

THANK GOD IT'S SPRING

BEEMER ZEITUNG

MARCH 2023



CATEGORY I Photo

“Here at Last”

Submitted by George Grogan

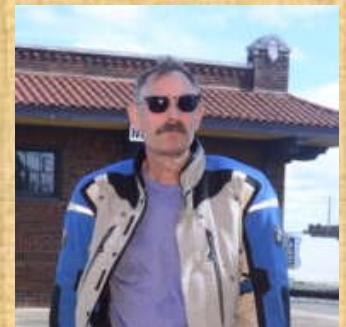
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For the Month of February the only scheduled ride was the 4th Friday Lunch Run to East Texas Burger Company in Mineola, Texas - cancelled due to the weather



forecast being rainy and below average temperatures. As it turned out Paul Hill made the ride and only rode through sprinkles on occasion and was able to order a tasty burger.



David Frankenfield

Following are opportunities for rides and fellowship in March and April —

March 18: 2nd Saturday Ride (March will

be the 3rd weekend) to the **Muse Motorcycle Show in Denton**. The Muse Invitational Motorcycle Show will run from March 17 through March 18 at the Greater Denton Arts Council, 400 E Hickory St, Denton, TX 76201. The show is free and runs from 9 am to 9pm on Saturday with a ride in show from 2pm to 7pm and awards at 8pm. I will be riding up after breakfast to take in the show, being put together by Motorcycle Missions of Georgetown, Texas. Check them out at <https://www.facebook.com/motorcyclemissions> or www.motorcyclemissions.org

March 24: 4th Friday Lunch Run to East Texas Burger Company. February was a bust so we will try our luck again in March on the 24th. Same times, same route, same destination.

March 31 – April 1: Texas Motorcycle Safety Forum in San Marcus, Texas. This year the TMSF will be held at the Embassy Suites by Hilton San Marcos Hotel Conference Center, 1001 E McCarty Ln, San Marcos, TX 78666. They have a block of rooms available at the convention center but they are pricey, so some of us are staying at the Red Roof Inn, 817 N Interstate 35, San Marcos, TX 78666-7035 512-754-8899. If you plan to attend, you will need to register before Tuesday March 23 at <https://events.tti.tamu.edu/conference/2023-texas-motorcycle-safety-forum/registration/>. Our members are planning to ride down at various times. If you plan to go, please let me know so we can get a head count.

April 8: 2nd Saturday Ride – TBD

April 13-16: Tall Ships Ride to Galveston, Texas. Leslie Hillhouse has been posting updates on this ride. You'll need reservations for the nights of April 13 and 14. Baymont by Wyndham Galveston, 2826 63rd Street, Galveston, Texas 77551, 409-744-3000. <https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/baymont/galveston-texas/baymont-inn-and-suites-galveston/overview?CID=LC:BU::GGL:RIO:National:17802&iata=00093796>. Tickets are \$15 to get in and walk around the pier, dock side. \$25 to board the boats and walk around.

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<https://www.galvestonhistory.org/events/tall-ships-galveston>

April 21-23: Dyess Big Country Air Fest 2023 at the Dyess AFB, Abilene, Texas. The trip is still in development so stay tuned to the Groups.io site or your emails. Info about the show and who will be performing is at <https://www.dyess.af.mil/Dyess-Big-Country-Air-Fest-2023/>

April 29-30: Visit with Bill Dragoo in Norman OK. Most likely riding up after breakfast for a BBQ with Bill Dragoo on Saturday and a leisurely ride back home on Sunday. He can accommodate about 30 bikes and please rsvp to Grant Mathews gsmathews@sbcglobal.net

Spring is filling up with plenty of opportunities for you to ENGAGE in BMWDFW club events. We've planned trips, ad-hoc trips as well as local activities for those unable to get away for a few days. You can join a ride, help with an event, or just hang out for good fellowship with other members.

This past month I had the opportunity take part in two separate Webex meetings. One was with our BMW MOA Regional director, Mike Secor as well as Laura Higgins who is with the Texas A&M Transportation Institute. **Mike Secor** invited the leadership of the Texas clubs to a Webex meeting to go over what the MOA is looking to accomplish this year as well as to discuss what's going on in the various clubs in Texas. The MOA Rally in Virginia this year will most likely not have the drive-through check-in like they did in Great Falls and Springfield. It will be a tent setup the same way as the registration check-in was in Lebanon, TN. For those that are planning on attending the rally this year they will be looking for volunteers to help out in various places. Go to the MOA website for information about the rally like volunteering, hotels that have rooms blocked out with prices among other thing (<https://rally.bmwmoa.org>). The **Paul Bachorz Grants** are for individuals taking some sort of rider training course and provide \$250 for MOA members, \$100 for nonmembers. They are considering group training where a group of members can schedule training for themselves as a group and not individually. Mike believes the limit would be around \$2000 for group training. Did you know that if you have never joined the MOA that you can get a 1 year basic membership for FREE!, a \$49 value. With that being said, let me know if you are interested in joining the MOA. For those of you that Facebook, Mike has setup a Facebook page Texas Region – BMW MOA Riders Facebook Group. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/574749531192435> In order to join you will need to answer a few questions.

Laura Higgins is with the Texas A&M Transportation Institute, and they are hosting a Safety Forum in Sam Marcus on April 1, 2023. Some of us are planning on going and will be riding down on Friday afternoon. Stephen Slisz, Mike Valentin and Johnny Kresena I believe all went last year and represented the club. Laura reached out to Mike as the motorcycle safety program for this year revolves around motorcycle riding and drinking. BMWDFW doesn't really have any issues with drinking and driving but other clubs do, and for some, it's their way of doing things, as in bar hopping on a motorcycle. She is gathering information from various clubs on their culture and current thinking about drinking and driving while on a motorcycle. More to come on this as we will be meeting with Laura at the Safety Forum.

Remember, this is your club and your active participation is vital to its health and longevity. it.

Can Do

CATEGORY II - Photo of the Month



“PETRIFIED MUSHROOM”

Seen on the Wyoming BDR

by Andy Jones

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.

Lunch Will be Served

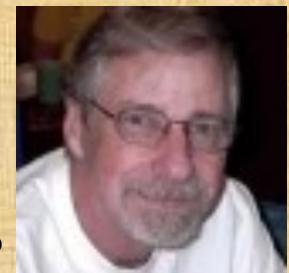
Lunch will be available for a small donation, too. Be sure to RSVP to carterlewis60@gmail.com so we'll know how much to bring.



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

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

RANDOM STOPS ON THE RIDES TO AND FROM THE 2023 MOA RALLY



MIKE GRAGG

I have come to prefer the term "random" to describe the places I tend to stop when traveling (I even subject those riding with me to these stops). I have heard my 'random' stops referred to as "weird" but surely that's said with great affection, right?

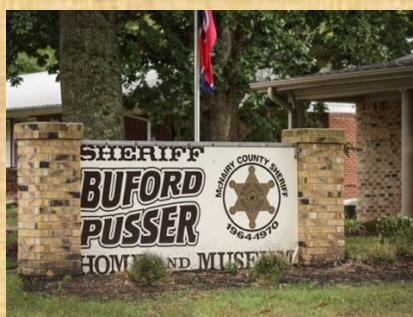


To enhance your enjoyment of the long ride to the 2023 MOA Rally in Ashland, Virginia I have put together a list of potential stops along the way. I hope you enjoy any that you decide to visit.

Hot Springs, AR is always a fun place to stop. Most of you have been there so I won't go into much detail. Email me if you would like more info.

- The **Johnny Cash Homestead** near **Dyess, AR** looks interesting and I plan to visit on the rally ride.

- The **Tina Turner / Delta Heritage museum** near **Brownsville, TN** will probably be a stop on the route for me.

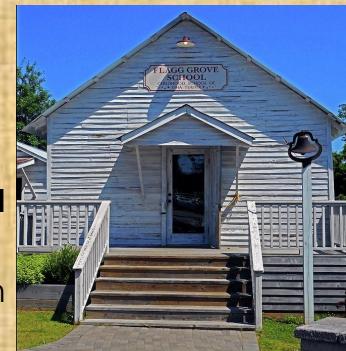


- If you'll be riding south of the interstate, the **Buford Pusser museum** in **Adamsville, TN** could be fun.

- There is more to do in **Memphis** than I can list: Sun Studios, Graceland, National Civil Rights Museum at the Lorraine Motel where Dr. Martin Luther King was assassinated, the Stax Museum Of American Soul Music, the Memphis Rock and Soul Museum,

Beale Street, The Peabody Hotel with its marching ducks, Slave Haven / Burkle Estate Museum and much more.

- **Jackson, Tennessee** is proud of The Samuel Bryant Distillery and tour, Rusty's TV and Movie Cars museum, the Casey Jones Village and Museum, and the **Carnegie Legends Museum**, which celebrates local musical legends like Carl Perkins, Sonny Boy Williamson, and Eddy Arnold.



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- **Nashville**, like Memphis, has more to offer than a quick stop will cover: golf cart, seaway, bus, bicycle and walking tours; music landmarks (Grand Ole Opry, **Sun Studios**, Stax Records, etc. will surely keep you busy.



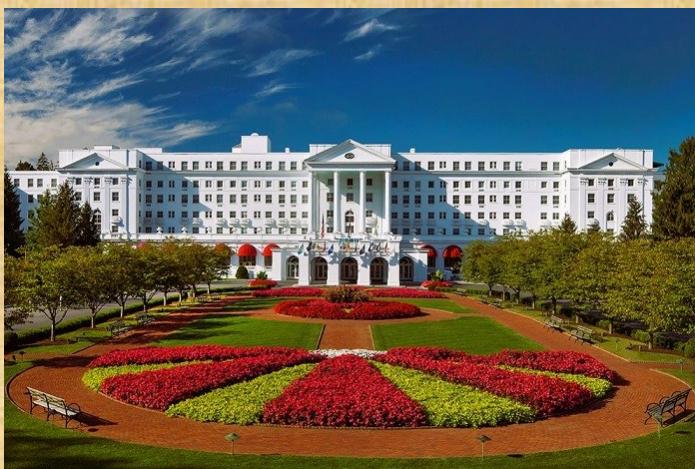
- **Lebanon**, Tennessee offers Cedars of Lebanon State Park, Fiddler's Grove History Museum and Nashville Super Speedway

- **Oak Ridge** offers the K-25 History Center which covers the Manhattan Project, the American Museum Of Science & Energy, The Manhattan Project National Historical Park, and the Oak Ridge National Laboratory Visitor Center

- **Knoxville** offers access to the **Great Smoky Mountains National Park**, **Cherokee Caverns**, **James White's Fort**, and if you're traveling alone – Knox Selfie Lab, Manhattan Project National Historical Park and Visitor Center, Marble Springs State Historic Site, McClung Museum of Natural History and Culture, the Museum of Appalachia,

the Star of
Knoxville River-
boat, the University of Tennessee, and the
Women's Basketball Hall of Fame.

- A slight detour to **White Sulphur Springs, VA**



and the **Greenbrier** is always worth the time. See the a 112,544-square-foot bunker, outfitted as a top-secret fallout shelter for the United States Congress.

- Just south of **Charlottesville** is **Monticello**, the home of Thomas Jefferson, statesman, president, inventor and farmer. It is definitely worth a stop.

Of course, once reaching the Ashland area of the rally, the day ride possibilities are endless, from the Dismal Swamp to Washington, DC to the Atlantic Ocean, attractions abound.





MOTORCYCLE MEMORIES

By Ben Langley

During my pre-teen years, I had no desire for motorcycles. The only bikes I saw were big loud Harleys, Indians, etc., ridden by rather rough looking individuals who did not resemble my close school crowd. When I had a chance to ride a friend's Whizzer, my thinking started to change, and I discovered it gave me a feeling of excitement and a new interest. It was several years before I began to get serious about getting my own bike.

When Honda hit the streets with a bike that was truly what I desired (You Meet The Nicest People On A Honda), I began to develop a strong feeling to own one. Its appeal was how quiet and non-intimidating it seemed. Never-the-less, it was still several years before my desire to ride started to take over.

By this time, I was now happily married, with two children, a great engineering position, and intent on helping to raise a family. While traveling between work and home in San Diego in 1979, I was totally mesmerized by an unknown bike I would meet each day. It had a large painted fairing matching the bike with colors that would flow one layer into another. It was the most beautiful mo-

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torcycle I had ever seen. I was instantly in love with what I quickly found to be a BMW "airhead". Shortly after, I was transferred back to Ft. Worth to carry on design of the F-16 fighter.

I never stopped thinking about the BMW and came very close to buying a used pearl colored BMW RS from Perry. I realized I didn't have any experience riding such a big bike and quickly developed an alternate plan with a decision to work up in size. My first purchase was a new 70cc Honda Passport. That lasted about two months before I quickly outgrew the bike. The next purchase was trading for a new 1980 400cc Honda Hawk. That lasted for several thousand miles before I wanted to go bigger. My next bike took me up to a 1000cc Suzuki GS. At last, I had a large bike that was very suitable to most of my desires except, it still wasn't a BMW.

That would have to come five years later after selling my Suzuki and the completion of building a car. My wife, Nancy, thought I had bikes out of my system but, I had only set them aside. I intended a BMW to be my next and perhaps, last bike, but Nancy interceded. She spotted a Gold Wing with the big plush back seat and felt it would be more comfortable. I thought I could learn to ride the monster but, after 5.000 miles, we were both convinced it was too much.

A very good friend, Col. Randy O'Neill, who lived and breathed BMW's, showed me the error of my ways, and guided me to buy my first BMW, a new 2005 R1200RT. Along with the RT, I joined the unique BMWDFW Club. The club afforded Nancy and I all kinds of short and long-distance riding to many interesting places. We developed many lifelong friends among the clubs interesting and friendly members.

I loved the RT and rode it 78,000 miles. I thought I would keep it until my end. When my riding buddy, Jack Corley, and I rode to the Rally in Billings, Montana, I understood it was time to downsize. I traded for a used 2013 F800GT. Considering my age and physical abilities, it has been a perfect bike, light, fast, quiet, comfortable, and easy to handle. I realize my limitations, due to age, but want to continue a very limited riding schedule of the weekly breakfast, a few days or overnights and club social events. Riding my bike and supporting the club has become a very important part of my life. I know it must come to an end someday but, I'm trying to stall it off as long as I can. My Motorcycle Memories will be forever endearing.



BMW Motorcycle Club
Dallas - Fort Worth



2023 Calendar of Events



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RECURRING CLUB ACTIVITES DETAIL

BMWDFW Club Forum

Our members' forum is at the BMWDFW at Groups.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.

CLUB BREAKFAST / RIDE, 2nd Saturday, MONTHLY

Destination to be announced each month. Watch BMWDFW at Groups.io

CLUB RIDE, 4th Friday, MONTHLY

Destination to be announced each month. Watch BMWDFW at Groups.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.

Various Member Rides

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

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.

April 13 – 16: Tall Ships Galveston

There has been a change of the Galveston motel to the Baymount by Wyndham in Galveston to secure a better rate. The address and phone are 2826 63rd Street, Galveston, Texas 77551, at 409-744-3000. Click [here](#) for more hotel information. More information on the Jasper motel are under development. 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.

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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 Thorneburg 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 13 – 15: Annular Solar Eclipse ride, Leakey, Tx.

Host lodging will be at the Frio Pecan Farm. David has secured the same house as used for the January ride and there is a room available with 2 queens and a private bath. It has plenty of space to socialize, a large kitchen and a fire pit. They also have 2-bedroom cabins available as well. The reservation policy is different here as you need to be committed to your stay 60 days out. Frio Pecan Farm will give you credit that can be used up through the end of the year if you must change your plans. If you are interested in making reservations call and Susan will be able to answer any of your questions. <https://friopecanfarm.com> at 830-232-5294. Lunch is still planned on the 14th to be at the Junction Burger after the eclipse.

This is the same weekend as the Lone Star Riders 36th Annual Texas Gathering that is usually in Kerrville. So there's a lot to do that weekend with the main motivation to see the eclipse at noon on Saturday the 14th. Questions - contact Dave Frankenfield at 703 727-5123.

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

Reserve these dates on your calendar. Host hotel is at 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: Cxld - Oklahoma Highway Patrol Safe Rider Course

It appears this program has been canceled by the Oklahoma Highway Patrol and will not be offered.

Further ride and event information will be posted as it is finalized. Monitor the BMWDFW at Groups.io forum for future club information

Contest Reminders

Click here for all the contest information and forms

Mileage Contest – Nov 15 to Oct 15

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.

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**Membership
Meeting
Tuesday
MARCH 14
7:30 PM**

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

At Forest Ridge & Air-
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