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2019 INTERNATIONAL BMW RALLY PICTURE

"by Andy Jones"

Membership
Meeting

Tuesday
July 9
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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Deliverance from Tennessee By Bill Case & Mike Valentin

I just got off of the phone checking on our dear friend in a Knoxville hospital: Don Mills. It was a week ago that Chris Delaplaine, Mike Valentin and I were desperately trying to find Don. He who exited (simply disappeared into the woods), our ride in a very unfortunate way, one day away from attending the BMWMOA national rally in Lebanon, Tennessee.

As a lead up to the rally we rode beautiful rolling hills of Tennessee mixed with very twisty roads, protected by narrow shoulders, covered with trees, brush and poison ivy. Each section of road was fun while demanding our full attention.



Along a particular section of our route, portions of the road were closed possibly due to flooding or landslide. But we continued through a series of rising and falling elevations and curves, finally pulling over a few miles further along to recalibrate our route.

As Stephen (Tourmeister) recalibrated our route we discovered Don was missing! How could that be! We were all together and we have a guy missing? A quick recount confirmed, we have a missing rider.

Three of us, Mike (Tailgunner), myself and Chris peeled off after informing Stephen to remain safe with the larger group; await further word from us in about 15 minutes. They were safely along the shoulder of a stream crossing, with another “Road Closed” sign ahead. Adding more riders to an evolving scene could prove dangerous given the road conditions.

Riding back I had very mixed emotions, what if we can’t find Don, what if we do, or worse? I was trying to keep it from distracting my focus on the search. We covered both sides of the road and about two miles/five minutes after leaving the group, up on the rising road was a telephone-cable company crew truck stopped on the outside of a curve. There stood Don with the telephone tech!



The telephone tech had called for help and support on the radio. An early arriving local rescue team member was beginning to direct traffic— there was no cellphone signal. [2988 Wilder Highway #85, Crawford, TN 38554]

We know Don is one TOUGH SOB, he managed to crawl a 10’+ embankment from his bike and about 75’ after Ping-Ponging between trees and underbrush.

As a first on the scene club member, any emergency training and your emotions kick in. I was relieved that we found him! He was barely standing. I asked if he wanted to sit on the truck bumper. He could barely answer and his right arm was very injured. Mike was attending to Don. Oddly Mike continued to let Don stand, at the same time he was attempting to determine the extent of injury. He suspected either a dislocation or broken arm, he was scared. Collectively it was decided to leave Don’s helmet on to avoid any potential further injury.

Our next concern was getting traffic under control. The early rescue member took position, uphill to the curve. By the way, wearing high-viz gear captures the eye of traffic quickly.

Incredibly and thankfully, the local fire department paramedics were on scene within minutes. They removed Don’s helmet off (ouch!) and jacket off (double ouch now knowing the extent of his right arm injury!).

A long bearded guy in coveralls with a few teeth amiss, and no banjo, claiming to live close by, said he heard someone screaming for help. With the extent of Don’s injuries, damaged full-face helmet and dense foliage, I wondered.

Initial EMS assessments suggested an ambulance ride to the medical center, but was quickly changed to helicopter evacuation to the University of Tennessee Medical Center in Knoxville as the situation

changed and Don's condition became better established. Almost as quickly Don was stabilized and moved to a nearby school. Don was safe! We could hear the whirring of the helicopter and almost as quickly heard it depart. The local volunteer fire department EMS guys really know their stuff!

After about 10 – 15 minutes Chris headed back to the group, to update them. Mike and I had decided to remain behind.

The telephone tech and first responder, both warned us not to leave the bike because scavengers would get it within minutes. Our duties shifted from defense to offense.

We continued securing the scene and to stay safe. Our next concern was to understand what went wrong. The bags had separated from the bike but were close by. Clearly extraction of the bike and gear could be made with some difficulty. In the mean time, I took the cable guy's name and number and both Mike and I took photos while we waited for the Tennessee Highway Patrol.

Like buzzards several crummy pickup trucks cruised passed us, we became wary and suspicious. The Tennessee State Trooper arrived. He reviewed the scene, took our statements and produced an accident report. He would stay until the wrecker arrived (he verified they were a quality outfit). We got the name and numbers of all involved.



Our day of riding was over.

Mike and I headed for the hotel in Lebanon and some lunch to process what happened and what we have learned.

The high points are:

Keep track of the rider in front of you and behind you - Stay within a safe distance and establish visual contact, especially with the rider behind you. Time is important in an emergency;

If something happens, assess and take charge of the event or scene - As appropriate and within your skill level;

Provide aid, stabilize or support

Call for help

Establish safety at the scene

Help with clean up - Hang around for wreckers, police or whatever.

Be the contact to facilitate transfer of information

Other ideas centering around the high points include,
Do what makes sense - For example, we collected Don's helmet and jacket. If not us, who would do this?
Carry emergency gear, water and nutritious snacks - You could be stuck for a while.
Provide communication to the other group members – Especially your riding group. Chris rode back to the rest of the riding group so they knew what was going on. We had to figure out how to get word to Don's family even though we did not know his condition. We did know where they took him. Maybe we should develop a contact list for all of our members and primary family contacts.

Enroll in a medical/evacuation air service - I have a MedJet subscription that is about expire. At the BMWMOA rally I visited with SkyMed and I like their service better and have decided to renew with them. They include helicopter service which I now pay for separately.
Show we care for a fallen member - Don will have months of rehab and the like. Call him or visit him. Let's post updates and keep communication going. Having been recently infirmed myself, friendly contact really does lift your spirits and that you know people care!



As a group, I'm really proud how we came together on this! We have a lot of smart and caring guys that have a shared passion for riding. As the miles or years pile on, bodies or machines become a little less reliable, let's all up our game on being a little more prepared that we may enjoy our sport safely as long as possible!

Righty tighty or lefty loosey, just another lug nut,

Bill Case and Mike Valentin

Via headset, I was communicating with Randy who was second behind Stephen who asked: "who's behind me? He's really keeping up!" I replied that it was Don. I believe this speaks to Don's pre-crash mindset. My conversation with Don revealed he has very little recollection of the event.





“Why aren’t we doing any of the fun stuff?” Hmm... Granted we were just trying to make miles on the first day of our trip, but we had just ridden a 15-turn section of downhill sweepers in the Ouachita National Forest that were, commensurate with your bravado, capable of triple digit foot peg-scrapping. Taken aback by such a comment on the very first day of a 7-day ride to the MOA Rally in Tennessee I had to reply: “Well, since you didn’t ride with my group, perhaps you should ask the ride leader of your group.”

It was a little disheartening to hear such a comment about the ride on the first day since I had worked on this trip for almost a year. A year before the 2019 MOA International Rally I read on the MOA discussion board that the rally date was moved up a month to June and would take place in prime riding area of the Tennessee hills near Nashville. Also hotels were filling up fast despite the fact that some establishments were doubling their rates in anticipation of the rally crowds. I sent a note out to the various BMWDFW communication venues that warned of the increasing hotel rates and recommending if you were going to the MOA Rally, you’d better book now.

I also started planning my trip routes to the 2019 MOA about a year ahead of time. Encouraged by comments from Kenneth and Chrystyna Senkel about the nice riding in Northern Tennessee, I skipped the more famous roads that motorcyclists gravitate toward in the Southern and Eastern sections of the state and concentrated on Northeastern Tennessee just a little East of Nashville. I had dipped my toe into the wonderful riding areas near the Senkel’s while returning from a week-long trip to the Cumberland Gap just last year and have been consumed about going back and riding more of the area.

Knowing nothing of the non-famous areas of Tennessee, I spend many late nights searching the Net for fun motorcycle roads that weren’t too far from Lebanon and the MOA Rally headquarters area (Just in case someone got tire of riding and wanted to peel off to the rally). I was shocked at what I found after Googling “Tennessee Scenic Drives.” I expected the lists to be full of the famous route names, like the ones you picked up a sticker or patch from, but I really hit the jackpot with smaller, lesser known routes. Mostly less than 100 miles long, I gathered a list of twisty scenic roads such as: Hanging Limb Road, Frost Bottom Road, the Pine Knot and Bean



Station loops, Fighting Creek Road and one of Randy Simoneau’s favorites... TN 232 also known as the Baby Dragon. With more than 30 roads on my list, I mapped out and Google-Earthed each one to check the pavement and the twist and turn conditions and then plotted each one on Garmin Base Camp. With

some sort of riding semblance I strung the 30+ routes together into one long route and then in turn cut it into daily 300 +/- mile sections and picked the finalists for the ride from there. Finally the daily routes are then cut up and plotted to include rest stops, potty breaks, fuel stops, scenic overlooks, a lunch stop and the hotel arrival time.

Thinking there would be some club members that would want to hit the bigger more popular roads, I started broadcasting my smaller-road intentions and the fact that my routes were designed so riders could peel off at any time to hit the rally or to run over to their favorite Tennessee highway. I guess it wasn't enough. I'm sorry we didn't go over the Tally-Ho scenic drive, or visit the Queen Jelly Bean Lodge. No we didn't ride the Scorpion or the Pterodactyl... I missed the "Fun Stuff".



So... Let me take this opportunity to say that if you know where all the Fun Stuff is and feel we are missing out on some great adventures I urge you to step up and volunteer to help improve your motorcycle riding club. Become one of the next BMDFW club officers. You can be the next Tourmeister, or better yet, become club President and help guide all aspects of your clubs future.

The slate of club officers for the 2020 ballot will be discussed soon at an upcoming club Board Meeting. Please, step up and submit your name now and help shape the future of the Dallas-Fort Worth BMW Motorcycle Riders Club.

Ride 'Em Don't Hide 'Em
Stephen Slisz



RALLY PHOTOS



Pictured front row left to right: Andy, Jay, Mike, Margie, Tom, Scot, George
Second row left to right: Randy, Lee, David F., Bill M., Stephen, Ken, Rick, Joel, Rod, Michael
Third row Chris (right behind David)

Not pictured but seen at the rally: Jim, Larry, Jean, Leon, Gus, Kenneth, David C., Paul, Bill C.

Not pictured at the rally but thought about: Don M.



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Refreshment Lounge at the Rally



Beautiful sidecars & vintage bikes



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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**

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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

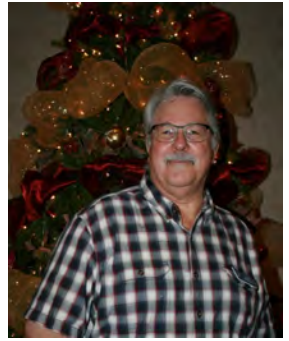
WEEKLY. Original Pancake House in Grapevine, 1505 William D Tate Avenue, Grapevine, TX 76051, (817) 421-3444.

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

Club Viewing of 50th Anniversary of Easy Rider

July 14 @ 4:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Hurst, TX.

There is going to be a 50th anniversary showing of Easy Rider in July on the 14th and 17th. Reserve your seats for the 4:00 PM showing on July 14th at the Rave 18 Theaters in Northeast Mall and join us. For theater info, tickets and seat reservations click here Andy already has seats E 8 & 9

Find out more [click here](#)

(Club meetings and Saturday breakfasts continue through August and September, but due to the heat not many major rides are planned. But watch the Yahoo list & website for the ad hoc rides that will surely pop up.)

Ending Date for the Photo of the Year Contest

October 1 @ 8:00 am - 9:00 am

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 as an entry for the following year.) All Contest forms are available under the Contests tab.

Find out more [Click here](#)

Fall Texas Hill Country Ride

October 10 @ 8:00 am - October 13 @ 5:00pm

Kerrville, TX

Come Ride The Beautiful Texas Hill Country As We Attend The 32nd Annual Texas Gathering Motorcycle Rally - October 10-13 2019 Host Hotel - Best Western Sunday House Inn Phone 830-896-1313

Find out more [click here](#)

BMWDFW Annual Fall Color Tour

October 24 @ 8:00 am - October 27 @ 5:00 pm

Edelweiss Inn, Eureka Springs, AR.

Host Hotels: Edelweiss Inn at 2066 E. Van Buren. The reservations number is 800-870-2529. Or Trails End at 2060 E Van Buren, Eureka Springs, AR 72632, 479-253-9390. This is our Annual ride to Eureka Springs, AR for some of the best autumn color and riding available. We'll be there for the nights from October 24th to 27th, arriving Thursday and departing Sunday. When you call or email be sure to tell them that you are with the BMWDFW Motorcycle Club. ...

Find out more [click here](#)

OTHER NOTABLE EVENTS DETAIL

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.

Jul 5-7, Fri-Sun; Lexington, OH. 2019 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 18-21, 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. BMWGCC 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 8-11, 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.

Sep 06-08, 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.

Sep 26-29, Thu-Sun; Jefferson, TX. NTNOA Lake of the Pines Rallye

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

Sep 27-28, Fri-Sat; Talihina, OK. Oklahoma BMW Rally

Come join the Central Oklahoma BMW Road Riders for this multi-club camp out in southeast Oklahoma! There's no cost and make your own campsite reservations. [Click here](#) for all the information.

Sep 29, Sat; Dallas, TX. Distinguished Gentleman's Ride

Actually, a world-wide event for classic bikes and riding in tweed. Dallas is one of the world-wide sites for classic bikes and the dapper rider. Intrigued? [Click here](#) for registration and to get all the information.

OTHER NOTABLE EVENTS DETAIL (cont)

Oct 11-13, Fri-Sun; Kerrville, TX. Lone Star Riders' Annual Texas Gathering

Be sure to check out the club ride to this event ([click here](#)). The club ride adds a day to do extra riding on Friday. This is the 31st 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. For details [click here](#). To register [click here](#).

Oct 18-19, Fri-Sat; Luckenbach, TX. 18th 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.

Oct 25-27, 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. [Click here](#) to register and for all the details.

Nov 3, Sunday * Daylight Saving Time Ends *****

See y'all next year!!

The BMW MOA National Rally will visit Great Falls, Montana June 25 - 28, 2020. [Great Falls](#) is a place for independent, outdoor adventurers looking for a true, authentic Montana experience.

Located on the Missouri River in the heart of Montana, Great Falls provides a base-camp for a wide range of outdoor adventures and offers a haven of rich arts, culture, and history in a vibrant, modern community!



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