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## **CATEGORY 1 PHOTO FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER**

**For all you guys hesitant to take an off road ride with Andy,  
don't be. It's always a gorgeous experience.**

**DON MILLS**

**Membership**  
**Meeting**

**Tuesday**  
**September 11**  
**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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# Points of Interest this Issue

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- **Mike Gragg** - **FourPlay Rally**
- **Andy Jones** - **Our Great Alaska Adventure 2018**
- **2018 Events** - Vince Breckner outlines what's in store for our stalwart motorcyclists for the remainder of 2018.

## 2018 FourPlay Rally Final Update

Several club members have already signed up for the 2018 FourPlay Rally to be held on September 15, 2018 but some others have not yet committed and notified me that they wish to participate. There is still room for some additional participants so don't miss out on a fun weekend in Wyandotte, Oklahoma. Registration closes on Sunday, August 26 and I MUST have an accurate headcount in order to reserve meeting rooms and A/V equipment and to arrange meals! **If I have not spoken to you or received a confirming email by August 26 you will not receive a copy of the rally book nor will I be able to secure a place for you at the rally meals and meetings.** PLEASE contact me via phone or email to confirm your participation. The rally is open ONLY to club members and guests.



**MIKE GRAGG**

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.

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

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** or call me at **817.597.7104** and let me know you plan to participate in the rally or would like to volunteer to help score, check odometers, etc.

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(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).

### RALLY SCHEDULE

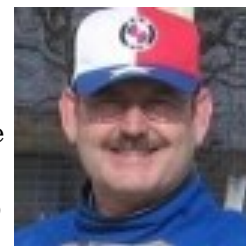
- Registration is open now through August 26, 2018 (see required steps above).
- Rally books (and bonus waypoints) will be emailed to participants on August 29.
- Reserved hotel rooms will be available any time after 3:00 pm on Friday, September 14.
- Tire kicking and lie telling will begin as soon as you arrive at the hotel.
- There will be an optional Rally Basics discussion at 7:00 AM Saturday.
- Rally check in, beginning photo, and odometer check from 7:30 AM until Rally Start at 8:00 AM
- Rally check-in, bonus photo verification and score tabulation will be at Second Kick Cycle Works Motorcycle Museum in Grove, OK at 4:00 pm.
- View the museum, have soft drinks tell more lies until 5:00 pm and then ride back to Wyandotte (15-20 minute ride).
- Awards dinner at the hotel from 7:00 pm until 8:00 pm. The official rally is over but the casino and its bars are open all night.



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## Our Great Alaskan Adventure 2018

We landed in Anchorage, Alaska, dazzled ... the view of the mountain ranges as we descended into the Anchorage area was fantastic! Rick Kallmayer, Stephen Slisz and I started the next day with a quick breakfast at the hotel then headed over to **MotoQuest** to pick up our motorcycles. Our gear cases were set out on a table and the bikes were parked next to them. Stephen and I chose the BMW F800 GS bikes, while Rick opted for the BMW R1200 GS! I brought along a tall windscreen and mounted it on the rental, then put the Ram mounts on to hold my GPS and SPOT Satellite tracker. After signing the obligatory rental paperwork we headed back to the hotel to finish the setup on the bikes.



ANDY JONES

Since the weather was spectacular, starting in the upper 40's and climbing up to the lower 60's under mostly sunny skies we chose to explore Anchorage with Sue and Margie in their rental van. We drove over to **Ship Creek** on the edge of downtown Anchorage to see if we could spot some salmon swimming upstream. This is a popular place where the locals try to catch a record size salmon or just one for supper! This is an unusual juxtaposition of urban life with wild sport fishing; only in Anchorage, Alaska!

For lunch we sought out another Anchorage favorite, the **49<sup>th</sup> State Brewing Company**. Between us, we sampled the firecracker shrimp tacos, the halibut burgers and several varieties of pizza. It was *all* good! The restaurant had a nice view out over the river, with snow capped mountains in the distance.

On the third day we had breakfast at the **Snow City Café** in downtown Anchorage, then loaded up our gear began our trip to **Homer**. The temperature was in the upper 40s, and the sky was mostly cloudy. We headed down **Highway 1**, through the **Chugach National Forest**, the **Turnagain Arm of the Cook Inlet** on one side and the snow capped peaks on the other. Occasional waterfalls were created by the melting snow streaking down the side of the mountains on our left and the bald eagles were fishing for their prey in the frigid waters of Cook Inlet to our right. It is difficult to adequately describe the beauty of Alaska's natural resources. We stopped at Beluga Point to see if we could catch site of any

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whales. Although the site was awesome, we didn't see any whales.

We travelled on by Bird Creek Point and Girdwood as we followed along the Turnagain Arm. After crossing Twenty Mile River we turned back towards the west heading across the Chugach National Forest down into the **Kenai Peninsula**, following along the Kenai River. It had a bright blue-green color to it; almost iridescent. We entered the Kenai Wildlife Refuge and saw numerous signs warning motorists to be ware of moose on the roadway. I spotted a large female moose with her calf on the side of the road grazing, but when I stopped to take a picture, she moved back into the trees before I could ready my camera.



The sun finally broke through the clouds and we enjoyed steadily improving temperatures. Highway 1 carried us down the western edge of the Kenai Peninsula with **Cooks Inlet** on our right. We stopped at an overlook as we entered Homer and the view was fantastic. We could see all the way to the end of the **Homer Spit** from that lookout. We had nearly full sun and the view across the **Kachemak Bay** to the snow capped peaks on the southern arm of the Kenai was post-card perfect! We rode on in to Homer to the **Pioneer Inn**, our lodging for the evening. Tomorrow, it's on to Seward!



We awoke to temperatures in the mid 40s and mostly sunny skies in Homer. Having missed the **Anchor Point** turn yesterday, we made sure to find the

turnoff today and rode over to the point described as North America's most westerly highway point! Not only were we at the most westerly highway point; we were also afforded a spectacular view across the **Cook Inlet**. Many of the snow-capped peaks on the opposite shore are actually active volcanoes along the Pacific "ring of fire". It is said that often the white clouds above those peaks are actually gasses erupting from the volcanic mountains! While admiring the view, several bald eagles soared above us.

We rode back across the Chugach National Forest following along the Kenai River again. When we reached the Seward cutoff where Highway 9 cuts south from Highway 1, we stopped to take in the sights at **Tern Lake**. The sea gulls juked and dived across the waters in search of a fresh meal. The mountains in the background were beginning to collect some clouds on their peaks, but it was still a breathtaking panorama of Alaska's beauty. Continuing down Highway 9 we passed through **Moose Pass** then rode alongside **Kenai Lake**, arriving in **Seward** in the early afternoon, still under mostly sunny skies! Two large cruise ships were docked in the harbor.



Day 5 of our Alaska Adventure turned out to be quite the adventure for sure! we started towards **Talkeetna** about 0830 hours. As we rode up towards Moose Pass I noticed that my rear brake seemed to be dragging. When we stopped for our first photo stop, the brake had quit dragging so I checked to see

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what may have been the problem. A close inspection revealed that the inner brake pad was gone and the outer pad was canted at a weird angle. Furthermore, the rear brake pedal no longer worked at all! The caliper piston came out far enough to run all of the brake fluid out, so I was totally without rear brakes! Luckily, we were already planning to go by MotoQuest on our way through Anchorage to exchange Rick's bike so I exchanged my bike as well.



We took some photos of the peaks as we approached **Summit Lake Pass** and motored on to Anchorage. The folks at MotoQuest exchanged Rick's R1200 GS for another GS. His front fork leg was pumping oil out of the seal. They didn't have another F800 GS for me to use, so they rolled out a new **Honda Africa Twin** for my new ride. All the rest of their BMW fleet was already out. We moved our gear to the new bikes and headed to The Fancy Moose Restaurant for lunch on the way out of town. I was able to catch one float plane taking off while we were there.

The ride up through Wasilla was much like riding in metroplex traffic; not very much fun. The temperature rose into the lower 70s, so it was time to stop and remove a few layers of clothing! The scenery was fairly flat until we approached the Talkeetna cutoff, then we saw the mountain ranges to the north rise into view. We captured some pho-

tos of the mountains and Talkeetna road from a lookout point several miles south of town. Once we arrived, we checked into the **Swiss Alaska Inn** for the evening then headed for "downtown" Talkeetna to find a place for dinner. **Talkeetna** is a quaint little town that is full of small shops and buildings that look like they came out of a movie set. In fact, the made-for-TV series "**Northern Exposure**" was filmed here in Talkeetna! We partook of supper in the **Denali Brewing Company**.



We started day 6 early, as we wanted to have ample time to visit **Denali National Park** on our way to **Fairbanks**. The weather was partly sunny and in the lower 50s. The trip up the Parks Highway was mostly unevent-

ful until we started getting views across the Denali National Park of the Alaska Range of mountains. We stopped at the Denali Viewpoint South to try to get a view of Mt McKinley (Denali) but were disappointed to find the summit for Denali shrouded in clouds. We did see the summits of several other mountains along the Alaska Range adjacent to Denali. By the time we reached Denali Viewpoint North some 40 miles further up Highway 3, the temperature had dropped into the middle 40s and felt a lot cooler than that. The views at the north viewpoint were equally impressive, but the Denali summit remained covered by clouds.

We stopped in **Cantwell** to get a late breakfast and found a really nice **McKinley Creekside Café**.



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Our next stop was the Visitor Center at the Denali National Park headquarters. We discovered that the first Park Superintendent, Harry Karstens, was on the team that first scaled Mount McKinley! Another thing that I learned from films shown in the center's theater was that I'll NEVER want to go hiking/camping in the backcountry around Denali because there are bears out there that would love to have a human for dinner!

Moving on toward Fairbanks we followed along the Nenana River, eventually going through the town of Nenana. The last 30 something miles into Fairbanks followed a ridgeline along a string of mountains with one sweeper after another.

I started day 7 facing mid-40s degree temps and rain showers on my way to visit the Arctic Circle. Just past Livengood, Alaska, I arrived at Highway 11, the **Dalton Highway**. It had stopped raining and the temperature had risen into the lower 50s.

The Dalton Highway is also known as the "**Haul Road**" as trucks haul goods and supplies up it to the oil field operations in Dead Horse, Alaska by Prudhoe Bay. The truckers "own" the road and motorcyclists must yield to them. They don't slow down for you either; I was peppered with rocks by several trucks when I passed them! The **Alaska Pipeline** runs along the Dalton Highway and Security personnel regularly patrol it. I saw at least four of them checking along the pipeline during my ride.



I stopped at the **Yukon River Camp** on the north side of the Yukon River to refuel for my final leg up to the **Arctic Circle**. The "Circle" is 60 miles north of the Yukon River Camp, so I needed fuel for at least 120 miles because there are no services north of the Yukon River Camp until you get to Dead Horse some 200 miles north! I arrived at the **Arctic Circle** and started taking some photos. The temperature was 58 degrees and mostly sunny skies! An older couple

from Stuttgart, Germany, pulled in in a pickup with a camper on it. I chatted with the old gentleman and he took a picture for me. It has been said that if you don't have a picture, it didn't happen!

I had a quick lunch consisting of a blueberry power bar and some Gatorade. It doesn't get any better than a picnic lunch at the Arctic Circle! I picked up the pace a little on my return ride Fairbanks and I encountered a moose in the middle of the road about 35 miles down the Dalton and stopped a ways back to give him plenty of room. He just

stood there and stared at me until I tried to get my camera out to get a picture, then he sauntered off the road and into the trees before I got the camera ready....darn it! I rode through rain showers for the last 40 miles along the Dalton Highway. The Dalton is mostly hard pack dirt with patches of gravel thrown in for good measure and it gets a little slippery when wet! It also covered my bike and me with a mud and Calcium Chloride coating. I pressed on and arrived back at Fairbanks at 1720 hours. Not a bad day



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## Category II - Photo for AUGUST/SEPTEMBER



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

**Stephen Slisz**



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in spite of the rain showers; I rode 402 miles to the Arctic Circle and back in some 9 ½ hours!



Meanwhile, back in Fairbanks, Rick, Margie, Sue and Stephen opted to go to the **“North Pole”** and visit with Santa!

Day 8 started with cloudy skies and temperatures in the mid 40s. The streets were wet from overnight rain, so we decided to don our rain suits anticipating more precipitation (little did we know how prophetic that was!). The extra layer also provided us with extra protection from the cold. On the way out of Fairbanks we traveled on Highway 2, the Richardson Highway. It generally followed along the Tanana River. A short ride south of Fairbanks we went by **North Pole, Alaska**. They celebrate all things Santa Claus year round there. Their streetlight poles are even painted like candy canes!

We then rode by **Eielson** Air Force Base and were treated to the launching of three flights of F-16s and one flight of F-15s! We had to stop to observe and take a few photos. It was an impressive sight. How

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sweet the sights and sounds of “freedom”!

Temperatures got colder as we rode south, so we stopped in Delta Junction to get a warm up drink. At Delta Junction, Highway 2 continues on east toward Tok, Alaska, and becomes the Alaska Highway. The Richardson Highway becomes Highway 4 and turns south toward **Paxson**. As we rode through Fort Greely it started raining and getting even colder. While riding through the eastern end of the Alaska Range towards Paxson it started **snowing** on us! The further we rode, the heavier the snow fell. The temperature reached 33 degrees as we went by Summit Lake and the snow was relentless.



When we got to Paxson we found that the Paxson Roadhouse was closed! That was our intended fuel stop. Instead of turning onto the Denali Highway, we decided to press onwards to the south to the next roadhouse by **Meier Lake**. They had fuel, a restaurant and **lodging** available. We made a command decision and secured lodging right there and cancelled our reservations at the Tangle River Inn on the Denali Highway. It continued to snow vigorously as we watched from the warm and dry comfort of our rooms. If this is how Alaska looks in the summer, I'd hate to experience a winter here! Today was probably the most challenging motorcycle ride that I have ever made....But, we met the challenge and have a heck of a story to tell our fellow riders.

We started day 9 with cool temperatures, but dry, and headed on down the Richardson Highway and in a short time, the peaks of the **Wrangell Mountains** appeared off to the east. The three major peaks were Mount Sanford, Mount Drum and Mount Wrangell. As we passed by the Glennallen junction we began following the Copper River. The Wrangell Mountains continued to dominate our view to the southeast and we stopped often to take photos. The visual impact was magnificent!



After catching another road construction delay, we stopped in Tonsina at the Tonsina River Lodge for lunch. It turned out to be run by an older Russian couple so we sampled Russian food for lunch; different but delicious. The Richardson Highway followed a winding path through the Chugach Mountains, over the **Thompson Pass** before descending into **Valdez**. We saw numerous **waterfalls** running down the sides of the mountains. The temperatures dropped from the mid 50s to the lower 40s as we climbed over the pass, but it was still much better than yesterday's snowstorm! We rolled into Valdez about 1700 hours with giant smiles across our faces. Today was what motorcycle touring is all about. We had beautiful sunny weather and magnificent scenery with plenty of sweepers to navigate our way through the mountains!



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Sunny skies and warm, 54 degree temperatures greeted us on Day 10.. We rode back through **Keystone Canyon**, stopped at **Horsetail Falls** and continued on to **Glennallen**, where the Glenn Highway intersects the Richardson Highway, then turned west toward Anchorage.



As we neared our destination for the day, we were paralleling the Matanuska River, which carved a beautiful valley up through the mountains. Our lodging for the evening was the **Majestic Valley Lodge**, positioned with fabulous views up that valley. The staff prepared us a gourmet dinner to enjoy after our wonderful day of riding.

Well, today is the final day of our great Alaska Motorcycle Adventure. A relatively short mileage day, only 114 miles, we rode by the **Matanuska Glacier**. It is basically a huge frozen river. On



the way over to the glacier, I photo'd a **moose cow and her calf** before they wandered back into the forest.

We continued our journey westward back to Anchorage. It was a pleasant ride with only two construction zones along the way! Once we entered Anchorage we rode straight to MotoQuest to return our motorcycles and pack up our riding gear in the shipping containers to send back to DFW.

There it was...We had safely completed another exciting **Kokopelli Motorcycle Adventure**, riding a total of 1,999 miles. Rick Kallmayer, Yeeha Stephen Slisz and I thoroughly enjoyed our ride across Alaska, and I for one recommend it to any motorcycling enthusiast. The vastness of the State, the majestic beauty of its vistas and the overwhelming awesomeness of its mountain ranges and plentiful wild animals



across makes one imagine this is the way it was when the world was new. Plan a visit of your own. If you decide to ride a motorcycle, give MotoQuest a call; they took excellent care of us!



Safe travels to you all.

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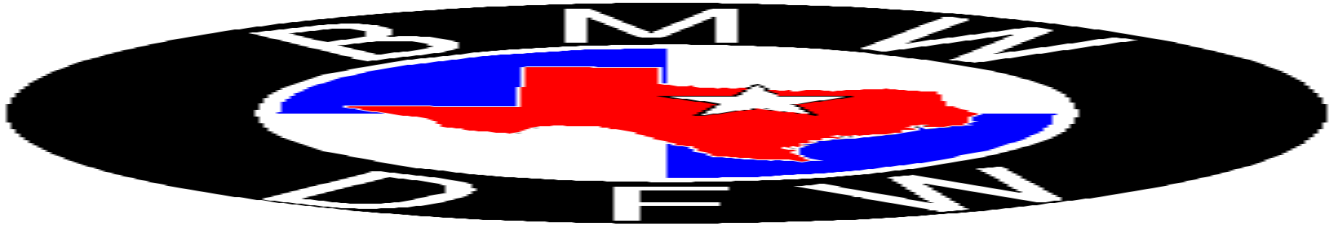
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### ***2018 PREMIER CLUB RIDES***

*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\*\***

**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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. 6<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 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](mailto: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.

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).

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](mailto:stay@edelweissinn.com). We'll be there for the nights from October 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<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).

### **Oct 31, Wed; 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, 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](mailto: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**

**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.](#)

**Oct 12-14, Fri-Sun; Kerrville, TX. Lone Star Riders' Annual Texas Gathering**

This is the 31<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Texas Gathering in Kerrville and Hill Country riding. We always have a lot of our friends show up for the Texas Gathering from the Dallas & Houston areas as well as Corpus Christi, San Antonio and even from the great states of Colorado, Kansas, and maybe even Wisconsin. Details are still under work but [Click here](#) for Registration information and all the event information when the link is updated.

**Oct 19-20, Fri-Sat; Luckenbach, TX. 16<sup>th</sup> Harvest Fall Classic**

The Harvest Classic is a motorcycle rally held each fall in Luckenbach, Texas. We love vintage and European motorcycles. Gearheads come from all around to enter their European, Vintage, and Competition bikes in the bike show, participate in or watch the vintage trials, eat home-cooked barbecue, win swag (or a bike) in the insanely good raffle, go big for the kids in the live auction, watch a big-screen outdoor movie, listen to great music, camp under the stars and generally immerse themselves in moto-culture. [Click here](#) for all the information.

**Nov 4, Sunday \*\*\* Daylight Saving Time Ends \*\*\***

**Nov 9-11, Fri-Sun; Kerrville, TX. MOA Getaway Texas**

Welcome back to the Texas Hill Country. Last year's Getaway was good but this year promises to be even better. Registration opens on 1February, and this usually fills up fast. [Click here](#) to register and for all the details.