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Kick Start by Steve Brown, President

Hello again, hope everyone is enjoying the fine fall weather and getting to do plenty of riding. I didn't get to attend either the Lake'O the Pines Rally or Bandera weekend as you know, however I did get back to Texas in time to attend the Harvest Classic in Luckenbach, and have added it to my list of favorite fall events. This was my first time up to the Harvest Classic, and if you haven't been, I recommend that you start making room in your schedule for next year right away; it's a "don't miss" event for anyone who likes the Texas Hill Country, live music, cold beer, classic bikes or any of the above. Several members attended and some of us camped out on the grounds for a great three day weekend, hope I saw you there.

Of course November means club officer elections are right around the corner. As you know we elect officers every December during the monthly meeting, anyone with aspirations of becoming an officer please contact me before next month, now's your chance to make a difference. As I have mentioned, we have people willing to take over all the positions except treasurer. Please consider giving back something to the club that provides us all with a means to enjoy our British Motorcycles and our friends with common interests.

And finally, I'd like to wish everyone a very happy Thanksgiving (can it really be that time again already?) and hope you all get together with family and loved ones over the upcoming Holidays.

Cheers and best wishes,

STEVE

October Meeting – September 6th, 2006

Meeting was called to order by President Steve.

Lots of activity slated for October: Ride to the races – Sunday; Lake O’Pines Rallye; Bandera - 10/13, 10/14
Harvest Classic - 10/20

Old Business

NEWSLETTER – Thanks Dan Farr and 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 John Kish.

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

New Business

Ran down the slate of officers who have already stepped up for 2007: Jerry Caves – President; Dan Farr – VP; Les Means - Sgt at Arms; Jack Updyke – website; Gale Gorman – Secretary & Newsletter Editor.

TREASURER’S REPORT – The BMOA donated fifteen hundred dollars each to: Mother’s Against Cancer, The Harvest Classic Motorcycle Rally, Wounded Warriors, The Shriner’s Burn Hospital, and The Battleship USS Texas restoration Fund – WELL DONE BMOA!! We have \$8,000 cash on hand.

INDIVIDUAL RIDE (not BMOA sponsored) – Sunday, November 5th, to Sam Houston National Forest. Meet at McDonald's at hwy 59 and 105 in Cleveland gassed and ready to go at 9am.

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

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 – NOVEMBER 1ST



courtesy of Corey Levenson (bevelheads) @ Barber Vintage Festival



November Meeting – 1st Wednesday (11/1/06)

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 7:30 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)

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 the countryside seems boring, stop, get off your bike, and go sit in the ditch long enough to appreciate what was here before the asphalt came.

Ride to the Air Show by Jeff Myers

On Sunday, November 12, join BMOA for an informal back-road ride to the Fly Day (<http://www.lsfm.org/index.php?pgid=3&subid=3>) at the Lone Star Flight Museum in Galveston. There is a natural connection between motorcycles and aircraft - especially vintage motorcycles and vintage aircraft. The folks at the Lone Star Flight Museum, in my opinion, operate one of the best aircraft museums in the country and actually fly their planes. This is a great opportunity to see them in flight.

This is my favorite of the Museum's two annual events. Fly-Day is more informal compared to their Spirit of Flight Air Show held in April. I prefer this format as it allows you to enjoy the sights and sounds (I love the mechanical racket those radial engines make) of the airplanes with out the distraction of larger crowds, music piped over the PA system, or peripheral goings on.

We will have two meeting places for this ride. The first meeting place is Snappy's Café in Katy (5803 Highway Blvd / Highway 90). Be ready to depart Snappy's at 9:00 AM. I will likely have breakfast at Snappy's, so feel free to arrive earlier and join me.

From Katy, we will take back roads to the second meeting point – the Busy Bee Café in Alvin (2417 S. Gordon St.). For those who want to meet in Alvin, plan to depart the Busy Bee at 10:30 AM. From Alvin, we will avoid I-45 except for the necessary bit to get over the causeway.

Motorcycle Wisdom:

From the book:

"Sit Down, Shut Up & Hang On!"

Written by Penny Powers and Chuck Hays

If you ride like there's no tomorrow - there won't be.

2006 Lake O' the Pines Rally by Bill Bath



We had a really great group of Houston bikers at this years' rally. It was the biggest group I have seen in the five or so years that I have been dragging my old Enfield up to this beautiful piney woods event. The weather was better than it has ever been. The best part of this trip was the food. I have never eaten so well at a motorcycle rally in my life. It was all thanks to the hard work and planning of Irma Dale. I am sure Larry contributed a lot of work too because when the Dales arrived, their pickup bed was loaded to overflowing with boxes, coolers, tables and tents. Once we had all that stuff unloaded and set up, Irma proceeded to put on a demonstration of camp cooking the like of which I had never seen. Many, many thanks to Irma, and her able assistant Mary for all their hard work and the wonderful spread of food that they produced on a single camp stove and a pinewood fire.

We set up our camp of tents and trucks in the usual location down by the lake while the city folk like Frosty, Joe, and Checkerboard Mike parked their RV's on the other side of the campground. We sort of adopted Arkansas Mark. Many of you will remember him because of his colorful two-wheel riding style on an old Japanese, two-stroke sidecar rig. I think nearly everyone in our group had a flying-sidecar ride around the campground. On Saturday night, Mark even put that bike on the redneck dyno (also know as the Burnout Pit).

The burnout pit was a really great event with more riders than ever willing to turn a few hundred (thousand?) miles of tire wear into big clouds of stinky, white smoke. There was a wide range of bikes on the 2x12 plank including a couple of boys on minibikes and at least one Harley. But for me, the highlight of the night was an exhibition by a guy on a moderately chopped Triumph twin. This guy lined that Triumph up on the board, popped the clutch, wound that engine to full throttle, and held it there. Within 15 seconds, the first 12 or so inches of exhaust pipe next to the head was glowing cherry red! Another guy touched a piece of paper to the pipe and it instantly burst into flames. I'm sure the guy would have kept going but the heat radiating from the exhaust pipe softened the sparkplug wire until it drooped down, touched the red hot pipe, and caught on fire. Sorry to say the flash from my camera washed out the red glow of the pipe but you can see the flame on the spark plug wire.



HEY!! THE PLUG WIRE IS ON FIRE!

Our BMOA members took home a couple of awards in the bike show. Larry Dale's 1973 Triumph T-140 won second place in the '71-'83 Triumph class. Kevin Giles took a second in the Italian class with his Benelli Sei. At the awards ceremony, Sam Wheeler told about his speed record attempts at Bonneville. In 1970 he rode a single engine Norton streamliner into the record books as the worlds fastest Norton. Using a 750 cc Commando engine with GP carbs and remote floats, a Quaife 5 speed gearbox, some Dunlop 300mph tires, and a surplus airplane drop tank, he made a record pass at 208 mph. He mentioned that the rules were a lot less stringent in those days and the fact that he couldn't see over the front tire did not stop him from running.

The bike show yielded a few interesting motorcycles. The best restored bike was an Excelsior V-Twin. My favorite British bike was a Triumph 750 Triple rigged out in flat-tracker style. The most unusual bike in the show was a double overhead cam Jawa. Built in Czechoslovakia in the mid-50s, this 500cc bike is rarely seen outside Eastern Europe. From a mechanical standpoint, the most interesting bike was a neat little BSA "Old School Bobber". I don't know what engine the frame was built for, but with the BSA twin engine, there was not enough space to mount the carburetor behind the engine. So in a very neat, and ingenious way, the carb was mounted on a 90 degree elbow manifold that let the carb and air cleaner stick out on the left side of the bike. Amazingly enough, it ran just fine.

We had some great times around the campfire with plenty of jokes, stories, whisky, and beer. Frosty kept us laughing, Irma kept us fed, and the rest of us enjoyed the best rally that I have ever been to, bar none!



2007 is the year of Norton, it is the 100th anniversary of the Isle of Man TT racing event, and NORTON won the first race, and many more over the years. It's our plan to gather the largest collection of Norton race bikes ever in the USA at the San Jose Clubman's show in March 2007. You need to be a part of this event, it's the biggest thing to happen to Norton motorcycling, ever.

We are now calling on all our friends, complimentary members and Norton Notice sponsors to step forward and help the NCNOC produce an event to remember.

The plan to bring Norton race bikes from all over the USA is a big undertaking and getting the word out is one of our biggest issues. We need to utilize word of mouth and our entire sister clubs network and Yahoo groups to let the British motoring groups know. We ask in these early stages that if you know of any owners of these legends to please use your influence to encourage them to contact me or the NCNOC to insure their participation.

Part of the plan also includes some of the riders of these bikes to be present to talk of their involvement with Norton and reminisces of riding and racing these fine motorcycles. This part of the plan needs some sponsorship; we are looking for enthusiasts to help underwrite various expenses. There is now a Donation Button now on the NCNOC website for just such a purpose.

For major sponsorship interest for this event please contact me via the website or by calling my home number at 408.961.3468. This event will be well covered by major motorcycle magazines and local TV, as well as web cast.

Become a part of this wonderful year of Norton with your involvement.

Best regards,
Lorin Guy, President NCNOC
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Team Malcolm with Mechanic Ernie Shick at Barber Vintage Festival Races



courtesy of Corey Levenson (bevelheads) @ Barber Vintage Festival

Do you notice anything a bit strange about the Norton café racer above left or the Kawasaki's below?
(hint: Norvin; 5cyl;V8)



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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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