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Kick Start by Steve Brown, President

Greetings friends, here we go into March of 2006 and hope everyone is doing well. If you missed our first club "Ride to the Movies" a couple of weeks ago, you missed a great mid-winter get together and group ride. We had over twenty riders meet at Hickory Hollow Restaurant that Saturday morning to ride through Memorial park into downtown and on to the Angelika Theater in the theater district. Bill Bath arranged with theater management to allow us to park on the Plaza by the theater and Hard Rock Café, quite a cool scene (see the photos on the website). Special thanks to Bill for co-coordinating the ride. We attended the matinee showing of "The World's Fastest Indian" and afterward several members met at The Alabama Icehouse for personal reviews while Malcolm attended to clutch problems on the Rocket Three (sorry Malcolm) nothing like kicking a man when he's down.

In case you haven't heard, Malcolm had a fall during Track Day at Texas World Speedway the following Monday, fracturing both wrists. He says he doing fine but let's keep him checked upon.

March brings us our BMOA Spring Picnic at Danny and Janet Hall's new (old) place in Fayetteville. Stay tuned for soon to come details and directions for their party on March 25th.

And lastly, now's the time to secure reservations for our annual Concan Weekend April 7th-9th, and while you're at it, pre-register for the New Ulm Rallye May 19th-21st. Anyone pre-registered by May 1st is eligible for a \$50.00 cash prize to be drawn at the Rallye, and remember there are only eleven RV spaces at The Fireman's Park (Ten now since John and Josie Martin are first to reserve a space) so reserve yours now. I'm anxious to see you all at the March meeting and the following events.

Fun and safe riding to you all

STEVE

February Meeting – February 1st, 2006

The meeting was opened by Steve welcoming guest and new members Barry & Donna Jones (lots of Brit bikes), Larry & Phyllis Hinds (Honda VTX with Triumph on the mind) and Brian Levack ('66 BSA Lighting project).

Old Business

Ad Hoc Ride – none

NEWSLETTER – thanks to Dan Farr for a great newsletter with contributions from John Gammage. Dan needs help with contributions to keep the newsletter interesting and informative. Please consider sending in articles and photos to help make his job easier.

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

CLUB TEE-SHIRTS – get yours now. We have re-ordered Large and Extra Large sizes in Black.

NEW ULM RALLYE – Jeff Dancey held the first Rallye committee meeting on January 18th.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR – Gale Gorman has volunteered!!!! YEA...to take over the newsletter in 2007. Thanks Gale

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 – none

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.

WORLD'S FASTEST INDIAN RIDE – Bill Bath has organized a ride on Feb 4th to see the movie Worlds Fastest Indian. Those interested will depart Hickory Hallow at 1130.

CLUB PURCHASE OF GAS GRILL – approved as we have been borrowing John Martin's for the last several years.

MARGARITA VOLUNTEER – Jerry Caves is unable to attend Concan weekend so John Martin volunteered to try to fill Jerry's shoes in this most important responsibility.

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

SPRING PICNIC – March 25th at Danny Hall's place in Fayetteville. See website for directions

ROUND TABLE – Discussion about consolidating BMOA Club items into storage unit. Paul Kopyar volunteered to continue to keep the club stuff in his storage container for the present time. Thanks Paul...

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 – March 1st

2006 dues are now due!!!

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)

March:

- 1st - **BMOA Meeting**
- 5th - Monthly Ad Hoc Ride (pre ride New Ulm Poker Run) Meet at Snappy's in Katy 9am
- 3rd-12th - Daytona Bike Week, Daytona Beach, FL (www.officialbikeweek.com)
- 25th - **BMOA Spring Picnic**

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

If you want to get somewhere before sundown, you can't stop at every tavern.

A Biker's Review of "The Worlds Fastest Indian" by Bill Bath

"The World's Fastest Indian" may be short on motorcycle riding and Bonneville racing scenes, but one thing it has plenty of is the "biker spirit". The desire to improve your bike and get the best out of it is in all of us. To be honest, we have all, at one time or another, wanted to ride it flat out, wide open, laid down, hiding behind the gas cap just to see how fast it would really go. Well, Burt Munro had that dream, that spirit of motorcycling, and he never gave it up. This movie lets you get to know and understand this man. Even more, understand why he spent his entire adult life developing and improving a motorcycle that even in 1962 was an antique.

After watching this movie (twice... so far) I can understand how he was willing and able to work on his bike 16 hours a day for ten years. I loved getting to watch him make a piston in his little shed. I loved the way he figured a way to get his trailer back on the road after breaking down in the middle of nowhere. It was great to hear him tell the tech inspectors how he made his own racing tires. And most of all, I loved riding along in that streamliner on his record run across the salt. I bet every biker felt himself looking through that tiny little windscreen, following that black line, listening to the engine scream, with the speed climbing and climbing and climbing.

Another biker trait that really showed through in this movie is the camaraderie of bikers. Who among us would not have helped push that streamliner to get it started, or wish Burt good luck like the Artic Angels, or help him out with a little something in the hat? Many people who don't care about motorcycles will write Burt Munro off as a harmless eccentric, a real gentlemen that was way too dedicated to a crazy dream, but bikers understand. We see a little bit of ourselves in Burt Munro and that is the true magic of this movie and why it will forever be the greatest movie about the spirit of motorcycling ever made.





A Report from LA LA Land By: Jeff Myers

Last month, while several BMOA members were eagerly congregating for a screening of *Brokeback Mountain*, or whatever was playing at the Angelika the day of BMOA's Ride to the Movies, I had an opportunity to visit the BSA Owner's Club of Southern California. I was on a business trip to Ontario, California, and learned the BSAOC was meeting at Buchanan Spoke and Rim in Azusa, California, for a vintage bike ride through the surrounding mountains. For a club with an admitted lack of organization, at least 40 bikes showed up for the ride and all but maybe five were vintage Brit bikes. Maybe BMOA could learn something here - myself included. All models of Triumphs, Nortons, and BSAs congregated for a 75-mile ride to a restaurant atop Mount Baldy.

The BSAOC is a real nice group of people and although I was riding a Hertz mid-size that day, they made me feel very welcome. I visited with the club members until their rider's meeting began, then I jumped into the Kia and began my own adventure touring Big Bear, Lake Arrowhead, and a couple San Bernardino wineries. I hated not being able to ride with them. About 15 miles from Buchanan, I passed a Hardly Ableson dealer that rented bikes. Drat!

With better planning, I might have been able to check out some of the fabled SoCal mountain roads on two wheels with other like-minded individuals. I took out that frustration on the Kia by racing an Altima up the mountain roads to Big Bear and, with freshly warped brake rotors, a Cobalt down from Lake Arrowhead. As they say, it is more fun driving a slow car fast than a fast car slow.

Later, I sent information about BMOA and our upcoming Rallye to the BSAOC of SoCal club President and got a response that a link to our website is now on theirs. The British bike culture is alive and well in Southern California. I hope to see some BSAOC members in New Ulm, to demonstrate that we do all right in Southern Texas, too.

Attached are a few photos of that day. Some are my own and some I robbed from the BSAOC's website.

BSAOC of SoCal is a branch of the BSAOC in England and has been in existence since Spring of 1978. Visit them at: <http://bsaoc.50megs.com/>

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 1st at Hickory Hollow, 8:00 PM





March Meeting – 1st Wednesday (3/1/06)

Packing a Triumph Twin Engine for Shipping by Paul Zuniga, Born Again Bikes

Disconnect the oil lines, and completely drain the crankcase, primary & transmission. Check each different draining for metallic particles, shavings and general lubricant condition such as color, consistency, smell and impurities including moisture.

You will need to pull the rockerboxes and the head off the engine to make it easier to get out of the frame (you must trust me on this, the less weight the better). If you don't remove AT LEAST the rockerboxes, you won't get the engine out. Better to take the head off, too, and not worry about broken fins. It helps to loosen the valve tappets, but you won't hurt anything if you don't.

Purchase a giant Rubbermaid or Sterlite bucket, I think they are about 30 x 20 x 20, they even make them with built-in wheels. Cut a piece of 1/2" or 3/4" plywood to about 1" smaller than the bottom of the bucket all the way around. Cut 4 squares of plywood, (20 of them about 8" x 8", (2) of them 6" x 6", and (2) chunks of 2x4 about 6" long.

Screw one piece of 2x4 into the center of one end of the plywood base, about 4" from the end, both items facing "longwise", the 2x4 laying on it's wide side. Set the engine on the plywood and tip the rear end up in the air, slide it back toward the 2x4.

Block it in place using rags and whatever else to get the angle right, set the bucket on the opposite side as you are working from so you can be sure to keep the finished assembly shorter than the closed lid of the bucket by at least a full inch. Slip the head & rockerboxes back in place to make sure of the finished height.

Set one of the 8x8 pieces of plywood on one side of the 2x4, up against the bottom engine mount, mark the angle to trim the plywood to clear the bottom of the tranny and then cut 2 of them the same. Set one of them back in place and stick a pencil through the engine mount hole and mark your plywood, then use a 1/2" drill and drill the pair of them the same. Screw them into both sides of the 2x4 and bolt the engine in place.

Put a wrench or something underneath the low spot of the crankcase after bolting in the rear of the engine, before marking, drilling and placing the front mounts. That way, after the front is bolted in, you pull out the wrench and the crankcase is left about 1/4" off the plywood and fully supported by the blocking. Just in case a gorilla gets a hold of the package and throws it off the truck.

Now you basically repeat the process in the front of the engine, using the main front engine mount.

You should be ready to set the engine in the bucket. Tip it to where the plywood is past vertical (engine slightly upside-down) and slide the bucket up to the assembly in the same basic orientation. "Walk" the assembly into place on the short side of the bucket till it is almost all the way in. Gently return the bucket to the horizontal position, assisting the assembly sliding all the way in place without cracking the plastic bucket. Use as much bubble wrap or foam sheeting as you can squeeze in between the sidecovers and the bucket.

Place all remaining parts, hardware, carb(s) , etc. in available space, packed in newspaper, bubble wrap or foam sheeting. Do include your kickstarter and shifter for sure, also your coils, zener diode and regulator if you want them tested when the engine is run tested and checked for leaks, etc.

Fill remaining space with packing peanuts. Set the top on the bucket and Drill SMALL (1/8") holes about every 3 or 4 inches all the way around the lip at the top edge. Place nylon zip-ties through all the holes and tighten them up, trim the excess. Tape over the entire lip of the bucket with wide clear packing tape or good duct tape.

This method can be adapted for any engine that will fit in the container to be used for shipping.

-GrandPaul

Proprietor of [Born Again Bikes Refurbs & restorations](#)

Host of the [Vintage Bikes Forum](#)

Motorcycle Wisdom:

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Written by Penny Powers and Chuck Hays

There's something ugly about a NEW bike on a trailer.



Courtesy of George Missbach are photos relative to the new Patrick Godet operation. *Elegant, no?*

From the Editor,

Gents, my apologies for the BMOA newsletter being late this month but business got in the way and there were not enough hours in the week or weekends for both. I expect in the near future this may continue as I will be traveling to Korea on a regular basis starting in March. Hopefully I will find the time for some sanity, at least thinking about British Bikes, when doing the newsletter. Gale Gorman has volunteered to help me when needed, Thanks Gale. With your assistance by submitting articles the newsletter should continue with out a hitch. I plan on making Concan weekend, but may miss the Road Runners Rallye in Austin and possibly New Ulm. This said, please take it upon yourselves to take some photos, write a paragraph or two and email them to me so I can capture these moments in the newsletter and see what I missed. Appreciate the help,

Regards,
Dan Farr, BMOA Secretary and Newsletter Editor



22nd Annual New Ulm British & European Motorcycle Rallye May 19th-21st 2006



- € Door Prizes
- € Field Events & Bike Show
- € Street Class judging by popular vote
- € Concours judging by guest professionals
- € 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.)

Name _____	Adults _____	Children** _____
Address _____		Phone _____
City _____	State _____	Zip _____
Motorcycle _____	Year _____	Model _____
Club Affiliations _____		AMA Member: [] Yes [] No
[] RV Hook-up (state size) _____		E-mail Address: _____

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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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