

SUMMERTIME

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CATEGORY I Photo for JULY
LONG CANYON, Moab, Ut
by Christian Barber

TRUE NORTH

(Smell the Roses)



“**Stop and smell the roses.**” If you’re fluent in Texican you know that means, “Get your butt off the bike and check out that place that’s not of the Grand Tour.”

Riding south from Balmorhea and headed toward Fort Davis, keep going straight on FM-3078 when TX-17 makes a dogleg to the left and you’ll find the **Mission Mary Chapel**. Establishing themselves in the trans-Pecos region of Texas, people at the beginning of history known as the **Patarabueye, Suma, and Jumano** hunted, farmed and lived in settlements chosen for their access to water, which was honored, along with the sun, Earth, and wind, as life sources. In 1902 to serve the Spanish named Jumanos (humans), a 34-year-old priest from the Netherlands named Nicolas Brocardus established Mission Mary along Toyah and Phantom Creeks and in 1925 built **Calera Chapel**, a small one-room adobe and rock structure. The mission lasted until the 1940’s when the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, with a goal of improvement, began diverting water from Phantom Springs to irrigation canals. Phantom Springs dried up by 1983, Phantom Lake had all but disappeared, and Calera’s section of Toyah Creek also went dry and residents moved away leaving little evidence of their lives behind. In 2002, Kate Vigneron, owner of the Balmorhea News, chose to restore the Calera Chapel. A philanthropist and entrepreneur from France, Vigneron became the bene-



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factor for the chapel's restoration. Without electricity or running water, the chapel was replastered, reroofed and new pews and heavy wooden doors made in Mexico were installed. People still come to pray and get married in **Mission Mary**.



Leaving Balmorhea, ride south on TX-17 for about 30 miles to the TX-118 intersection. Turn west (right) on 118 and you're on the north half of the **Davis Mountain loop** and the road that takes you to **McDonald observatory**. A few hundred feet from the intersection and within sight of the Limpia Creek RV Park, there's a roadside picnic table and close by, a huge abandoned water well. A small

sign denotes this was the 1883 water well and pump house providing the water source to the **Fort Davis military post**. Only remnants of the **pump house walls** remain but originally a steam pump pushed water to a Cypress wood storage tank 150ft upon the hill overlooking the fort. Water was then gravity fed to almost 2 miles of Cypress wood ducting throughout the Fort Davis compound. Until that time, water was carted to the fort from Limpia Creek located across 118 and behind the RV park.



Who knows how many times I've ridden by these landmarks and never stopped? Next time you ride to the Big Bend area of Texas, stop and check them out. Dig a little deeper and "Smell the Roses"! **Stephen Slisz**

CATEGORY 2 - Photo For JULY



GRAND MESA NATIONAL FOREST

LESLIE HILLHOUSE

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 5:30 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



Vince Breckner

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 :

SEPT 21	COOL YOUR ROCKS—WHITE ROCK LAKE BOAT CLUB IN DALLAS, TX
OCT 11-14	BARBER VINTAGE FESTIVAL IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA
DEC 15	ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Contest Reminders

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

Mileage Contest – Nov 15 to Oct 15

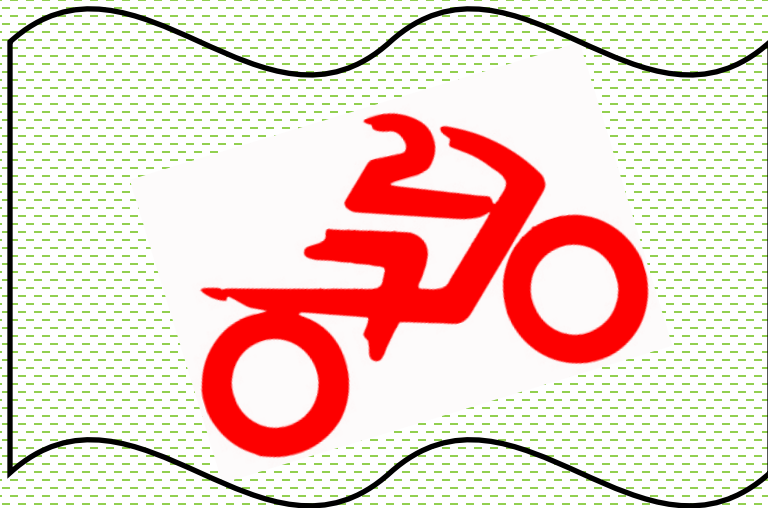
Grab your gear, ride the miles, get recognized! The annual mileage contest celebrates your willingness to enjoy the open road. Download the [rules](#) and the [entry form](#) to get started!

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

JULY 14

6:30 PM

**Spring Creek BBO
1509 Airport Fwy
Bedford, TX**

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At Forest Ridge &
Airport Freeway