

FALL IS COMING

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MIDWAY AIRPORT

Between Midlothian & Waxahachie

by Darwin Slaughter

THE FRANKENFIELD FILES



The riding season is back in full swing as the temperatures finally begin to fall, members on the mend and soon to be riding again if they haven't already. I know that Stephen has been doing catch-up since he missed out on the ride to Redmond and Mike is back in the saddle on short rides. Stephen has definitely been a traveling man.

The **Cool Your Rocks picnic** was a lot of fun this year even though it was a little warm. Being over the water and the slight breeze helped out a lot. A big shout out and "thank you" goes to the set-up, cook and clean-up crew (Dennis, Eric, Leslie, Paul, and Bill). I wasn't able to help all that much with the set-up or clean-up as I have in the past since I needed to pick Andrea up at the airport. This was probably a good thing since Bill reported back that the cleanup was as we had hoped, better than we found it. **Green Lincoln Bluegrass Band**



entertained us again this year and I heard a lot of comments about the music, all good. If you haven't been able to listen to them yet you should check them out on Facebook. We were disappointed that Darwin did not "sit-in" with them like he did last year. This event wouldn't have been possible without Bill McGannon and his membership at White Rock Boat Club and the generous donation of the awesome burgers from Scott Miller and of course the brats, knacks

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and wieners from Kuby's that Steve Holtsclaw provided. Thanks to everyone who made this great event possible.

The **Oklahoma Highway Patrol (OHP) Safe Riders Course** is back on. Apparently, their website, email and voicemail were all compromised and they are just now able to get the email addresses back. So, they have been going through the emails from as far back as 2021, when all of this happened. Meanwhile, the program never actually shut down; they just didn't have any means of letting riders know about the course, so they ended up providing courses around Oklahoma City where they had contacts in various Hog and other motorcycle clubs. The good news is that they came across multiple emails from me and decided to give me call. After a brief survey of members and availability of a few dates, we are basically looking at the end of March through the end of April. OHP will be looking into a venue location in Durant, and I am in hopes that we can fill the course with our members. Once I hear back from them on possible dates and location I will pass it along.

The Events Calendar in the web site is pretty much kept up to date and there are additions at times for other opportunities to ride that are not always disseminated through the groups.io emails. For instance, a ride is being planned on Friday November 15 to Clifton to see the **Smithsonian's Museum on Main Street (MoMS)** national traveling exhibit "**Crossroads: Change in Rural America**", to be hosted at the Bosque Museum in Clifton.

It's that time of year when the **BMWDFW Mileage Contest** comes to a close and you need to get your mileage into Dennis to be counted for this year's contest. The good news is that there is another year of riding, right around the corner and we get to start this all over again. If you missed it last year, this is your opportunity to get in at the beginning of the Mileage Contest. October 15 is the end of the current contest and the new contest will start on November 15. So, get those forms in and let the competition begin. Also the **Awards for Best Cat 1 & Cat 2 Photographs** AND the **Best Newsletter Article** will be awarded at the Annual Awards Banquet. Those contests end for 2024 at the end of this month, October.

**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**



Hill Country Airhead Tech Day

By Michael Crenshaw



A quick internet search for groupings of animals reveals a host of interesting names. For example, in the wild you may come across a ‘shrewdness’ of apes for their ability to choose the best course of action, a ‘wake’ of buzzards for their attraction to dead bodies, or maybe a cackle of hyenas, known for their raucous call. But what do you call a group of motorcycle riders who have an unwavering devotion to the Type 247 BMW motorcycle? Well, they proudly answer to the name of **Airhead** because of their affection for the air-cooled BMW motorcycles built from 1970, until 1995.



Aside from riding these wonderful machines, the next best thing that Airheads enjoy is **wrenching** on these bikes. Unlike most modern motorcycles with fuel injection, throttle by wire, and a host of electronic controls that govern the engine, the Type 247 is mechanically simple. That doesn’t mean there is no degree of sophistication, but it’s the simplicity that is so attractive to those who refer to ourselves as Airheads.

It was with a good deal of pleasure that I read there was to be an **Airhead Tech Day** at **Canyon Lake** on September 28. Such events are quite rare in the state of Texas so I couldn’t pass this one up. The host, **Tyson Oak Carver**, is quite an interesting individual. He and his brother Eli Carver are natives of Wimberly and have been riding and building custom bikes for a few years now.



In his own words Tyson says, ...”The first airhead in my household was bought by my wife, Ana about 5 years ago. It was a 1983 R65 that was in immaculate condition. After that one moved on, she bought a 1995 R100RT that needed love and attention so it was torn down and rebuilt into a bike that took her camping around the 4-Corners



states a few times, including our honeymoon, a few trips into Mexico and was even invited to **The Handbuilt Show** in Austin. Around that same time, I bought my first Airhead also, a 1981 R100 that had more street cred than I will ever have. I did a bit of tinkering and travelling with it but mostly really enjoyed riding it around the Hill Country knowing that the bumps and dings on the bike only added to the stress-free riding it

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had to offer. When a 1988 R100GS came up for sale from a friend of a friend, I knew I had found the type of Airhead that really fit me. That bike started the wheels turning for a dream Airhead GS that finally came into being last year when I built a 1989 R100GS, the first build for myself in almost 8 years. Over the past few years, word got around that I had a little shop at my house and really loved these bikes so I have truly enjoyed sharing this passion with other folks that share this niche interest”



“I got to thinking that I would have really loved to attend a tech day and Airhead gathering once or twice a year around here to share ideas and knowledge about these bikes. When I couldn't find anything, I decided to host one myself and my wife and I had such a great time sharing our home, shop and passion for these bikes, we are thinking it might turn into a twice-a-year event, so keep an eye out for another one in the spring. Maybe this time we will do a little more wrenching than hanging, but for me, time spent around these old BMW Airheads and the folks that enjoy them is a day well spent no matter what you are doing!”



Working out of a nice sized workshop attached to a vintage Hill Country house in rural Comal County, the tech day was attended by at least 35 riders on all manner of classic BMW machines. The weather was perfect and the conversation flowed. Our hosts provided a delicious meal of lasagna and desserts. I'm looking forward to the next one and hopefully will be able to ride one of my classic bikes to the event.





And for what it's worth, one of our members, Eric Beeby, is hosting an Airhead Tech Day at his home in McKinney on October 26. Matt Parkhouse who writes the 'Keep 'Em Flying' column in the Owners News is expected to attend. I hope to see some of you there.

“CRUNCH”



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**AN ARKANSAS LUXURY
"HEATED OUTHOUSE"**

by **STEPHEN SLISZ**

TRUE NORTH

What Don't You Want?



“What don't you want?” asked the grizzled waitress at the Famous T-Bone Café. “I been working here forty-four years. Only thing anyone's ever ordered is the T-Bone steak and a baked potato. Don't have nuthin but T-bones. So, you either don't want the corn on the cob, or you don't want the green beans, so what don't you want?”

The old waitress, played by **Margret Bowman**, steals the show in the most iconic scene in **Taylor Sheridan's** 2016 movie **Hell or High Water**. Trailing a couple of bank robbers through West Texas, Texas Rangers Hamilton and Parker (**Jeff Bridges and Gil Birmingham**) stop for lunch at The Famous T-Bone Café in Coleman Texas. They soon find out the café only serves T-Bone steaks with baked potato and a choice between two vegetables to be downed with iced tea. On top of that the steaks only come one way – medium rare. The small, dark and Famous T-Bone Café isn't actually in Coleman, Texas but it's really the **Blue Ribbon Bar & Grill** in downtown Estancia, New Mexico.



As with most of the scenes filmed in **Hell or High Water**, the represented Texas café is in the New Mexico area surrounding Albuquerque and Clovis. Portrayed as greedy Reverse Mortgage lenders, the fictitious Texas Midlands Banks being robbed in the movie's version of Archer City, Olney, Post and Vernon are also actually located in Clovis and Portales, New Mexico. The 'West Texas' setting of the script, shows the small towns boarded up with foreclosure signs and are clearly in the midst of a financial recession. The bleak settings and flat and wide landscapes are convincingly Texas.

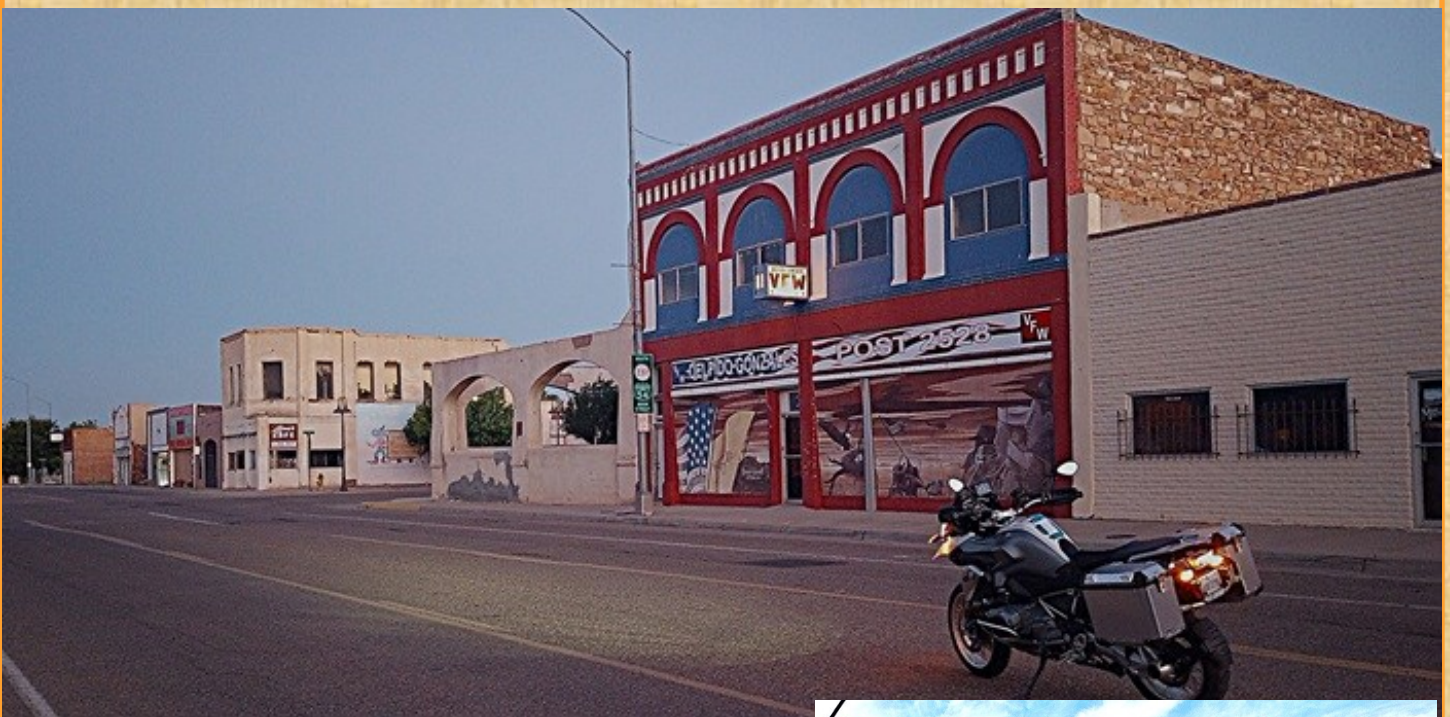
Since my crew and I would be riding near some of the film's set locations on our way to the BMW Bavarian Mountain Weekend Rally in Chama, New Mexico, I

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thought it might be fun to visit some of the sites and take some shots of the banks in question. Lacking some of my enthusiasm, I had to drag, pull and coerce my co-riders Leslie, Reed, Jim, and Larry to take part in some of my photo ops. Our first stop was the movie's car getaway scene where robbers Toby and Tanner (**Chris Pine and Ben Foster**)

use a stolen Camaro to speed away from their first stick-up, the Midlands Bank, Archer City branch. The actual escape scene was filmed along Main and Center Streets in Tucumcari and it was obvious from the puzzled looks on the faces of my crew, they had never seen the movie or didn't remember it the way I did. Never got Reed or Jim to line up for the Main Street photo!



The third robbery takes place in Vernon, actually in Clovis New Mexico on North Main Street. While a waitress flirts with bank robber Toby at **Bill's Jumbo Burger** in Vernon, his brother Tanner steps out and casually robs a non-Midlands affiliated bank across



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the street, fleeing the bank lobby in a cloud of banknotes. The diner really is – or was – **Bill’s Jumbo Burger** on North Main Street. It’s closed now but I got a shot of Bill’s sign and some of the movie set tables through the restaurant windows. The bank robbed is also on North Main Street in Clovis.



Hoping to anticipate the robber’s next move, the two Texas Rangers hole-up and overnight at the **Sunset Inn motel** (On old Rt-66 in Moriarty NM) while waiting out the outlaw’s next appearance. First stopping to eat at The Famous T-Bone Café in Coleman, Texas and ordering an early lunch, they’re given that hard time by the

tough old waitress who refuses to serve anything other than the regular T-bone steak. Sad to report, this place too has closed and the bank building opposite has been demolished.

We bid farewell to Larry, Jim and Reed as they peeled off early for home. So Leslie and I moved on to the next little town for lunch, the **Willard Cantina and Café**

“Chile with Attitude” located at the corner of US60 and NM42 in Willard NM. Great little spot to dine if you’re ever WAY off course and lost South of Santa Fe! There are more filming locations for Hell or High Water scattered about and they’re waiting for your ride reports and photo ops. Watch the movie again and reference some of these spots on your next adventure.

<http://www.thenowmovielocations.com/2020/06/hell-or-high-water.html>

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

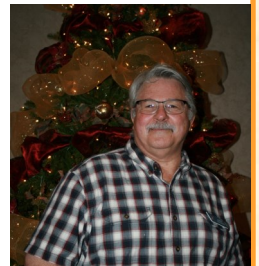
Destination to be announced each month. Watch BMWDFW at Groups.io

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 :

OCT 11-14	BARBER VINTAGE FESTIVAL IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA
NOV 15-17	MOTORCYCLE REVIVAL - LLANO, BURNET & WEST AUSTIN
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

OCT 13

6:30 PM

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At Forest Ridge &
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