

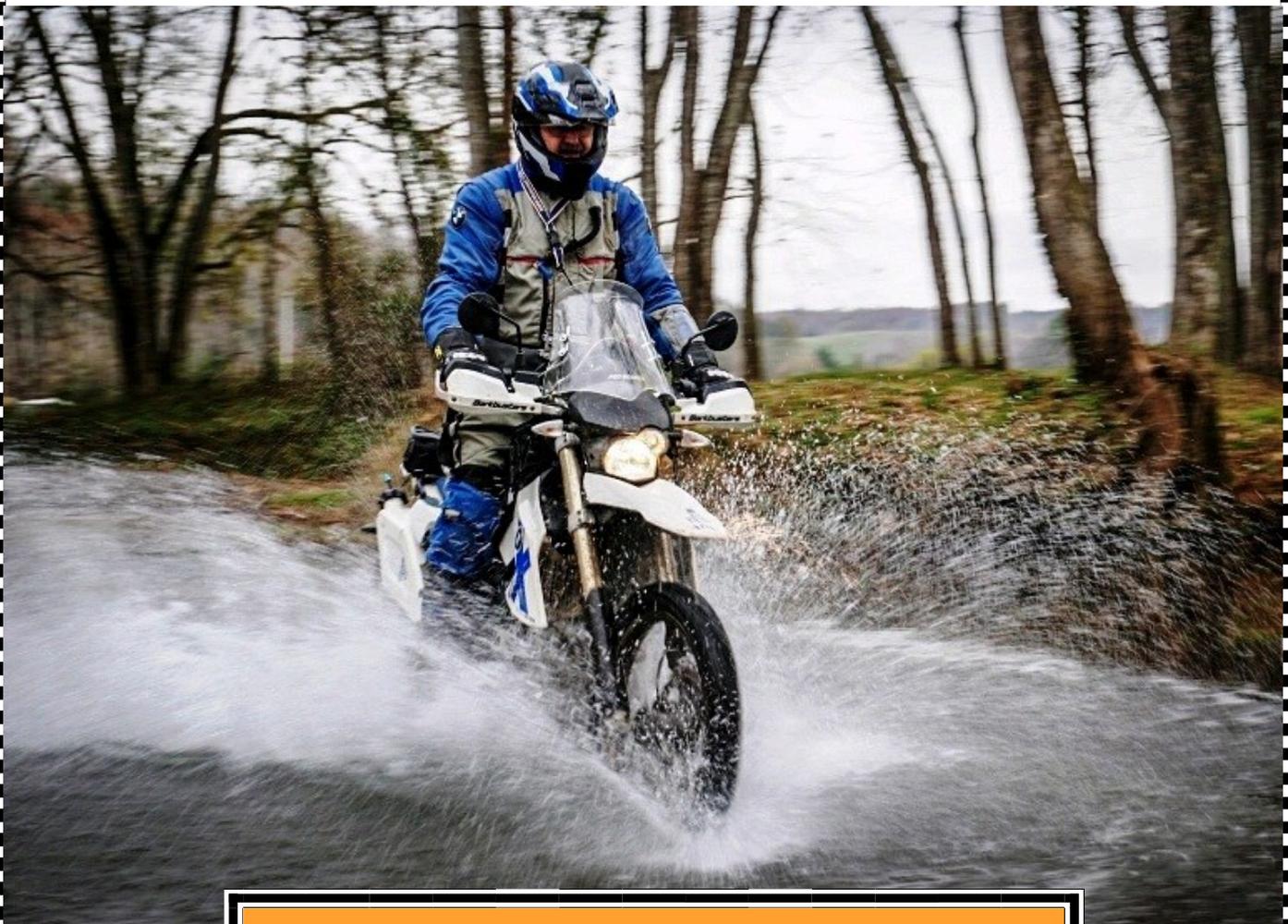
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CATEGORY 1 PHOTO FOR APRIL

“Andy executes the perfect Water Crossing during the
TAT EAST Adventure”

RANDY GILBERT

**Membership
Meeting**

**Tuesday
April 10**

7:30 PM

**Spring Creek BBQ
1509 Airport Freeway
Bedford, TX
817-545-0184**

**At Forest Ridge & Airport Free-
way (Hwy 121)**

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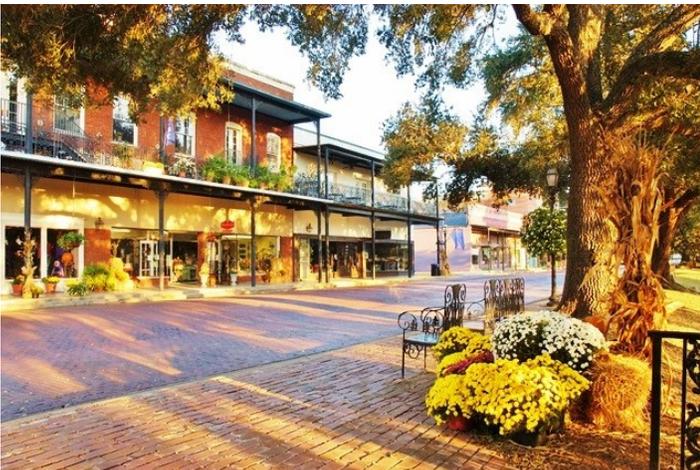
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True North A Tourmeister's Report

Land 'For Sale' cheap!!! How would you like your share of some fine rolling hills and prime farming and grazing land smack in the middle of the United States for about \$35 per acre? Well, that's what the U.S. paid for 530 million acres in the Louisiana Purchase of 1803. That 828,000 square mile acquisition effectively doubled the size of the 1800's United States. Oh, by the way, most of your purchase is controlled by the war-like Comanche, Kiowa, Arapahoe, Cheyenne, Osage, Pawnee, and Sioux Indian tribes and it will take you about 60 to 70 years to calm them down about your moving in.



STEPHEN SLISZ



Natchitoches (Nak-a-tish) Louisiana, established in 1714 by French explorer Louis Juchereau de St. Denis, was the first European settlement within the borders of the Purchase. Originally a French outpost for trade with Spanish Mexico, early settlers were French Catholic immigrants. With the US purchase of the territory, Natchitoches became a port-of-entry for the primarily Protestant English and Scots-Irish ancestry migrants. These Americans developed several cotton plantations along the Red River in the 1820s and early 1830s, and Natchitoches

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was a freight transfer point for cotton from parts of east Texas.

During the Civil War, the area in and around Natchitoches was a storage area for Confederate cotton. The town was set afire by Union soldiers in 1863 but Confederate cavalry pursuing the fleeing soldiers arrived in time to help extinguish the flames before the town was destroyed.

Navigation of the Red River above Natchitoches was impeded by a log jam called the Great Raft. In the 1830's an attempt was made to break up the raft and improve navigation northward. Soon after it was cleared, the Red River began to change the course of its main channel. Afterwards, steamboat access to the town of Natchitoches became only sporadic and finally, impossible. By the beginning of the 20th century, dams were built to separate the old channel from the new and the Cane River Lake was separated from Red River. Because of the new lake, Natchitoches and the surrounding area once again became a desirable place in which to work, play and live as well as a popular tourist destination.



That's where we come in. **The Thank God It's Spring ride** visits the Natchitoches and Cane River area for its 2018 Jazz and Crawfish Festival on April 13-15th. This ride is mostly billed as "on-your-own" with no planned group dinners, but we will have a scheduled ride to Natchitoches on Friday, a ride to visit a

couple of the **Cane River plantations** of Saturday and I hope you'll meet up with us at the **Crawfish Hole restaurant** on Friday night for some spicy boiled Mud Bugs! Further details are listed on the club's website calendar <http://www.bmwdfw.org/item/1164604>.



Sign up, sign in, join the ride and pray for good weather so we can Ride 'Em and not Hide 'Em!



What's for Dinner in Texas, and Lunch, and Breakfast???

BBQ



Ralph Schwartz

I'm thumbing through the June 2017 copy of *Texas Monthly* in my Ophthalmologist's waiting room when I come to a 26 page brown passport tacky glued in the middle of their feature article "The 50 Best BBQ Joints in Texas". Every noun and adjective in that title releases dopamine in this old BBQ eating distance rider. A quick read lights up the main brain fire when I find the key word, Challenge! After hanging numerous Iron Butt plaques on my office walls several years ago I had sworn off of that kind of masochism. When the 50cc nearly killed me I said "I'll never do anything like this again." However, the memory of pain fades with time I rationalized that this was different. One, I could ride or drive to meet the challenge and two; it was over 18 months not 24 hours. This is too good to be true, an endurance event for old codgers. Sign me up! Additionally, there were two bonuses with this Texas BBQ Challenge that far surpassed those blue certificates signed by Mike Kneebone, namely BBQ at every stop and up to 10 Challenge prizes, each emblazoned with YETI. It just keeps getting better!

Texas Monthly publishes their BBQ edition every two or three years. It takes that long for the staff to do a multi-meat/side dishes taste evaluation. They have the state divided into four sections, Austin & South to the border, DFW & East to the border, Houston-College Station and West Texas. YETI kicked in big time with 10 Challenge prizes for 10 assigned groupings of the 50 best. The theme groups were #10- Hoofin' it (around Austin), #9-Bad Ass Women (owners), #8-BBQ Tacos, #7-New Kids on the block (new joints in the Top 50), #6-The Four Corners of Texas, #5-10 Top Briskets, #4-Historic Tour (5 oldest), #3-Texas Pastrami (I refused), #2-Louie Mueller Family Tree (pit masters who learned from the master) and #1, Top 50 Joints (go to every one). The loot ranged from the YETI cap and T-Shirt to stainless steel double wall Coldsters, Ramblers, Jugs, stylish Hoppers, insulated Buckets...aaaaannnd...the **big Kahuna**, the original "keeps ice for days", bear proof YETI Cooler. If you got your BBQ passport stickered at all 50 joints you received all 10 prizes and meant you just scored \$1150 of YETI loot. They gave away 500 of most items, 1000 of many and 2000 T-Shirts.

It was during the planning stage to visit each of these 50 joints that I realized this was not the cakewalk that I originally envisioned. The joints were literally scattered to the four corners of Texas with some clustered in metropolises but many were splattered across the spaces in between making routes look like spaghetti night left-overs. Further, all joints are only open certain days and hours.



For example, **Snow's** in Lexington is only open on Saturday and only for 5 hours.



Pody's in Pecos on the other hand is only closed on Saturday---really? Closed Saturday!



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Creating routes was a nightmare only solvable by a SSBP (**Schwartzian Spreadsheet of Biblical Proportion**). I checked each joint's hours online prior to leaving home and still two were closed when I arrived. One posted the "CLOSED" notice, not on the Internet, but on a brown paper bag attached to a hole in the screen door with a clothespin. That cost me a 320-mile return trip.

The lovely Miss Sharon was a real sport about my craziness and accompanied me on a few of the jaunts to joints. We coupled various legs of the Challenge with vacations to Palo Duro Canyon State Park, Big Bend NP, McDonald Observatory Star and Sun Parties, Ft Davis NHS, Donald Judd's Chinati Foundation art museum in Marfa, the Texas State Capital Building complex in Austin and Houston. Yeah that last one was a joke. There were seven BBQ Joints in the Houston area. Visiting them required leaving Dallas at 6AM, driving to Houston and then driving all over Harris county and beyond for an entire day and ultimately spending the night there. I did it once for the "cause" but given the option of going to Houston again, I would choose hitting my thumb with a hammer...multiple times.



In spite of the senseless driving and riding around the state I actually did learn some things about BBQ. There are two primary cooking methods. The **direct heat method** cooks the meat directly above the wood coals and is prominent in the Hill Country.

Other pit masters use the **indirect method** we typically see where heat and smoke are channeled from the coals to an adjacent rack holding the meat. Many varieties of wood are used, oak and mesquite being the two main choices. A properly trimmed and cooked brisket is very close to black on the exterior. That 1/8 inch of seasoning and ¼ inch of caramelized fat is the secret to a properly barbecued brisket and is called **the bark**...like a tree only it tastes better.

One more term is **Short Rib**. Contrary to my erroneous belief, a short rib is not short. In fact the **LONGER & BIGGER** the better. Not many places serve these but they are usually outrageously priced, think \$30, weigh about two pounds with about 12 oz of edible BEEF on one end. After gnawing on one of these for an hour or so you are worn out but you have a bone that could effectively be used as a weapon of war.

Let there be no mistake, "It don't matter who's in Austin," barbecued brisket "is still the king." BEEF! It's how you rate barbecue in Texas. I rarely failed to order brisket and generally was dissatisfied when I didn't. I tried several sausages, several pork ribs, one serving of turkey and half a chicken. All sausages were different. All were OK, some were good but none were as good as 90 percent of the briskets. Repeat that statement for pork ribs.

YOU MUST KNOW HOW TO ORDER! Here's the deal...never, Never, NEVER order chopped brisket. It's mush on a bun and loses all of its flavor even when saturated with the homemade BBQ sauce. Never order lean brisket either. You will wear out your jaw chewing and the only flavor will be what you poured out of that sticky bottle of sauce. After standing in line for an irrational amount of time you need to be ready to order correctly when the man with the long knife in his hand points it at you. In a casual but firm voice you say, "I'll have a sliced brisket plate, moist." What did you just order? You ordered the best barbecued brisket that Texas has to offer with magnificently seasoned bark and just a hint of fat marbled throughout half the meat. Also while you are standing in line find the side choices written on the chalkboard and decide which ones you want before you stand before the man with the long knife. Don't hold up the line. Think Soup Nazi only friendly, mostly.



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After those glistening slices of beef are laid upon your butcher paper, or upscale paper plate, stroll off to a table just vacated by a satiated carnivore, sit down and with the finest of plastic cutlery cut a one inch square off one of the slices that includes bark, fat and lean. Using your big person manners insert that slice of heaven into your mouth and mash it to the roof of your mouth with your tongue. At this point you should experience a taste of buttery beef, detect an aroma of seasoning and good smoke, feel your eyes roll back in your head and you should begin uttering the term “mmmm” and you should finish with “DAAAMMMNNN that’s good!” And that my friend is Texas BBQ in the Top 50 joints.



Everybody asks, “Which joint is best?” There is no right answer to that question. The pit master is just that, a master. From purchasing the best meat to preparing the best coals to using the best seasonings to solving the magical time-temperature equation the pit master is indeed the master. Lots of variables are inherent in the process so day-to-day variances occur. I can say this. **I never throw away any BBQ.**



“What was your favorite place?” Now that’s an answerable question but it is still not a guarantee that you will like a joint even though I do. The **best atmosphere** is a place converted from some old building decorated with clever old west proverbs and pictures of John Wayne, Willie and old cars hanging on the walls. Places like **Stanley’s Famous BBQ** in Tyler or **Rio Grand Grill BBQ** in Harlingen.



But my favorite brisket came from **Final Results in the May edition of Beemer Zeitung!**

In the meantime you can find the list at <https://www.texasmonthly.com/food/the-list-the-top-50-barbecue-joints-in-texas/> and begin your search for the best. RS

Category II - Photo for April



Even though the McDonald Observatory is located in one of the darkest places in North America, I had to stay for one of their famous Star Parties, though that meant a 30 minute ride back to our lodging in Alpine after 10 pm!

KEN MCLAUGHLIN

Rush Hour

A bit more than an hour southeast of Eureka Springs, Arkansas, nestled between Rush and Clabber Creeks on the Buffalo River, lies a **true ghost town**. A true ghost town is defined as one with zero commercial or business activity and absolutely no residents. According to the Encyclopedia of Arkansas History and Culture, "Marion County lays claim to the only ghost town between the Mississippi River and the Rocky Mountains. The remains of the prosperous zinc-mining town of **Rush** attained this status almost



MIKE GRAGG

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fifty years ago. A true ghost town exhibits the physical existence of structures, including buildings, and a zero population." Rush certainly qualifies!



Somewhere between 1880 and 1882 a land speculator familiar with the persistent Indian legends of abandoned silver mines in the area commissioned a mineral assay report. He is rumored to have "requested" that it show silver ore in the area and it, in fact, did claim the presence of silver ore. The next few years saw the opening of

several mines, one of which, the Morning Star mine, discovered a silver-colored mineral. A small rock smelter was soon built and in 1886, its first run proved that the silver-colored ore was actually zinc. The disappointed prospectors, John Wolfer, Bob Setzer and J. H. McCabe tried unsuccessfully to sell their claims and smelter for \$2.50 worth of cove oysters. As other prospectors continued to dig tunnels with picks and shovels it became clear that the area was not loaded with silver but was actually rich with zinc. Within just a few years Rush, with its 15 productive mines, became the center of the North Arkansas Lead and Zinc District and boasted an estimated 2,000 to 5,000 residents. In 1893 the Morning Star mine extracted the largest piece of free zinc oxide ore that was ever mined. Named 'Jumbo' by the miners, it weighed 12,750 lbs, was exhibited at the 1893 Chicago Worlds Fair, where it won a gold medal and is still on exhibit at Chicago's Field Museum.

With the advent of World War I, the demand for zinc munitions products (bronze and brass shell casings) tripled the price of zinc and Rush became a true boom town. But by 1917, because of the high cost of locating, extracting and transporting the ore and because of the emergence of the Tri-State Mining District of KS, MO, and OK with its much more economical strip mining operations, Rush began a rapid decline. People left as quickly as they had come. The druggist is said to have simply walked off and left his store, complete with stock and a soft drink fountain (which the remaining children soon emptied). By 1919 Rush was nearly deserted.

Rush held on until the mid-1950s when the Post Office was officially closed and in 1972, included in the land acquired by the federal government for the establishment of the Buffalo River National Park System, Rush became an officially recognized ghost town. Today the Rush National Historic District is listed

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on the National Register of Historic Places and is maintained and administered by the US National Park System.

To visit Rush, take AR14 South from Yellville about 4 miles, turning Left (East) on Marion County Rd 6035 and drive all the way to the end (approximately 10 miles). The road is quite nice with good pavement to within a mile or less of the **Rush Historic District**,



where you can view a small number of abandoned buildings,



the original rock smelter, and several rock retaining walls and foundations. There are rest rooms, parking spaces, informational signs and hiking trails - from easy to more difficult. The mines are officially closed due to the danger of past and potential cave-ins and the deteriorating condition

of the mines' supporting timbers and other structure. The road continues past the Historic District down to the Buffalo Scenic River Access just blocks away. There will likely be more people there than there will be in Rush.

Depending on your mapset, your GPS may be confused in this area but if you follow these directions you will have no trouble getting to Rush (which may be labeled Rush Historic District on some maps).

Rush is only about an hour or so from Eureka Springs, base camp for



the club's Annual Fall Color Tour, and only about an hour or so from Mountain View, the base for the club's Annual Thank God It's Spring ride. I'm quite certain that this Rush Hour ride will be far more enjoyable than the DFW five-o'clock rush hour. **BZ**

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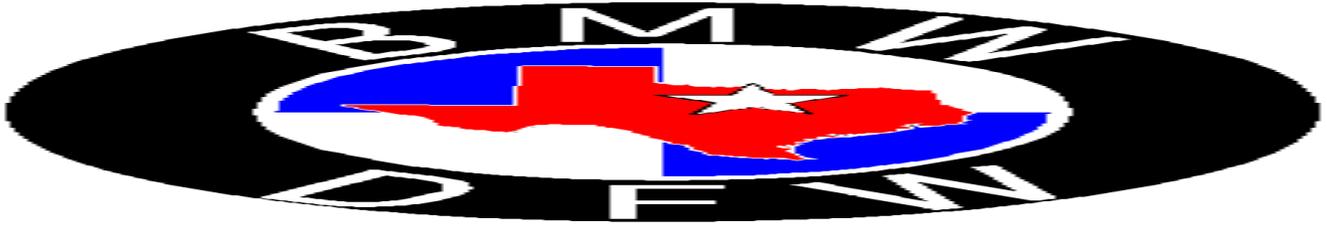
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2018 PREMIER CLUB RIDES

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

**Mar 21-25, Thu- Sun; *Hamilton & Alpine, TX “Roads of Spring Rally”*
Thru Big Bend Country ****

**Apr 13-15, Fri-Sun; *Natchitoches, LA. “Thank God It’s Spring” -*
*Natchitoches Jazz Festival & Crawfish Fest*****

**Oct 25-28, Thu-Sun; *Eureka Springs, AR.*
*BMWDFW Annual “Fall Color Tour”***

** No Club Hotel Room Block

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RECURRING CLUB ACTIVITES DETAIL

BMWDFW Club Forum

Our members’ forum is at the BMWDFW Yahoo Group. [Click here to join](#)

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

Spring Creek BBQ, 1509 Airport Freeway, Bedford, TX. Located on the westbound access road of Airport Freeway at the corner of Forest Ridge Drive in Bedford. Dinner and social begins 6:30 pm.

CLUB BREAKFAST / RIDE, 2nd Sunday, MONTHLY

AM/10 AM, Mary’s Brazos Café, Tin Top, 15 mi south of Weatherford, Texas. A ride follows, weather permitting.

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

WEEKLY. Original Pancake House in Grapevine, 1505 William D Tate Avenue, Grapevine, TX 76051, (817) 421-3444.

AD HOC RIDES

These will be announced as they come up on the Members Forum at Yahoo Groups. [Click here to join](#)

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2018 SIGNATURE CLUB EVENT DETAIL

Apr 6-8, Fri-Sun; Kerrville, TX. Hill Country Hangout Ride and Campout

All the details from the San Antonio club are available including the folks that are registered. [Click here](#) for all the information and to register for this event. Pls RSVP to yeeha.stephen@yahoo.com if you're planning to ride with him. Watch the Yahoo List for more details. This is a weather permitting ride as it's a campout event.



VINCE BRECKNER

Apr 11, Wed; Dallas, TX. Haas Moto Museum Grand Opening

A new MC museum is opening in Dallas! I have already purchased a Senior ticket to attend the opening. Join me?! (Ride details to follow soon but we will probably leave the Hurst QT about 9am and get to the museum early and lunch afterward). For museum info: [click here](#). For tickets - [click here](#). For the News story: [click here](#). After the museum opens we will set up a Saturday run for the weekenders in the club. Stay tuned.

Apr 13-15, Fri-Sun; Natchitoches, LA. Thank God It's Spring - Natchitoches Jazz Festival & Crawfish Fest

The TGIS ride will be to the Natchitoches Jazz and Crawfish Fest-and leaves the Hurst QT at 7am. The main group will briefly stop to pick up a second group to depart from the Forney Dairy Queen on US80 and 740 at 8:15am. Lunch will be in Nacogdoches at the Clear Springs restaurant Friday dinner suggestion is at the Crawfish Hole restaurant downtown. Saturday we'll visit the Plantations at the Cane River Creole National Historical Park. Saturday evening we'll visit the Natchitoches Jazz Fest downtown on the banks of the Cane River There will be no room block, so make your reservations at the hotel of your choice. The HQ (Headquarter) hotel is where the Tourmeister is staying. The Natchitoches HQ hotel will be the Comfort Suites on Preston Hayes Rd - (318) 228-8816 for Fri and Sat nights, Apr 20&21.

May 04-06, Fri-Sun; Mountain View, AR. Return to Mountain View Ride

Now on the official 2018 BMWDFW Events List. Many of the riders that attended the 2017 Thank God It's Spring ride to Arkansas renewed their reservations for 2018. To join the 2018 2-night version of our return to Mountain View Arkansas call the Host Hotel: Pinewood Cabins for rooms 1- 877-269-5900. 15 premium rooms at the top of the hill and on the town square! Other nice rooms and cabins are available (There is no club room block this year, so call soon) <http://www.pinewoodcabins.net/>. Please RSVP to Stephen Slisz at yeeha.stephens@gmail.com

May 19, 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 May 15 to Stephen at yeeha.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've 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 3, Mon, Godley, TX. 6th 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.

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

This is the ending date 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 25-28, 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 an email to stay@edelweissinn.com. We'll be there for the nights from October 25th to 28th, 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.

Oct 31, Wed; 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, Thu; Ending & Starting Date for BMWDFW Mileage Contest Submissions

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

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Nov 25, Sun; 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, Sat; 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 2, 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. Check in starts at 6 pm with dinner starting about 7 pm. Dinner will be followed by the presentations and some more socializing until about 10 pm. This is a premier event and not to be missed. RSVP with Dennis Bufton at buftond@tx.rr.com or catch him at breakfast for your tickets. Tickets are \$20 for members and first guest, \$35 dollars for additional guests. I've already made my reservation!

OTHER NOTABLE EVENTS

Apr 1, Sun; *EASTER SUNDAY*****

Apr 6-8, Fri-Sun; Kerrville, TX. Hill Country Hangout

All the details from the MOA are available including the folks that are registered. [Click here](#) for more information.

Apr 20-22, Fri-Sun; Austin, TX. Moto/America's Championship of Texas

Moto/America's Championship of Texas race at the Circuit of the America's in Austin will be run this weekend. Details can be found [here](#).

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Apr 28, Sat; Ft. Worth, TX. Lone Star Half-Mile AMA Flat Track Racing-Russ Brown Tx Attorneys

The 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](#).

May 4-6, Fri-Sun; Hiawassee, GA. Georgia Mountain Rally

Some of the finest and twistiest roads in the southeast make this rally a must. The beautiful North Georgia Mountain location is in close proximity to Deal's Gap, the Cherohala Skyway, Wolf Pen Gap, Two Wheels Only (TWO), Brasstown Bald, Richard Russell Scenic Parkway, Blood Mountain (Hwy 129), Nantahala, Wyah Bald, the Blue Ridge Parkway, and much more. [Click here](#) for registration and more information.

May 18-20, Fri-Sun; Dallas, TX. Rockers vs Mods

This tribute to the 1960s British rivalry between the Rockers and Mods holds true to the subculture that bore the two clashing trends. But the three day bike show and music festival has been infused with a very Texas vibe with great music and jackassery of the best kind! If you haven't attended, you should. [Click here](#) for all the info.

May 18-20, Fri-Sun; Rusk, TX. Texas National Picnic

Join us at the Texas State Railroad Park in Rusk, Texas for the Fifth Annual Texas National Picnic. This is a week-end campout with the Picnic being held at the Park Dining Hall around noon on Saturday. There is no fee for the event and the park day-use fee is waived for attendees. Camping, hotels & food are on your own and there are nearby hotels available. There are restrooms, showers, picnic tables, grills, and plenty of parking. Bring your own food and drink; we will provide charcoal for the grills on Saturday. More information will be posted on our website [East Texas BMW Club](#). There are lots of nice East Texas roads to ride and there will be GPS routes posted on our website. Information about the park and local camping is on the park's website <http://www.texasstaterr.com/>.

Jun 2, Sat; Graham, TX. 4th Annual Food Truck Championship

Talk about fun! This is the 3rd Annual Food Truck Championship of Texas event which runs from 11am to 7pm, or later if you want to attend the concert. [Click here](#) for all the information. This is a free admission event and they will have live bands and art displays from Texas artists and artisans in addition to the Food Trucks. There will be limited seating, so bring a lawn chair if you're going to hang out.