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CATEGORY I Photo for APRIL
ARMANDO IN "COYOTE", NEW MEXICO

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TRUE NORTH

Not on the Grand Tour of Texas



Occasionally I like to spread-the-love, branch out from our BMWDFW club and ride with some of our motorcycling friends from the East side of the **Metromess**. I think most North Texas BMW riders know of **K Avenue** that runs North-South through **Plano** and is home to European Cycle Sports and BMW Motorcycles of North Dallas. Along with them, The Lone Star Riders club (think Rex Adams and Mark Jensen) currently conducts their monthly meeting at the Tito's Too Mexican restaurant also on K Avenue in Plano. I've participated in several Lone Star BMW Riders club rides that have based out of the QT gas station on E Spring Creek Pkwy near K Avenue. You may even live and work in the same area. Did you know that 180 years ago, this area in itself was a very dangerous place to live and play?

Cowboy and Indian movies, books, and tall tales seem to be engrained in American culture maybe because they are based on recent history, rather than prehistoric, like the dinosaurs or ancient history such as Bible stories. Much of why I love wild west tales is that they took place on the ground I walk on and ride through almost daily. Northern Plano and K Avenue are such a place.

In 1840-1842, just a few blocks from the QT station where present day motorcycle rides often start, **Jeremiah Muncey** moved his family, along with neighbor McBain Jameson, to the bottom-land along Rowlett Creek and started a homestead cabin. One afternoon, while hunting near Muncey's spot on the creek, neighbors William Rice and Leonard Searcy came to Muncey's cabin and found the savagely slain bodies of Muncey, his wife, and a small Muncey child and neighbor, Jameson. Two of the older Muncey boys, along with the Rice and Searcy sons, had been out exploring and hunting Rowlett Creek and were also missing. Recognizing signs of a Crow Indian raid at Jeremiah's cabin, the older Rice and Searcy began to search for their own sons. Young Searcy had escaped the Indian attack and was found safe about ten miles away, but the Rice boy had been scalped and killed. The two Muncey boys disappeared, never to be found. Two skulls were later found along the trail where the Indians had retreated to the West and presumed to be the remains of the boys. The Indians were never overtaken.

Near the western edge of Timber Brook Estates, off Jupiter Rd, the location of the Muncey Massacre is now inside **Plano's Oak Point Park**, Nature Preserve and the Bluebonnet hike and bike trail. The Plano Historical Commission erected a plaque recognizing the

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incident along the Bluebonnet Trail and placed a grave marker at the actual Muncey burial site on the opposite bank of Rowlett Creek. Locating the information plaque takes a good walk around the bike trail, but is easy to find. Locating the grave marker on the South side of the creek takes a little boon docking through waist high brush and crossing the creek.



The official State of Texas Historical marker of the massacre is a couple of miles away on the Collin County Community College Spring Creek campus and near the original Throckmorton Village location. The Muncey Massacre was the last hostile Indian raid in Collin County.

Here ends the lesson on looking deeper.....

Stephen Slisz



Prius or Pious ? Smug or Smog ?

Here's a hypothetical scenario for you to consider. You're riding down an urban street that is divided and has three lanes going each way with a median separating the two directions. You are rolling up to a red light where in front of you there is one vehicle stopped in each lane at the light. One vehicle is a school bus (no children), one is a mini-van and one is a Prius. Of course, you want to roll up behind the vehicle that you think will get moving along the quickest when the light turns green. Which one are you going to pull in behind ? I'm going to pick the



WHEN YOU ARE RATED SAFEST CAR BECAUSE



YOU CANT GO FAST ENOUGH TO KILL ANYBODY

Do they try to see how far they can go before the internal combustion engine kicks in ? Are the drivers so entranced in the dashboard and watching the fuel consumption calibration that they can't get the hell out of everybody's way?



school bus. I can tell you the last choice I'm picking is the Prius. What is it with the drivers of these cars? Why does it take them so long to pull away from the light and get up to the speed limit?



And what's with the big wide black bar across the rear deck of the vehicle that blocks at least half of the driver's rear view? Is it they don't need to see because they don't care about the chaos and frustration they are causing behind them? I turn and look as I blow by. Is that smugness

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and "holier than thou" look on the Prius driver's face that I see, rather than the look of embarrassment that it should have?

If I was driving the stupid thing, you'd never know what look I had on my face...because I'd be wearing a brown paper bag over my head with two eye holes cut out. And show me a Prius without a Beto sticker on the back

and I'll show you a two headed unicorn.

Honk if you get it.
Out,
RR



For all of you who remember Paul Simon's song "50 Ways"... by Mike Valentin

Had a beer the other day with my buddy, Mike.
 We got to talking about my new bike.
 He said "There's a couple things I think you're gonna like.
 "There must be 50 ways to love your levers"
 "I'm not about to tell you how to ride,
 that's something for you to decide,
 Whether it's an airhead, GS or a Glide,
 there must be 50 ways to love your levers".
 Just pull in the clutch, Dutch,
 Take hold of the brake, Jake
 Drop it in low, Joe.
 You're ready to go.
 They're real handy, Randy,
 One on each side, Clyde
 You know what to do, Lou.
 Enjoy the ride.
 There must be 50 ways to love your levers.

CATEGORY 2 - Photo For APRIL



FRIO PECAN FARM @ NIGHT
LEAKEY, TX
By David Frankenfield

SHAKEDOWN RIDE

by Bob Forsyth Jr

In mid -2022, I started thinking seriously about buying a new bike.

Coming from a Kawasaki Concours 1400, I wanted something a little lighter, but with decent weather protection and bags. The 'Connie' was rock solid, but I'm well into my sixties, and if I was going to ride something different, I needed to get on with it. I had attended the 'demo days' a few years ago at Texas Motor Speedway and a BMW event at Cycle Center of Denton (CCoD). Also, I rode the Kawasaki Versys 1000 and the new Suzuki 1000 GT. A lot of new bikes were available from \$15-20k; some were very attractive, but had the dreaded chain drive. The RT1250 I rode at (CCoD) was very comfortable, but didn't have that 4 cylinder snap.

As last summer dragged on, I went to CCoD and looked a little closer at the RT. Maybe I didn't need as much snap as I used to. But \$28k. Nope. Was there such a thing as a base model?

I researched Cycle Trader and found the only one in the country at Cycle Werks in Barrington IL. "Chicagoland."

It was white; the only option being a tubular handlebar. No ESA, no key fob, no tire pressure sensors. But with 'regular' cruise control and heated grips It was all I needed. I called the dealer and made a deal.



After getting my riding gear together, I flew to O'Hare on the morning of September 19th, and Ubered to the dealer. The nice weather most of the country was having turned to rain, and I thought about riding my first miles in the wet.

At the dealer, the paperwork went smoothly, and I had fish and chips at a nearby Irish bar; watching the day drinkers as I planned my route and the bike was brought over from the 'get ready' facility. The salesman and I had talked about the break-in period and I thought the best plan was to ride up to Wisconsin for a day or so.

Gearing up, and with rainsuit on, I put the bike in 'Rain' mode and headed north out of town and rolled on US 12, ready for a slog in the rain. But, as soon as I hit the Wisconsin state line, the sun came out and the roads dried. I picked up the pace and passed to the east of Madison on I-90. My destination, a little further north, was the town of **Baraboo** where I found the Ringling House, a B&B built in 1901 by the famous circus family, a nice low key place to stay for a couple of days.

The next morning, I headed west and tried to stay on every rural two lane road I could then swung north, then south, ending up in **Viroqua** for lunch. Continuing west, I passed La Crosse on the east side, then headed north on the River Road. The Mississippi was very low due to drought. I realized that I would soon be riding in the dark so I turned back east, finishing my 400 mile day back in Baraboo and dined on a salad purchased from the local grocery store.

Thursday morning shone partly sunny, but a look at the forecast indicated some rain in my future as I prepared to head south to Barrington for the first oil change.

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The rain began as I crossed the Illinois state line. However, the dealer was ready for me, and I had brought a sandwich with me; eating half while waiting in the service lounge. Once the bike was ready, I downloaded the BMW app and switched from 'Eco' back to 'Rain' mode. I mentioned to the salesman that I thought the speedometer was a bit optimistic and wondered if this was so mileage rolled up quicker, encouraging a trip to the nearest authorized BMW dealer even sooner?" He looked at me blankly and said, "That's funny".

Oh well, I drove off headed west / southwest through the burbs, eventually intersecting I-39 and thence south. My stop for the night was an out of the way place in **Henry IL**. As I got off the interstate and headed towards the town, the road through flat corn fields became forested down to down to the Illinois River. It would have been more interesting if it hadn't been getting dark and still raining. As I was slowing for a left hander, a deer sitting by the side of the road jumped up a ran into the woods. A little heart pump to end my day. I was happy to get to my room and finish the other half of my sandwich.

A steady rain started my Friday, and as I rode south toward Peoria, it became a downpour. I raised the windshield as far as it would go, and motored on through one of the heaviest rains I can remember. I stayed dry and by the time I hit Springfield the rain had stopped and it got HOT. I peeled off the rain gear made a quick blast through St Louis on I-44, stopping for gas and a sandwich (see a pattern?) then on to Rolla MO. South from Rolla, I ventured off the interstate and rode to Mountain Home AR. A 'T-Bucket' club was staying at my hotel and cooking up a batch of jambalaya out back. They didn't offer me any, but then again, I still had another half a sandwich. Long day.



The next morning I realized a friend of mine was 'in the area' with the ST Owners group. He came over from Flippin and we rode south together. First, **Push Mountain Road** to Fifty - Six, then picking up Hwy 9 at Mountain View. South to Clinton and then west on 16 and south on 27 into Dover for lunch. I had found 'Road' mode just in time for four hours of the best of Arky.

Over lunch, I decided to head home and try to miss an oncoming front just east of Tulsa. I said goodbye to my friend and headed home via Ft Smith, Ark, south on 271 and west to McAlester, OK. I had never ridden this stretch of road, and with thunderstorms all around, I could barely see out of my dark shield as I split the storms with hardly a drop hitting me.

Past the storms, the temperature rose into the 90s as I entered Texas. Darkness fell somewhere between Sherman and Gainesville, and after a quick gas stop, I rode the last hour towards home in an 80

mph traffic jam on I-35. It was 95 degrees when I got home around 8:30. After 1800 miles I think my RT is fully shaken down. Now if I could only figure out the display menus

The End.
Bob Forsyth



2024 Calendar of Events

BMW Motorcycle Club
Dallas - Fort Worth



RECURRING CLUB ACTIVITIES DETAIL

BMWDFW Club Forum

Our members' forum is at the BMWDFW at Groups.io [Click here to join](#)

CLUB MEETING, 6:30 PM, 2nd **SUNDAY**, 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

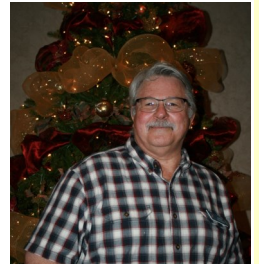
Destination to be announced each month. Watch BMWDFW at Groups.io

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



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THE OLD EVENTS LISTING IS DEAD LONG LIVE THE EVENTS LISTING.....

On the website

A couple of the things the website provides are up-to-the-minute Event Listing detail and calendar updates for all the club activities, events and scheduled rides the expanded Event and Calendar updates in the newly designed website. Upcoming Events for the next month are listed on the opening page of the website. Click on any one of those and it will take you directly to the calendar event. And by clicking on the "Meetings and Events" tab just below the header picture, you'll be taken to the club calendar where you can explore future rides and events by calendar format or list format. You can also search for events and drill down to the detail for each event by clicking on the event. The best part is that you'll be getting up-to-the-minute information on the ride or event. Any change to the event by the Tourmeister or owner of that ride or event is immediately available in the detail of that event. Enjoy the new website and its benefits! VB

HOWEVER..... NOTABLE EVENTS FOR 2024 :

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| APRIL 8 | SOLAR ECLIPSE—VIEW IT AT JAY SCHLINGER'S HOUSE IN WILLS POINT, TX |
| MAY 16-19 | ROADS OF SPRING— OZARK, AR—OXFORD INN HOTEL |
| JUNE 8-22 | MOA NATIONAL RALLY— REDMOND, OR |
| SEPT 21 | COOL YOUR ROCKS—WHITE ROCK LAKE BOAT CLUB IN DALLAS, TX |
| OCT 11-14 | BARBER VINTAGE FESTIVAL IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA |

Contest Reminders

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

Mileage Contest – Nov 15 to Oct 15

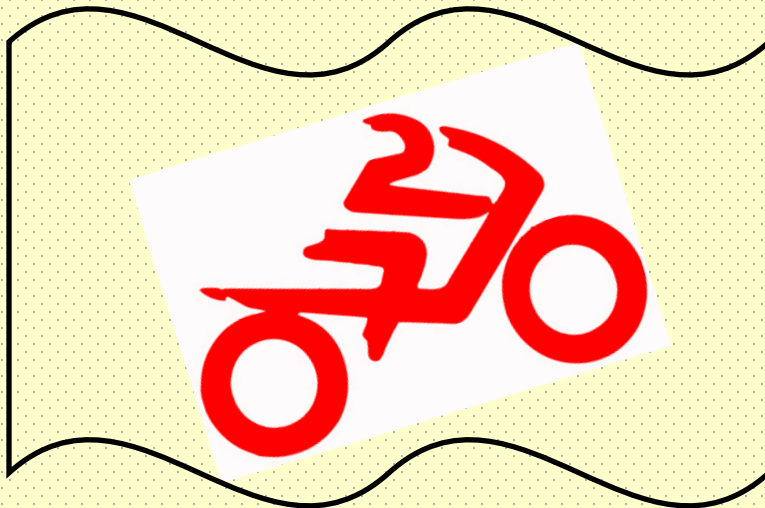
Grab your gear, ride the miles, get recognized! The annual mileage contest celebrates your willingness to enjoy the open road. Download the [rules](#) and the [entry form](#) to get started!

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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Meeting

SUNDAY

APRIL 14

6:30 PM

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At Forest Ridge &
Airport Freeway