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CATEGORY 1 PHOTO FOR JULY

"Well, I had to do it all by myself"

ANDY JONES

Points of Interest this Issue

Membership Meeting

**Tuesday
July 10
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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- *Photos OTM* - Category 1 (front cover) and Category 2 (sans motorcycle) elsewhere within.
- **Mike Gragg - FourPlay Rally**
- **Stephen Slisz - True North**
- **Andy Jones & Stephen Slisz - Alaska Photos**
- *Vince Breckner - GPS Tech Tips*
- *2018 Events* - Vince Breckner outlines what's in store for our stalwart motorcyclists for the remainder of 2018.

2018 FourPlay Rally Update

Several club members have already signed up for the 2018 FourPlay Rally to be held on September 15, 2018. There is still room for additional participants so don't miss out on a fun weekend in Wyandotte, Oklahoma.

Two weeks ago I scouted, marked and documented the final bonus location for this year's rally. Eleven days ago I scouted, marked and documented the final final bonus location for this year's rally. Four days ago I scouted, marked and documented the absolutely final bonus location for this year's rally. Yesterday I scouted, marked and documented the really-I'm-serious-this-is-the-very-last-final bonus location. With 102 bonus locations to choose from I am confident that you can find interesting places, roads, people, stories and food. Participants will receive the rally book and GPS waypoints approximately two weeks before the rally so you will have plenty of time to plan your route, either by yourself or in a group.

Want to see the beauty and variety of the Ozarks? Want to learn some little-known history? Want to ride some fun roads for the first time? Want to hang out with friends? Want to swap stories over good food and good drinks? Then come to the Ozarks on September 14, ride the rally on September 15, and have a leisurely ride home on September 16.

This is the only rally I know of which has no entry fee, a relaxed and laid-back atmosphere, and bonus locations and roads chosen to entertain, enlighten and amuse you. Ride at your own pace, ride alone or with friends, ride as long or short a day as you like. The prize money for last place is exactly the same as the prize money for first place (\$0) so there is absolutely no advantage to be gained by riding recklessly.

Bring a digital camera (cell phone cameras are fine) so that the scorer can quickly scroll through and validate your photos.

Bring a fun and adventuresome attitude.



MIKE GRAGG

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Bring a GPS or paper maps of Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Missouri.

Whether you've thought about riding a scavenger-hunt type rally or you'd just like to know what this whole rally thing is all about, talk to your friends. Many have found that rallying is a lot of fun. This will be the third rally I have hosted but I have ridden in several.

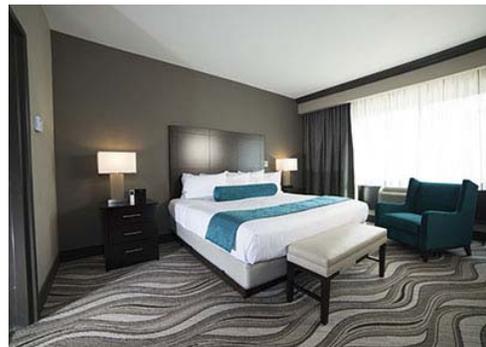
For those who would like to trailer to the rally it's a quick and simple route directly to the parking lot at the hotel: I-35 North to Oklahoma City, I-44 East to the Afton exit, and US60 to Wyandotte. The hotel has a large patrolled parking lot in the front of the hotel as well as a smaller patrolled parking lot by the rear entrance to the hotel. This rear one should be perfect for parking tow vehicles and trailers (see photo).



For those who wish to ride to the rally, I can provide a BaseCamp route that I ride every time I go to D/FW from here. It's a beaut! Just let me know if you'd like to see it.

There are three steps to register:

- (1) Mark your calendar for the weekend of **September 14-16**.
- (2) Email Mike Gragg at graggmike1@gmail.com and let me know you plan to participate in the rally or would like to volunteer to help score, check odometers, etc. I'll send you information as it develops.
- (3) Call the **River Bend Hotel** at **918.678.4946** to reserve your room. I have blocked 15 rooms @ (\$109 for one King bed or two queen beds. Book under Block #14200 or BMW-DFW to get the special room rate. This will let them know you are with the FourPlay Rally and I will be able to know how many riders and/or volunteers to expect (we can get more amenities if we get more people attending and I will be monitoring to arrange special rooms, meals, etc).



True North

(In Alaska)

“FARKLE” - Fix All Readily Known Ludicrous Ergonomics. I don't know the real meaning behind that word; I just made up a silly acronym for it. We usually take it as a catch-all description for the gadgets and modifications we make to our bikes to make the motorcycles our own. How much *farkling* does it take to make any random motorcycle your own? Ever wonder how much time the designers and engineers of any given model spend trying to produce a bike that already fits you?



Stephen Slisz

In early June, Rick Kallmayer and I took a ten day *KokPELLI Adventures* motorcycle tour to Alaska with the adventure organizer himself – Andy Jones. I doubt Andy scheduled it or



even foresaw it, but in the middle of our ride from Fairbanks to the coastal port of Valdez and near Paxson Alaska we ran into a heavy snowstorm that essentially forcing us off the road. We were supposed to refuel and have lunch in Paxson before heading up toward the unpaved Denali Highway to our overnight lodging, but found Paxson to be a veritable ghost town. No fuel and no restaurants to be had at the Denali intersection. The snow got heavier (reportedly accumulating up to eight inches near our lodging destination on the Denali and three to four inches where we were on the paved highway) settling a little creepy panic



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into us Texas flatlanders. About fifteen more miles of slow rolling through heavy snow and low visibility brought us to the Meiers Lake Roadhouse that had gas, a restaurant and overnight rooms available. Whew! We were saved!



I had rented a stock 800GS from Moto Quest for this trip and it came with minimal weather protection and a very small wind screen. My waterproof gear held up, but my outer layers were cold and caked with wet, sticky snow. My knees and chest were layered with ice patches that resembled a baseball catchers padding. After lunch, a hot shower and warm toasty-dry clothes made the falling snow and background mountains much more beautiful and peaceful. I bundled back up and spent some “me” time outside on the covered patio sipping hot tea, listening to the quiet and staring

into the wilderness. Between me and the epic scenery sat some frozen motorcycles and I couldn't help wonder about the variety of bikes and which farkles it would take to make each of these bikes perfect for its rider? What made each manufacturer start with this platform and the dimensions they put into production? The 1200 RT I have at home has just a few items added to the bike and it's perfect for my current riding style, so how did they come up with the formula that fits me so well?

What criterion does BMW use to settle on a handlebars specific bend and overall span? Handlebar and grip diameter? Handlebar pullback? And then the riders reach to the bars? And speaking of the rider, I wonder what Means are used for rider weight and height? And the riders inseam and arm length?

The 800 GS's stock seat was pinewood 2x4 hard. My weight couldn't squish it down at all. Does BMW take into account a skinny riders butt-bones poking through to the hard seat? How about a heavy riders butt rolling over the sides and then their bones sticking through? Are we supposed to sit still? Are we supposed to slide back and forth, or even break the law on the street and stand up? Then I went off the deep end and started thinking of instrument and switch gear placement. How big are you hands supposed to be? How about that stretch to the turn signal switch?

Of course I went on to the aftermarket and awed myself at the variety of aftermarket “farkles” produced and sold to modify all those designs BMW put into our favorite bikes. I like Sargent seats, Michelin tires, Verholen and Rox handlebar adjusters, Cee Bailey windscreens and Ram gadget mounts, but how many other aftermarket parts are out there and just as enthusiastically endorsed by their users? By then the day was getting long (Alaska is three hours behind Central Time and it doesn't get dark in the late hours!) and I was getting sleepy. Before I nodded off I wonder one more thing.... Do you have your bike set up perfectly for your style? If so, you are a lucky rider.

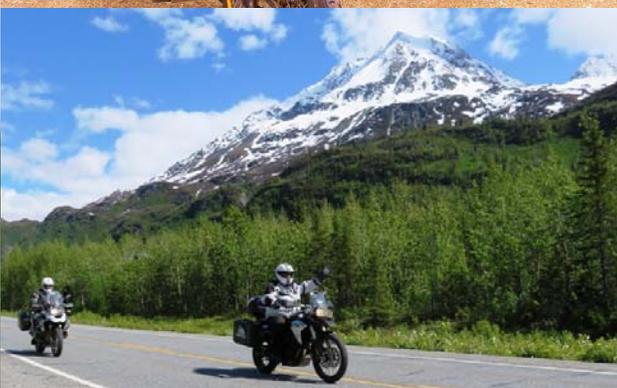


Category II - Photo for JULY



“Most of the days were bright and sunny, but the boulevards in Alaska are not wide and mostly paved”

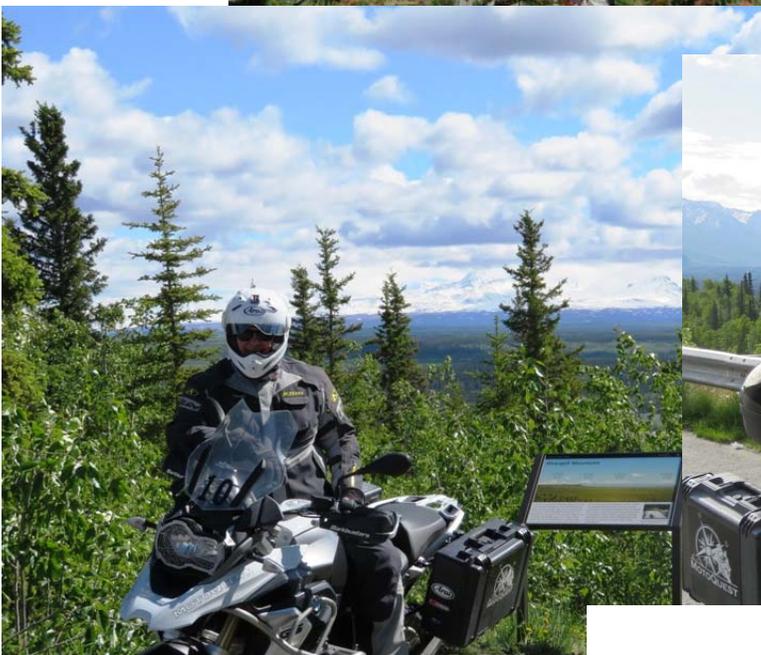
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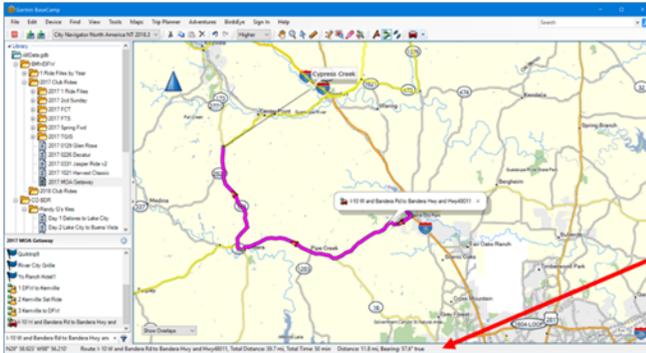


GPS Tech Tip: BaseCamp Good to Know Items

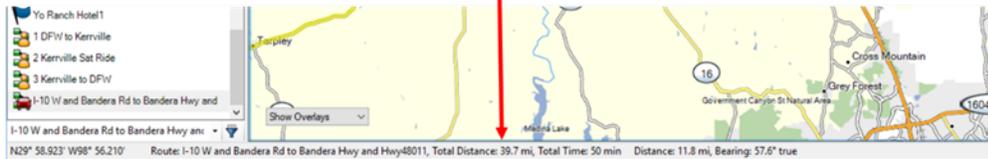
Here's some functionality in BaseCamp that you may find handy:

See your route mileage as you build and change a Route

This comes in especially handy if your building a route from point-to-point. As you add every twisty road when you're building that 34 mile route from Bandera to Kerrville, you can quickly see that it's turning into a 400 mile day....



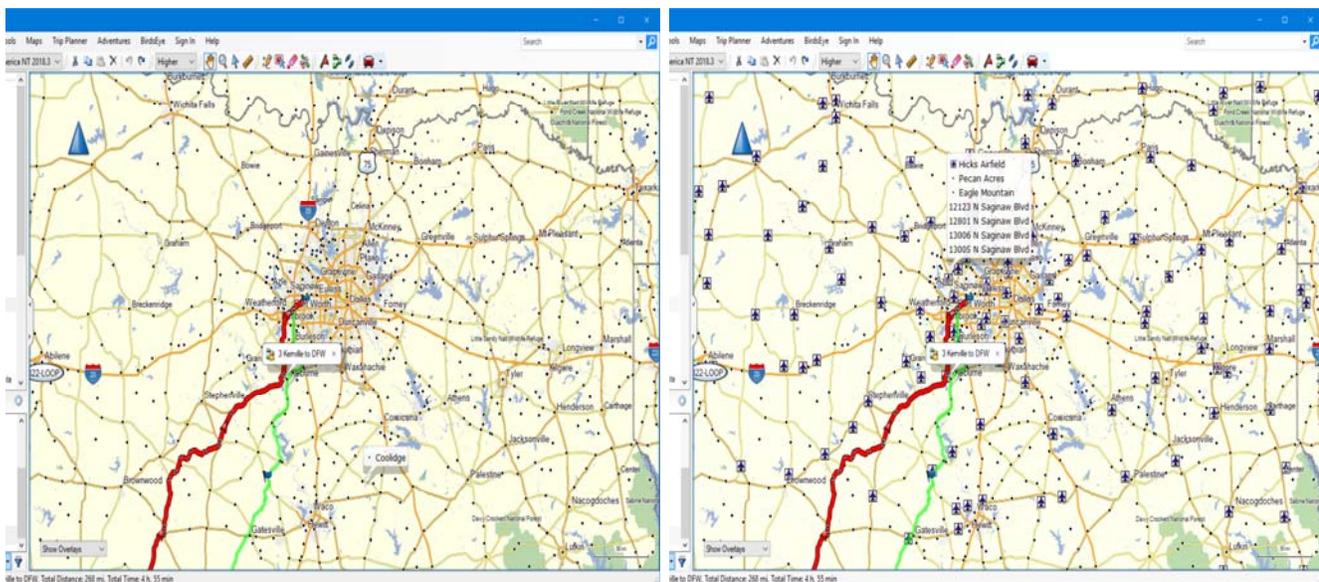
As you build your route, the info bar at the bottom of BaseCamp shows the Lat/Long of your cursor, total distance, total time of your trip at the last via/waypoint and the distance and bearing of the next leg your building.



Change the Icons Shown on Your Display

This is really handy to modify what features, like airports, show up on your display. If you don't like to see all those airport symbols when you zoom out, this will be useful to you. This is controlled by the Activity Profile you use, like Driving. You can remove or add any feature by Activity Profile.

Go from showing clutter of airports to all the airports removed from the display

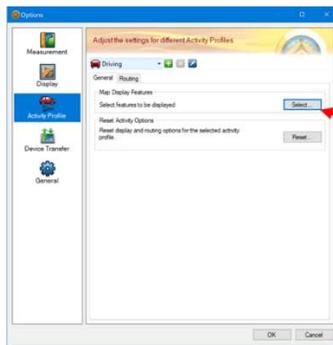


To do that, just go to the menu bar, select Edit|Options and follow the instructions in the screens below.

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Click on Activity Profile then make sure you've selected the Profile you want to change what's displayed



Now click on the Select button in Map Display Features

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BaseCamp Keyboard Short Cuts

Knowing and using just a couple of these really makes modifying a route a lot easier. For instance, if you're modifying a route using the Insert tool, you can quickly switch to the Pan tool (type h) move your map, then move right back to the insert tool (type i). Try it!

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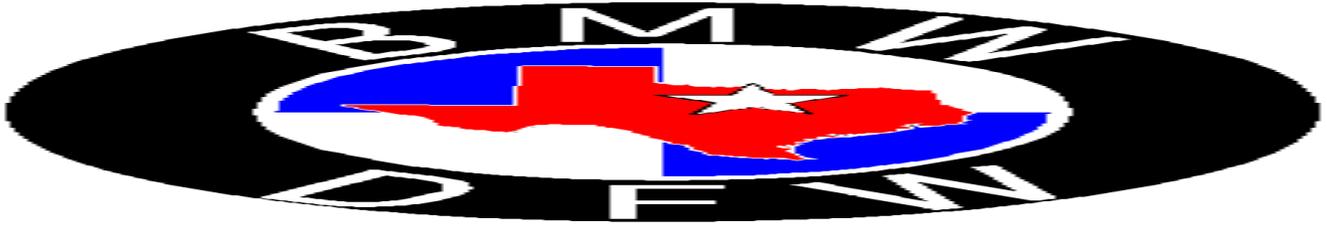
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Uncheck any feature that you don't want displayed when that Activity Profile is used, like Airports. Then Close and click OK



Vince Breckner





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****

Sept 13-17, Thu-Mon, *Queen Wilhelmina, AR.* “FourWell to Summer”

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

** No Club Hotel Room Block
“Ride ‘em - Don’t Hide ‘em”

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RECURRING CLUB ACTIVITIES 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

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.

Sept 13-17, Thu-Mon, Queen Wilhelmina, AR. FourWell to Summer Tour

The Thursday Four-Well to Summer ride leaves the Fuzzy's Tacos @ 3100 Grapevine Mills Pkwy and Stars and Stripes Way - kickstands up 8am. (Come earlier for breakfast.)



VINCE BRECKNER

You are invited to ride Eastern Oklahoma's Ouachita National Forest and climb the Winding Stair Mountains as we traverse the Talimena scenic drive to the Queen's lodge. The following day we explore more of Eastern Oklahoma and the Cherokee and Brushy Mountains as we make our way to the River Bend Hotel/Four Play Rally. After the Four Play Rally, we will reverse the pattern of exploring as we wind our way back to the Queens lodge on Sunday and home on Monday.

The 2018 Four-Well to Summer Ride will be held in conjunction with Mike Gragg's bonus hunting, mini Iron Butt style Four Play Rally. We will add an extra riding day to each end of Mike's rally, overnighing at the Queen Wilhelmina Arkansas State park Lodge, to/from the RiverBend Hotel and Casino in Wyandotte, Oklahoma, headquarters for this years Four Play Rally.

Check the Event Calendar for the Four-Play Rally event for separate information on rally registration and hotel reservations information. FourPlay Rally registration and RiverBend Hotel reservations are being handled separately.

As of the 1st of July, the Queen Wilhelmina Lodge has more than 25 available for the ride's first night, Thursday, September 13, 2018. And more than 30 rooms for the returning night, Sunday, September 16, 2018. Reservation are on your own - there is no BMWDFW room block for these 2 nights. <http://www.queenwilhelmina.com/> 479-394-2863 or Reserve America 877-879 2741

Sept 14-16, Fri-Sun, Wyandotte, OK. 2018 Fourplay Rally

On Friday, September 14 adventurous motorcycle riders from Texas will travel to northeast Oklahoma to spend their Saturday in a friendly competition to see who most successfully masters the challenging time/distance equation and amasses the most points. This is a mini Iron Butt type scavenger hunt rally covering NE Oklahoma, SE Kansas, NW Arkansas and SW Missouri. A friendly Saturday competition to see who most successfully masters the challenging time/distance equation and amasses the most points. Points will be earned by riding and photographing a collection of unique and interesting locations clustered in the four-state area. Mark your calendars NOW for September 14, 15 and 16 and plan to join us at the host hotel in the centrally located town of Wyandotte, Oklahoma. There's much more information to come, including rally basics, safety information, and sample bonus locations and photographs. Watch for updates to this site, the Yahoo Group and attachments below. No prior Iron Butt rally experience is required and mileage and speed limits will be enforced to ensure a fun, laid back Saturday.

There are three steps to register:

- Mark your calendar for the weekend of September 14-16

email Mike Gragg at graggmike1@gmail.com and let me know you plan to participate in the rally or would like to volunteer to help score, check odometers, etc. so that I can get you more information as it develops.

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Pull up attachments for more information

[2018 FourPlay Rally Club Mtng Handout](#)

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.

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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](#).

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

Jul 6-8, Fri-Sun; Lexington, OH. 2018 AMA Vintage Motorcycle Days

This event is held at the Lexington, Ohio Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in Lexington, Ohio. It is "...America's largest motorcycle swap meet, national championship vintage racing in numerous disciplines...". [Click here](#) for more information.

Jul 12-15, Thu-Sun; Des Moines, IA. BMW MOA National Rally

This event is being held in the Iowa State Fairgrounds. For registration and all the information on the rally [click here](#), and then click on the RALLY tab for specifics.

Jul 19-21, Thu-Sun; Paonia, CO. Top O' The Rockies Rally

Yes, this is the one you're always hearing about. [Click here for more information](#)

Aug 4, Sat; Lakewood, CO. BMWCC 100,000 Foot Ride

This ride is structured to take you over enough mountain passes to total over 100,000 feet in a single day. This achievement is not attainable anywhere else in North America and perhaps the world. The 100,000 Foot Ride (TM) provides the participant with the best of Colorado scenery and a broad selection of some of the best motorcycle roads the state has to offer. Registration is required. Get all the info [here](#).

Aug 9-12, Thu-Sun; Grandjean, ID. Stanley Stomp Rally

Located about 27 miles northeast of Lowman, Grandjean is a beautiful setting for the Stomp! [Click here](#) for more information.

Aug 17-19, Fri-Sun; Eureka Springs. MOA Getaway to Eureka Springs

Located in the heart of the Ozark Mountains, Eureka Springs is also a hub for the [best motorcycle rides](#) in the Natural State. Ribbons of highway curl around majestic bluffs and spill over hills revealing breathtaking scenery. Registration is required. Go [here](#) for all the information and to register.

Sep 07-09, Fri-Sun; Sipapu, NM. Bavarian Mountain Rally

The Land of Enchantment BMW Riders has hosted this September event for nearly three decades at the Sipapu Ski Area in the heart of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. [Click here](#) for all the details and registration information.

Oct 04-08, 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](#).