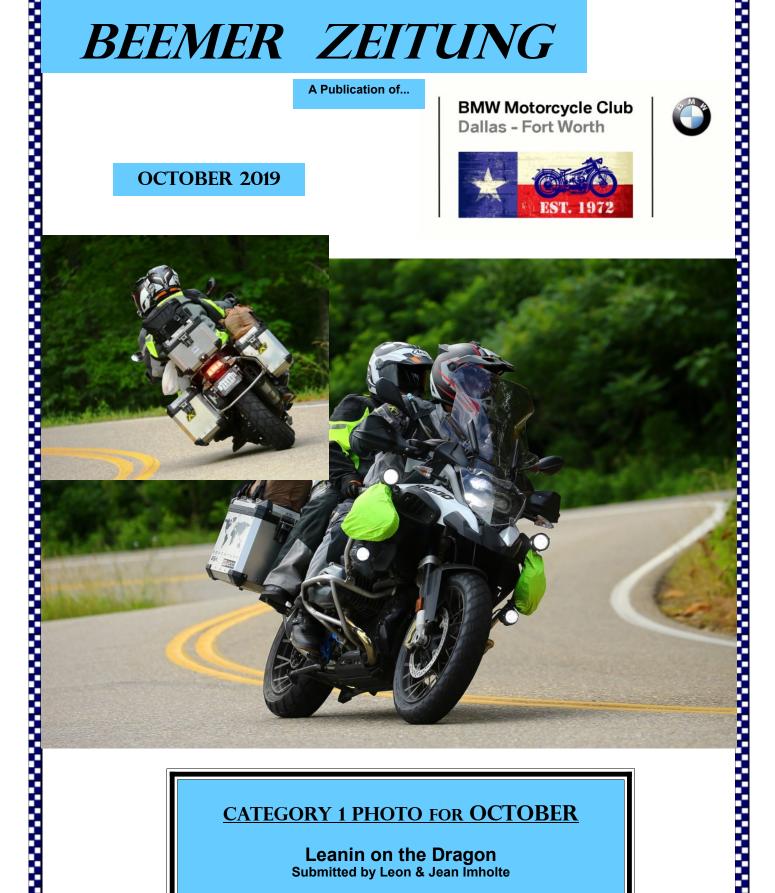
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CATEGORY 1 PHOTO FOR OCTOBER

Leanin on the Dragon Submitted by Leon & Jean Imholte

Membership Meeting

Tuesday
OCTOBER 10

7:30 PM

Spring Creek BBQ 1509 Airport Freeway Bedford, TX 817-545-0184

At Forest Ridge & Airport Freeway (Hwy 121)

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Points of Interest this Issue

- Photos OTM Category 1 (front cover) and Category 2 (sans m/c -Sometimes) elsewhere within.
- Andy Jones MONUMENTAL TREATISE ON Wait for it....

Taming the Continental Divide

- Mike Valentine Clean Riding Virtue (a parody)
- Club Events Vince mesmerizes us with all our options

TAMING THE CONTINENTAL DIVIDE

The Continental Divide Trail was originally developed for bicyclists to ride in the shadow of the Rocky Mountains along the Continental Divide from the U.S./Canada border to the U.S./Mexico border. It has become a popular Motorcycle Adventure Ride for dual sport motorcycles. On August 27th I led "Team 1", consisting of ME, Rick Kallmayer, Joel Watson, Randy Gilbert, Mitch Fetters and our chase truck driver, Wesley Rawle. We took a look at Antelope Wells, New Mexico where the Trail actually begins/ends. This is a very desolate part of NM deep in the southwest corner of the State in the "boot heel" section. There is a border crossing point there, but we didn't



Andy Jones

see anyone crossing in either direction while we were there, though we met two bicyclists who had just completed riding the CDR from Banff, Canada!



Our Team of riders was finally completed when we arrived at Silver City, where Randy McClanahan joined us. We offloaded our motorcycles and prepared them for an early morning departure on Wednesday! It rained for several hours Tuesday evening and we were concerned about the condition of the forest roads on our ride the next day.

We rode out of **Silver City** and headed

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north through the **Gila National Forest**. The roads were pretty well maintained gravel roads that wound up and over the mountains and through the National Forest. To our surprise, the roads were not wet and muddy as we had feared. We transitioned into ranch land along the valley running north along the edge of the National Forest. There were an abundance of free ranging cattle and many cattle guards to cross. Our newest Team Member, Mitch Fetters, got crosswise in a muddy section of ranch road and dumped his bike. When he picked it up, he discovered that he had lost one of his panniers (saddle bags).



We waited right there while he and Rick Kallmayer rode back about 8 miles before they found his Pannier! When they returned, we continued our journey, encountering some afternoon rain showers before we made it to **Quemado**, **NM**, our destination for the day. About two tenths of a mile from Quemado, Mitch ran out of gas and pushed his KTM in the rest of the way! It was a 206 mile day and other than Mitch's trials everything went relatively well!

On Thursday, August 29th, our Kokopelli Motorcycle Adventure Team 1 rode from **Quemado, NM** to **Grants, NM** along the Continental Divide Trail. Still in western NM, our ride took us through the El Malpais National Monument, the Cibola National Forest and down the Zuni Canyon Road. The name El Malpais is from the Spanish meaning badlands, due to the extremely barren and dramatic volcanic field that covers much of the park's area.

We made a stop at **Pie Town, NM**, which gained its name from a merchant who served home-made pies that were so popular they became famous across the area. The county roads were dry and well maintained, so the ride was pleasant as we wandered through the various ranches in the area before heading up the **Back Country Byway**. Signs warned that the road was impassable when wet! Luckily, today it wasn't wet. The road took us across a volcanic landscape dotted with ranches and lava flows. In places the lava rock protruded from the road surface making for some bumpy riding. Lava rocks thousands of years old were strewn about the entire area. As we travelled northward we reentered the El Malpais National Monument, ascended some mountains into the Cibola National Forest and saw an elevation of



8200 feet before descending back down into the next valley.

We finished the day's ride travelling through Zuni Canyon on **Zuni Canyon Road**, a wide county road that was well maintained and covered in white gravel but was incredibly dusty! The view through the canyon was spectacular with a large lava flow following along beside the road. The sides of the canyon towered over us with the various layers of tan, brown and red rock formations. We arrived in **Grants, NM**, after a fantastic 115 mile adventure ride! And, Mitch didn't run out of gas today!

The following day our adventure ride took us from Grants to **Cuba**, **NM**. We re-entered the **Cibola National Forest** and, travelling in a northeast direction, ascended a mountain and eventually reached an elevation of 8890 feet. The forest road was pretty fair, but had numerous switchbacks to carry us up the mountain. We encountered some Forest Service personnel and some Firefighting personnel, up near the top, who were there working the triple 5 fire. Luckily it was in a different part of the forest and we didn't

have to re-route.

After descending off the mountain, we crossed a high dessert plain dotted with rock monoliths and many variations of cactus. A few ranches dotted the plain with cattle ranging free. The road resembled a west Texas two-track ranch road. Arroyos sliced across the landscape creating many obstacles for us to navigate across. Many of them were steep and rocky and frequently the bottom was covered in fine sand several inches deep! Others had washouts cutting across the bottom that we had to negotiate. It was tedious, but we soldiered on. Each ranch road seemed to be more crooked and sandy than the previous one. Fifteen miles from Cuba, our newest adventurer, Mitch Fetters, had a flat on his back tire! He picked up a roofing nail out in the middle of the dessert! So, we spent 45 minutes or so pulling the back wheel off his KTM and replacing the inner tube. Our "newby" apparently wanted to experience the whole spectrum of adventure riding issues, all on the same trip! We finally rolled into Cuba, NM around 2:15 PM. It was a 128 mile day with some great scenery but too much desert and sand!

Saturday, August 31st, we rode from Cuba, NM to Chama, NM. We left Cuba heading east and entered the Santa Fe National **Forest.** It was a cool 60 degrees when we left Cuba, and the forest was even cooler. We rode some great forest roads that zigzagged up the Jemez mountain range. In no time we were at over 9,000 feet elevation. Between 8,000 and 9,000 feet the aspens were beautiful; their white barked trunks shimmering in the morning sunlight. About 45 miles into our trek across the forest we encountered a steep and rocky hill climb on our forest road. It went as far as we could see up through the forest, so we decided to try to find a workaround. After exploring several options that didn't pan out, I



stopped to talk to a couple of the locals in a pickup truck who were up in the forest camping about an alternate route to get to our target destination on Hwy. 96. The driver told me that our route was fine and that the steep rocky section only lasted about a quarter of a mile and then it changed back to a gravel forest road across the mountaintop. He said that they called it "nutcracker hill" and that he had ridden up it a week before on a four-wheeler ATV and did fine. Further he added, our dirt bikes could climb it much easier! SO, we huddled up and decided to give it a try. WELL, it was exceptionally rocky, rutted and steep and it went on for **over two miles** before reaching the top. We were all quite winded when we reached the top and discovered the elevation was 10,238 feet! It was the most challenging climb that I have done in a long time. Those two locals are probably still laughing about those bikers that they sent up nutcracker hill! We renamed it "Hamburger Hill."

We traversed the mountaintop, found a forest road that took us back north, then out of the forest to **Abiquiu**. We had lunch in **Bode's General Merchandise**, a combination gas station, grocery, café and ice cream parlor. I tried their green chili cheeseburger that they are famous for across northern New Mexico. I was pleasantly surprised; the sliced green chilies really added a unique flavor to the burger! After lunch we scanned the radar as we had another 55 miles of forest in the Carson National Forest to cross north of Abiquiu. The whole top of the mountain and forest were under storm clouds, so we opted to ride in the other direction and went straight on up to Chama from there.

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From Chama we headed to Del Norte, CO. the following day. The weather was cool and crisp at about 60 degrees as we headed north. Our route took us up the valley alongside the **Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railway**. The train passed by us at scenic overlook. We were able to catch the train as it passed by us at a scenic overlook. After a few miles, we crossed into Colorado and the Rio Grande National Forest. When we reached the **Conejos River**, we turned onto Forest Road 250 and followed the



river for a number of miles as it wound its way down the valley. This river is a very popular trout fishing destination, and there were quite a few fishermen making their way to their favorite fishing spot along the river.

The forest road was in pretty good shape except for numerous sections of washboard, particularly on the uphill side of switchbacks. The aspens were pretty and the forest had many sections of pines that had fallen prey to the pine bark beetles. The views up the valley were spectacular, as the mountains loomed

large ahead of us. We found a really scenic spot where the river made a large bend and we were able to capture a great photo of our team with the river and valley behind us!

After crossing the **Alamosa River**, we turned onto Forest Road 380, then FR 330 and started our climb up to **Indiana Pass**. At the top of the pass, we saw an elevation of 11,955 feet. It was cool and clear and there were still snow patches on the side of the mountain. We then descended into the Del Norte area, completing 101 miles through some of the most beautiful scenery we have seen on the entire Continental Divide Trail so far. I ar-





ranged for us to stay in the historic **Windsor Hotel** in downtown Del Norte. The hotel was built in 1874 and was restored in 2009. It is very nice with a great Dining Room and nicely appointed rooms!

From Del Norte we headed out to **Poncha Springs, CO**, up into the Rio Grande National
Forest via county roads that were wide, hard pack
with a layer of gravel. We arrived at a neat rock
formation called **Hellgate** and took several photos
as the trail went right through it! The road traveled up and over **Cochetopa Pass.** We picked up
US Hwy 50 and rode east, entering the Gunnison
National Forest before arriving at Sargents, CO.
Where we turned onto a smaller gravel and dirt

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county road, CR-XX32, which took us up and over **Marshal Pass**. We stopped for pictures at the summit as this was the actual Continental Divide at an elevation of 10,855 feet. From there, we rode down the east side of the mountain into Poncha Springs, dodging dozens of four wheeled ATV's and motorcycles. A sterling 157 mile day.



On Tuesday, September 3rd, our ADV Team rode from Poncha Springs, CO to Dillon, CO., crossing the San Isabel National Forest with views of the Collegiate Mountains to the west. **The Collegiate Peaks** is a name given to a section of the Sawatch Range of the Rocky Mountains located in central Colorado. Drainages to the east include headwaters of the Arkansas River. The Collegiate Peaks include some of the highest mountains in the Rockies, several over 14,000 feet.

As we left the San Isabel National Forest, we rode for miles across a high flat plain dotted with ranch houses and livestock. We had a herd of pronghorn antelope run along side us for a quarter mile or so before they angled across the trail in front of me at full run, and then disappeared over a rise. We even spotted a herd of buffalo gazing on one of the ranches. We entered the Pike National Forest at Como, CO. Como used to be one of the centers of mining and railroad activity in South Park but is best known today for nearby **Boreas Pass** on the Divide with an elevation of 11,482 feet and old Roundhouse. At the top of the Pass, stood the old Section House, built in 1881, to provide lodging for the Railroad workers who maintained that high section of the railroad. It was restored in 1996 and is still used by travelers in the summer and skiers in the winter. We rode down from the pass on the north side toward Breckenridge, CO., and transitioned into the Arapaho National Forest. We finished the day's ride in Dillon, CO. after a scenic 121 miles.

On Wednesday, we rode from Dillon, CO. to **Steamboat Springs**, CO., departing north on Hwy 9 riding along in the edge of the Arapaho National Forest. At Ute Pass Road, we turned northeast angling across the National Forest and riding past the **Henderson Mill** about 9 miles up the trail.

The Henderson Mine and this Mill are owned by Climax Molybdenum and is the largest producer of molybdenum in the world. The Henderson Mill is located on the west side of the Continental Divide, fifteen miles from the mine on the east side of the Continental Divide. The Mine and the Mill are connected by the world's longest conveyor of its kind; a fifteen-mile elevated belt that passes underneath the Conti-



nental Divide through an old train tunnel and then above ground to the Mill.

After passing the Mill, we rode over **Ute Pass**, then down through the Williams Fork Valley, around the Williams Fork Reservoir, a beautiful lake with views of the Rockies all around it, and on south of Kremmling, CO., over the mountain, arrving at **Inspiration Point** which provided a great view of the Colorado River Valley and the train tracks running along the river below us. We rode down into the valley and crossed the Colorado River before heading back north towards the Routt National Forest. Then followed County Road 11 climbing into the forest and fol-

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lowed several forest roads as we traversed the forest and climbed one mountain after another. There were large areas in the forest with forest fire damage. Some say it is nature's way to rejuvenate the forest but it looks bad. Before leaving the Routt NF, we rode over **Rabbit Ears Pass**, ending the day's journey in Steamboat Springs. As a fitting end to a great 151 mile ADV Ride, we checked into the **Rabbit Ears Motel** for the evening!

On Thursday, September 5th, our ADV Team 1 rode from Steamboat Springs, CO. to **Rawlins, WY**. This was the last leg of our ride along the southern section of the Continental Divide Ride. We started out on



CR 129 with the Elk River west of us and the Routt National Forest to the east of us. The road was either black top or hard pack sealed with oil to hold down the dust. The views of the ranches and river on one side and the forest and mountains on the right were spectacular. At one point we had to stop to let a bunch of sheep cross the road in front of us. One particularly stubborn young lamb stopped in the middle of the road in front of Randy Gilbert and looked directly at him while bleating loudly! He eventually sauntered on over to the side of the road

to let us pass. A few miles further, we saw a doe and two fawns cross the trail and a short distance after that, we saw three bucks standing on the side of the trail. It was quite a day for both domestic and wild animal sighting! We turned onto CR 62 and crossed the Elk River then headed northwest toward the Routt NF again, riding around the edge of **Steamboat Lake State Park** admiring the beauty of Steamboat Lake nestled in the high mountain meadow surrounded on three sides by National Forest with majestic mountains all around it! We continued on across the Routt NF until we reached the Colorado/ Wyoming State line. We rode along the line for several miles dodging back and forth between Colorado and Wyoming along the Little Snake River before finally turning north into Wyoming and riding along the edge of the Medicine Bow National Forest. We stopped at a scenic overlook in the middle of the Medicine Bow NF and got a fantastic view of the Rocky Mountains to our south. Continuing on, we turned onto NF 801 and rode through the Aspen Alley. Having seen it twice before, I was somewhat disappointed to see that the southern part of the alley had numerous dead trees. It didn't have the beauty of the alley that I remembered. We still took some pictures and Randy Gilbert flew his drone through the alley

following us as we rode through, but the drone crashed in the grass beside the trail before making it all the way through! We completed today's ride by taking Hwy 71 into Rawlins. Our day's mileage was 132 miles.

This completed our Kokopelli Motorcycle Adventure ride on the southern part of the Continental Divide Ride. We rode 1,234 miles in 9 days, and saw the CDR Trail from Antelope Wells, NM to Rawlins, WY. I would like to extend my congratulations to my fellow riders; Rick Kallmayer, Randy McClanahan, Joel Watson, Randy Gilbert and Mitch Fetters on a job well done. I look forward to our NEXT Motorcycle ADV Ride!



CATEGORY 2 - PHOTO FOR OCTOBER



WYOMING PRAIRIE NEAR RAWLINGS

by ANDYJONES



Mike Valentine

Clean Riding Virtue (Parody?)

I just finished reading, **Rhetoric** by Aristotle. Or more specifically, re-reading "Rhetoric." I find myself trying to digest this masterpiece again and again, getting more out of it each time, especially during these times of poor discourse around policy and issues because of increased polarity within the polity, or organized society.

Me Too!" MAGA! Birther! Civil Rights! Dogs! Cats! Bugs! Don't Tread on Me! Article 21! (Have you read the original Federal Papers lately – it's very good.) Second Amendment! Human Right! Take a left at the red barn! Can't get there from here!(Maine)

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A fractious disconnected assemblage of ideas. But I find solitude and refuge in riding my motorcycle. Because riding is a virtue, especially riding clean.

I'm referring to a foundational essence of character. This is how I demonstrate my moral excellence.

If you're well grounded with clean gotchies, i.e., clean BVDs, Jockey's, you are invincible. I can endure any of the long distance vicissitudes, ranging from low tire pressure, bad Mexican food or distracted drivers.

In my pursuit of being a virtuous motorcyclist, I've been traveling with a TSA-approved bottle of cold water soluble laundry detergent for use at the end of a day; a couple of drops in the wash basin, rinse, hang dry your favorite garment, or delicates if you're predisposed, and I'm ready for the next day. However often times, the sink stopper does not work. The stopper leaks, leaving the garment unclean; the precious detergent solution must be saved! What to do?

I know! Let's recall from Stanley Kubrick's, *Dr. Strangelove*, Brigadier General Jack D. Ripper, a paranoid SAC commander who elucidated, "I can no longer sit back and allow communist infiltration, communist indoctrination, communist subversion and the international communist conspiracy to sap and impurify all of our precious bodily fluids." Yup... that's about right.

Not really. A simple stopper and some packets of delicate fabric detergent will work fine. For example, order **Sink SudsTM**, a liquid laundry detergent kit; it's cheap and convenient. Or carry your suds in a bottle; TSA approved of course!

Two more points – hair detergent doesn't work well. It'll do in a pinch. But do you want Jojoba oil with proteins, to support your curls, while strengthening and conditioning for better styling? Not me, well...look at me....

How do you dry the Whitey Tighteys? I use a camping mesh bag. If the fabric is still damp, or wet, place the garment(s) in the bag at the beginning of your ride, and Voila! At the end of the ride, the dampness is gone. (Pooner enjoys fresh gotchies)

Use the Handlebar-Seat Dryer Technique; it's classy and you're a committed long-distance motorcyclist. If you're a poser, that's OK too. A side benefit to hanging your bun smugglers on the bike to dry implies crazy security around that bike – STAY AWAY!

(Security madness or spin dry?) I've been trying to perfect the spin-dry technique, but my Wiener Baskets get tied up in the ABS sensor ring; the \$60 replacement cost is too high for me, better to stop off at Wally World for restocking your Junk Trunks.

That's about it. Ride with clean gotchies and you'll be all set to demonstrate: **Chastity** = purity **Diligence** = patience

Good offsets to classical sins. I think Mother Felicity would be proud of me...as a motorcyclist. "CAN'T HEAR Y'ALL"...Gotta Ride!

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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 <u>Click here</u>

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 ACTIVITES 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 \underline{Click} here

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.



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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

Ending Date for BMWDFW Mileage Contest Submissions

November 15 @ 8:00 am - 9:00 am

The submission form must be sent to Dennis Bufton at BMWDFW, P.O. Box 132, Bedford, TX 76095-0132. The form is available under the Contests tab.

Find out more click here

Starting Date for BMWDFW Mileage Contest

November 15 @ 8:00 am - 9:00 am

Record your starting mileage and submit to Dennis Bufton at BMWDFW, P.O. Box 132, Bedford, TX 76095-0132. The form is available under the Contests tab.

Find out more click here

Last Day to RSVP for the BMWDFW Annual Awards Banquet

November 25 @ 8:00 am - 9:00 am

BMWDFW Annual Awards Banquet \$20 pp

December 8 @ 6:30 pm - 10:00 pm

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Raven Grill at Texas Star, 1400 Texas Star Pkwy Euless, TX 76040 United States + Google Map

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...

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

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. Friends show up 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. <u>Click here</u> and scroll down to the link for Texas Gathering. Registration and event information when the link is finalized.

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

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. Click here to register and for all the details.

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

