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## Kick Start by Steve Brown, President

Greetings to all and happy holidays to everyone. I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving with plenty to eat and good times with family and friends. I'm finding it hard to believe its Christmas time again already, it doesn't seem possible that it's been a year since I was elected President. There was a bit of a learning curve there for me, but with the help of the other officers past and present, as well as our great membership, it has all gone along quite smoothly. On that subject the December meeting is your chance to cast your vote for next year's officers. It looks as though we have a commitment for one more year from the present group, so if you'll have us back come vote to re-elect Jerry, Dan, Malcolm, Jack, David, John, and myself, or we'll be glad to hear from anyone who would like to propose any changes, now's your chance.

Looking back on the year I'm happy to say that all of our yearly events went off without a hitch. The Rally in May was very successful, and the Concan and Bandera weekends were all blessed with nice weather and good turnouts, most importantly all of our riding was safe and accident free, lets all hope for more of the same in 2006. One thing I would like to bring up to all of our members is the fact that we are always open to new ideas about club events and rides. While I love the "Status Quo" of our traditional events, we don't want to become boring, so anyone that has new ideas for weekend events or rides and would be willing to help with a little planning, let's kick it around. Who knows? Maybe we can start some new traditions. We'll soon be developing our 2006 calendar so anyone with something to add please send it to Jack Updyke or I so we can get an up to date 2006 plan on the website.

I wish all of you and yours a very Merry Christmas and Happy new year and look forward to seeing everyone riding those great British, European, American, and every other sort of Motorcycle in the year to come.

Be Safe and Be Happy

Ride Carefully

STEVE

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## November Meeting – November 2nd, 2005

The meeting was opened by Steve welcoming his wife Pauline who added class to the meeting.

### Old Business

October Ad Hoc Ride – Twitchy (David Porter) and all the “important” people rode up to Lake O’Pines for the North Texas Norton Owner’s Association annual rallye. It was a great ride through the Sabine National forest which added about 75 miles to the trip. Only saw 2 trees down which was surprising considering the hurricanes.

NEWSLETTER – thanks to Dan Farr for a great newsletter and to Earnie Shick and Bill Bath for their contributions.

LAKE O’PINES RALLYE - Steve Brown, Jerry Caves, Bill Bath, David Porter, Larry & Irma and Mike Selvie attended the NTNOA rallye. Jerry won 1<sup>st</sup> place with his 1979 Triumph Bonneville in the bike show (2<sup>nd</sup> time this year so Jerry is going to keep it). New this year were field events and trials which added fun to this picturesque event. During the rallye, Steve Brown, Larry and Erma Dale and David Porter went for coffee resulting in a 100mi trip to Louisiana for dark roast.

BANDERA WEEKEND – Eleven bikes, thirteen riders including Peter Van Dongren’s daughter Cassie (13) and Drake Terrel’s son Jake (12) enjoyed the weekend. Riding the hill country on Saturday totaled 211 miles and included a stop at the John Wayne’s Alamo set in Bracketsville. The weather was GREAT.

HARVEST CLASSIC – was reported as a must attend event by members in attendance. The BMOA received a thank you for their contribution to this charity event from the event founder Russel Duke, nice touch to a class event.

BMOA SWAP MEET – was well attended and a few parts actually changed hands. The club sold several shirts, patches, maps and hats and also signed up a new member Chris Holley.

WEBSITE – Thanks given to Jack Updyke for a great website that includes video and photos of the work day at Ortho’s...thanks Jack. Send items of interest to Jack for posting on the website.

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

### New Business

TREASURER’S REPORT – We have money in the bank, state and federal taxes and fees are paid, revenue from the swap meet and small charge for Frosty’s party, Bandera weekend and newsletter.

NOVEMBER INDIVIDUAL RIDE (not BMOA sponsored) – Ride through Cleavland National Forest. Meet at McDonalds at Hwy 109 at 9am for 150mi ride.

LONE STAR RALLY in Galveston November 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>.

POLARIS WEST – open house Saturday November 19<sup>th</sup> from 10am -4pm. Triumph factory demo truck with 18 bikes to test ride will be present. Refreshments will be served.

GULF COAST BMW / BRITISH USA – open house Saturday November 16<sup>th</sup>. If you missed your first chance or want to repeat your ride, the Triumph factory demo truck with 18 bikes to test ride will be present. Refreshments will be served.

CONCAN WEEKEND – mark your calendar, we have chosen the weekend of April 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Neils Lodges are taking reservations.

AMA MOTORCYCLE HALL OF FAME MUSEUM – online auction, runs from November 1<sup>st</sup> to December 8<sup>th</sup>. Check online at [www.ama-cycle.org/museum/index.asp](http://www.ama-cycle.org/museum/index.asp)

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION – One of our members, remaining anonymous because I can’t remember his name, attended the RAT Raid Triumph Event in Arkansas. Seems a 78 year old lady pulled out in front of him, stopped when she saw him coming, pulled out again, then stopped again resulting in a bike hitting car accident. Some damage to the bike, rider with a broken arm. Moral of the story and lesson learned....ALWAYS WEAR A HELMET.

CYCLE WORLD SHOW – next weekend Nov 11-13 at Reliant Center

DECEMBER RIDE – maybe to Frosty's for Xmas Party if it is a BMOA invitee event (NOTE this is FROSTY's Xmas party and the BMOA has not been invited and we are not inviting ourselves, so do not plan on it unless notified).

HIKES AND BIKES – Ron Marek proposed a BMOA tour group that would ride to various locations to camp and hike. Taken under consideration but not BMOA sponsored event to date. Those that ride new Triumphs might consider this type of outing similar to other riding groups (BMW & H-D)

OFFICER'S NOMINATIONS FOR 2006 – Same as 2005 has been proposed and seconded. Vote to take place at December Club meeting. Dan Farr gave his notice as Secretary & News Letter Editor. 2006 will make 4 years so look for a replacement for 2007.

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](mailto:jupdyke@progenda.com) or (713) 385-4295. His web site is [www.progenda.com](http://www.progenda.com). Please offer suggestions areas of interest or offers to help.

NEXT MEETING – December 7th.

## DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS PERSON??

(I have no first hand knowledge but understand the tatoo's are covered up...)



# 2006 dues are now due!!!

## Future? Membership Test from "Out of the Past" as written by the late Jim Baker

It has come to the attention of the officers of this club that we presently have **NO** program to determine suitability of new recruits for membership in the CNOOC (Canadian Norton Owners Club). We have therefore employed a panel of experts and a battery of powerful computers, and they have devised the following examination, to be administered to any prospective members before being allowed to join. If the correct answer is not obvious on ALL questions, we would have serious doubts about the applicant.

1. An international money crisis is crippling the financial world when:

- A. The US trade imbalance with the world is \$675 billion dollars.
- B. The gross national debt is 4.5 trillion bucks.
- C. A pair of genuine Lucas points are \$17.16.

2. Your nephew stuffs a kitten into the microwave and turns on the power.

This incident produces:

- A. A tragic fate for the innocent kitten
- B. Concern that the metal in the kitty's collar will blow the microwave.
- C. An opportunity to explain away the kitchen smell from your heating cylinder heads in the oven.

3. You look at your calendar and note that Memorial day is coming.

This means:

- A. The government has set aside a national day of mourning to honor the Nation's war casualties.
- B. You'd better mow the grass and pick up the empty beer cans around the family plot.
- C. You should check over the Norton for the run to the Holly, Michigan Rallye.

4. If your bos awards you a \$6,000 bonus tomorrow, what do you do?

- A. Save all the money for Junior's education.
- B. Go home, tell your woman you're taking her on a fabulous vacation.
- C. Keep your mouth shut, pick up a copy of Tradin' Times and Walneck's Old Time Cycle on the way home.

5. A grave and severe energy crisis threatens the nation when:

- A. The OPEC nations get \$90 for a barrel of oil.
- B. Air Force One is grounded for the lack of fuel.
- C. Sunoco 260 is taken off the market.

6. Your neighbor owns a rare, original, 1947 MG-TC. One day you observe smoke pouring from his garage in which he keeps it.

Do you:

- A. Rush over and attempt to pull the MG to safety.
- B. Hose down his garage in an attempt to put out the fire.
- C. Hose down your own garage to protect your collection of swap meet acquisitions.

7. What would qualify as a major engineering fiasco of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

- A. A large, supposedly unsinkable ocean liner which strikes an iceberg and sinks on its maiden voyage.
- B. A space launch vehicle, costing billions, that explodes shortly after takeoff, frying all its occupants.
- C. Equipping the original Interstate with the Combat engine.

8. You are walking down a hall. A door opens, and you see a beautiful woman, seated across an immaculate old Triumph, holding a bottle of champagne and two glasses. She gestures to you.

You:

- A. Reach out, take the bottle, and fill the glasses with champagne.
- B. Check to see if the Triumph is of pre-unit construction.

9. You notice an ad in your neighborhood paper that reads: "1948 500cc Norton motorcycle which belonged to my late husband for sale. VGC, \$400, 555-2196". You don't have \$400.

The first thing you should do is:

- A. Go to the bank on Monday and get some cash.
- B. Call up the lady and see if she'll hold the bike until Friday.
- C. Find her address, run over there, and chop up her phone line with an axe.



# 2005 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)

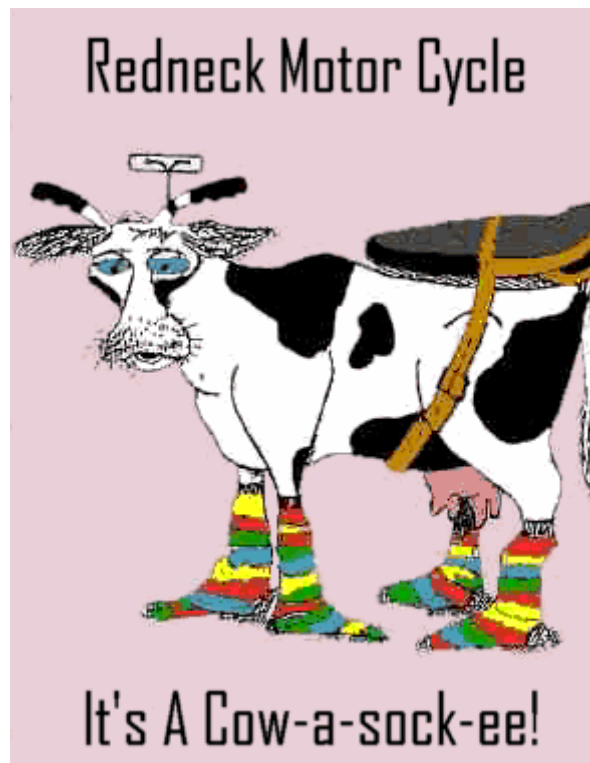
December:

7<sup>th</sup> - **BMOA Meeting**

Other picnics and rides scheduled as interest and weather permits.

## December Individual Ride - Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup>

**NONE Scheduled.**



OKAY Y'ALL, THINK THIS IS A BAD JOKE AND THE SPACE COULD BE BETTER USED?

WELL ....YOU NEED TO MAKE THE EFFORT AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE BMOA NEWSLETTER.  
Notice who contributed this month... not you.

**BMOA is your club so participate, share your adventures and tales.** My thanks to those who contributed in 2005: Bill Bath, Malcolm Dixon, David Porter, John Martin, Paul Zuniga, Peter VanDongren, Steve Brown, Danny Hall, Jeff Myers, Paul Kopyar, Jack Updyke and Jeff Dancey. Hmm... 12 of 120 members, go figure...there are a bunch of "wankers" out there.

My thanks and apology to those I have overlooked. Editor Dan ('dfarr@houston.deepwater.com')

## Motorcycle Wisdom:

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

**When you're riding lead--don't spit.**

### **A collection of Prince of Darkness jokes: (Submitted without recognition of the source)**

The Lucas motto: "Get home before dark."

Lucas denies having invented darkness. But they still claim "sudden, unexpected darkness"

Lucas--inventor of the first intermittent wiper.

Lucas--inventor of the self-dimming headlamp.

The three-position Lucas switch--DIM, FLICKER and OFF. The other three switch settings--SMOKE, SMOLDER and IGNITE.

The original anti-theft devices--Lucas Electric products.

"I've had a Lucas pacemaker for years and have never experienced any prob...

If Lucas made guns, wars would not start either.

Did you hear about the Lucas powered torpedo? It sank.

It's not true that Lucas, in 1947, tried to get Parliament to repeal Ohm's Law.  
They withdrew their efforts when they met too much resistance.

Did you hear the one about the guy that peeked into a Land Rover and asked the owner "How can you tell one switch from another at night, since they all look the same?" "He replied, it doesn't matter which one you use, nothing happens!"

Back in the '70s Lucas decided to diversify its product line and began manufacturing vacuum cleaners. It was the only product they offered which didn't suck.

Quality Assurance phoned and advised the Engineering guy that they had trouble with his design shorting out. So he made the wires longer.

Why do the English drink warm beer? Lucas made the refrigerators, too.

Alexander Graham Bell invented the Telephone.

Thomas Edison invented the Light Bulb.

Joseph Lucas invented the Short Circuit.

Recommended procedure before taking on a repair of Lucas equipment: check the position of the stars, kill a chicken and walk three times sunwise around your car chanting: "Oh mighty Prince of Darkness protect your unworthy servant."

Lucas systems actually uses AC current; it just has a random frequency.



## December Meeting – 1st Wednesday (12/7/05)

### Relics for Future Generations by Art Sirota, Redwood City, CA

We live in a world where everything is constantly influx, in case you have not noticed. That's the real reason why Velocettes, BSA's and Vincents aren't still being made anymore; those companies refused to change the way they did business. So they became commercial dinosaurs.

We all understand the need for change, accept it, and are sometimes intimidated by it. We see all around us that everything is subject to change including life forms, manufacturing techniques, government, religions, and forms of travel. Maybe that's why photography is so compelling. It creates the illusion that just for a moment change can be arrested and preserved.

Maybe too, that's part of the attraction to old motorcycles. We understand that modern bikes are faster, more reliable and more complicated. But they are not necessarily more beautiful or more fun. In a strange way, keeping an old bike running and looking like new helps us deal with change. We can say, "This is a link from one generation to the next." We can fool ourselves into thinking that when the day comes for us to shed this mortal coil, part of us will live on in the bikes we've restored, loved and ridden.

In a sense, I cannot really own my '69 Rocket 3, but I am nearly its current caretaker. Others not yet born will come and take up the flame when mine has been extinguished. Maybe they will remember me, maybe not. It doesn't matter. What matters is that the bike will be clanking down the road. I want it to remain a symbol of the idea that we can all accept change, embrace change, but appreciate the past and all that's gone before. Each one of these old bikes we ride is a piece of a larger puzzle. I believe it's important to keep these relics intact for future generations.

Besides, you meet some nice people along the way.

The above musing is from "The Bulletin" of Northern CA BSAOC.



### Motorcycle Wisdom:

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**The twisties - not the superslabs-separate the riders from the squids.  
(inexperienced rider)**

Math Theory: (or why you really should have studied algebra)

- 1 To find a woman you need Time and Money therefore:

$$\text{Woman} = \text{Time} \times \text{Money}$$

- 2 "Time is money" so

$$\text{Time} = \text{Money}$$

- 3 Therefore

$$\text{Woman} = \text{Money} \times \text{Money}$$

$$\text{Woman} = (\text{Money})^2$$

- 4 "Money is the root of all problems"

$$\text{Money} = \sqrt{\text{Problems}}$$

- 5 Therefore

$$\text{Woman} = (\sqrt{\text{Problems}})^2$$

$$\text{Woman} = \text{Problems}$$



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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 1<sup>st</sup>.

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting!



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