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## Kick Start by Jerry Caves, President

WOW, can you believe that Thanksgiving is over and Christmas will be here in about 30 days?. Unfortunately, I haven't been riding lately due to the weather and my hectic travel schedule. Even with the rain this past Thanksgiving weekend, I managed to stay busy. Thanksgiving dinner was at the in-laws, and then on Black Friday morning I was out the front door at 6:00 AM with the missus to catch some Christmas gifts on sale. On Friday afternoon I attended the annual AutoRama Car & Bike Show, and on Saturday afternoon I was at Cliff Holland's British USA Open House. On Sunday, I had coffee with the Kingwood Starbucks riders. So despite the weather, I had a great weekend. I hope all of you had an enjoyable time over the past holiday!

At the December meeting, we will be conducting elections for the 2008 officer positions. Anyone who would like to volunteer for any office, please step forward and let us know. All paid up members are eligible. And on that note, please get your 2008 dues in early.

I just spoke to our good friend Alan Frost. He and Kath are hosting their annual Christmas party on Saturday, December 29<sup>th</sup> in Willis. If you have not attended one of the Frost's parties you've missed a great time. I will definitely be there rain or shine.

The Club Officers and Rally Coordinator will be conducting a pre-New Ulm Rally meeting Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM at Hickory Hollow BBQ. All Club Members are invited to join us at this meeting. We'll be discussing the recommendations for additions and changes that will take place for the making of a better Rally next year.

The Club's charitable donation this year will be made to the "Mothers Against Cancer" organization. One hundred percent of the monies donated to this Charity go to help support their worthy cause.

One last thing, the Club received a thank you letter from Russell Duke, Founder of the Central Texas Motorcycle Charities, "Harvest Classic Rally". As you know the BMOA donated \$1000.00, a Titanium sponsorship, to the Children's Candlelighters Cancer Foundation. The 2007 Harvest Classic had over 1400 people attend their weekend event and raised \$30,000.00 for this charity. Many of us went, enjoyed the weekend and took pleasure knowing that our Club is a supporter of their foundation.

The BMOA has had a great and exciting 2007 year and I know we all are looking forward to a fulfilling year in 2008.

Ride safe and as often as you can.

Jerry

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## **November Meeting – November 7th, 2007**

Meeting was called to order by Les means at 7:30. Actually he just said, "SHUT UP!" and we did.

Our President, Jerry Caves, was away on business; Vice Pres Dan Farr was away also, so Treasurer Dan Hall conducted the meeting.

Chris Holley was a guest and joined our group before we quit for the evening. Welcome, Chris.

### **Old Business**

**WEBSITE** – Thanks given to Jack Updyke for a great website. Send items of interest to Jack for posting on the website. We had a short discussion about Jack. No one has seen him.

**NEWSLETTER** – Thanks given to Gale Gorman for editing the newsletter. Send items of interest to Gale for publication.

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

Annual dues were due on January 1<sup>st</sup>. If you haven't turned in your renewal, please take care of it this month. Make sure to submit your payment with a renewal form so we can keep an accurate record of receipts and contact information.

**Ride to the Races** – Many thanks to Paul Kopyar for lugging all the cooking stuff to College Station.

**Lake of the Pines** – Mike McGill won the '72 Norton Combat they raffled off. Luis Llano picked up a trophy for longest distance to the event. Seems he went to Syracuse, NY to pick up a bike and rode it to the rally.

**Harvest Classic** – Dan Farr, Mike Scott, and Dick Somerville all won with their entries to the judging.

### **New Business**

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Dan Hall reported our finances are in good shape and we need to disburse funds to the charity chosen by the president.

**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](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.

**New Ulm Rally** – Some discussion came up and it was tabled pending the Mid-January meeting where all things pertinent to New Ulm will be decided. Time and date of the meeting will be announced and all are welcome to attend.

**SWAP MEETS** – Les Means of Ton-Up Specials will host a swap meet on October 28<sup>th</sup> at Washington and Henderson Streets. Wild West will have a swap meet December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**ELECTIONS** – Please attend next meeting to nominate and vote on officers for 2008.

We adjourned at 8:00.

**ATTENDANCE** – 18 (pretty slack this month)

**NEXT MEETING** – December 5, 2007



## December Meeting – 1st Wednesday (12/5/07)

### 2007 Calendar of Events

(also check the website [www.bmoaonline.com](http://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)

**December 5<sup>th</sup> BMOA Monthly meeting (Election time)**

**Other picnics and rides scheduled as interest and weather permits.**

**The TON UP Club meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at Cosmo's.**

**We're running out of events for 2007 but then the year is almost gone too.**

## Ton Up Specials Swap Meet

By Bill Bath

It was really great to see that quite a few BMOA members and riders turned out to support the first Ton Up Specials Swap Meet. Although the amount of goods to be swapped has fallen off sharply in the past few years, it was still a good day to take a ride and get together with friends and fellow club members. Les Means deserves a big vote of thanks for sponsoring this event and for finding a location. To be sure, it was the first swap meet that I have been to that featured a full bar adjacent to the parking area.

The event was headquartered in the parking lot behind the Darkhorse Tavern just off Washington Avenue near downtown. An adjacent parking lot provided space for the swap meet vendors. Although the selection of goods was rather limited, one guy was able to score a great bargain on some BSA parts. We took over the picnic tables on the covered patio behind the Darkhorse and Les provided hot dogs with chili, sauerkraut, and chips. He also turned up some stuffed grapeleaf-wrapped things that looked a little strange but tasted great. Later in the afternoon, Les took a group of us on a tour of his new shop just a short block away on East 6 ½ street, just off Washington. It's not a lot to look at now but it sure has a lot of potential.

All the BMOA members who showed up for this meet deserve a round of applause. It is only through the participation of the members that we can continue to have a club like the BMOA. Our club is built on the work of volunteers and without the support of the membership, who will want to volunteer? It is up to the members to make an effort to show up at events like this. The more bikes that show up, the more fun we have. So do your part, crank up that bike, and support the BMOA whenever you can.







We have been invited to a couple of Christmas parties!

The first is at:

## Leone's Cycle Shop

4940 MLK Pkwy, Beaumont, TX  
Saturday, December 22nd, 11 to 2

There will be food and a Cajun band!

I-10 is the boring way to find Beaumont but also the quickest.

I'll be taking old Hwy. 90 through all the little towns: Dayton, Liberty, Ames, Raywood, Devers, Nome, China, and this dumps me in Beaumont on College Avenue.

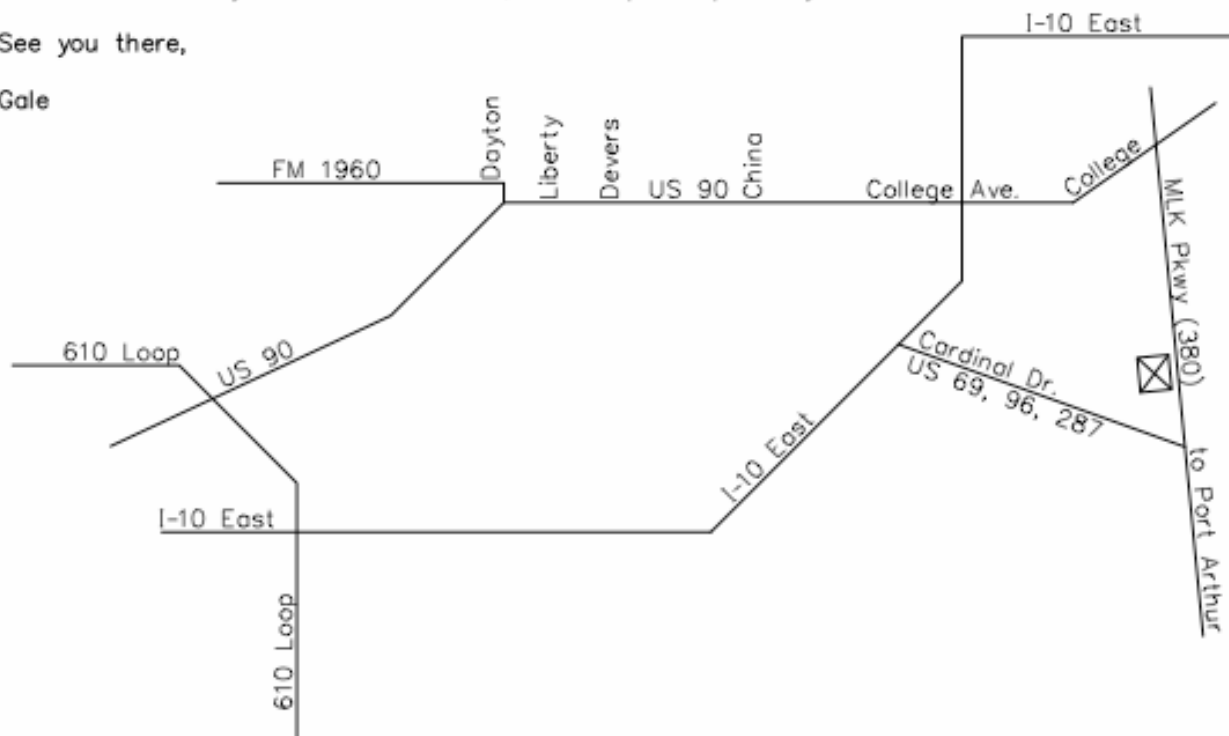
Take a right off College at MLK (380) and after a couple of miles, look for Leone's on the right. I'm not sure which exit to take off MLK but it's probably Virginia Street.

I grew up a little farther down the road at Port Arthur and my first visit to Leone's Cycle Shop was in 1953 or '54. At that time exits hadn't been thought of yet; you just turned into Woody Leone's driveway and slid to a stop.

For those of you who insist on patronizing the interstates, I-10 comes into Beaumont heading almost due north and you will need to take exit 849 toward Port Arthur. This is also US 69, 96, 287, and W. Cardinal Drive. Sounds like you have four choices but all head the same way. For the sake of simplicity stay on Cardinal Drive until you see MLK (380) heading north. Take this exit and keep an eye out for Leone's on the left. It will come up quickly but you'll have to go to the first exit past the shop to make a U-turn. I could steer you through the back streets and save you a minute or two, but simple is probably best.

See you there,

Gale



The next is at Frosty's. See next page:

# KATH & AL'S CHRISTMAS 2007

Saturday, December 29th, 1:00 - 6:00pm

12410 Maggie Lane, Willis, TX



**BRING A BOTTLE - AND A DISH - EITHER/OR - NEITHER/NOR.**

**IF YOU WANNA SIT, BRING SOMETHING TO SIT ON - OR STEAL A SEAT (JOKING!).**

**THIS YEAR, INSTEAD OF OUR REGULAR 'RAFFLE', WE ARE HAVING TABLES SET UP FOR DONATIONS TO WOMEN/CHILDREN'S SHELTERS AND ANIMAL SHELTERS - SO -**

**PLEASE BRING SOMETHING FOR THEM. ANYTHING WILL DO TO HELP THOSE IN NEED. FROM WOMEN'S TOILETRIES, TO BABY SUPPLIES, TO EVEN A CAN OF CAT FOOD, OR A DOG LEASH. RAID YOUR CLOSETS, YOUR PANTRIES - RAID YOUR**

**KID'S CLOSETS, AND THEIR TOY BOXES, RAID YOUR PET'S SUPPLIES, AND TOY BOXES RAID YOUR NEIGHBOR'S HOUSES - IF YOU CAN! ASK YOUR LOCAL VENDORS IF THEY**

**WOULD LIKE TO DONATE - ANYTHING WILL BE APPRECIATED BY THOSE IN NEED.**

**WHEN YOU 'DROP' OFF YOUR DONATION (MONEY IF YOU WANT TO) YOU WILL BE GIVEN A TICKET FOR 'DOOR PRIZES'.**

**AS USUAL, WE ARE ARRANGING ONE OR TWO 'THINGS' FOR YOU TO ENJOY, THE FIRST ONE BEING AT 2:30PM - SO DON'T MISS 'EM!**

**P.S. PLEASE DO NOT R.S.V.P.**

**P.P.S. ADULTS ONLY.**

*Hope you can make it, but if not, we  
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*Kath & Al*

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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 1<sup>st</sup>.

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting!



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