

FALL IS COMING

BEEMER ZEITUNG

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CATEGORY I Photo for SEPTEMBER
ON THE TALIMENA TRAIL IN 2011
by "Crunch" Crenshaw

THE FRANKENFIELD FILES



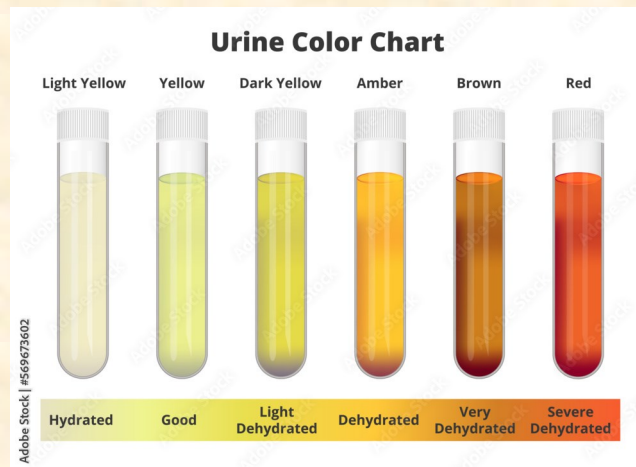
The hot weather is finally starting to break with some cooler weather which means that WE can start to ride all day and don't need to worry about being home by noon. We have a couple of social events coming up this fall with the **Cool Your Rocks Picnic at White Rock Lake on September 21, 2024.** This has always been a fun event out on the dock and watching the sun set. It's a great time to catch up with everyone and what they did over the summer, whether it is good or bad. The other social event is the **Annual Awards Banquet at the Texas Star on December 15, 2024.** This is one of those must-attend events as it wraps up the year with multiple awards and recognitions that are given out. There is always the “**Best News Letter Article**” as well as the “**Photograph of the Year**” awarded for the two categories that are represented in the monthly Beemer Zeitung. If you don't submit any articles or photos, you will miss out on being considered for the award. Although you may not feel comfortable writing an article, I know y'all take photos along your many adventures, so get them submitted to Don Mills: don_mills@sbcglobal.net for consideration for the monthly newsletter.

The first club ride this fall is to the **Barber Vintage Festival** in Leeds (Birmingham) AL, over Columbus Day weekend, **October 10-14, 2024.** Many have been to this annual event, and many have not, myself included and it should be a fun weekend. I'm looking forward to seeing all the vintage bikes ride around the track as well as visiting the museum. I've been through that area multiple times and even stop at the Buc-ee's at the exit to Barber but have never had the time to go.

If you are into vintage bikes, there is another opportunity to see some that are more local to Texas at the **Texas Motorcycle Revival** at the Hill Country Motorcycle Museum in Burnet, November 1-3, 2024. Last years event was a lot of fun and I believe in order to show your bike it needs to have been ridden to the event. This year's special guest is **Bubba Shobert** and he was a three-time AMA Grand National Champion from 1985 to 1987 and was the AMA Superbike Champion in 1988 while riding for American Honda. The event is on Saturday, and we will be riding around the roads of the Hill Country around Brownwood, Llano, Burnet and around Lake Buchanan and Lake Travis.

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On a safety note, and following some of the recent threads on the bmwdfw@groups.io, there has been some discussion on hydration and the effects of not properly hydrating. One of things I've been taught is that you need to plan ahead when hydrating, like days ahead. If you start out already dehydrated, it's going to be tough to get yourself hydrated when you're in an environment that will dehydrate you further. Being properly hydrated should be a requirement before any ride, whether it be in the hot summer heat or the cold winters. Heat is the obvious one as you know your sweating and losing fluids. While riding with a vented jacket even in cooler weather you are still going to dehydrate since the airflow is going to wick the moisture right out of you. The cold winters around here also bring low humidity which will help in dehydrating you, even if you are all bundled up in your riding gear. Carrying a camel-back or some other source for imbibing fluids is recommended, especially since we all have a habit of riding until we are really thirsty and feeling the effects of dehydration or when nature calls. Constantly sipping on fluids throughout the day will help to keep you hydrated longer. We have all seen the pee charts and know that when pee is yellow one is already dehydrated, and you will need to hydrate. For me I get a dry mouth and headaches when dehydrated, so I know to start drinking more water. If you have been sweating a lot, don't forget to replenish your electrolytes with something like Pedialyte, sports drinks like Gatorade, or even Coconut water. In addition to AGATT remember to hydrate, hydrate, hydrate.



**All of the BMWDFW club's events and details can be found on the club website at:
<https://bmwdfw.bmwmoa.org/events/>**

**Can Do....
DAVE**

CATEGORY 2 - Photo For SEPTEMBER



THE PIONEER CEMETARY ON THE QUACHITA TRAIL ATOP THE TALIMENA SCENIC DRIVE

by STEPHEN SLISZ

TRUE NORTH

(Paper – No Plastic)



Hold on to your hats ladies and gentlemen. Pull your loved ones close, you'll need their support. You'll probably need to take a seat. The world may be coming to an end. Please don't pass out when you hear that I recently took a 2000 mile trip into Colorado and rode the entire trip at or slightly *under* the speed limit! The ex-Ridge/Mullins 1200GS I'm riding has a sweet spot about 70mph and I kept it there or slower for an entire week... even on the Texas highways posted 75mph.

I had a glorious plan to attend the 2024 MOA Rally in Redmond Oregon in June, and afterward ride on to Hyder Alaska to get Hyderized. (A local tradition is known as being "Hyderized", with the town's bar issuing certificates to patrons who consume a shot of 151 proof (75.5% alcohol) Everclear!) From Hyder I planned to roam around western Canada and visit Jasper and Banff, Alberta while riding the Icefields Parkway between. I was granted a Kitchen Pass to be gone 30 days or more and had almost 30 different hotel reservations. All that was trash-canned when my broken ankle recovery time extended well into June and the first week of that trip. I considered renting a car to make the trip, but... Nah!

Released for full activity by the orthopedic surgeon on July 1st, I made the last minute decision to attend the Top of the Rockies Rally in Paonia, Colorado in an attempt to buffer the hurt of missing the 4 week MOA ride. Emotionally, I needed this ride after having been off the bike for 3 months, so I took my time getting to Colorado, hence the 70mph or less travel speeds. And, it was hot so I made numerous stops for breaks and water. Hydrate! I don't really have an epic story to tell, just a few random thoughts and observations to share.

Lightning is still scary. Entering Colorado on I-25, I wanted to stretch my dirt legs and do the unpaved road that runs from I-25 over Cordova Pass to Cuchara and bisects the Highway of Legends. (Colorado Hwy 12 and the closest place to DFW to see a Fourteener) Near the half-way point I ran into some road construction that had the surface graded up and being sprayed down by 2 water trucks. Too much mud for me so I returned to Trinidad and continued around Hwy 12. I had planned to hit the Dog Bar in Cuchara for lunch but the detour delay pushed me into the afternoon thunderstorm hours and I could already smell the rain coming.

My overnight stop was the La Veta Inn and before I could make the hotel I got caught in a blustery thunderstorm. The intense lightning was indeed scary and I was terrified. Those



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first day storms set the tone for the rest of my trip. Weather reports called for the usual Colorado afternoon pop-up storms but they must have meant Texas' Central Time. The rest of the week the showers popped up about 10 or 11 in the morning. I started the remaining trip about 5 in the mornings to try and fool the weather gods.

Other random thoughts:

There are several one-lane construction zones on US-287 near Childress and Memphis Texas, and another on I-25 on Raton Pass.

The **Estelline**, Texas speed trap on US-287 is now manned by a black Mustang with a subdued forest green "Police" markings on the side.

The **Quanah and Memphis** Texas speed traps were heavily patrolled by State Troopers. A lot of them.

I-40 near Bushland west of Amarillo had several County Mounties running radar.

The southern part of Dalhart Texas has witnessed a growth spurt since I was through there last, showcasing a new Holiday Inn and several new restaurants.

The Loves gas station in Clayton NM is remodeling and the temporary restrooms are air conditioned portable units out back.

The fresh mowed medians on US-64 near Raton smell like pipe tobacco.

I-25 traffic near Colorado Springs has inherited the Denver area bumper-to-bumper slowdowns.



US-50 over **Blue Mesa Reservoir**, west of Gunnison, is closed to traffic except for 2 small windows for cars and motorcycles (no trucks or RVs) early in the morning and again in the afternoon. On the Sunday trip home I had to leave Paonia at 5:00am to make the eastbound window.

Colorado 92, the **Black Canyon road**, is infested with

deer, elk and a million chipmunks at 5:30am.

Overnight accommodations are very hard to find near **Paonia** a week before the TOR rally.



When you stop for fuel and a snack in Colorado be careful what you purchase. Colorado has outlawed plastic grocery bags and Styrofoam to-go containers. Bring your own bag or big hands to carry all your items. Some stores have paper bags for 10 cents per, but most don't.

The BMW Motorcycle Club of Colorado hosts their 25th annual **100,000 Foot Ride** next year in August. Let's go do it and maybe some of those above items will be better by then.

Stephen Slisz

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

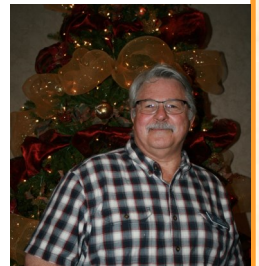
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CLUB BREAKFAST, Saturday, 7:30 AM - 8:45 AM WEEKLY

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 :

SEPT 21	COOL YOUR ROCKS—WHITE ROCK LAKE BOAT CLUB IN DALLAS, TX
OCT 11-14	BARBER VINTAGE FESTIVAL IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA
DEC 8	ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Contest Reminders

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

Mileage Contest – Nov 15 to Oct 15

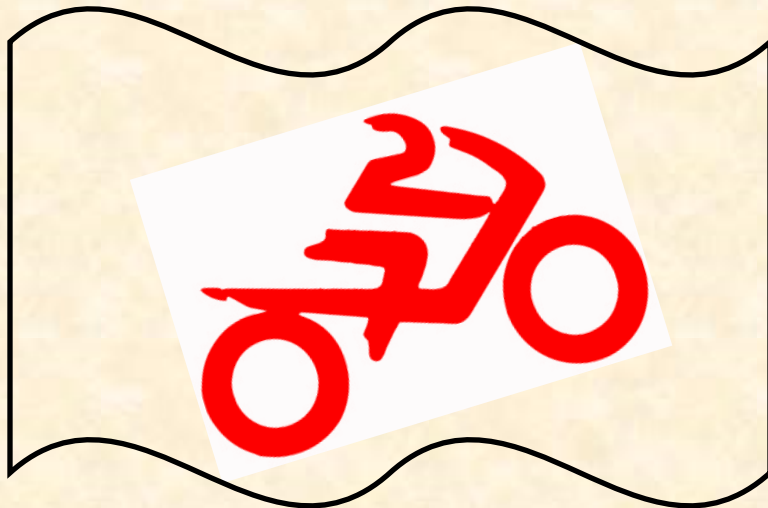
Grab your gear, ride the miles, get recognized! The annual mileage contest celebrates your willingness to enjoy the open road. Download the [rules](#) and the [entry form](#) to get started!

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

OCT 13

6:30 PM

**Spring Creek BBO
1509 Airport Fwy
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At Forest Ridge &
Airport Freeway