

BMW Motorcycle Club  
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May 2017

**THE WORLD'S MOST INTERESTING MOTORCYCLE CLUB**

## CATEGORY 1- Photo for May



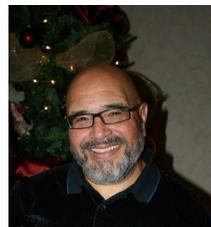
### Nace sinks his KTM

by Joel Watson

### Da' Prez' Says

Your elected BMWDFW officers met earlier than expected (April 15<sup>th</sup>) to discuss events and plans for the remainder of this year. Yep! There's still more to do! Places to go! People to meet!

On April 8, the Oklahoma Highway Patrol (OHP) had about 30 of our club members out to the Choctaw Casino for a



Mike Valentin

### Points of Interest

- Photos OTM
- Prez Sez
- True North
- Air Heads Rule
- MotoGP
- 2017 Events

### **Membership Meeting**

**Tuesday  
May 9  
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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**rider safety-training**

**course.** Our club participation was phenomenal. Everyone demonstrated skill and confidence, or at least bravery with a wobble at times; but not a dropped bike at anytime was ever seen. Thank you Chris Delaplaine for leading this effort; Stephen Slisz coddled our troops and the motor-officers with hydration and food and even brought his trailer, just in case....We thank Rick Kallmayer for preparing us for this show with his slow-riding skills class on March 11.



We gave the MC Troop an award for supporting the ongoing education and development of safe motorcycle riding. Everyone had a good time; good laughs and departed a better rider. Even my insurance company was happy to give me a further discount on my premium....cool!



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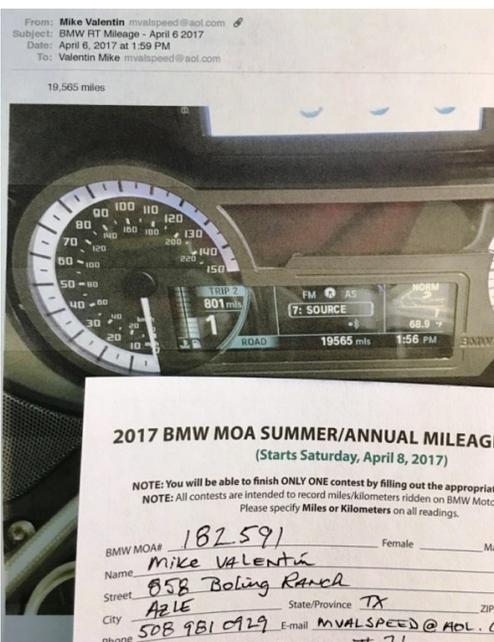
More people were interested in attending this program than could be accommodated. Maybe the program could be repeated in another two years. We hope the training program continues by the OHP. Budget cut threats in this program will diminish the development of safe riders and roads.

Later this week, May 5 – 7, we're heading up to Mountain View, Arkansas for the "Thank God It's Spring" ride (KSU at 9:00A from Nancy's Café on the 5<sup>th</sup>). Our Tourmeister will be heading up the evening before for fun and food on the 4<sup>th</sup> to shorten the mileage from Paris to Mountain View. I'm heading up on the 5<sup>th</sup>, starting my official start with a photograph at the Texas Style Eiffel Tower – I'm looking forward to it!

If your butt hurts from too much riding, or the wrist is sore, come by and join us for the "Cool Your Rocks -4thTime's D'charm" on May 20, 2017 at 6P at White Rock Boat Club. There'll be food, good times and Please RSVP by May 15th to Stephen Slisz or Bill McGannon.



**HELP WANTED – Cool Your Rocks work group** is looking for a "few good riders", Contact Carter Lewis.



Don't forget to bring a dish or special treat...those special extras from member kitchens make the gathering memorable. Yum! Yum!

For June 2017, we'll be hearing more about a **star-gazing open-house party** in Clifton, Texas, by the Central Texas Astronomical Society Open House 8:30 - 11:30pm.

Along those lines, mark your calendars for the **GPS Tech Day**, September 30, 2017. A working group is assembling materials and equipment. This program will not be a Garmin Basecamp course, but a GPS concepts and device options program; Garmin isn't the only option for software and hardware operation.

**Finally, REMINDER: Get in your BMW MOA Mileage Contest End Forms signed and postmarked by May 7, 2017.** Let's get outta' here!

# True North A Tourmeister's Report



**Stephen Slisz**

Miss Vicki is my usual sounding-board but the night of the last BMWDFW club meeting she was in Houston visiting a grand-kid and I used you all instead. I unnecessarily put you through a rant about my troubles with the Ft. Worth BMW dealership not keeping me in the loop on the work on my bike and I shouldn't have done so and I apologize. I'm sorry.

Speaking of "the loop", I saw the new movie thriller *The Circle*. You have to see this movie, a modern theme in the fashion of Tommy – The Pinball Wizard. If you are afraid of or just don't like modern information age technology, the movie might just be a horror movie instead of a thriller.



The show is basically about a company, not unlike Facebook, that wants everyone on the planet connected electronically 24/7. All your phone calls, emails, photos, and personal information, etc.... have gone further than being stored in a Cloud; they are available to everyone on the planet. Instantly! The only privacy situation is the 3 minutes you are allowed to use the restroom.



I thought it was kind of a scary premise until I got home and began opening some emails looking for RSVP's for some of the upcoming club rides. If everyone in the club signed up for The Circle I wouldn't have to beg people to respond to my requests for "Who's coming to dinner?" I would already know who's

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going to make the ride and the group dinner, and who is just going to have a snack at the Quicky Mart, just call up my full time access to The Circle.

Heck, I'd even know who's going to skip the next club Signature Ride and why. Excuses that you had

to stay home take care of a sick dog won't work when you're in The Circle. I'll know that you promised to take the Missus. shopping for new curtains or to drive the car home from the salon while her nails dry.

Maybe that little thing that made you skip the club function might be more fun. Instantly we would all know about it and may choose to join your event. Trying to sneak out by yourself and ride that secret twisty road that's great for a Sunday morning blitz? Everyone would instantly know and would probably want to meet you there. You wouldn't mind some company would you? Why would you not want join your friends in all the upcoming BMWDFW club rides? The Circle knows.

Ride'Em - Don't Hide 'Em!



PHOTO COURTESY OF: **MIKE GRAGG**

## CATEGORY II - Photo for May



### NYC AWAKENS

by Mike Valentin

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### **Airheads Rule!**

Airheads Rule! Yes, I see those sly smiles every time that is said by one of the aficionados of the BMW Type 247 engine. Made by BMW between 1969, and 1995, these almost stone age simple engines were installed in some of the most iconic motorcycles to ever come out of Germany. Those of us who love riding and working on these bikes proudly wear the moniker “Airhead”. Within the BMW community is a national organization known as The Air-



**MIKE CRENSHAW**  
“Crunch”

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heads Beemers Club. There are one or more chapters in almost every state and the director of each chapter is known as an Air Marshall. BMW MOA Club #26 is also home to the Texas Airhead Air Marshal Mike Moon. He and Airhead Eric Beebe sponsored an Airhead Tech Day on Saturday, April 15, 2017. Several of our local club members saddled up early and rode to the event to enjoy the comradery. Paul Lange, Art Ullman Jr., David Cannaday, Ronnie Weinszapfel, Mike Moon and I converged on Beebe's beautiful home located in the Eldorado neighborhood in McKinney, Texas.



After arriving early, introductions were made, coffee and delicious snacks provided by Mrs. Beebe were consumed, we commenced to working on the bikes. Art Jr. rolled his R75/6 up onto the bike lift in the garage and proceeded to perform a valve adjustment. He had no shortage of experienced Airheads assisting with specs and knowhow, as well as others interested in learning the procedure. David and Paul set about synchronizing the carbs on their bikes, a "R89" and R80RS respectively. David has really done yeoman's work with his bike in the last few months. It is a hybrid of an R80 frame with an



R90 motor and many of the long time Airheads were heard to say how nice it was. Paul was on his beautiful red, one of a kind, R80RS. I had Elwood, one of my two R90/6 bikes (the other being called



Jake) off to the side to change fork fluid and replace the bumpers in the bottom of the

forks to eliminate an annoying clunk every time the bike hit a bump.

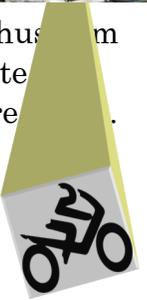
Throughout the morning, we were joined by about another dozen or so Airheads from north Texas and southern Oklahoma including BMW MOA columnist **Matt Parkhouse** from Colorado. Matt was a little late to the party but he had an excellent excuse. It seems that the night before while coming down from Colorado he struck an antelope outside of Amarillo on his Mexico bike. No damage to Matt, only superficial

MATT'S BIKE OK  
DELAYED UNTIL  
9AM



damage to the bike, but the antelope didn't fare well at all as the photos provided by Denton Airhead Monte Miller will attest. In his monthly column in the MOA Owners News Matt often mentions his two R75/5 bikes. The one he calls Strider was purchased new in 1972 and has over 450,000 miles on the clock. This day Matt was on his 'Mexico' bike, also an R75/5. A compilation of bits from other less fortunate R75/5's this is the bike he takes to Mexico almost annually. It is a true testimony to the initial build quality and toughness of Airhead BMW motorcycles.

Some might ask, "why mess around with forty year old technology" when you can have a state of the art machine that doesn't have carburetors, a clunky transmission, or a charging system that only puts out enough electricity to keep the points firing. For most of us Airheads it's the pleasure of meeting and spending time with likeminded people that appreciate classic craftsmanship. They are a hands-on connection to the past. While I truly love my modern BMW motorcycles they don't evoke the same spirit and feeling of enthusiasm that I felt the first time I ever saw a BMW motorcycle. It was a classic black with white stripes R69S at the New Mexico state fair in 1970 and that bike just exuded adventure. My two R90/6 motorcycles are a way to rejuvenate that feeling of why I have an affinity to the marque. Not nearly as fast and maybe not as comfortable, but I still feel like I could head out in the morning for a destination two thousand miles away and get there with minimal effort and have just as many adventures along the way.



## MOTO GP

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### The Circuit of the Americas

by Don Mills

**T**he stands and hillsides were filled with fans for the "Mother of All Motorcycle Races"

on Sunday, April 23, 2017. And the race did not disappoint. Marquez is still the King at this track....crashing with abandon all during practice sessions and qualifying, but never a wheel wrong when it counted. Rossi passed Pedrosa near the end for 2nd place and now leads the championship series; a far better result than last year where he disappeared dur-

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Ducati has the largest and most impressive presence of all the bike manufacturers. Ducati owners may park inside the main gate at **Ducati Island** and shop in the Ducati Store, demo all the latest offerings

and listen to live entertainment. The other manufacturers are located in “tortilla flats” down the hill and across the bridge from Ducati Island, but BMW had a presence for the first time, joining Honda, Yamaha, Suzuki, KTM & Kawasaki. This made for good shopping with the surrounding vendors.



Steven TM Slisz and Mitch Fetters met us at the **Handbuilt M/C show** on Friday night in downtown Austin. Beautiful stuff! Including a motorbike with willow-wood-spoked wheels.



Our “Hot Pit” walk before the Moto 3 race revealed a few inside attractions, like Rossi’s bike, his very own racing team and Zarco’s pit crew.



and Zarco’s pit crew.

**DON'T MISS THE NEXT ONE**

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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. 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, MONTHLY, except December**  
**CLUB BREAKFAST / RIDE, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, MONTHLY**  
**CLUB BREAKFAST, Saturday, 7:30 AM/8:45 AM**  
**AD HOC RIDES**

## SIGNATURE CLUB EVENT DETAIL

### **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](http://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](mailto:veeha_stephen@yahoo.com) or [veeha.stephens@gmail.com](mailto:veeha.stephens@gmail.com).

### **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](mailto: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!

### **Jun 3, Sat; Arlington, TX. 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Webb Masonic Motorcycle Rally & Lodge Tour**

This charity rally is open to all Mason and non-Mason motorcyclists. Come and join us to tour the Masonic lodges in Godley, Glen Rose, Chaulk Mountain, Hico, Dublin, and Stephenville. We'll start at the Masonic lodge in Arlington at 7000 Zuefeldt Drive. Breakfast is at 7am, with kickstands up at 8:30am. Lunch will also be available (\$7 donation suggested) at the Hico Masonic Lodge at 12:30. Pre-registration is \$10 per motorcycle/car, and \$5 per rider. Registration on site is \$15 per motorcycle/car and \$5 per rider. Questions or to make registrations, contact Michael "Mad Dog" Lowthrop at 817-276-9090, 817-478-0497, or email to [bigdog@skootdog.com](mailto:bigdog@skootdog.com)

### **Jun 17-18, Sat, Sun; Clifton, TX. BMWDFW Observatory Star Party Ride**

The ride is to attend the Central Texas Astronomical Society Open House 8:30 - 11:30pm. We'll be overnighing in Clifton and returning to DFW on Sunday. Lodging in Clifton is at the Screen Door Inn B&B [254-675-7829](tel:254-675-7829) <http://screendoorinn.com/> or at the Velkommen Inn (formerly Best Western) [254-675-8999](tel:254-675-8999) <http://velkommeninnclifontx.com/>. Departure time, location and GPS routes will be published on the Yahoo list. There is no BMWDFW room block made for this event, so you need to get in quick. The Central Texas Astronomical Society owns and operates the Paul and Jane Meyer Observatory at the Turner Research Station, a dark sky site between Turnersville and Clifton, Texas. Monthly Open House events (Star Party) are free to the public but registration is required. You can register by [clicking here](#). (You must add your spouse/SO/co-rider to the registration)

### **Sept 4, Mon, Godley, TX. 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Ride for Tacos**

Meet me @ "The" QT station in Hurst across from the old dealership on Highway 10 at 0900. We'll run over to 360 and down to 917 to Godley. We'll lunch on some tacos and head back to the house before it gets really hot.

### **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 seem so tough. Sunday's direct route home is an hour shorter. Please RSVP to Stephen Slisz at [veeha\\_stephen@yahoo.com](mailto:veeha_stephen@yahoo.com) or [veeha.stephens@gmail.com](mailto:veeha.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](mailto:stay@edelweissinn.com). We'll be there for the nights from October 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>, 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

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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](mailto:yeeha_stephen@yahoo.com) or [yeeha.stephens@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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**

May 19-21, Fri-Sun; *Rusk, TX*. Texas National Picnic  
Jun 3, Sat; *Graham, TX*. 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Food Truck Championship  
Jun 19, Monday; Annual Ride to Work Day  
Jun 22-25; Thu-Sun; *Plain, WA*. Tourtech Rally - West  
Jul 13-15, Thu-Sun; *Salt Lake City, UT*. 2017 BMW MOA International Rally  
Jul 20-23, Thu-Sun; *Paonia, CO*. Top O The Rockies Rally  
Aug 6, Sat; *Lakewood, CO*. BMW MCC 100,000 Foot Ride  
Aug 10-13, Thu-Sun; *Grandjean, ID*. Stanley Stomp Rally  
Aug 18-20, Fri-Sun; *Eureka Springs*. MOA Getaway  
Sep 8-10, Fri-Sun; *Sipapu, NM*. Bavarian Mountain Rally  
Sep 28-Oct 1, Thu-Sun; *Jefferson, TX*. NTNOA Lake of the Pines Rallye  
Sep 29-30, Fri-Sat; *Talihina, OK*. Oklahoma BMW Rally  
Oct 13-15, Fri-Sun; *Kerrville, TX*. Lone Star Riders' Annual Texas Gathering  
Oct 20-21, Fri-Sat; *Luckenbach, TX*. 15th Harvest Fall Classic  
Nov 03-05, Fri-Sun; *Fayetteville, TX*. 47<sup>th</sup> South Central BMW Owners Reunion  
Nov 10-12, Fri-Sun; *Kerrville, TX*. MOA Getaway Texas

**TEXAS BMW MOTORCYCLE CLUB LINKS**

**LSBMW Club** (Lone Star BMW Riders, North Dallas) [click here](#) to access. The members forum is at [lonestarbwmriders@yahoo.com](mailto:lonestarbwmriders@yahoo.com)

**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@yahoo.com](mailto:hillcountrybmw@yahoo.com)