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Kick Start

 by Jerry Caves, President

Lot's of good riding if you can stand the heat. Traffic is reported down due to \$4.00 gas and motorcycle sales are soaring. If anyone is interested in a Sunday ride out to a designated location for lunch let me know. We'll try to get as many members together for the outing. I'm ready.

Those of you that missed our last ride to the Road Runners Rally June 1st missed a great time and some nice back country road riding from Fayetteville. Danny Hall's country home was the kick off location, it was hot but a great time was had. The Rally was fun but it's the ride that makes it.

To Danny, the Club's many thanks for your generosity in letting us use your Fayetteville home as the starting and ending point of the day.

This month's "Ride Texas Magazine" has their best in Texas ballot. Be sure to get your votes in for the "Best Club Event." The extra exposure the BMOA received last year for our little Club Rally in New Ulm was a big boost for us.

At our next Club meeting I'll be asking for volunteers for the "Officers Nominating Committee." A number of the current officers are retiring. Dan Farr has notified me that he will not be available for the President's position next year due to his heavy overseas travel schedule. Open positions as of right now are for President, VP, Treasurer, Rally Coordinator and Ride Coordinator. It's a good thing to have new people come in with fresh ideas to lead the Club forward.

Our 1st Annual BMOA Banquet is Saturday, September 27th. We need everyone that will be attending the banquet to RSVP on the Club's web site by September 12th. Webmaster, Jack Updyke has made it incredibly easy to register. It's important to do, so that we will have enough food for everyone.

October is a big month for Rallying and Riding.

- Oct. 10,11 & 12th- NTNOA
- Oct. 18th- British Motor Expo
- Oct. 24, 25 & 26th-Harvest Classic

On Friday Oct. 24th we're having "Steak Night" in Luckenbach, TX at the Harvest Classic Rally. Last year we had a good many of our members turn out under the big oak tree at the campground. This year I expect a larger turn out of members, as word gets out. There are a few of us that arrive early Friday to claim the BMOA camp site. Show up and we'll make room for everyone. Look for the BMOA banner hanging from the tree. There will be a lot of riding that weekend so have your bike road ready. Plenty of hotels close by for non campers.

Ride safe and as often as you can and I'll see you at the meeting,
Jerry

July Meeting – July 2nd, 2008

Jerry Caves opened the meeting at 7:30.

Old Business

Thanks to Gale Gorman for the newsletter and Jack Updyke for our website and PayPal maintenance.

Last July the meeting night was on the 4th so we canceled it. It looks like most people may have thought this year's July meeting was canceled also.

New Business

Jerry has worked hard to put together our first banquet and details will follow. We will need to RSVP on the website.

Round Table Discussion

Discussed a committee to search for new officers. A lot of us will not be available for another term.

Motion to Adjourn

Attendance: 10

Next meeting August 6th

August Meeting – 1st Wednesday (8/6/08)

2008 Calendar of Events

- August** 6th - BMOA Monthly Meeting
*New 18th-24th Bonneville Speed Week
*New 29th Davenport Iowa Swap Meet
*New 29th-31st Rocky Mountain Concourse d' Elegance
Vincent-2008 Marquee Motorcycle-
Broadmoor Hotel, Colorado Springs, CO.
- September** 3rd - BMOA Monthly Meeting
- October** 1st - BMOA Monthly Meeting
10th, 11th & 12th NTNOA - Lake 'O Pines Rally
*New 24th & 25th Harvest Classic Rally Luckenbach, TX – Steak night
- November** *New 2nd Ton Up Specials – Swap Meet – BMOA sponsor
5th - BMOA Monthly Meeting
*New Lone Star Rally Galveston, TX-date TBD – Club Lunch Ride
29th British USA Open House
- December** 3rd - BMOA Monthly Meeting
Frosty's Christmas Party – Date, Time - TBD

B.M.O.A. – 1st Annual Dinner Party – September 27th – Salt Grass Steakhouse

Date: Saturday, September 27th

Location: Salt Grass Steak House (Across the street from Cadillac Bar/corner of I-10 & Shepherd)
1803 Shepherd
Houston, TX
713-869-7094

In the Salt Grass Banquet room.

Who's Invited: Club Member and one other guest. (Additional guest will be charged for their meals.)

Social Hour: 5:30 to 6:30 PM - Banquet Room
I've made arrangements to have a cash bar for beer and mixed drinks.
(Club Member is responsible for their bar tab)
So come early to mingle with all your friends. (Always Drink Responsibly)

Dinner: 6:30 to 8:30 PM Provided by the BMOA (Still working on menu)

Dress: Casual and of course Biker Chic is perfectly acceptable.

RSVP: Let us know via the Clubs web site link on the home page and or on the upcoming events page on the dinner RSVP form. We need an RSVP from everyone who will be attending and do let us know who you will be bringing. A requirement for the restaurant so they may know how much food to prepare for

everyone. Don't want anyone to go hungry. The cut off date for responding by RSVP is September 12th.

Speed vs RPM for 2001 Triumph Bonneville

By Bill Bath

Riding a new Bonneville after so many years on a classic bike really showed me the value of a tachometer. Even without a tach, the noise and vibration of a classic bike tells you when its time to shift. The new Triumph is a different story and sometimes it's really hard to tell. The whisper-quiet exhaust and nearly vibration free engine on the new Triumph make it hard to know what gear you're in much less how high the engine is revving. So just to feel safe, I made the following spreadsheet so I could know for sure the maximum speed in each gear. Based on a maximum engine speed of 7,400 rpm, this equates to a speed of 46 mph in 1st, 64 in 2nd, 81 in 3rd, 97 in 4th, and 117 in 5th. Or to look at it another way, at 70 mph, the engine is turning about 4,500 rpm.

I have designed this spreadsheet so that it's easy to see the effect of different rear and countershaft sprockets. For instance, going up 2 teeth on the countershaft sprocket reduces the engine speed at 70 mph from 4,500 rpm to 4,000 rpm. This spread sheet can easily be used for other motorcycles. To use it for another bike, you need to fill in the ratio of the primary drive, the ratio of each gear, the radius of the back wheel, and number of teeth on the sprockets. If anybody wants a copy of this Excel spreadsheet, just send me an email at bill@gadgetengineer.com.

Speed in Gear Calculator						
Required input data in BOLD type						
C'shaft	17	Teeth on Countershaft sprocket				
Rear	43	Teeth on Rear sprocket				
Final	2.53	Calculated Final drive ratio = Rear / C'shaft				
Primary	1.74	Primary drive ratio (from manual specifications)				
Radius, in.	12.5	inch	Measured wheel radius			
Cir, in.	39.27	inch	Calculated Circumference in inches			
Cir, ft.	3.2725	ft	Calculated Circumference in feet			
Eng	7400	rpm	Maximum engine RPM (for reference)			
	G. Ratio	Gear ratios (from manual specifications)				
Speed in Gears for each RPM						
Gear	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	
G. Ratio	2.73	1.95	1.55	1.29	1.07	
1500	9	13	16	20	24	
2000	12	17	22	26	32	
2500	15	22	27	33	39	
3000	19	26	33	39	47	
3500	22	30	38	46	55	
4000	25	35	44	52	63	
4500	28	39	49	59	71	
5000	31	43	55	65	79	
5500	34	48	60	72	87	
6000	37	52	65	79	95	
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Absolutely.

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For the computer impaired, just call me, Gale Gorman, at 713-870-0282 and I will do the RSVP for you. That's my cell phone and I can't answer when I'm on my bike so leave a message with your name and how many.

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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 7:30 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!



B.M.O.A. Application for Membership

Annual Dues \$20.00 [] New [] Renewing Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

AMA Membership Number _____

Please make checks payable to BMOA

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