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May 9, 1943

To

March 3, 2017

**“On the
Road Again”**

Points of Interest

- Perry Bushong
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- Memories
- True North
- Merci' Texas
- 2017 Events

Membership Meeting

**Tuesday
March 14**

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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Da' Prez' Says



Mike Valentin

About 4 years ago a friend of mine embarked on an incredible life journey. She rode a red Ducati, one day, and the next day decided to change things. Now she lives in Provence, France, and has recently shared some of her experiences working with an organic farmer, harvesting Truffles and mixing them with honey. Interesting combination! I'm not a honey kind of rider, but we often have similar gastronomical experiences among our riders.

On Saturday, March 4, I joined up with about 24 of our club riders for a bit of Texas-styled gastronomic experimentation. It was the Kick Off of our 2017 riding season called the "Spring Forward Ride" which overnighted at the Circle T Resort in Hamilton, Texas. Imagine, a little bit of tequila, medium-rare steaks, cobbler and pie, with a healthy portion of wine to enhance the flavor, supplemented with stirring conversation and ribald laughter....then back out to the arena-side bar to watch the Regional Highschool finals in Team Roping.

Coming up on March 11, one of our former Presidents, Rick Kallmayer, is providing club members a skill refinement opportunity where he will teach Low Speed Maneuvering. Training will take place in a parking lot, so far only identified as Area 51. Our Safety Director, Chris Delaplaine, Joel Watson and another President Emeritus, Andy Jones, will all assist Rick in bringing up our skill levels in a sorely neglected area.

To fill out the spring, we have our **April Fools** ride to Jasper on March 31, plus the riding course offered by the Oklahoma Highway Patrol Motor officers at the Choctaw Casino Resort in Durant, Oklahoma on April 8, then the **Thank God It's Spring** ride to Mountain View, ARK on the weekend of May 5

Planning for summer I have already made reservations, to head up to Glacier National Park in July then on to the BMW MOA International Rally in Salt Lake City. Thus far my tasty ride loops will include the Wasatch Mountains, Zion, Bryce Canyon and more. I'm actually struggling with how to connect to a rain forest, lakes and redwoods – but the challenge is fun and will be more fun once I'm underway.

A good bridging strategy between large and small rides, for me at least, will be to participate in the Brown Bag rides and our many events coming up, like the Cool Your Rocks Redux. I've got to say, the ride to the LBJ Grasslands, a couple of weeks ago, was chilly but the fellowship was great. We laughed so hard because the inner 10-year old kids in us came out with a youthful vigor at the picnic table! The straight man delivery by Jeff Hutchinson was unbelievable... yeah; you had to be there. It was good to see Ken McLaughlin on his new BMW R1200RT during the Grasslands ride and meeting new members who have recently joined our club. Seeing all the new faces on our rides is invigorating.

At last month's monthly meeting we had Petra Krugel of SAMA Tours speak to us about touring South Africa. The slides were very interesting and suggested to me another addition to my Bucket List. Interestingly, Petra will be at the Texas National Rally in May, she'll also be in Salt Lake City. Those of you who plan a trip to South Africa - don't forget all of us back home who would enjoy an interesting slide presentation upon your return.

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Secondly, the BMWMOA Winter 2016 Mileage Contest ends April 9th. Don't forget to send in your submissions.

We'll be having a guest speaker (at this moment - Unknown) at our monthly meeting March 14th at 7:30P, same Bat Time, same Bat Station.

Let's get outta' here!

CATEGORY 1- Photo for March



PIANO BRIDGE
by Vince Breckner

Memories Can Last Forever

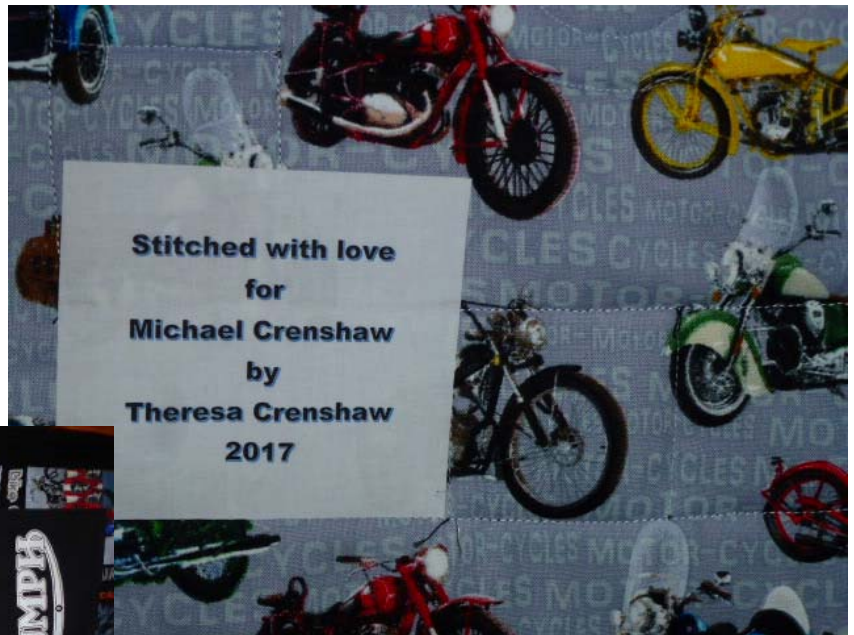
"You can spend your money buying things, or you can spend your money doing things." The first time I heard this I thought it was pretty good advice because while we don't always remember the things we've purchased, we generally always remember the things we've done and the places we've been.

When Theresa and I became riding partners, and partners in life, some ten years ago, we always made time to take trips and do things for ourselves. Over the years we've ridden from coast to coast, mountains, prairies, and in all kinds of weather. We can tell you every trip we've made and the highlights. But we also made it a point to stop at the various local BMW dealers or national parks and picked up souvenir tee shirts. After a while the closet became over-stuffed with tee shirts.

A couple of years ago Theresa proposed taking those shirts and creating a memory quilt for us. Since she's an avid quilter and very experienced in this art form, the idea really sparked my interest. I culled shirts from rides, dealers, parks, museums, and various other venues and she began to craft a quilt. Some personal issues delayed the project and every



MIKE CRENSHAW
"Crunch"



now and then she would tell me, "You don't have to remind me every six months, I'll get it done!" (Hey, I thought that was MY line.) But a few weeks ago she was feeling energetic and made a trip to the fabric store for some backing, bought some extra fabric on line, and then began to cut and paste and sew. Watching her create these quilts is really like watching an artist at work. After a few days she said "come look". Wow, I was almost speechless, and that doesn't happen very often. My only suggestion was it would be nice if there were a way to incorporate the personalized motorcycle license plates from our rides into the quilt. She said that was easy, told me what to do, and then she sewed the custom plates into the piece. See if you can find them. Xxx

"APRIL FOOLS RIDE"

MARCH 31- APRIL 2
JASPER, TEXAS

Enjoy the roads and piney woods in deep East Texas
See Events Listing in this edition

True North A Tourmeister's Report

2016, was an epic year in motorcycling for yours truly. Early in the season I spent 18 days heading out to Arizona and Utah with friends from our club. I made a similar 10 day excursion, counter-clockwise to the 1st trip, over the same parts of the country with friends from the Lone Star Riders and the Two Wheeled Texans motorcycling groups. A two-week trip in October was highlighted by my first visit to the Barber Motorsports Park and their famous museum. I also spent many days trailering my bike on solo trips to Colorado and Arkansas.



Stephen Slisz



GPS Class, A Circle T Inn run, the Coppell Police Rodeo, the MotoGP Watching Party, a ride to visit the Two Wheeled Texans Pie Run, Carpenters Bluff Bridge, the Fall Harvest Classic, the monthly 2nd Sunday Rides, the handful of 3rd Saturday Breakfasts, and the ad-hoc day-rides for a burger here and there and you'll see it was a good riding year for me.

Those weeks of motorcycle travel were outside my travel with the BMWDFW club on our wonderful Signature Rides. Almost too many to count, were the miles clicked off on our club's single-day rides. Add our annual Polar Bear Ride for BBQ, the



International Motorcycle Show, a Leap Day Ride, a



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Why mention those many miles? In the March 2017, issue of Motorcycle Consumer News magazine, columnist Fred Rau has an article named Snapshots 2016. Fred waxes eloquently about significant or memorable moments of 2016. Pleasant moments where he deemed he felt most content, happy and relaxed, as in “all’s right with the world”. Fred tells of times sitting in rockers on a full-length porch, festooned with flowers and looking over a trout stream. And of watching boats go through manually controlled locks in Canada. And, the Jello Museum in New York.

What great descriptions! I thought I would break out my thesaurus and spew some beautifully written accounts of my epic 2016 rides. Well, my notes weren’t sufficient to make a full story much less fill a paragraph. Y’all will just have to live with the results of my hen-scratched notes on a wall calendar and a few photos. Besides, I’m no magazine columnist and reading my stories filled with \$5 thesaurus words would be like watching someone’s old 8mm home movies. Boring!

2017, marks my 15th year as a member of the Dallas Fort Worth BMW Motorcycle Riders Club. I have 14 years of BMW motorcycling moments just as good, if not better than Fred Rau’s “all’s right with the world” moments. Check out the bmwdfw.org website and Vince’s 2017 Events List. Join us on those Signature BMWDFW Rides or monthly day rides! Make some memories of your own and help me make my 15th BMW year a truly descriptive “milestone” year.

Ride’Em - Don’t Hide ‘Em!



CATEGORY II - Photo for March



SUPER MOOD RISETH

By Ralph Schwartz

Merci Texas!

by
Mike Valentin



This is not a motorcycle tale or recounting of two-wheel experiences. It is about accomplishing a long sought goal -to visit the Texas Capitol building that enabled positive serendipity.

Between too busy schedules in professional or personal life, or simply not finding a good time, we traveled to Austin to see our brood on February 18, 2017. Interestingly it was the unveiling and remembrance of the “The French Gratitude Train” or *the Texas Merci Boxcar*.

The tour of the Texas Capitol started like any other; I wanted to run through the place as quickly as I could to absorb it all and see it all!

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I won't discuss or present the mind-numbing or tedious statistics, how high is it, what kind of stone is the building is made from. Instead, the **Texas Capitol building** represents the incredible power of the people, an anchoring permanence of who Texas is and who Americans are.

We strolled through and under the **Rotunda and Dome**, crossing through the business offices, reflecting on the contributions of historical persons, past and present, and I was humbled. Craning my neck to see the symmetry of design, the principled-centered poses of Stephen F. Austin in chiseled buckskin and Davy Crockett, to name a few, my thoughts rose above the din of children and tourists, and my neck got tired.

The visit to the Senate and House of Representatives Chambers were each under the watchful eyes of Texas leader portraits encouraging us to do what is right, not necessarily to do things right. I bid adieu to the likes of Lyndon Baines Johnson and Barbara Jordan.



As we left the building, my daughter took a photograph of one of our finest; I know he wouldn't deny a small favor from a pretty lady.

Serendipity glinted outside the capitol - a memorial service by the Veterans of Foreign Wars recollecting the sacrifices of our Doughboy's in France during WWI, and more still in WWII. The accounting was somber but it was also uplifting because of the demonstrated exchange of friendship between the United States and France – *in the near distance the **Texas Merci Boxcar** stood at attention.*

In 1947 the people of France and Italy struggled to recover from the destruction visited on them during WWII. We, the Americans of many creeds and races, sent an American Friendship Train with \$40 million in goods and supplies to assist them. In return, the Italians sent four statues now gracing the Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Bridge and the Arlington Memorial Bridge in Washington DC, including a short film that was played in the movie theaters ahead of any given feature, "Thanks, America!"



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The French people, sent 49 boxcars filled with gifts from all corners of France. A ship adorned with the banner, “Merci America”, arrived in New York Harbor in 1949. Congress passed a resolution allowing the gifts to enter duty-free; longshoremen volunteered their services to bring the boxcars ashore. Since the boxcars were too narrow in gauge for the American rails, they were loaded onto rail flatbeds and delivered to the state capitals across the country without charge.

Sadly, some of the French boxcars have succumbed to vandals and the vagaries of time and weather. Some survived like exceptional friendships testifying to comrades in arms and in Texas ours continues to stand together with the Goddess of Liberty overseeing, from the top of the Texas Capitol, the memorial service underway below.

We completed the day recounting our impressions of what we saw, and how our small family is connected, via circumstance, to Texas, by birth to the United States, by blood to Europe.

Before I left the capitol grounds I took one more look behind me at the building housing the **Texas Constitution**. I saw diversity and richness being forged through the unique foundry of time and history, into an amalgam that will be stronger and flexible.



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2017 Calendar of Events



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2017 PREMIER CLUB RIDES

All the details for each of the Club Events is available in the Signature Club Events listing below

Mar 4-5, Sat–Sun; *Hamilton, TX*. Spring Forward Ride

Mar. 31 – Apr 2, Fri–Sun; *Jasper, TX*. April Fools Ride (formerly Roads of Spring Rally)

May 5-7, Fri–Sun; *Mountain View, AR*. Thank God It's Spring Rally

Sept 15-17 Fri-Sun, *Clayton, NM*. Farewell to Summer Rally

Oct 26-29, Thu-Sun; *Eureka Springs, AR*. BMWDFW Annual Fall Color Tour

"Ride 'em - Don't Hide 'em"

SIGNATURE CLUB EVENTS

All the details for each of the Events are available by clicking on the event or scrolling down

Mar 28-29, Tue-Wed; *Austin, TX*. Moto/America's Superbike Dunlop Tire Testing

Mar. 31 – Apr 2, Fri–Sun; *Jasper, TX*. "April Fools Ride" (formerly Roads of Spring Rally)

Apr 8, Sat; *Durant, OK*. BMWDFW Oklahoma Highway Patrol Motorcycle Safety Program

May 5-7, Fri–Sun; *Mountain View, AR*. "Thank God It's Spring Rally"

May 20, Sat; *White Rock Lake, TX*. BMWDFW "Cool Your Rocks Redux"

Sept 15-17 Fri-Sun, *Clayton, NM*. "Farewell to Summer Rally"

Oct 1, Thu; Ending Date of the Photo of the Year Contest

Oct 26-29, Thu-Sun; *Eureka Springs, AR*. BMWDFW "Annual Fall Color Tour"

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RECURRING CLUB ACTIVITIES

BMWDFW Club Forum

CLUB MEETING, 7:30 PM, 2nd Tuesday, MONTHLY, except December

CLUB BREAKFAST / RIDE, 2nd Sunday, MONTHLY

CLUB BREAKFAST, Saturday, 7:30 AM/8:45 AM

AD HOC RIDES

SIGNATURE CLUB EVENT DETAIL

Mar 11, Sat or Mar 18, Sat; Grapevine, TX. Slow Speed Maneuvering Practice

Pick your Saturday and Invest a few hours after Saturday morning breakfast honing your skills with other riders who hate to drop their bikes. This will be a free class and practice session on improving your skill and confidence in day-to-day slow speed maneuvers on your bike. Plan 3 hours from 0900 to noon and the location will be sent to you when you register. Registration details are being finalized and will be announced on the Yahoo Group list. Registration will be required as we can only accommodate approximately 20 riders per group for each session. Get one of these dates on your calendar. You will not want to miss this opportunity to improve your skills and have a lot of fun doing it.

Mar 25, Sat; Grapevine, TX. Day at the Movies – CHIPS (2017)

Showing at Tinseltown in Grapevine. Show time is yet to be determined, but we'll do the first show around 10am following the breakfast at the Original Pancake House. Be aware that this comedy is rated R with some crude humor. See the trailer [here](#).

Mar 28-29, Tue-Wed; Austin, TX. Moto/America's Superbike Dunlop Tire Testing

Moto/America is having a Superbike Dunlop tire test at Austin's Circuit of the Americas. The public is invited for free. Ride down on the first day straight to the track, walk the paddock and watch the bikes tests. Overnight at the La Quinta South in Round Rock (512-246-2800), and go back to the track a couple of hours on day 2 and return home later on Wednesday. Join our Tourmeister for a mid-week break and some fun.

Mar. 31 – Apr 2, Fri-Sun; Jasper, TX. April Fools Ride (formerly Roads of Spring Rally)

Host Hotel: Best Western of Jasper. Reservations: 409-384-7767. Rooms have 2 beds and rate is \$80.99. Rooms blocked under BMWDFW or BMW motorcycle of Dallas/Ft Worth and room block expires Feb 28. The April Fools Ride is a low-frills ride (read = cheap/fast food) to deep East Texas to enjoy the roads and piney woods along the Texas/Louisiana border. Please RSVP to Stephen Slisz at veeha_stephen@yahoo.com or veeha.stephens@gmail.com.

May 5-7, Fri-Sun; Mountain View, AR. Thank God It's Spring Rally

Host Hotel: Pinewood Cabins. We scored the 15 premium rooms at the top of the hill and on the town square! Other nice rooms and cabins are available outside our block. Check out their hotel map and rates at www.pinewoodcabins.net Reservations: 877-269-5900. All blocked rooms have 2-beds and are held under Stephen Slisz Dallas/Ft Worth BMW. Rate is \$90. Block expires March 1st so reserve soon! There will probably be an earlybird ride on Thursday the 4th for those wishing to ride some of the wonderful backroads to Mountain View, so stay tuned for updates. Please RSVP to Stephen Slisz at veeha_stephen@yahoo.com or veeha.stephens@gmail.com.

Apr 8, Sat; Durant, OK. BMWDFW Oklahoma Highway Patrol Motorcycle Safety Program

Chris Delaplaine was able to secure a commitment from the Oklahoma Motorcycle Training Officer to hold a private training program at the Choctaw Casino parking lot. This is a great program and well worth attending. Enhance your riding skills with this [program](#). Contact Chris at chrisdelaplaine@sbcglobal.net. There are limited spots available. If you're interested in staying overnight at the Casino on Friday or staying over on Saturday, let Chris know. If there's enough that want to do that, Chris will see what he can do to get a block of rooms. Keep your eye on the Yahoo Group for updates.

May 20, Sat; White Rock Lake, TX. BMWDFW Cool Your Rocks Redux

Join us at the White Rock Boat Club on White Rock Lake in Dallas from 6pm to 10pm for free hamburgers, hot dogs, soft drinks and music. This is our annual picnic and a family affair. Bring your spouse or significant other and spend time with your fellow BMWDFW members. **Please RSVP by June 1st to Stephen at veeha_stephen@yahoo.com** so we have an accurate headcount for the food. We ask you to **please bring a dish to share** with your fellow members. This really worked out well in prior years and we had some spectacular dishes! If you prefer more adult libations, please bring your own. The White Rock Boat Club is located at 340 E. Lawther Drive in Dallas. For more on White Rock Boat Club, [click here](#). See our website for more information as it develops. See you there!

Sept 15-17 Fri-Sun, Clayton, NM. Farewell to Summer Rally

Host hotel: Best Western Kokopelli Lodge for 2 nights. Reservations 575-374-2589 under BMW. Rate is \$112.49 for 2 beds and includes breakfast. End of summer ride to the Capulin Volcano National Monument and other scenic areas of Northern New Mexico ([click here](#) & [here](#) for more info.) Friday's mileage will require an early exit from DFW, but we gain an hour pulling into Clayton and it won't

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seem so tough. Sunday's direct route home is an hour shorter. Please RSVP to Stephen Slisz at yeeha_stephen@yahoo.com or yeeha.stephens@gmail.com.

Oct 1, Thu; Ending Date of the Photo of the Year Contest

For Photo of the Year (Contest runs to October 1 in any given year. Photos submitted after October 1 will be considered an entry for the following year.) All Contest forms are available at <http://bmwdfw.org/> under the Contest tab.

Oct 26-29, Thu-Sun; Eureka Springs, AR. BMWDFW Annual Fall Color Tour

Host Hotel: Edelweiss Inn at 2066 E. Van Buren. The reservations number is 800-870-2529. This is our Annual ride to Eureka Springs, AR for some of the best autumn color and riding available. If you don't get an answer when you call, send Cindy an email at stay@edelweissinn.com. We'll be there for the nights from October 26th to 29th, arriving Thursday and departing Sunday. When you call or email be sure to tell them that you are with the BMWDFW Motorcycle Club. This year, there will be no organized ride to to/from Eureka Springs. The Tourmeister will post several GPS routes on the Yahoo list along with several suggested day rides in and around the Eureka Springs area. Watch the Yahoo list, as some folks may post their rides for others to join. Please RSVP to Stephen Slisz at yeeha_stephen@yahoo.com or yeeha.stephens@gmail.com.

Oct 31, Mon; Ending Date of the Article of the Year Contest

For Article of the Year (Submit articles to the newsletter editor, Don Mills at email address don_mill@sbcglobal.net). All Contest forms are available at <http://bmwdfw.org/> under the Contest tab.

Nov 15, Wed; Ending Date for BMWDFW Mileage Contest Submissions

The submission form must be sent to Dennis Bufton at BMWDFW, P.O. Box 132, Bedford, TX 76095-0132. The form is available [here](#).

Nov 15, Wed; Starting Date for BMWDFW 2017 Mileage Contest

Record your starting mileage and submit to Dennis Bufton at BMWDFW, P.O. Box 132, Bedford, TX 76095-0132. The form is available [here](#).

Nov 30, Thu; Last Day for RSVP for the BMWDFW Annual Awards Banquet

Send your RSVP to Dennis Bufton at mailto:buftond@tx.rr.com with a "Yes I am" or "No I am not" coming. If yes, please indicate the number in your party. We need to provide the number of attendees to the restaurant in advance so they may provide sufficient food and drink.

Dec 1, Fri; Annual Dues for 2018

Be sure to get your Annual Dues to Dennis Bufton for 2017. Catch him at Saturday breakfast or mail your check to: Dennis Bufton at BMWDFW, P.O. Box 132, Bedford, TX 76095-0132.

Dec 3, Sun; Euless, TX. BMWDFW Annual Awards Banquet

Be sure to put this one on your calendar as a do not miss. The Annual Awards Banquet will be held at in the ballroom adjacent to the Raven's Grille at the Texas Star Golf Course, 1400 Texas Star Parkway, in Euless, TX on Sunday, December 3, 2017. This is a premier event and not to be missed. I've already made my reservation!

OTHER NOTABLE EVENTS

Mar 10-19, Fri-Sun; Daytona, FL. Daytona Bike Week

Mar 12, Sun; * Daylight Saving Time Begins *****

Mar 25, Sat; Grapevine, TX. Day at the Movies – CHIPS (2017)

Mar 24-26, Fri-Sun; Beeville, TX. The Texas Mile

Apr 1, Sat; Celina TX. NIIT WIT Diet 8 Hour Rally

Apr 7-9, Fri-Sun; Kerrville, TX. MOA Hill Country Hangout

Apr 16, Sun; *EASTER SUNDAY*****

Apr 29, Sat; Bryan TX. NIIT WIT Takes on the Heart of Texas Rally

May 19-21, Fri-Sun; Rusk, TX. Texas National Picnic

TEXAS BMW MOTORCYCLE CLUB LINKS

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BMW Club of Houston, [click here to access](#)

San Antonio BMW Riders Association, [click here to access](#)

Hill Country BMW Riders, Austin, TX, [click here to access](#). The member's forum is at hillcountrybmw@yahoogroups.com

