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Kick Start by Steve Brown, President

Greetings fellow British Bikers, here we go into the busiest and arguably best time of the year for the BMOA. We're fresh off the Spring Picnic at the Hall's place in Fayetteville, thanks to Danny and Janet Hall's fine hospitality. What a fine day that was, perfect weather, friends, food and drink and swapping of stories. Thanks Danny and Janet, hope to do it again next spring. Just around the corner is Concan Weekend, April 7th through April 9th, this has become one of my favorite events, always well attended and fun. Get ready for fajitas & 'ritas on Friday night, don't let John Martin get you too far in the bag with his margaritas though, because we'll hit the road Saturday morning for a day of riding the best Hill Country roads in Texas. The Texas Hill country in April, riding those great old and new bikes, sure to be a good time. It's not too late to join the fun, call Neal's Lodges at 830-232-6118 for reservations.

As soon as Concan and Easter pass, we'll start to buckle down and get ready for our main event, The 22nd annual New Ulm Rally, taking place the weekend of May 19th - 21st. We expect another great turnout and I've already received quite a few pre-registrations for campers and RV spaces, if you intend to reserve an RV space, better hurry and get me a reservation, we only have eleven spaces total and six are already reserved. At the monthly meetings prior to the event we'll be talking more about it, please think about volunteering a small bit of time during the weekend to help out the good people at the desk, parking, and other areas, it sure makes things go smoother when everyone pitches in.

So polish and pamper those bikes, get 'em ready to ride and be admired, 'cause it's that time!

See you at the April meeting, Wednesday the 5th

STEVE

March Meeting – March 1st, 2006

The meeting was opened by Steve welcoming guests Hal Jerrel (Triumph Trident) who continues to flat track race; Ton-Up Members Les Means, Frank Fursco, Johnnie, Jerry Piles, Mark. The Ton-Up club volunteered to support BMOA at the New Ulm Rallye by volunteering services to support support members efforts. Thanks guys, much appreciated. Bill Bath was the Sergeant at Arms Pro Tem to support Malcom who arrived with both wrists broken, story later.

Old Business

Ad Hoc Ride – 22 bikes rode to see Worlds Fastest Indian. David Porter reported that 4 of the “important” people pre rode the pre ride of the New Ulm Fun run. The ride is about 100miles with 3 good roads and 2 transport roads.

NEWSLETTER – Dan is late with the newsletter this month, hey the month only had 28 days, what did you expect, miracles?

WEBSITE – Thanks given to Jack Updyke for a great website. Send items of interest to Jack for posting on the website.

CLUB TEE-SHIRTS – We now have Large and Extra Large sizes in Black.

NEW ULM RALLYE – Jeff Dancey thanked the Ton-Up Club for their extra help and advised that Jim McGill will come out of retirement to handle the bike show as Jerry Caves will not be able to attend New Ulm this year.

CLUB PROPERTY – Thanks to Paul Kopyar for storing BMOA club materials. The issue of renting storage space has been shelved. Purchase of a gas grill for club events was approved and will be at Concan. Danny Hall has volunteered to store the grill at his warehouse.

MEMBERSHIP - Print an application form off the website or from this newsletter and either give it or mail it to John Kish.

New Business

2006 DUES ARE NOW DUE!!! Please renew your membership as soon as possible.

TREASURER’S REPORT – we have money in the bank, taxes are coming up, need to consider charities for BMOA to support.

INDIVIDUAL RIDE (not BMOA sponsored) – David Porter reported the February ride would be a pre ride of the pre-ride of the New Ulm Fun run. Meet at Snappy’s Resturant in Katy, 0900 on Sunday, Feb 5th.

BMOA SPRING PICNIC – at Danny Hall’s in Fayetteville off of FM955 on April 25th. If you drive, bring something to share. Map is on the website. Starts around noon for burgers.

CLUB TREASURER – we are actively seeking a new BMOA treasurer for 2007. Please Volunteer.

CONCAN WEEKEND – April 7 – 8 make your reservations at Neal’s Lodges now!!

JIM McCANLESS MUSEUM – is now finished and all are invited to his place in Sealy. He has over 100 makes, mostly flat trackers. Directions are on the website.

AMA CHARTER – has been obtained for 2006 as well as insurance for Concan.

ROUND TABLE – OILMAN’S HILL COUNTRY RIDE – Danny Hall advised of the 2nd annual Oilman’s Hill Country ride on April 21 & 22 located at the Tanner Ranch in Kerrville. If you are employed in the Oil and Gas industry plan on attending. Entry is \$100/bike with a drawing for a Sportster and a raffle prize of an enclosed 2 bike trailer. Last year \$8,000 was raised for charity. MALCOLM broke both wrists while racing at Texas World Speedway. Apparently his Triumph broke and he was riding a loaned 450cc Honda motard that had brakes that work by a good looking blonde. The bike in front of him changed lines and Malcolm thinks he may have touched the brakes while in a turn. No memories it happened quick. Malcolm hopes to be racing at Mid Ohio. DISCUSSION for next meeting....should we consider moving the meeting start time to 7pm?

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION – Newsletters are distributed on line and via snail mail at the member's choice. Please advise Dan Farr if your preference has changed or you have difficulty receiving the newsletter.

WEBSITE – Jack Updyke has taken on the task of getting the BMOA website running again. Jack does websites for a living and has solicited the BMOA membership for suggestions. Jack can be contacted at jupdyke@progenda.com or (713) 385-4295. His web site is www.progenda.com. Please offer suggestions areas of interest or offers to help.

NEXT MEETING – May 3rd

2006 dues are now due!!!

BMOA Spring Picnic – 2006 by Steve Brown

For those of you who missed it, Danny and Janet Hall hosted the 2006 BMOA Spring Picnic last Saturday, March 25th, at their new/old house over in Fayetteville. Thanks so much from all of us for your wonderful hospitality and an all around great time.

Danny smoked two briskets and a ham, and we had the usual burgers and brats along with many great side dishes and deserts from other attendees, needless to say nobody went away hungry. The Hall's place was perfect for the picnic, walking distance from the Town Square, a few of the ladies took time to pick through the shops in town while everything fell in place and people started to show up. I envy those who were able to ride bikes, we couldn't have found a better day, and even though I didn't bring a bike, the day was perfect for just sittin' around and visiting, which we did till well after dark.

Thanks again to the Hall's and everyone who helped make it a great time; Danny says we'll do it again next spring.



2006 Calendar of Events

(also check the website www.bmoaonline.com for any last minute updates)

Regular Events

- € **BMOA of Houston** – First Wednesday of the month at 8:00 PM at the *Hickory Hollow Restaurant* (101 Heights Blvd.) Come early for good bar-b-que, stay late for bench racing, tire kicking, riding, and whatever.
- € **Ming's Café** (Excellent Cantonese/Hunan Chinese fast food) Thursdays Informal gathering of (usually) European motorcyclists — 8:00 PM to... (2702 Montrose Blvd. » Houston, TX. 77006 » 713-529-7888)

April:

- 5th - **BMOA Meeting**
- 7th - Monthly Ad Hoc Ride (to Concan)
- 7th-9th - **BMOA Concan Weekend @ Neal's Lodges**
- 23rd - **BMOA Spring Ride to the Races** in College Station, TX
- tba - SABEMA Swap Meet in San Antonio (to be announced)

May:

- 3rd - **BMOA Meeting**
- 7th - Monthly Ad Hoc Ride (open agenda as David is out of town, any Ideas?)
- 19th – 21st - **BMOA 21st Annual New Ulm Rallye**

June:

- 7th - **BMOA Meeting**
- 4th - Monthly Ad Hoc Ride (to Ski Shores Roadrunner's Rallye)
- 4th - Austin Roadrunners Rallye, Austin, TX (www.gearhead.home.texas.net)

July:

- 5th - **BMOA Meeting**
- 9th - Monthly Ad Hoc Ride (Old Car Museums? It will be hot and a long ride)
- 19th - 2006 National Ride to Work Day (www.ridetowork.org)
- 28th – 30th - AMA Vintage Motorcycle Days, Mid-Ohio (www.midohio.org)

August:

- 2nd - **BMOA Meeting**
- 6th - Monthly Ad Hoc Ride (to be announced)

September:

- 6th - **BMOA Meeting**
- 10th - Monthly Ad Hoc Ride (to be announced)
- tba - RC Model Airplane Meet – Bomber Field, Monaville TX

October:

- 4th - **BMOA Meeting**
- 8th - Monthly Ad Hoc Ride (to Lake O'Pines)
- 7th - 9th - NTNOA Lake 'O the Pines Rally
- 13th - 15th - **BMOA Bandera Weekend**, Bandera, Texas
- 29th - **BMOA Annual Swap Meet**, Hickory Hollow

November:

- 1st - **BMOA Meeting**
- 5th - Monthly Ad Hoc Ride (to be announced)
- 26th - British USA/Gulf Coast BMW Annual Bike Show & Open House
- tba - **BMOA Fall Picnic** (to be announced)

December:

- 6th - **BMOA Meeting**
- 10th - Monthly Ad Hoc Ride (to be announced)
- tba - **BMOA Christmas Party** (to be announced)

Other picnics and rides scheduled as interest and weather permits.

Motorcycle Wisdom:

From the book:
"Sit Down, Shut Up & Hang On!"
Written by Penny Powers and Chuck Hays

You have to be smart enough to understand the rules of motorcycling, and dumb enough to think the game's important.



PERFECT....It is all how you look at life

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 3rd at Hickory Hollow, 8:00 PM

Daytona 2006 By Bill Bath

Yes, I went to Daytona again this year. No, I didn't ride my bike. I took the airplane, rented a car, and camped out. Going camping on an airplane is a lot like going camping on a motorcycle in that you can take everything you need but not everything you want. For instance, I would really have liked to take a chair but I didn't want to take another suitcase. What I did was pack my tent, air mattress, sleeping bag, and a pair of little blow-up pillows into a wheeled duffel bag. I packed my clothes, boots, and everything else in an ordinary suitcase. Lucky for me when the airline misplaced (lost) the suitcase they did give me my duffel bag so at least I had somewhere to lay down while I waited until 11:30 that night for the delivery guy to find his way out to the campground.

I stayed at the ABATE campground at the Volusia County Fairgrounds and it was really great. The ABATE group ran a really first class operation with great security and housekeeping. They claim they never lost a bike and after seeing how they run the camp, I believe it. When you sign in to the campground they give you pin-on badge with a number on it and they put a sticker on your vehicle(s) with the same number. Then every time you go in or out someone at the gate checks to see that the numbers match. It's a great way to make sure nobody rides off with your bike. They had a chow wagon and tent where you



May Meeting – 1st Wednesday (5/3/06)

could get coffee, breakfast, and food all day. They had a truck come by every morning to clean the porta-cans and they had two trailers with warm showers. The campground had plenty of room and I would highly recommend it to anyone.

The best part of my camping experience was the music! A guy and his two buddies brought a truckload of musical equipment including a full drum set, an electric organ, amplifiers, speakers, lights, and microphones. These guys were like a really good garage band but the thing that really made it wonderful was all the people that came out of the audience to fill in and play with the band. It seemed that when any one of the musicians got tired there was always someone ready to take his place. A guy from Indianapolis took over the base guitar and did a great job singing "Pick Cadillac". The one-armed organ player did a fine version of "Mustang Sally" and then a man from Quebec took over lead guitar and sang a blues song in French that no one could understand but everyone loved none the less. The next night a tall blond woman wearing black leather jacket and chaps came up and belted out "Takin' Care of Business" in a style slightly reminiscent of Janis Joplin. It was truly a magic night but everything has to come to an end and here again, the ABATE campground managers did the right thing and made the band shut down at 10 o'clock.

Sunday afternoon, I went to the Volusia Speedway Park for the AMA Flat Track races. The track turned out to be a really nice ½ mile clay oval with bleaches set up close to the track. For all you Triumph fans, I have to report that there was one modern Triumph racing against all those 883 HD racers. Unfortunately, those Harleys have just had so much factory development that the Triumph couldn't even stay up with the pack. One thing that really impressed me during the races was that there was no discernable difference between how far the bikes were leaned over on the straight and when they were in the corner. It was like the 200 yard straight was just part of a really large diameter curve. The racing was really fierce between those Harley riders. They were riding so close together that when the bottom end of one of the bikes dropped a 30 foot oil slick on the track three riders went down practically in the same instant.

The AHRMA races at the Daytona Speedway on Monday and Tuesday were great as ever although the total number of participants and spectators seemed a little down from my last trip in 2002. New to me, although this is the second year, was the Thruxton Cup Challenge. This race is limited to nearly stock Triumph Thruxtons. There were quite a few riders taking advantage of racing a modern bike. As one rider told us, it was really great to race a British bike that all it needed was to change the oil at the end of the season. Famous riders Gary Nixon, Jay Springsteen, and Jimmy Filice were on hand to race the Thruxtons. Another famous, but not so well know rider racing at Daytona was Dave Roper. Dave is reputed to be the only American to win a TT at the Isle of Man. I believe this was the 1984 Historic TT where he rode a Team Obsolete Matchless G50. Dave crashed in practice on Tuesday when his 250cc Aermacchi oiled the back tire and he high-sided in a curve. This was not all bad because he spent the rest of the day providing color commentary along with the track announcer. He had an interesting answer to the question of how many bikes did he own. He said that that depends on how you define a motorcycle. Is a box of parts on the shelf a motorcycle? He said that some of his friends follow the 1-hour rule. If you can get it running in one hour, it's a motorcycle. Walking around the pits with Malcolm is the best way to go to an ARMA event. Everyone knows Malcolm and was happy to see him. Malcolm introduced me to Scott Strickland. Scott was racing a 1966 BSA twin was one of 6 built for the Daytona 200.

While I was waiting for the AHRMA races to start on Tuesday, a guy saw my Royal Enfield patch on the back of my jacket and sat down to talk about the 500cc Royal Enfield that he used to ride. It turns out this guy was Gordon Blair, Professor Emeritus, and formerly Head of the Department of Engineering, at The Queen's University of Belfast. That in itself was pretty interesting but then he went on to say that he has done extensive research into the design of racing engines and he now has a partnership that is selling software for design of cams and valve related features. If you have ever wondered why a very small deference in cam contour can make a big difference in maximum horsepower then you should take a look at his web site www.profblairandassociates.com to see some articles about his software that were published in Race Engine Technology Magazine. He told me about the 500cc two-stroke, single cylinder motorcycle engine that they developed at the University years ago. He said they got 68 hp out of it before the 4-stroke technology finally caught up and passed 2-strokes. He says there is no such thing as cam design...but you will have to read it for yourself or at least look at the graphs and drawings to see how the science really works. Meeting Professor Blair was really the high point of my trip.



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Don't lead the pack if you don't know where you're going.



What You Ride Tells About You" Lawless Lorraine

What You Ride.....

Your ride says a lot about you. Here (from an old Cycle World article by Peter Egan, slightly modified by other people) is a guide for selecting a ride consistent with your personality:

Ducati 916 SPS monoposto: My wife is having an affair with her tennis coach.

Honda St1100: I really do understand the stock market.

1967 Triumph T120 Bonneville: If I'd had this bike instead of a Cushman Eagle when I lived at the fraternity house in 1965, I might now be married to a former cheerleader named Veronica.

Harley-Davidson XR1000: All my left shoes are made of steel, and all my motorcycle boots have laces.

Yamaha TZ250: My other bike is a van.

Brough Superior SS100: My mother was an Episcopalian.

Moto Guzzi Eldorado: If I'd wanted a Harley, I'd have bought a Harley. But I didn't, and I didn't.

Honda GL1500 Gold Wing Aspencade: The wife and I both feel that donuts are an unfairly maligned and under-appreciated source of protein and minerals.

Munch Mammoth: I have been fighting a lifelong, losing battle with the Dark Side.

BMW R1100RT: The sound system on my bike is permanently tuned to Public Radio, but when I play it too loud I can't hear the cell phone.

Velocette Thruxton: I have a professional-quality dartboard in our basement rec room, next to the real ale tapper on the wet bar.

Yamaha V-Max: I am the only mechanical engineer in our office with a Mohawk.

Ural Tourist: My Yugo is waiting for parts.

India Enfield Bullet: My 1965 short-wheelbase Land Rover is waiting for parts.

Triumph Speed Triple: I'm not waiting for any parts. Ever again.

Honda Elite 80: My mom is knitting me a warmer scarf for going to class.

Vincent Series C Black Shadow: If you need to borrow any books or videos on the Battle of Britain, the life of Winston Churchill or Gordon's defense of Khartoum, I have an extensive library.

Suzuki TL1000R/S: Desmo Shcmezmo: I just wanna ride.

MV Agusta 750S: Our firstborn son is the only Ago Schmiddlekopf in the Milwaukee phone book.

Kawasaki ZX-11: I am on my way to our insurance agent's office for a personal conference, during which I will explain everything.

Suzuki GSX1300R Hayabusa: The Honda CBR1100XX was making me late for work.

Triumph Trophy TR6-C: I have seen the The Great Escape, starring Steve McQueen 27 times. And so have my two remaining friends.



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- € Field Events & Bike Show
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- € Award for the **Longest Distance** ridden to the Rallye on a Vintage British Motorcycle
- € Fun Run (Formerly Poker Run)
- € Swap Meet (please bring your own tables)
- € Camping with showers on the grounds & Trailer Hook-ups
- € Huge Rallye area with a weatherproof pavilion
- € Saturday night **Bar-B-Q**

Registration Fees:

Registrations Received Before May 1st Are Eligible for a Drawing for **\$50.00 CASH PRIZE!**

Singles - **\$30⁰⁰** → Couples - **\$40⁰⁰** (for the WEEKEND)

Day Pass - **\$10⁰⁰** per Person (Saturday Only, No Camping)

RV Hook Ups - **\$35⁰⁰** (for the Weekend)

(11 Hook-ups Available. Pre-registration required – first come, first served.)



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*All participants must register by signing the AMA Event Waiver. **Children (under the age of 18) must be accompanied by parent or legal guardian; or with a NOTARIZED LETTER from the parent or legal guardian permitting the accompanying adult to sign AMA Event waiver on child's behalf. No exceptions. Children under 5 are admitted free.

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The BMOA hosts an annual British and European Motorcycle Rally for south central Texas the weekend after Mother's day in May. This three-day event consists of camping, food, planned rides, field events, vendors and in general a lot of buying, selling, swapping, and showing off British motorcycles and parts. The Rally concludes Sunday with a Motorcycle Show and awards presentation. The club promotes an annual Swap Meet the last Sunday in October. Throughout the year BMOA has planned picnics and parties and overnight rides and numerous day rides.

The BMOA meets the first Wednesday each month at Hickory Hollow Bar-B-Que Restaurant, 101 Heights Blvd., Houston, TX at 8:00 PM. Membership is open to anyone who has interest in British Motorcycles. Dues are due each January 1st.

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting!



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