

HAPPY NEW YEAR

BEEMER ZEITUNG

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CATEGORY I PHOTO FOR FEBRUARY 2016

Collin Edwards - Staff & BMWDFW Riders
"The Texas Tornado Boot Camp"

Taken with - Andy Jones' camera

PRESIDENT'S PRESS

2023 is kicking off to a good start and the calendar is starting to fill up with opportunities to be involved in the life of our club by joining a ride, helping with an event, or just joining in club events for the adventure and fellowship with other members.

Your newly elected board met in January to develop a game plan for the way forward in 2023. Discussions ranged from methods and platforms to best communicate with members, Club sponsored signature rides, Tourmeister responsibilities, safety in group rides as well as member participation. It is apparent to me that the members of the board are passionate about the success of BMWDFW as exhibited by the good, healthy conversations.



David Frankenfield

We have begun the process of updating the Members Directory, as we are to update the membership directory annually. If you were at last month's monthly meeting, or at one of the Saturday morning breakfasts at the Original Pancake House, I passed around a list to be completed with your name, email address and cell phone number. In addition, boxes to check if you want to be included in the groups.io list and the online members directory on our website. The purpose is to collect the most current contact information for the members and get that information updated on the website. Emails will be updated so that our members will have a good contact email to reach out to fellow members. The cell phone number is always a good idea to have, especially if on a group ride, since text messaging works well on these types of rides. If you have not had the opportunity to get your information on this list, please send me an email (dtfrankenfield@gmail.com) with your information and whether or not you would like to be on the groups.io as well as the online members directory. Even if you are currently on the groups.io or online directory I would still like to get your information so that we can ensure our records are up to date as well. If you are having trouble accessing the BMWDFW.BMWMOA.org site please let Dennis Bufton (dbufton@tx.rr.com) or myself know. If you are not receiving any of the group emails through the BMWDFW@groups.io, please go to bmwdfw+subscribe@groups.io to subscribe. The primary means of communication for club activities will be through the club website, monthly newsletter and the groups.io site.

We are in the process of putting together and refreshing our Group Riding Guidelines for riding on a club sponsored group ride. The goal is safety first in any group ride and that each rider has a good understanding on how the ride will be handled, basically the 5 W's. If you participate in a group ride you should expect a rider's meeting prior to KSU to go over the 5 W's, (Who the lead and tail gunner are, What the route will be, When and Where the gas stops and any relief stops will be, Why is for the over safety of the group). Safety items will also be discussed as to staggering of riders and spacing. Remember to always ride your ride and don't ride outside of your capabilities. The groups rides are to take this into account, so we all arrive safely at our destination.

For the most current **List of Events** be sure to periodically check the website as the Current Events List will be kept up to date as things change. The calendar shows a 2nd Saturday Ride as well as a 4th Friday Lunch Run. I will be able to put together most of these rides as your Tourmeister but on the days that I am unable to ride, due to a job conflict or travel, an ad hoc ride may be organized by another member. Carter Lewis was able to get a group together after the Saturday breakfast to ride up to Greenwood Grocery for some good eats and of course a slice of pie or cake. For me, I enjoy the various types of rides available and getting to ride to places that I've never been to, and of course the good eats. The 4th Friday Lunch Run in January went to Muddbones in Bonham and I believe we had a total of 20 people show up for a great burger. I had never ridden in that area except on 121 or 75 and the route we took on 455 was a great road, so I decided to ride it back home.

Remember this is your club and with your active participation you will get out of it what you put into it.

Can Do

BMW Motorcycle Club
Dallas - Fort Worth



BMWDFW Tech Day

10am to 4 pm

Sunday, 26 March, 2023

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
Bring your own tools, but don't worry about hauling your Service parts or liquids. Use the order form available in the Groups.io forum. Your order will be awaiting you at the shop. Or Parts personnel will be available to purchase any in-stock parts there. All at 15% off. **It gets better** - if you want to check your bike in for Service at the dealership, there will be Service Advisors to check in your bike. You get 15% off Parts and Labor for any bike checked in on Sunday. Or you can always bring your own stuff, too. Sales Reps will be available for any Sales questions, too.



Unprecedented Amount of Expertise

There will be BMW Service Technicians available to consult for your project. And we'll have literally centuries worth of the club's mechanical expertise

available spanning the entire brand. Use this knowledge to your advantage and get the advice you need to get your project done.



Was it the brown and white wire or??!!

Lunch Will be Served

Lunch will be available for a small donation, too. Be sure to RSVP to carterlewis60@gmail.com so we'll know how much to bring.

Watch the Groups.io Forum for all the details on the event, how to get your 15% discount and more.

CATEGORY II PHOTO OF THE MONTH

FEBRUARY 2016



“SUNRISE OVER MT MORAN”

by Mike Valentin

Long Ago When The Hill-Billy Roamed the Earth

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Reed Roach

Did you ever wonder whatever happened to the “trail bike”, the bike category that used to be popular and common to the product line of all major manufacturers of the late 60s and 70s? I contend that the trail bike was the clay of today’s “dual sport adventure bikes”. These days there is a fuzzy line between dual sport and adventure bikes, and the manufacturers have now created a new sub category of *sport* adventure bikes with the like of the Versys, Multistrada or BMW’s own S1000 XR. Most of ‘em are sheep in wolf’s clothing.



If a modern dual sport bike is a DRZ or XR or KTM 690, basically a dirt bike with lights, and an adventure bike is like a GS, Caponord or Multi, basically a road bike with spoke wheels that you can go far on, then I proclaim the **Suzuki Trail 80 Hill-Billy** to be the best *dual sport adventure trail* bike ever made.



Even the model name, “Hill-Billy” was perfectly suited to the bike’s intended use. I’ve wondered why Suzuki hasn’t resurrected this name and used it on one of their current so-called dual sport models. Would Hill-Billy sound better and be more descriptive than *V-Strom*? I know what a Hill-Billy is but not sure about a V-Strom. It could be they can’t use the label “Hill-Billy” in today’s overly politically-correct-society. It might offend someone, or group, or cult or sect or even entire towns in NW Arkansas.

(Trump will fix all this political correctness nonsense, right?)

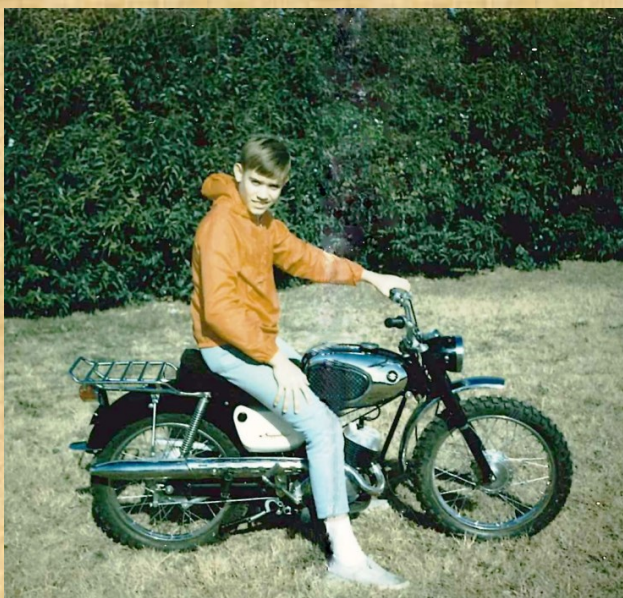
The Hill-Billy was manufactured between ’65 and ’68 or so. It had an 80cc two stroke ringer that put out a whopping 9 bhp. This early adventure bike came out of the crate with a high front fender, long travel suspension, spring folding foot pegs, gator forks, bash plate, cross braced handlebars, high exhaust, knobbies, grippy solo



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seat, rear rack, titty grips and a center stand. In a tidy package, all the required stuff you see on any dual sport adventure bike today.

The one really ingenious feature that set this bike up to be declared by me the best dual sport ever made was its “dual sprocket rear hub”. In other words, it had a large off road rear sprocket for trail riding and a smaller rear sprocket mounted, or nested if you will, on the outside of the large sprocket. The bike came with approximately 6” of additional chain that stored away in an easily-accessible place on the frame when not in use. The chain utilized the retaining clip type master links allowing the additional length of chain to be coupled and wrapped around the larger- toothed sprocket for trail or off road riding. This sprocket switch could be done in about 5 minutes with a small needle nose, or in a pinch, even your thumbnail and a sharp stick. Didn’t even have to loosen the axle. The large sprocket, or “Power” sprocket as Suzuki called it, along with the smaller “Touring” sprocket provided a top speed ranging from about 30 mph to 65 mph respectively. This novel concept solved the age old dual sport rider’s dilemma of how to gear bikes to make them quasi-road capable without sacrificing steep hill torque. Brilliant! You’ve got to wonder why the dual sprocket hub is not used today. Well, I do anyway...big time.



REED ROACH “the younger”

I dug around the archives to find this picture of your reporter on his very own 1967 Hill-Billy. I was 14 and felt god-like when zipping around town and country. If the quintessential definition of a dual sport adventure bike is having the versatility to go far distances and still knock out dirt and trail riding, then this Hill-Billy was perfect, even visionary. I remember taking off early one morning, me riding the Hill-Billy and a buddy riding his Honda Trail 70. We rode all the way from deep East Dallas to the faraway northern body of water called Lake Texoma. This was an epic ride in those days, at that age and on those bikes, much like riding to the moon. If an adventure is defined as *riding off nervously into the unknown with no plan, no map, and no idea of how to get there or get back* then this was a bona fide real “adventure”. When we got to the rugged area below the dam we rode the trails and whoops that were all over the area. Of course I rode up there with the “touring” sprocket and changed to the large “power” sprocket once off the blacktop.

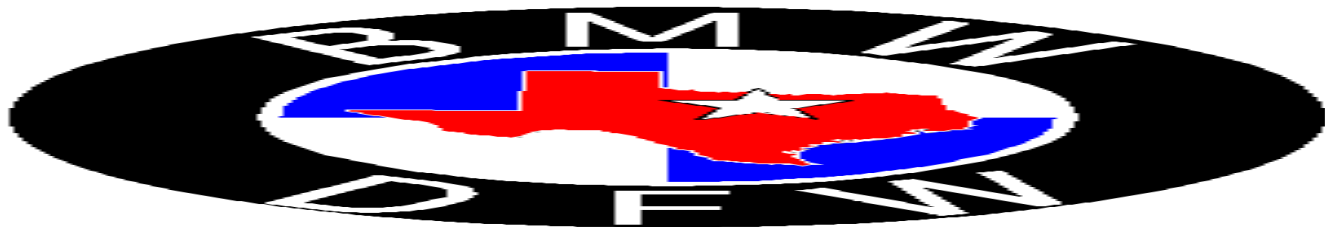
This inventive dual sprocket set-up made the long ride almost bearable and, more importantly, I left the Honda in the dust...coming and going. The Hill-Billy and the other types of *trail* bikes certainly have a place in *adventure* riding history. They helped to mold the long running trend of ADV motorcycling. Imagine how limited and restricted the crazed modern day riders would be if a Hill-Billy was still the best dual sport adventure bike out there. There would be no expensive GSs or big KTMs. But you know what....I’ll bet dual sport adventure riding would still be the big rage it has now become. Range would certainly be limited, but that still wouldn’t kill the thrill. Kokopelli’s Adventure Tours would be roaming the Trinity River bottoms instead of the Continental Divide. The big adventure bikes and rides are out there for the taking, but this reporter believes the small ones are real satisfying too.

Out of it,

RR

4TH FRIDAY LUNCH RUN JANUARY 2023





RECURRING CLUB ACTIVITIES DETAIL

BMWDFW Club Forum

Our members' forum is at the BMWDFW Group.io [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.



VINCE BRECKNER

CLUB BREAKFAST / RIDE, 2nd Sunday, MONTHLY

Destination to be announced each month. Watch BMWDFW-Group.io

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 BMWDFWGroup.io [Click here to join](#)

Various Member Rides

These will be announced as they come up on the Members Forum at BMWDFW at Groups.io

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2023 Club Rides and Special Events

March 26: Tech Day at Cycle Center of Denton and BMW Motorcycles of Denton

Tech Day will be held at 521 Acme St, Denton, TX 76205 from 10am to 4pm. There will be more information provided soon that will include the waiver and other housekeeping rules. Details will be posted here and in the BMWDFW at Groups.io Forum when finalized. To view or download the documents for tech day click on: [Waiver form](#) and [Order form](#) and [Event Details](#).

April 13 – 16: Tall Ships Galveston

[There is a block of 10 rooms reserved for BMWDFW on April 13 - 14 at the Hampton Inn and Suites in Galveston. The address is 6431 Central City Blvd in Galveston. Click here](#) for more hotel information. Details will be posted here and in the BMWDFW at Groups.io Forum when finalized.

April 29 – 30: Visit [Dragoo Adventure Rider Training \(DART\)](#)

Visit and tour Bill Dragoo and DART 4141 W Robinson St, Norman, OK 73072. He can accommodate up to 30 bikes and he is offering an evening cookout and opening up his shop, etc. For more info watch the Groups.io Forum. Organized by Grant S. Mathews, 817-807-1460.

May 19– 21: Thank God It's Spring Ride (TGIS)

This ride is designed to be an attractive destination for both rider and non-riders. Fredericksburg, Tx. provides not only great riding opportunities but is a great all-round shopping, site-seeing, wine tasting, live music, and recreational area. To download the route files [click here](#). We have a block of rooms at the Sunday House, king standard for \$155/night and double queen standard for \$169/night. Call the Sunday House at 800-274-3762 and mention group: BMWDFW to get the rate. Watch for updates posted in the BMWDFW at Groups.io Forum for the most current information.

Jun 3 - 13: MOA National Rally Rides To And From Virginia

The route that I have planned begins on Saturday June 3rd and arrives in Thornburg Thursday June 8th. Depart on Sunday June 11th and arrive back in DFW on Tuesday June 13th. I plan on spending 2 days in Cherokee NC to take advantage of the roads in the area. To download drafts of the route files [click here](#). Watch for updates posted in the BMWDFW at Groups.io Forum for the most current information.

Sep 23: Annual Cool your Rocks BMWDFW Picnic

Join us at the White Rock Boat Club on White Rock Lake in Dallas from 6pm to 10pm for free hamburgers, hot dogs, soft drinks and music. This is our annual picnic and a family affair. Bring your spouse or significant other and spend time with your fellow BMWDFW members. **Please RSVP by Sep 18 to dtfrankenfield@gmail.com** so we have an accurate headcount for the food. We ask you to **please bring a dish to share** with your fellow members. This has worked out well in prior years and we've had some spectacular dishes! If you prefer more adult libations, please bring your own. The White Rock Boat Club is located at 340 E. Lawther Drive in Dallas. For more on White Rock Boat Club, [click here](#).

Oct 26 – 29: Fall Color Tour, Eureka Springs, AR

Reserve these dates on your calendar. Host hotel is the Trails Inn, 800-962-4691 / 479-253-9390, <https://www.thetrailsinn.com/>. It would be a good idea to book now. This is a popular weekend in Eureka Springs and rooms will go fast. Further ride details will be announced on the BMWDFW at Groups.io forum.

Dates To Be Determined: Oklahoma Highway Patrol Safe Rider Course

Details will be posted here and in the BMWDFW at Groups.io Forum when finalized.

Further ride and event information will be posted as it is finalized. Monitor the BMWDFW at Groups.io forum for future club information. [Click here to join](#) Groups.io

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Contest Reminders

[Click here](#) for all the contest information and forms

Mileage Contest – Nov 15, 2022 to Oct 15, 2023

Grab your gear, ride the miles, get recognized! The annual mileage contest celebrates your willingness to enjoy the open road. Download the **rules** and the **entry form** to get started!

Photo of the Year

Did you snap the most unbelievable image that you can't wait to share? Enter our photo of the month and photo of the year contests to win some great gear for BMW DFW members. Download the contest rules for the **monthly** or **annual** contest and submit your favorite image.

Newsletter Article of the Year

We're always looking for the next great writer. It might be you. Enter our newsletter article of the year contest and help promote the riding community. Download the **contest rules** to get started.

Membership
Meeting
Tuesday
FEB 14
7:30 PM

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

At Forest Ridge & Air-
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