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Chartered Club



Kick Start by Jerry Caves, President

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a safe New Year's celebration. We've been working on the Club's upcoming 2008 schedule and have added a number of new events that I hope a good many of you will attend. We want 2008 to provide lots of fun activities, good times and great riding. We will keep you advised of Club event additions and changes as they occur at the monthly meetings and on our web site.

At the December meeting the members voted to have an annual BMOA Dinner Party. I will be researching locations where we can have our party and let everyone know the "what, when and where" at one of the future meetings. Of course dress for this occasion will be your best biker chic.

Our Club had another successful year financially. We were able to make donations of \$2500.00 to the "Mothers Against Cancer Foundation" and \$1000.00 to the "Candlelighter Childhood Cancer Foundation". They are great organizations and worthy of our support.

The same group of officers was re-elected to preside over the Club's activities in 2008. Thank you from all of us, as we look forward to continuing our responsibilities in the upcoming year.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, January 2nd, 7:30 PM at Hickory Hollow BBQ. Hope to see you all there.

Our pre-New Ulm Rally meeting will be at Hickory Hollow BBQ on Wednesday, January 16th, at 6:30 PM. We're going to start planning and discuss additions and changes to this year's Rally. All Club members are welcome to attend.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming annual events and monthly meetings. Great fun to be had by all.

Ride safe and as often as you can.

Jerry

December Meeting – December 5th, 2007

Les Means banged a salt shaker at 7:32 to open the meeting.

Old Business

NEWSLETTER – Thanks given to Gale Gorman for another great newsletter.

WEBSITE – Thanks given to Jack Updyke for a great website. 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 Danny Hall.

BMOA TREASURER – Please consider stepping up and volunteering for this position in 2007.

We received a “Thank You” note from Russell Duke for our contribution to the Harvest Classic Rally. They raised \$30,000 and more than 1400 attended.

Rained hard all day for the British USA Open House. Only the diehards showed up, or as David Porter would say, “The important people were there.”

New Business

The slate of officers who have already served for 2007 stepped up again for 2008: Jerry Caves – President; Dan Farr – VP; Les Means -- Sgt at Arms; Danny Hall – Treasurer; Jack Updyke – website; Gale Gorman – Secretary & Newsletter Editor.

We had a vote by show of hands and the above slate was elected unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Danny Hall reported we are in sound financial shape and dues are starting to come in.

DONATION – We also voted to affirm the donation of \$2,500 to the Mothers Against Cancer Foundation. There was an objection followed by discussion. The objecting member wanted the Club to fund a nice annual party for the members. We decided we could do both. We will have a banquet sometime in the coming year at a Houston location. The place, date, and time will be announced.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION – The focus was on reviving our Swap Meet.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION – Newsletters are distributed on line and via snail mail at the member’s choice. Please advise Gale Gorman 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.

ATTENDANCE – 24

We adjourned at 8:12.

NEXT MEETING – January 2nd



January Meeting – 1st Wednesday (1/2/08)

2008 Calendar of Events

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

BMOA of Houston meets regularly on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM at *Hickory Hollow Restaurant*, (101 Heights Blvd.) Come early for good barbeque, stay late for bench racing, tire kicking, riding, and whatever.

January	2nd BMOA Monthly Meeting *New 16 th Pre-New Ulm Rally Meeting @ 6:30 PM, Hickory Hollow
February	6 th - BMOA Monthly Meeting 29 th thru March 9 th Daytona Beach Bike Week
March	5 th - BMOA Monthly Meeting 28 th , 29 th & 30 th Concan, BMOA Weekend
April	2 nd - BMOA Monthly Meeting *New 13 th Ton Up Specials – Swap Meet-BMOA sponsor
May	7 th - BMOA Monthly Meeting 16 th , 17 th & 18 th - BMOA New Ulm Rally, New Ulm, TX
June	1 st - Roadrunners Rally-Austin, TX (Sunday) 4 th - BMOA Monthly Meeting
July	2 nd - BMOA Monthly Meeting *New 24 th , 25 th , 26 th & 27 th Mid-Ohio Vintage Motorcycle Races & Swap Meet, Lexington, OH.
August	6 th - BMOA Monthly Meeting *New 18 th -24 th - Bonneville Speed Week *New 29 th - Davenport Iowa Swap Meet *New 29 th -31 st - Rocky Mountain Concourse d' Elegance Vincent-2008 Marquee Motorcycle- Broadmoor Hotel, Colorado Springs, CO.
September	3 rd - BMOA Monthly Meeting
October	1 st - BMOA Monthly Meeting 10 th , 11 th & 12 th NTNOA - Lake 'O Pines Rally 17 th – 19 th – Barber Vintage Festival, Birmingham, AL *New 24 th & 25 th - Harvest Classic Rally, Luckenbach, TX – Steak night
November	*New 2 nd Ton Up Specials Swap Meet – BMOA sponsor 5 th - BMOA Monthly Meeting *New Lone Star Rally, Galveston, TX (date TBA) – Club Lunch Ride 29 th British USA Open House
December	3 rd - BMOA Monthly Meeting Frosty's Christmas Party – Date, Time – TBA

B.M.O.A. – 1st Annual Dinner Party – Date, Time, Location -TBA

Bill Bath sent the following photos from Frosty's Christmas Party:



The Gathering...



The Caroling...



The Mooning after...



Frosty by his pride, joy, and probable frustration...

Woody Leone's Christmas Party

Gale Gorman

I was the only member to show up from Houston at Woody Leone's Christmas Party in Beaumont and I'm sure that was because of the weather. I waited on the rain to pass through and then took off on my Bonneville.

My mind was already made up to ride the two lane roads but in hindsight that was a mistake. What the hell, one more mistake won't hurt. The Interstate would have been dry because of all the traffic but my route was still wet from the rain a little earlier.

The storm was probably moving East at 25 or 30 mph and I was doing 80 and 90 so I caught up with it just outside of Beaumont and pulled up under the canopy of a car wash to let the rain move on.

Tested my memory of Beaumont and rode the back streets to find Leone's Cycle Shop. My first visit there was in about 1954. There was a big crowd in spite of the weather.

Dave and Debbie Smith were there from Lumberton and a lot of people showed up from my hometown of Port Arthur. Sadly, the only one I recognized was Carroll Resweber and I had to look twice at him. The last time I saw Carroll was a little more than 50 years ago.

I reminded Carroll of one of the last times I saw him. We were riding side by side on Procter Street in a fog so dense you could only make out something just beyond your front tire. We called Carroll "Mooch" in those days and he was riding backward. I yelled over to him that the light at the intersection looked like it was glowing red so we stopped. He hollered back, "You might as well turn around. You can't see anything anyway." The nickname was because he would ride by the Model Drive Inn backwards or standing on the seat and tank if someone would buy him a hamburger.

If you're not familiar with the name, Carroll was the first to win four Grand National Championships with his first coming in 1958.

Woody had a Cajun band playing until after 2 pm and the food was excellent. He had an open bar that stayed busy.

Most of the riders were on Harleys and that surprised me. I think mine was the only Triumph to make the trip. There were lots of old bikes but I believe most belonged to Woody. The most notable were a Triumph Hurricane and a John Player Norton. There was a couple of old Mustangs from the '50s and I told Woody that I bought one from his dad in about '55 or '56. God! Tempus does indeed fugit, doesn't it?

My Levis finally dried out on the ride home. Took the Interstate back to Houston and bucked a stiff headwind all the way. So the ride could have been better but the party was great.

Gale

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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!



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