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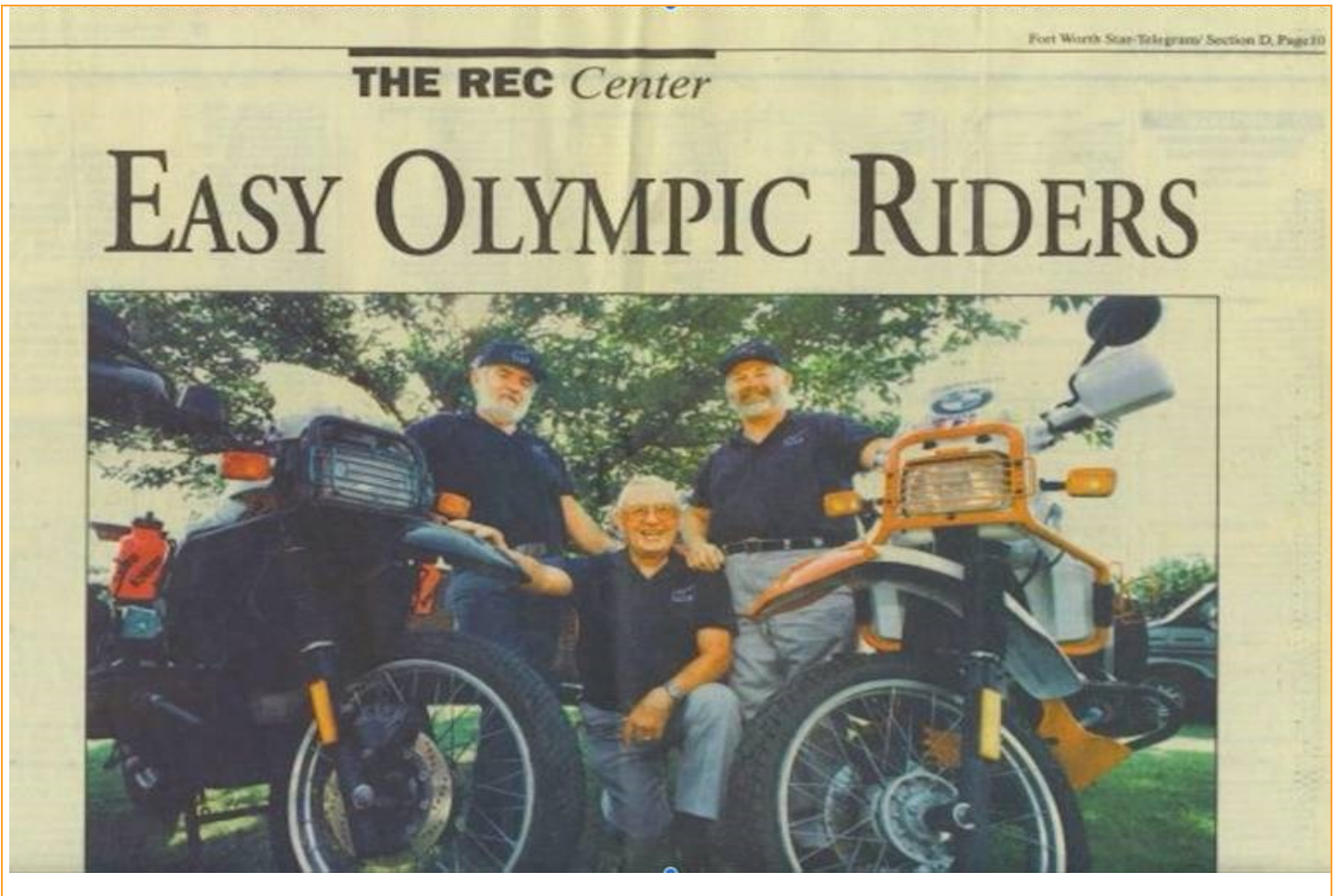
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Easy Olympic Riders

From an article forwarded to the editor about our own *Johnny Kresena*

July 16, 1996

Author: STACY FEDUCIA; Star-Telegram Writer

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Three Tarrant County motorcyclists will roll through the Olympics on BMWs, but they have to remain in the background, providing rides for photographers and other services.

A leviathan with a 1,000 cubic-centimeter BMW engine prowls among the bicycles in the pack. Accompanied by the chicka-chicka-chicka clicks of a photographer's camera, **Johnny Kresena** of Fort Worth guides his monster of a motorcycle, humming quietly through the hiss of spinning spokes.

Kresena's passenger photographs a grimacing cyclist, then the motorcycle man slithers away and the pack closes behind them.

Gosh, you gotta love German engineering.

"We're usually going 30 or 40 miles an hour, handlebar to handlebar with these bicyclists, and they'll either let you through, or they're throwing water bottles at you," Kresena explained.

Kresena and fellow motorcyclists Dean Kauffman of Fort Worth and Bob Murphy of Grapevine expect to relive that scene hundreds of times as they ferry photojournalists into the cycling road races and the marathons during the Atlanta Olympic Games, which start Friday.

The three riders are old hands at the business, having worked the Tour DuPont since 1990, the 1992 Olympic cycling trials and the Hotter 'n Hell 100 in Wichita Falls. Combined, they have more than 100 years of motorcycling experience. It's the best seat in the house, said Kauffman, 62. "You'd be amazed at those athletes. Those bicycles are so light, and they handle the corners so well, that it's hard to even catch them on a motorcycle."

The three were selected based on their motorcycling experience and past performances, said Sheryl Ratzell, the chief financial officer for ALEM Competition Services. ALEM is an Atlanta-based firm that organizes BMW-sponsored sporting events.

"I've ridden with them, and they're the best in the United States," said Casey Gordon, a Denver-based freelance photographer who covers cycling events. "We don't hold on when we're riding because our hands are on our cameras, and we've been doing 60 miles an hour on a downhill where! our foot pegs scrape the road, and they are so smooth. It makes it a lot easier for me."

They are among 30 motorcycle drivers working the Olympics. Besides ferrying photographers, they will serve as course marshals and couriers, provide medical help and technical support for the bicycles.

Kresena got involved in motorcycle support for races through the Tour of Texas in 1978.

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After learning to command his motorcycle in tight, extreme situations, Kresena moved into bigger races such as the Tour DuPont. He enlisted the support of fellow motorcycle enthusiasts Kauffman, a retiree from TU Electric, and Murphy, a retired pilot.

The motorcycles have suspensions designed to handle jaunts off the roads, through gravel patches or into corn fields, depending on what happens in the pack. Kresena said they usually have only the width of the white line on the side of the road in which to ride their motorcycles.

Before the Olympics, the riders will enroll in another two-day slow-driving clinic conducted by motorcycle police instructors. Whether barreling down the side of a mountain or inching up a steep hill while surrounded by 200 cyclists, handling the motorcycle becomes a life-or-death issue.

"The type of riding we do, we'll be going down the road, and our saddlebags will be touching," Kauffman explained. "If we're doing a twisty going down a hill at 70 miles an hour, my front tire will almost touch theirs, and I have no problem with that because my life is in their hands, and theirs is in mine."

The cycling race will go on, even if fog limits visibility to mere feet or rain makes the streets a two-lane banana peel. At day's end, the motorcyclists gather at the finish line and wait to verify that each rider returns safely.

"The safety of the bicyclist is No. 1, and then comes the safety of our own," Murphy said.

The motorcyclists are just as professional when it comes to the race.

Kauffman said they do not keep up with the race standings or have any favorite riders so that he remains as removed as possible from the action.

They don't allow cyclists to follow too closely behind in order to prevent giving the cyclists an aerodynamic advantage.

And they manage to make hulking, growling machines invisible in a sea of slender bicycles.

"If we get in the pictures or on TV, we get in trouble," Kresena said. "We know that it's a bicycle race and not a motorcycle race, so they don't want you in the picture."

"There are serious mountains. You'll go 3 mph uphill, and then you're hitting 70 miles-an-hour going back down the other side, and you're trying to keep ahead of them."

But they still manage to have fun.

Kauffman said he once ferried Tour de France winner Greg LeMond through a race in Minneapolis to give the famed American cyclist "a chance to see how a bicycle race really looks."

Murphy laughs while recalling the speeding tickets and threatened arrests they've received from police officers who didn't believe the motorcycles blowing by at 100 mph were truly involved with the race.

And Kresena simply smiles when he thinks about getting paid to do something he loves.

"We get to see the United States on a motorcycle and we get to meet some of the nicest people in the world," Kresena said. "Now we get to do the Olympics. Who wouldn't love it?"

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CATEGORY 2 - PHOTO FOR AUGUST



San Francisco de Assisi in Ranchos de Taos

by Mike Valentin

Ed Note: The back side of this church was made world famous by Ansel Adam's photograph. And thus it is now the most photographed church in the world.



Garmin Smart Link App

Available for Select Garmin “Navigator” & “Zumo” devices.
(To be used with Apple IOS and Android Smartphones)

by Scot Thompson

Introduction

This Article is informational and not intended for training or Application setup. Alerting possibilities are easily configured & most display automatically when your Navigator/Zumo is active with a paired Smartphone.

Garmin Smart Link is a free App

The Application connects your Smartphone to your Garmin Navigator/Zumo and displays several possible information overlays DIRECTLY ONTO your Garmin GPS Display.



The possible items presented on your GPS Display are as follows;

1 - Live Traffic alerts - for re-routes, congestion, accidents road closures and so forth. This information is gathered from a variety of sources by your Smartphone and utilized within the Garmin map software to present alerts based upon your direction of travel. It alerts you regardless of whether you are on a predetermined “Route” or merely riding on roadways casually.

2 - Live Traffic Cameras - for live visibility to road conditions and traffic in addition to Live Traffic Alerts that you may get. This feature is not available in Texas by law, but is available in most other states as you travel through them.

There is a **ONE TIME LIFETIME FEE** for this service of \$4.99.

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3 - Basic Weather Forecast Information - this is a high level forecast for the location you are presently traveling through offering basic Weather conditions forecasts by day for a period of one week.



4 - Live Advanced Weather Conditions Overlay & Alerts - this feature over-lays current weather conditions for the area you are travelling onto the current Map display. It is color coded for different types of precipitation and conditions.

There is a ONE TIME LIFETIME FEE for this service of \$4.99.

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5 - Text Message Alerts - this feature alerts you of incoming Text Messages from your Smartphone contacts and for Message Alerts from your Smartphone Apps as well.



6 - Live Tracking Visibility for Smartphone Contacts of your Local & Trip Travel.

7 - Share Smartphone contact addresses and Favorites with your Garmin.

8 - Get Visibility to Off Street Parking locations.

For further info on Smart Link refer to the Video review of functionality below;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fMdOLAuoEsE>





True North - BY STEPHEN "YEEHA" SLISZ

"Lost friends." A two word statement that can mean so many different things. Friends that have died...friends that have moved away...I've lost contact...some that have lost touch with me...friends I have dumped or ones that dumped me...friends that have become feeble-minded...friends that can't read a map...and ultimately there are friends that just age-out of some certain hobbies or activities. **(Or friends that disappear in**

the middle of a corner. Yeah, it can happen)

The US Army lost some friends for me. I was drafted into the Army in the early 70's and when the Army was through with me about 4 years later all my hometown friends had graduated school and moved away and/or started new lives. Having someone in their circle that was four years behind the pace was a little too awkward I guess.

A bitter divorce lost me a set of friends. All of my sports-watching, softball team, deer lease, beer drinkin' pals were husbands of my wife's friends. When my divorce was final I found out that the divorce included not only a wife, but all those husbands too. They weren't allowed to associate with the new *single* guy.

My fault...When I quit racing a motorcycle and changed hobbies, I drifted away from all my racing associated connections. It was too painful to "hang out" at the track because deep inside, I still wanted to race motorcycles. I had to just walk away.

And then the almighty Hand of God, the Grim Reaper, or the Fickle Finger of Fate, if you will, has taken many more friends from me. When I quit motorcycle racing I replaced it with a boat. I joined a water skiing club, bought a Master Craft tournament style ski boat and started competitive skiing. You know, the sport where the skier zooms back-and-forth behind a speeding boat and tries to turn around some buoy-markers outside the boat wake. Well I lost some friends in that sport too. One drowned and one lost in a boating accident. Then some because they died. Not from the sport, but just because...because whatever that Fickle Finger deemed appropriate.

That brings me to my current crop of friends, my motorcycling/riding-club friends. Stan Oler was the one of the first BMWDFW club members I got close to when I joined the club. We lost Stan in a motorcycle accident in 2005 and I still think about him often. There have been more motorcycle loses for me and there *will* be more. This brings me to my current heartache.

I recently attended the 30th Top of the Rockies Rally held in a city park of Paonia Colorado. Since 2002, I've attended all the Paonia rallies save one, and have met many fine people there. One in particular is on his last legs due to complications from Lou Gehrig's disease...Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS). For more than 15 years I've hooked up with my friend as he set up and ran his motorcycle business vendor booth at the Paonia rally. (He has done all the small BMW rallies around the country). For some reason, I spent all day Saturday at last year's rally, just hanging out and shooting the breeze at my friend's rally booth. I'm so glad I did because he never mentioned being sick and we had a great time watching the world go round. I experienced a tremendous hollow feeling riding into the Rally this year and seeing my friend's vendor spot empty. Another of his friends, told me the situation. **I'm bummed.**

Before we add more names to the Lost Friends list, we need to appreciate the friends we have just a little bit more. We need hang out more. We need to visit more. Shoot the sh*t. Drink a beer. Maybe the Tourmeister needs so set up more social events on next year's ride calendar. **Change the theme of the upcoming riding season from "Ride to Eat" to "Ride to Visit With Our Friends" Before Any More Fade Away and Leave Us With that Sad Hollow Feeling.**

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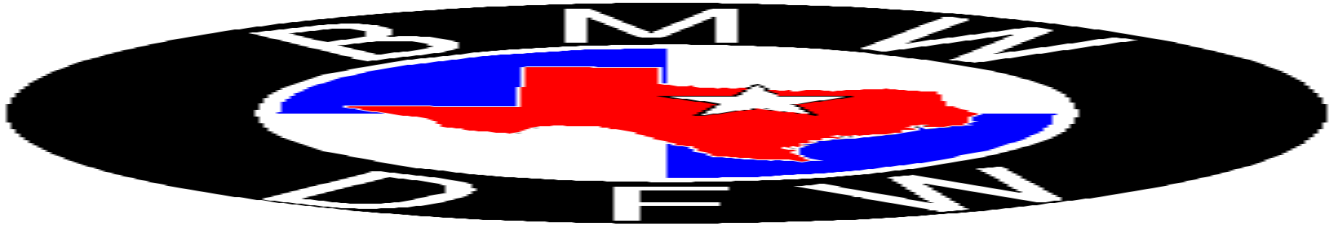
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2019 PREMIER CLUB RIDES

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****

**Oct 11-13, Kerrville, TX. Farewell to Summer Fall Texas Hill Country
Ride**

**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](#)



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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 at under the Contests tab.

Find out more [Click here](#)

Fall Texas Hill Country Ride

October 11 @ 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 11-13 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](#)

Ending Date for the Article of the Year Contest

October 31 @ 8:00 am - 9:00 pm

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 under the Contests tab.

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

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 achieve-

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ment 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.

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

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. Details are still under work but [Click here](#) and scroll down to the link for Texas Gathering. It will have the registration information and event information when the link is finalized.

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 ***



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