by the former owner and the tank was painted a "Robin's Egg Blue" color.

If any of you hear any details about these fine motorcycles, I'd certainly appreciate hearing from you, thanks very much for your help.

Best regards,

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## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Laredo Charity Fundraiser Motorcycle Show

Hope some of ya'll can make it down and enjoy the event! A Perfect warm-up for Lake 'O the Pines

- Civic Center Ballroom, Laredo, Texas
- Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> 10AM – 4PM
- Benefits Real Love ministry, 24-hour prayer line (725-LOVE)
- Parade @ 9AM, bike show (\$20 entry), bike games, raffles, stunt show, silent auction
- Free admission for the whole family
- \$20 to enter a bike in the show, 16 different categories
- All types of prizes - dinners, movies, bowling, pizzas, motorcycle accessories
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- Laredo sports teams memorabilia & game passes
- "Chopper Buildoff" with crowd favorite winner
- Live music, food, vendors & exhibits
- Live remote radio broadcasts on 4 local stations
- 10 Vendors, 50 bikes in show, and over 10,000 attendees in 2005

Seeking sponsors for:

"Gold" - \$1,000.00 for facilities or insurance

"Silver" - \$500.00 for trophies & awards

"Bronze" - \$250.00 for expenses

Vendor spaces - \$250.00 (inside), \$150.00 (outside) [Outside free w/ inside setup]

T-shirts (front, 20 shirts) - \$150.00

Poster ads - \$25.00 business card / \$50 double / \$100 quad

Seeking donations of:

Gift certificates for meals & attractions (movies, bowling, sporting events, etc)

(New) Merchandise of any type for raffle prizes and awards

Auction items with a value of \$50 or more

Any monetary donation

Call event organizers Paul or Sally Zuniga at (956) 725-2324

## Aquarium Restaurant Gathering

BMOA was invited to display our bikes at the Aquarium Restaurant, 410 Bagby, Houston, TX 713-223-3474 over the weekend of August 12th & 13th. BMOA was represented by Steve Brown, Jerry Caves and Mike Scott.

For those that did not make an effort to come out, it was your loss. Our hosts James Hamilton, General Manager and Mary Alice, Events Coordinator of the Aquarium Restaurant offered free parking, free admission to all the rides, events, shows and exhibits for BMOA participants and their immediate family. This included a free dinner on site, with live music from great area entertainers. It was a fun way to spend the day and display our "old" bikes at the same time keep out of trouble with family while enjoying a favorite pastime. I understand that Mike Scott's boys had a great time with the rides and fish tanks.

Aquarium Restaurant plans to host another gathering in March so plan on coming out. It was well worth the effort.



## Motorcycle Wisdom:

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

**Never be ashamed to unlearn an old habit.**

**If you love your old Triumph, I guarantee you will enjoy this video. It is long but very good.**

<http://www.webzeum.com/VintageFilms/Triumph/tabid/56/Default.aspx>

Enjoy,  
John Martin

## **2006 Harvest Classic European and Vintage Motorcycle Rally** **October 20 & 21 in Luckenbach, Texas.**

Last year, almost 1000 people showed up for the second annual rally, and with the support of our sponsors, we were able to donate \$23,000 to the Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation, a local charity that is invaluable to families that are fighting the battle against childhood cancer.

This years rally will include the following events:

- € Motorcycle / scooter only camping on Friday and Saturday (campfires, cool motorcycles, and good friends- this may be as good as it gets).
- € Self contained RV camping in a nice corner of the parking meadow.
- € Awesome barbecue dinner, cooked onsite by our team of talented chefs.
- € Another cool, seldom-seen moto movie in the historic dancehall.
- € Observed trials - The Lloyd Allen Memorial Harvest Classic Trial.
- € Raffle of choice moto-merchandise donated by our amazing sponsors. And an extra special item, which will be announced soon.
- € Sponsor expo area (come see new models from Ducati, Moto Guzzi, Aprilia, and more).
- € Auction for the Kids(great way to help the kids battling cancer, and score some cool swag).
- € Bike Show with expanded antique classes and cool custom made trophies (compliments of Blue Moon Glassworks).
- € 100cc Fun Run, which is a group ride for street legal motorcycles 100cc and smaller. If you have a small bike, dust it off, and bring it to the Fun Run!

We try to create a unique vibe at the Harvest Classic. From vintage trials bikes to scooters to modern European bikes to antique motorcycles to café racers, we try to explore some of the motorcycling paths less ridden. Volunteers run this rally and 100% of the money raised from admission, raffle sales, and the auction will be donated to the Candlelighters.

Secure online registration is available at

<<https://www.123signup.com/servlet/SignUpMember?PG=1522221182300&P=1522221191153875700>>.

Just click and fill out the registration info, tell us what size t-shirt you want, and press "go!" Only advance registrants will receive free t-shirts, so be sure to register before October 10, if you want a free shirt. If you have already registered, your t-shirt will be waiting for you at the registration table. Advance registration is a better deal for you, and also helps us to plan more effectively- so please register in advance!

Please mark your calendars, register in advance, tell all your friends, and come join us in Luckenbach for the 2006 Harvest Classic European and Vintage Motorcycle Rally. Scooters welcome too!

Thanks and I'll see you in Luckenbach,  
Russell Duke

**Gotta believe in something....beleive in duct tape.**

**IT** No Laughing! This got *me* home!  
While riding with friends in desolate climes, I found the cord showing through on my rear tire. We were more than 300 miles from the nearest new tire. What to do? In desperation, I bought a roll of duct-tape (labeled "Duck Tape") and wound two complete layers around the circumference of the tire. After stopping at 10 miles, and again at 30 miles to inspect the tire, I found the duct-tape had melted into a hard layer, adhered to the tire. I stopped every 50 miles to add another layer of tape, and got home without incident! (Craig Littlefield, # 41989, AZ) ●



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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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