

**BMW Motorcycle Club**  
Dallas - Fort Worth



# **BEEMER ZEITUNG**

June 2017

## **Theresa ...**

loved helping others but never wanted the spotlight to shine on her. She was happiest when immersed with her family, and always wanted to shine the light on her children and grand children. We met in 2006, on an online dating site. She had a photo of herself and her bike at the time, a 1982 Honda CB450. She put over 10,000 miles on that bike. A year or so later I presented her with her R1100R and she loved that bike. Between 2007, and 2015, she rode that bike over 40,000 miles on trips we made from coast to coast.

A single mother for much of her adult

life, she never had a lot of time to travel like she wanted to. When we finally got together, the boys were on their own, and we were able to take several extended rides. I think her one regret was that she never got to see the Grand Canyon. It was on our itinerary on the final ride when she had the accident in California. She wasn't seriously injured thanks to wearing proper protective clothing, but by then her breast cancer had advanced to such a stage that she could no longer ride.

The photo of her at the Sand Hills State Park in Monohans is my favorite moto photo of her and the "Rust In Peace" photo is a good example of her sense of humor. Using it in the NL would make her laugh. Her humor was not lost on strangers either. Whenever she met a stranger she would always say, "Honey, I'm from Texas and we greet people with big hugs." On a trip to London a few years back we were exchanging some money and she had the little Indian guy behind the window in stitches talking to him in her Texas drawl and cracking jokes. A good friend from Pennsylvania she met online wanted to come to Texas to meet her. The friend's husband wasn't so sure about that and said, "For all you know she might be an ax murderer. Theresa told him, "Aww honey, in Texas we use chainsaws."

She will be dearly missed by all her knew her, especially her great big hugs. I was only with her for ten years but they have been the best ten years of my life.

"Crunch"

View this link to a YouTube video that my daughter in law, Jessica McMurray, made in honor of Theresa, a real woman, a warrior... my love. <https://youtu.be/7a4invCyNVQ>



## CATEGORY 1- Photo for June



**TGIS in secluded East Texas**  
by David Morgan

### Da' Prez' Says

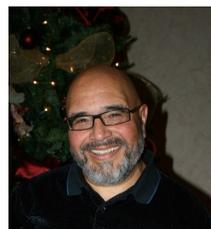
The full force of summer will be with us very soon, more specifically, the doldrums; lessened riding activity, depression due to excess heat or simply listlessness gripping your oysters, if you know what I mean.

Actually being a motorcyclist is having a special relationship with your bike, or as suggested in "Annie Hall" directed by Woody Allen, "A relationship, I think, is like a shark. It has to constantly move forward or it dies. And I think what we got on our hands is a dying shark." - I hope not, and I've got a plan to avoid that! I'm going to ride, ride where the wind may blow, cooler and more thinly in the higher grounds within the reaches of The Rockies.

This past month was a prelude, a preparation and practice for what will be a wonderful summer riding season.

**"Thank God It's Spring"** ride to Mountain View, Arkansas, (May 5 – 7, 2017),

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Mike Valentin

### Points of Interest

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### **Membership Meeting**

**Tuesday  
June 13  
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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was a tour de force for our club. Accommodations were excellent and the story telling was colorful and vivid with apparent appreciation for what and how we ride. Right out of the chute my wingman-member, David Frankenfield, and I banked off to ride up to Paris and connected with the Texas Eiffel Tower, completing our two-step with breakfast at Nancy's Café before heading off to Mountain View with the rest of the squadron of club members. Everyone enjoyed the cool temps and smooth roads, enhancing the opportunity for fun and safe riding. The trip was so good that plans are already underway for to repeat this gig next year.



The summer rehearsal continued with the **“Cool Your Rocks – 4<sup>th</sup> Time’s D’charm”** on May 20, 2017... a great success! We had 36 members attend and enjoy good burgers, tube steaks, and member prepared side dishes. The lakefront temperatures were in the mid-70s with gentle breezes suggesting we will be doing this again about the same time next year.



Cool Your Rocks is only possible with the effort and good will of our members. My thanks to Chris Delaplaine who again channeled the fires of Vulcan at the grill; Marc and MaryEllen Dabal for corralling the chow-line; Bill McGannon for securing the location and vittles; Carter Lewis and his team who made shorter work of the cleanup and policing of the area – I’m sure I’ve forgotten someone, so let me know!

Our month ended with a **Memorial Day ride**. The group visited Greenwood Cemetery in Fort Worth, Texas to hear and see the recollections and thanks to Canadian Airmen lost in Texas during training for WWI. Senior officers representation included Canada, United Kingdom and our United States, preceded with bi-plane flyovers, concluding with F-16’s and the lone sound of taps.



There’s more on our schedule for June 2017, including “starry, starry nights!” with the **Central Texas Astronomical Society Open House**. Then inertial guidance training for flatlanders with a GPS Tech day in September 2017.

During June, I’ll be completing my routes and plans for a very full summer riding schedule during July. I promise to listen to “Major Tom.” ....

*“Ground Control to Major Tom  
Ground Control to Major Tom  
Take your protein pills and put your helmet on  
Ground Control to Major Tom (ten, nine, eight, seven, six)  
Commencing countdown, engines on (five, four, three)  
Check ignition and may God’s love be with you (two, one, liftoff)” - (“Space Oddity” by David Bowie)*



Moto Stanley is reminding everyone, stay hydrated, ride cool, and we’ll see you at the next monthly meeting June 13<sup>th</sup>.

## True North A Tourmeister's Report

My luck with the weather was terrific last season. It looks like that luck ran out for the 2017 riding season with almost all of the smaller ride events having been rained on or out. Our first larger riding event, the **Roads of Spring/April fools ride** down in Jasper (far East Texas), started out with perfect weather only to be hammered with severe thunderstorms and official Tornado Warnings for the return home leg. A few of our members even witnessed some Weather Service Storm Chasers being chased off the road and sheltering in the local McDonalds restaurant. After that ride weekend, our area experienced 10 days of thunders storms during the 4 remaining weeks of April.



**Stephen Slisz**

I was plenty worried about the next BMWDFW Signature Ride, the **Thank God It's Spring Rally** in Mountain View Arkansas, receiving the same kind of treatment from the Weather-Gods. Just a few days before we were to roll out of town our East Texas neighbors near Canton, about 60 miles East of Dallas, were devastated by a rash of multiple tornados. 4 of those neighbors lost their lives and more than 50 more were injured. That same storm system moved on toward Arkansas and Missouri causing more troubles. In North East Arkansas and Southern Missouri, 100 year-old river level records were broken in 14 different locations. Much of this flooding and a levee break in Pocahontas Arkansas were within a 75-mile radius of our ride destination – Mountain View Arkansas.

For several years now, I've been wishing to get BMWDFW riders up to the Mountain View area and specially



to have them stay at one of my favorite lodging choices, the **Pinewood Cabins** in downtown **Mountain View**. Most of the "cabins" are really one-story, ground-level hotel rooms, but they are decorated in rustic furnishings and natural wood siding that looks like a log cabin. This year we managed to snag all the premium rooms that are on the street behind the Stone County Courthouse, that are also walking distance to all that is Mountain View.

Adjacent to the courthouse, Mountain View has set up a small city park dedicated to the playing of live "Mountain Music". On the property are several small gazebos where musicians can come to circle around and play acoustic instruments for the enjoyment of the area's visitors. Across the street are a couple of spots for tourists to grab an ice cream cone or a soda before they flash back in time and stroll the park to some country fiddle music. Here you can literally feel yourself being transported to another era.

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Additionally, near this overnight location is my favorite twisty road in Arkansas, AR-341 or **Push Mountain Road**. Some have even called Push Mountain the "Dragon of Arkansas". There are very few houses and almost no crossroads on Push Mountain to interfere with the flow of riding a motorcycle up a twisty mountain our Signature Events in Northern Arkansas, but this place is so nice that I re-upped for my same room too. Let's not call it TGIS next year. We'll save that for another club ride. But if you want to join in a Mountain View ride for 2018, you might call the Pinewood Cabins. It's absolutely breath-taking motorcycle riding in my book.



Near the end of Push Mountain the road crosses Arkansas' White River in a couple of locations. The week's news and weather reports had me in knots thinking this ride would be a washout. So much so, that as near as a couple of nights before the trip, I loaded several alternate routes into the GPS just in case my run up Push Mountain turn out to be a bust.



All the sleeplessness over the previous few nights was for naught. The Weather-Gods cut me some slack and the whole weekend turned out beautiful. Making this trip is always special to me and I wanted so badly to show our club members what fun may be had

just a little farther down the road from Eureka Springs. The big show worked out perfectly.

TGIS turned out so perfectly in fact that several club members reserved their same rooms for the same time next year. Now, I don't really want to nail down 2 of ins ASAP to snag your own room. Dates for the 2018 are May 4/5<sup>th</sup>. Toll Free 877-269-5900

See ya' there.  
Stephen Slisz



## CATEGORY II - Photo for June



### BRYCE CANYON, UT

By Ralph Schwartz

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## Remembering 100 Years After WWI in Fort Worth Texas

In the winter of 1917, after the United States entry in to WWI, military aviation cadets from Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States came to airfields in the Fort Worth area to train for aerial warfare. In Tarrant County, Hicks Field, Barron Field, and Carruthers Field brought in several thousand Brits and Canadians to support an air training establishment that would graduate more than 1500 pilots and several hundred gunners, observers and ground support personnel for the war effort. The Royal Flying Corps began flight ops in October of 1917, and the death rate was high. 39 Royal Flying cadets and almost 100 US Army Air Service flyers died during training.



STEPHEN SLISZ

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**Greenwood Memorial Park** maintains a Royal Flying Corps monument and grave site that is part of the official British Commonwealth War Grave Commission within the Greenwood Cemetery in Fort Worth Texas. 11 RFC personnel and 1 American have been reinterred here surrounding the RFC monument.

From a Fort Worth Aviation Museum newsletter I discovered there would be a 100<sup>th</sup> remembrance service at the Royal Flying Corps monument on Memorial Day and thought attending one of these smaller events would be a great way to celebrate the National Holiday. I also invited BMWDFW members to tag along with me.

Randy Simoneau, Mike Valentine, Brett Morehead, Ken McLaughlin, John Painter, Johnny Kresena, Miss Vicki and I started the Memorial Day ride with a sunrise Brown Bag



Breakfast at **Airfield Falls Park** in West Ft Worth near the Carswell Joint Reserve Airbase. The park is home to Ft Worth's only natural waterfall. Newly reconstructed, the new park is also the trailhead for this branch of the Trinity River Trails System and marks the location of the former house of the Carswell base commander. While offering a picnic and resting place for park visitors, the new building preserves the memory of the residence by carefully incorporating some of the original garden walls, landscape steps and foundation patios into the new structure. The park also features an artist's repurposed concept of the McDonnell Douglas C-9, a military version of the McDonnell Douglas DC-9 airliner. After 37 years of service, this C-9A Nightingale was retired from Air Mobility Command after a final active duty flight in September 2005.

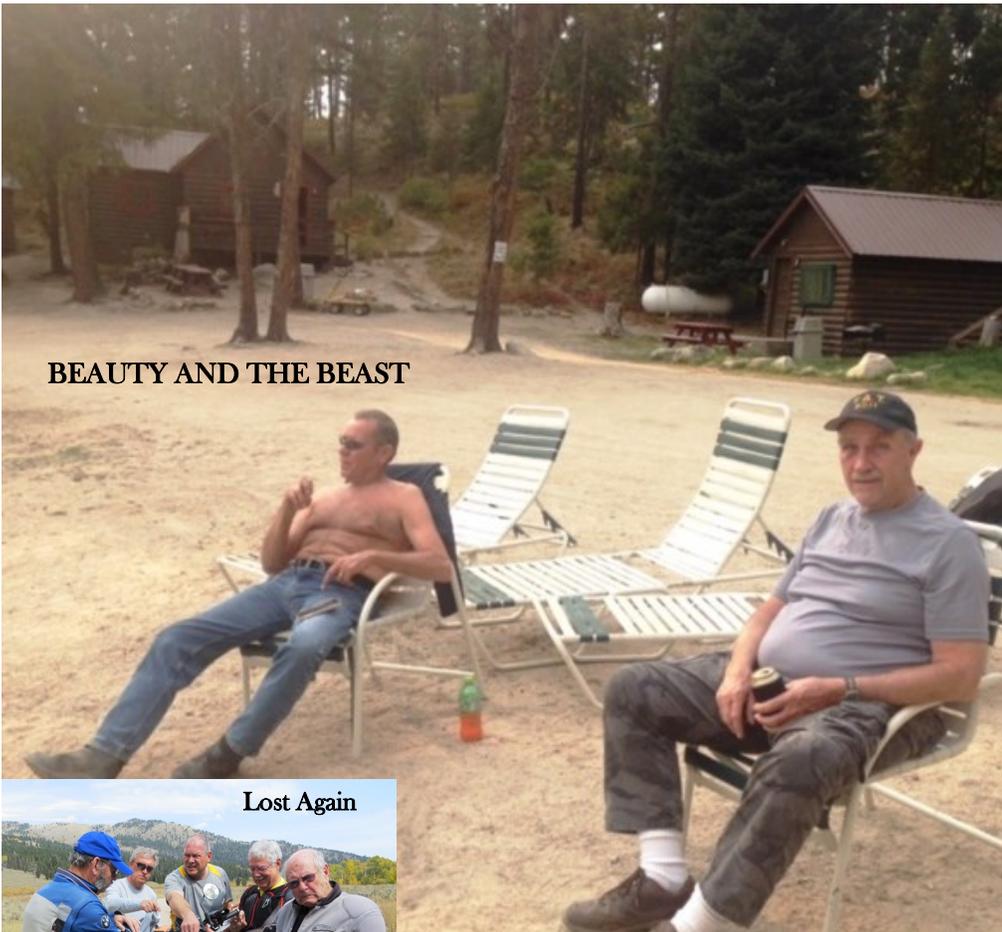
After breakfast and a visit to the water fall, the BMWDFW rider group made



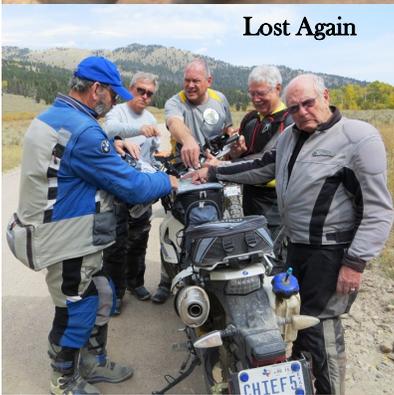
our way to the **Greenwood Cemetery** to join a ceremony with about 200 other people honoring the Royal Flying Corps and other WWI fallen. Starting off the 100<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Service, the Ft Worth Scottish Pipes and Drums Corps bag piped a couple of haunting tunes that included a Canadian-British-American national anthem medley and a version of "It's a Long Way to Tipperary". The activities then followed by U.S. and Canadian commanders from NORAD, a Royal Canadian Airforce General, and Brigadier General David Kettle of the Commonwealth Graves Commission placing wreaths at the

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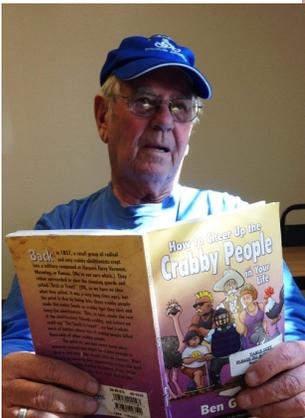




**BEAUTY AND THE BEAST**



**Lost Again**



**Peyote Effect**



**Use your head**



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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

### **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 <http://screendoorinn.com/> or at the Willkommen Inn (formerly Best Western) 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)

### **Jun 19, Mon, Fort Worth, TX. BMWDFW Breakfast Ride to Work Day**

Meet us @ "The" QT station in Hurst across from the old dealership on Highway 10 at 0730 or meet us at Esperanza's Main Street, 2122 North Main Street, Fort Worth, TX around 0800. Celebrate Ride to Work Day and get a great breakfast!

### **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).

### **Sept 23, Sat, Mid-Cities, TX. BMWDFW Tech Day - GPS Basics and Alternatives**

Come join us to explore alternate GPS technologies like iPad, tablets, and mini-computer platforms mounted for a motorcycle environment. This includes using custom routes and tracks on these to navigate on and off road. We'll be grilling Brats/Dogs for lunch for a small donation. More info to follow on times and place. Watch the Yahoo list and updates to this listing for details.

### **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 [stav@edelweissinn.com](mailto:stav@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 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 [veeha\\_stephen@yahoo.com](mailto:veeha_stephen@yahoo.com) or [veeha.stephens@gmail.com](mailto:veeha.stephens@gmail.com).

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

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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; Eules, 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 Eules, 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**

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**

You're invited to the 2017 BMW MOA International Rally in Salt Lake City. [Click here](#) for Rally information.

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 23, Sat; Ft. Worth, TX. Lone Star Half-Mile - AMA Flat Track Racing**

event will be held at 3545 Lone Star Circle (Texas Motor Speedway). For tickets and more information [click here](#).

**Sep 28-Oct 1, Thu-Sun; Jefferson, TX. NTNOA Lake of the Pines Rallye**

The rallye draws over 300 people displaying over 150 of the finest vintage motorcycles anywhere in the country. Now held at Diamond Dave's about a mile outside of Jefferson, TX. This is the one everyone who is anyone goes too! [Click here for all the information.](#)

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**, Y.O. Ranch Hotel, Texas. [Click here](#) for information and to register. Entry fee is \$89 per person and includes Fri/Sat evening meals, an event T-shirt, MOA swag and access to a motorcycle benefit auction. (cash bar available) Registration required for each person attending. Remember to sign up your spouse/S.O. Registration and registration fee does NOT include lodging. But include the code BMWMOA to the YO when making your reservations to get the \$105 per night rate.

**TEXAS BMW MOTORCYCLE CLUB LINKS**

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