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CATEGORY 1 PHOTO FOR FEBRUARY

HEAVEN IS: Beer, Wrenching, Campfires & Bikes

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Membership
Meeting

Tuesday
February 12
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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- *TECH DAY* - HAPPENING IN MARCH, MORE HEREAFTER

CATEGORY 2 - PHOTO FOR FEBRUARY

“RICKAPEDIA” COUNTRY



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Tech Day to End all Tech Days

**10am to 4 pm
Sunday, 3 March, 2019**

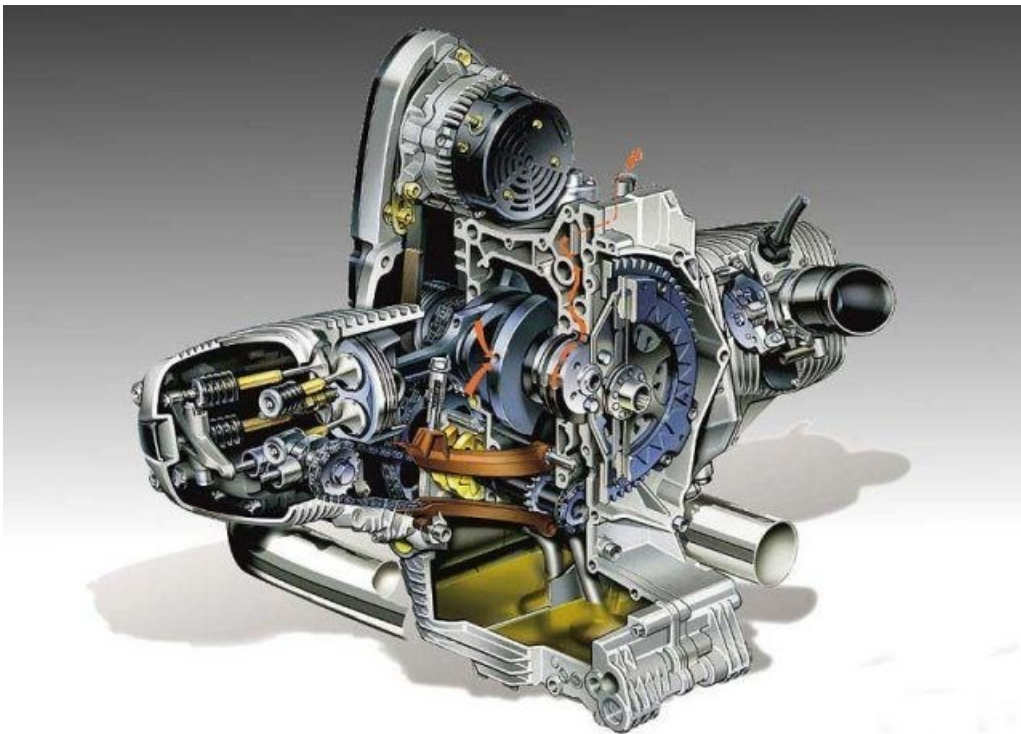
**Hosted at Cycle Center/BMW Motorcycles of Denton
521 Acme St, Denton, TX 76205**

You read that right! Tech Day in the Denton's dealership's professional shop!

15% OFF Service Parts and Liquids or 15% Off Service & Labor

(Unprecedented Amount of Expertise)

Bring your own tools and do the work or check the bike in for service.



Lunch Will be Served!!

Lunch will be available for a small donation, too. Be sure to RSVP to yeeha.stephens@gmail.com or at the Calendar event ([click here](#)) so we'll know how much to bring and get all the information on the event.

True North

Are you a member of the nationwide Motorcycle Owners of America BMW Club? If not, why not? Our hometown club, Dallas Fort Worth BMW Motorcycle Riders, is a Chartered Club of the parent MOA and they offer many benefits to MOA members and to our club in general.

One of the main draws for MOA membership is the Owner's News magazine, the MOA ON, a large format magazine dedicated to travel, product reviews and tech articles on the BMW motorcycles that we own and love. Next is the MOA Anonymous book. Need a helping hand while you are on the road? The BMW Owners Anonymous Book is a voluntary listing of members across the country who have agreed to help out in a time of need.

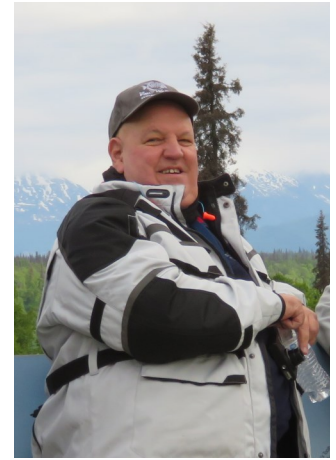
The MOA also has a web site with a discussion board forum that covers all the various models and styles of BMW motorcycle riding. Have a concern about your bike? You can find out about it on one of the different forums, including sidecar, scooter and vintage BMW's. Have a question about motorcycle travel? Someone on the forum has probably been-there-done-that and can't wait to overwhelm you with their knowledge! The web site also has a classified ad Marketplace free to the members.

MOA membership includes a large list of businesses offering members corporate discounts on their products and services. Scala Rider Cardo systems, Castrol, KOA campground memberships, Cycle Trader, Medjet Assist, Spot satellite products, Butler maps and several motorcycle museums, along with many more make up the motorcycle related list. Quite a few non-motorcycle oriented businesses also offer discounts. Angie's List, Best Buy, Shari's Berries, Pro Flowers, Men's Wearhouse, Dell, and many others make up that list offering discounts. There's even rental car and hotels discounts for members. Some hotels offer 10 - 20% above and beyond the typical AARP or AAA lodging discounts.

An upgrade in the annual MOA membership comes with the Platinum Roadside Assistance & Tire Hazzard coverage offering free battery service, flat tire service and fluid service as well as trip interruption service. Platinum BMW MOA members are covered for two tire replacements per year for roadside hazards and damage.

The MOA hosts one of the largest single brand oriented motorcycle rallies in the nation. The MOA International Rally is an annual event where BMW enthusiasts can come together to share experiences and spread the word that BMW motorcycling is good for the soul. Rallying with like-minded BMW motorcycle people can elevate your touring experiences to a higher level.

The MOA International Rally for 2019 will be held in Tennessee just 25 miles East of Nashville. And in an Attempt to beat the heat the rally has been moved from July to June 13-15, 2019. The riding in Eastern Tennessee is epic and rumors are starting to float around that attendance for the 2019 rally may double the normal figures just because of this wonderful location. Anticipation of increased attendance will drive up hotel room rates and I have already reserved a



Steven "Yeeha" Slisz

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room at the Lebanon La Quinta Inn on I-40 and US 231 (2.5 miles from the rally) for Friday and Saturday nights. Some of the well-known, 100% non-smoking chain hotels have already started to increase rates into the \$200 per night range hoping to cash in on the popular rally. Before all the hotels rates shoot through the roof, I suggest everyone jump on your reservations now and avoid the rate increases and stricter cancellation policies. There are still a few bargains in the rally area and you can always cancel later if you decide not to attend the rally, but you should be safe and snag a room now!

Why do I bring this up now? Behind the scenes, the MOA has been helping BMWDFW develop a new web site. The early versions look beautiful and have included one of my biggest wishes for a new and updated club web site... a clickable event calendar! I feel that since we are a "Chartered" club and the MOA is doing so much to improve our BMW riding lifestyle, we should reciprocate and give them all the membership support we can muster. We should be a 100% MOA chartered member club. If you're not an MOA BMW Club member, please give it some serious thought, join up and take advantage of the terrific MOA benefits.

Ride 'Em and Don't Hide 'Em says the Tourmeister!





A N O M A L I E S

By Scot Thompson

Most of us have used GPS Technologies often enough to have experienced issues of some sort with them. Whether your using a Smartphone, Tablet or a Garmin type of GPS unit, anomalies do seem to occur on frequent basis.

The reasons for the occurrence of anomalies are not always attributable to a problem with the devices that we use, but are rather to a variety of possibilities. Below I list some of the explainable reasons as well as allude to some that are less clearly apparent.

To better understand the occurrence of anomalies it is important to cover a few basics with regard to devices that execute GPS applications (Google, Garmin and various others available for use on Smartphones/Tablets). The background addresses US based navigation and the use of these devices and applications.

- All devices **MUST** connect to **ONLY 4** satellites in order calculate position accurately

Misconception - *“the more satellites I can connect to the better the accuracy”.*

- All satellites transmit 2 exact signals on different frequencies. Both must arrive at the device at **EXACTLY** the same time or that satellite will be disregarded due to assumed interference.
- All types of devices **MUST** have clear “Line of sight” access to the Sky.

When indoors, displayed route time and length are not assumed to be correct, as the device is generally simulating these values from its Map until 4 satellites are acquired. Differences in level of accuracy prior to a turn is determined by both the application being used and the configuration by the satellite's administering agency.

- All Programs used on GPS devices should conform to a set of standard published algorithms but **MAY** not always do so. This can affect the accuracy of routing and position determination.
- Fully charged devices or a DC connection are imperative to prevent a low battery, as this can cause poor GPS signal recognition.

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NOTE: You **DO NOT** need to have a Cellular or WiFi connection active in order to execute a route on a Smartphone or Tablet. The device **ONLY** need to be Cellular capable - the GPS hardware within the device only **USES** the Cellular antenna to acquire Satellite signals.

Anomalies not related to the device or its programming;

Electromagnetic interference

- 1. From the sun or electrical storms.**
- 2. From man made interference such as electrical transmission lines, and**
- 3. Microwave sending stations for Cell phone companies and computer data voice transmission.**
- 4. Reflection of Satellite signals due to Tall buildings, forested areas, canyons, mountains. Reflection can cause distorted arrival of satellite signals and cause calculated turn instructions to keep change.**

Things you can do to prevent some anomalies from occurring;

For Smartphones and Tablets;

- Be sure to have “Location Services” activated on your Smartphone/Tablet, as this feature enhances another feature called “Assisted Guidance”.**
- “Assisted Guidance” is the use of GPS location information transmitted by WiFi locations your device “Sees” while you are in motion. (IE - a Starbucks, McDonalds or any site that transmits a WiFi signal - and you DO NOT need to be connected to it or to have WiFi activated).**
- Keep you device connected to a power source or full charged prior to executing a route.**
- BEFORE you run a route create and SAVE the route while connected to your home WiFi. Then when you execute the route you will be able to run it without the need for Cellular connectivity. Running a route while using a Cell connection will cause the route to be interrupted if Cell coverage is lost. In addition it will eat up your Cellular minutes.**
- Download the current Map to your device for the area you will be travelling to acquire new or changed roadway for proper routing.**

For Garmin type devices;

- Make sure the Basecamp preferences on your PC match the preferences on your device. After downloading a route the device will use it's preferences rather than those from Basecamp - this can cause differences from the original route.**
- Recalculate the route in Basecamp if received from another party to update the route to your Mapset data.**
- Ideally it would be best to match the preferences of the other party's PC in order to not override them and alter the route. This unfortunately cannot always be communicated.**
- Make certain your Mapset on the device matches the Basecamp Mapset. A difference in mapped streets will change the routing.**

2019 Let's Ride; Let's Learn, Let's Live

First of all, I want to thank you all for not having me removed from office so far... I was asked to suspend my twitter account already and made to promise that politics, religion and non-BMW motorcycle talk would not be discussed. Therefore you might not see me at the club breakfasts during my time as president.

Here are some basic facts about me, I was born in Blythe, California and have lived in numerous states over the course of my life including Arizona, Indiana, North Carolina, Wyoming, Texas, Oklahoma, Florida, Georgia and back to Texas. I went to school mostly in Indiana where I graduated from Indiana State University with high hopes of playing professional football for the Dallas Cowboys. I went to Cowboy's training camp in 1984 and was released and decided to start my working career. I was interested in transportation and logistics and started working this field in operations management and eventually I migrated to safety management. After several years of working in the passenger transportation segment, I saw an ad for an Insurance Company wanting a transportation specialist and my qualifications seemed to meet the requirements and have been working as a Risk Engineering Consultant at Zurich for the last 12 years.



Chris Delaplaine

Needless to say, I've had my fair share of involvement with vehicular crashes and injuries related to not only crashes, but other types of injuries related to working. Spending roughly 25 years reviewing all sorts of behavior relating to crashes, motorcycling wasn't on the top of my bucket list so to speak and my early experience with motorcycling kind of reinforced and readily supported ideas about "those things are dangerous". One of the strongest memories I have in my younger years was of my brother's best friend being killed on his BSA when he was 18 years old. At the time he was working for my dad and on his way home from work when he hit a pothole and slid under a 1969 Ford Maverick. Needless to say, my parents weren't supportive of motorcycles. Although I did ride, I didn't ride much since my football coaches prohibited it. So I hadn't thought much about riding until my work involved dealing with numerous telematics piloting programs that had safety performance measurements. My defensive driving capabilities increased after becoming an instructor in 1993. The Telematics software provided insights into driving behavior and showed me that the behaviors I demonstrated were measurably safe. That somehow reawakened the little boy in me who loved motorcycles and the yearning for the proverbial "wind in my *hair*."

So how does a "safety professional" approach motorcycle riding again. Well, I researched what it would take to become a licensed rider. I found MSF instructors at UTA that provided me with the required parking lot training on a bike that I made look like a scooter with my center of gravity was 3 feet above the seat. But then I had to decide what I wanted to ride. Having little exposure to influences other than men on American cruisers, I asked my wife, Sue, what she thought. She suggested that I rent before spending a bunch of money on something I would not ride! So I rented Heritage Classic from Eagle Rider in Irving. I really wasn't impressed.

I read articles on baby boomers like myself returning to riding on motorcycles that were initially too big and hard to handle for an inexperienced rider. The recommendation was to start out on a motorcycle at or less than 650 cc's so I sought one of BMW's new scooters.

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Sue and I went to the BMW dealership in Hurst and found a pack of oddly clothed gentlemen surrounding a bike with Charlie Vaughn sitting on the seat of a garnet colored C650GT. "BINGO!" My path was made straight, as Sue remained patient and A.C. Spencer upsold me all sorts of accessories such as whale-skin riding gear with baby seal lining. I never knew I was required by State Law to have a small bell attached to my bike that was \$23 on the 50% off rack. Randy Simoneau and Mark Jensen spent hours it seemed coaching me and providing information on BMW's and how to join the local club, BMWDFW.

I somehow never expected this Scooter, that was so fun to ride, would have to have the replacement parts machined by tiny elves in the Sudetenland with a one cog per day limit. I put over 10,500 miles on that bike in about 10 months, all the while working to improve my riding and when the darn thing broke, A.C. stood up for me with the liability minded corporatists and I eventually wound up on a slightly used K1200LT.

A lot can be said about the "Light Truck", but lack of power is not one of them. I will never forget the exhaust note on that bike and how the low rumble could be heard throughout the land when I fired that baby up. Alas, even that bike was not a good fit for me and as January of 2014 approached, so did the liquid cooled R1200 GSA's.

My hips and right knee in septic shock and Advil a staple in my top case, I limped into the BMW shop, credit card in hand and laid down a \$500 deposit on a brand new 2014 "Racing Blue MAT" GSA. Randy S and Marc Cummings assured me this would be the cure for all my ills. They also provided a list of suggested enhancements while Garret typed codes and algorithms that added to the burgeoning debt.

I will never forget the tears in my eyes as I rode the LT into the Fort Worth Dealership, the last time to suffer with the excruciating pain. It disappeared right after I put my right foot down in the service bay and parked it for the last time. I had arrived, determined to hear the sound of one hand clapping, and with that I turned over a new leaf in my riding. At last here was a bike that fit me just right. My very own version of Oldilocks and the three bikes. So I developed a motto for my term in office and I hope and pray it applies to us all; Let's Ride, Let's Learn, Let's Live!



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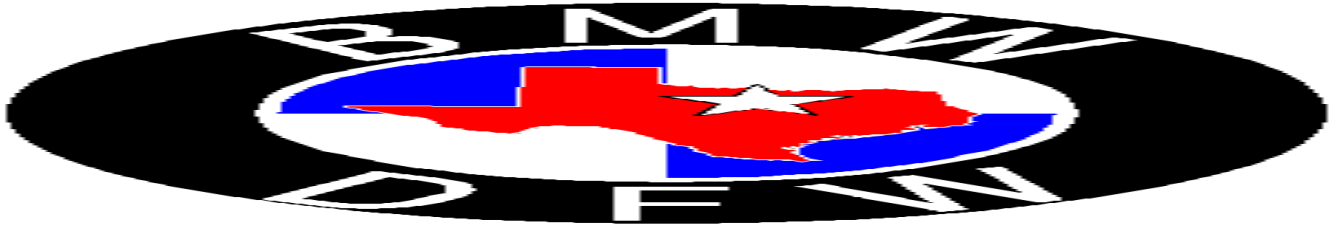
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2019 PREMIER CLUB RIDES

All the details for each of the Club Events are available by going to the Event Calendar [Click here](#)

April 6-7; Mena, AR. “Roads of Spring”

**May 10-12, Fri-Sun; Natchitoches, LA. “Thank God It’s Spring” -
Natchitoches Jazz Festival & Crawfish Fest****

Sept TBD, Farewell to Summer Tour

**Oct 24-27, 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](#)

2019 UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

For future and most current updated Event information, go to the Club Event Calendar [Click here](#)



VINCE BRECKNER

Dinner and a Movie Social – Inn at Circle T

February 2, 2019

The Inn at Circle T, 4021 W. Highway 36
Hamilton, Texas

We love the overnight getaways at the Circle T and the Crossfire Grill so let's do a social event that's not necessarily a "motorcycle" ride. Call it a Date Night, an early Valentine's Dinner or just a Diner and Movie... just make sure put it on your must-do calendar! We will have dinner at the Crossfire Grill, and then retire to the Circle T Meeting Room for a movie.

Find out more [Click here](#)

Texas Motorcycle Safety Forum – Kerrville TX

February 23, 2019

YO Hotel Kerrville TX

Open to all riders. Great rates on YO hotel rooms! Registration required. [Click here](#) for all the event info. Find out more [Click here](#)

The Tech Day to End All Tech Days

March 3 @ 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Cycle Center/BMW Motorcycles of Denton, 521 Acme St
Denton, TX 76205 United States

Ready to be blown away by the Tech Day to End All Tech Days? The Dream starts here: Cycle Center/ BMW Motorcycles of Denton, 521 Acme St, Denton, TX, 76205 We are talking about a Tech day in the Denton's BMW dealer's professional shop! This even runs from 10 am to 4 pm - drop in's are welcome, but be sure to RSVP if you're coming for lunch and bring your own tools....

Find out more [Click here](#)

Roads of Spring – Mena Ar – April 6

April 6 - April 7

Sun Country Inn, Mena, Ar.

To kick off the Spring of 2019 riding season, let's go ride the Talimena Scenic Byway. A short overnighter on April 6th, 2019, we'll leave DFW and ride the scenic area of Eastern Oklahoma and finish with the Talimena Scenic drive into Mena Ark for the night. Sunday, we head back for home. Sun County Inn - 877-394-7477 (NOTE: Sun County has a 2-week cancellation date for groups. Our block expiration and your room cancellation deadline is March 23rd!!!) <http://www.suncountryinn.com/> We have...

Find out more [Click here](#)

Listed below are select other events that are not club sponsored but may interest our members. These may not be listed on the Club's website calendar.

OTHER NOTABLE EVENTS DETAIL

Mar 8-17, Fri-Sun; Daytona, FL. Daytona Bike Week

Mar 10, Sun; * Daylight Saving Time Begins *****

Mar 22-24, Fri-Sun; Beeville, TX. The Texas Mile

Competitors are coming from all over to achieve their fastest speed in running the Texas Mile. This is both a car and motorcycle event with multiple classes, including street legal. Spectators are allowed in the paddock and there are rules for both participants and spectators. This event is tagged as "A High Speed Shoot-out and Land Speed Racing Venue that compares to the likes of the Bonneville that beckons one to "Drive in Your World, Race in Ours"! [Click here](#) for all the information.

Mar 29-31, 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.

Apr 5-7, Fri-Sun; Kerrville, TX. Hill Country Hangout

Please join us at Kerrville- Schreiner Park in Kerrville, TX April 5 - 7th for a couple of days of beautiful springtime in the Texas Hill Country. The rally site is on the hill side of the park. The rally camping will be in the Fawn hide-a-way loop, dining hall and mini cabins in the Midway Mini-cabin loop. The GPS coordinates for the entrance at State Park Rd 19 and FM 173 are 30.011739, -99.122925. Note that this is NOT the same as the entrance to the river side of the park which is on the opposite side of FM 173. Entrance to the rally site opens at noon on April 5th. [Click here](#) for all the information and registration.

Apr 12-14, Fri-Sat; Austin, TX: MotoGP Grand Prix of the America's

Don't miss the excitement of the 2019 Austin MotoGP Championship! Choose from a variety of seating options and enjoy VIP hospitality in the Paddock Building. Plus, add hotel accommodations and ground transportation to complete your trip! [Click here](#) and [click here](#) for all the information.

Apr 20, Sat; Rusk, TX. Texas National Picnic

Join us on Saturday, April 20th, 2019 at noon for the Texas National Picnic, being held at Love's Lookout Park, located on the east side of US Hwy 69 approximately 4 miles north Jacksonville, TX. N32d 01' 46.03 W95d 16' 46.93 We will fire up the grills at noon. There are restrooms, vending machines, covered picnic tables, grills, plenty of parking, and a great view. Bring your own food and drink; we will provide charcoal for the grills. Come join us for lunch and meet some folks from East Texas!

Apr 20, Sat; Ft. Worth, TX. Lone Star Half-Mile - AMA Flat Track Racing

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](#).

Apr 21, Sun; *EASTER SUNDAY*****

Apr 26-28, Fri-Sun; Branson, MO. Blitz to Branson

The 2019 Blitz will be held in the Honeysuckle Inn and Conference Center at 3598 Shepherd of the Hills Expressway, Branson MO 65616. Be sure to make your own reservations. 888-386-3648 or 417-335-2030 and let them know it's for Internet BMW Riders (IBMWR) for the special rate. The Honeysuckle Inn rooms will be all non-smoking and cost \$55 for a double with 2 queen beds, king is \$65. ****Please note, they have a two day cancellation policy and if you're arriving later than 9 PM please let them know in advance.**** The meeting room will be available for checking in, dropping off any door prizes that you want to bring, socializing and the Gathering Sat night at approximately 8 pm. I will be Keeper of the List for this year, so please email me your names and state with 'Branson Blitz' in the Subject line to keep it updated. Karen Mans neraksr@gmail.com or (816)590-1759

Apr 29, Sat; Bryan TX. NIIT WIT takes on the Heart of Texas Rally

This will be the first year the NIIT WIT crew has taken on the HoT Rally and we hope to do it the justice it deserves for James and Karen Stovall. This is a 12-hour rally with a remote start and a finish in Bryan, Texas. This year's Heart of Texas Rally will be a 12-hour rally focusing on the El Camino Real (Old San Antonio Rd) and the Daughters of the Revolution route markers as the bonus points. All bonuses will be within the state of Texas. Registration is \$100-\$150. [Click here](#) for all the information.



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