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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Mark King

Your president is out of the State right now and didn't get his article in for this issue of the newsletter. Let's hope he is having a great time. Maybe he will tell us all about it when he returns home.

Ride Safely, Mark

Jim Bryson is the new owner of the BMW dealership in Birmingham. If you are down that way, drop by and say hello!

Trivia:

- *A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.
- *A "jiffy" is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second
- *All 50 States are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the \$5 bill.
- **"Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt"

Kermit Chairs will be at the RA Rally, selling chairs this weekend. Go by and see them, and buy a chair.

If you are planning to go, let me know. I would like to send the banner for them to display. Lee also will try to save you a camping spot if you want him to. Contact me or Lee and let us know if you plan to be there.

**MEETING
FARRO'S
COOL SPRING
MALLORY LANE**

**OCTOBER 7, 2003
6:00 PM**

I sent this by email, but thought some of you who don't have email, might be interested in it.

Team Magic will be holding a durathlon in College Grove on the weekend of October 12th. They are in need of motorcycle support on the race course. A durathlon is a race which requires participants to Run 10k then bike 40k then run another 10k. Motorcycle support is needed on the bike course during the race. Please contact

Faye Yates [triyates@comcast.net]
She is the event organizer and can describe the event and requirements in more detail.

Thanks
Darren Henson

dhens@gspnet.com

AN UPDATE FROM TOM MARTIN

I thought it's be nice to take a few minutes to let you all know how I am doing, since I have had so many calls, cards and e-mails after my accident. I appreciate the kindness shown by each of you (and all my other good friends and co-workers) in your messages.

Briefly, while on the way to work on the R1150R on August 8th, I was struck by a hit-and-run driver who was trying to beat the stoplight at 16th and Edgehill. The accident was at low speed (at least on my part) and the bike only suffered cosmetic damage when it fell on the left side. I was not quite so lucky as I did a perfect one-point landing on my left shoulder and the top part of the upper arm bone was shattered into 4 pieces. I was otherwise unhurt and my good luck was that I was sent to a skillful Orthopedic Surgeon at Vanderbilt who saved the shoulder with arthroscopic surgery and six temporary pins to hold everything together until it knit back together. I am now back at work, trying to be full-time, and beginning what can only be called some torturous rehabilitation which may run upwards of a year. I am told that the left shoulder may get to 80% of normal if I work hard at the rehab. I am fine and am actively working on the exercises, but the constant pain can be debilitating. Bike's back to normal as well-Scott, Jesse, Tim et al done real good, and she's beautiful again (important since all I can do for a while is look).

LESSONS LEARNED

1. Look left and right before proceeding (I got unnecessarily fixated on the repaving of Edgehill, which would have made no difference).
2. Carry lots of uninsured motorist coverage-that's where a hit-and-run driver will leave you (and I was OK on this one).
3. Be prepared to be AMAZED at how caring your friends and co-workers REALLY are.....right now you have NO IDEA.

Thanks to all of you.....I hope to see you at the club meeting on October 7th.



This is Tom at a Trash Pickup. It's almost that time again. The last time we fed you for coming out to help with the trash. If we don't do that again, we will give a reward of some sort. We appreciate Tom chairing this event for the club. Thanks Tom, and we're glad you are on the road to recovery.



Ride to the -



Trash Pickup



WEBSITES

OUR BMW WEB ADDRESS

**NOTICE: OUR NEW WEB ADDRESS IS:
BMWCON.ORG**

**THE OLD ADDRESS IS NO LONGER VALID
PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THIS SO YOU WILL
BE ABLE TO LOGON TO THE SITE. THIS WAS
PUT TOGETHER BY OUR SECRETARY, CHAD
HARGIS.**

**CHECK IT OUT AND THANK HIM WHEN YOU
SEE HIM AT THE NEXT MEETING.**

**YOU CAN DOWNLOAD AN APPLICATION AND
FIND OUT ALL SORTS OF GOOD THINGS.
CHECK IT OUT.**

email: {<mailto:pw630@aol.com>}

<http://nashlinks.com/remember.htm>

[www.bmwmoa.org/features/080502openhouse.
htm](http://www.bmwmoa.org/features/080502openhouse.htm)

Alabama Club: {www.merrill.org/bmwmoa }

**Barbers museum information: { [www.barber
museum.org](http://www.barbermuseum.org)**

{ www.bmwmoa.org/ }

www.bmwra.com

{ www.bmwriders.com/ }

www.cycleshows.com/index.html

Bloodworth Motorsports: bloodmotor.com

Knoxville

<http://tailofthedragon.com>

<http://www.sportbikeshop.com/index.htm>

<http://www.sportbikeshop.com/weblinks.html>

NEW: {www.mcwriders@motorcycleworld.com}

Iberian Moto Tours – { www.imt-bike.com }

www.AmericanMotor.com

www.midsouthswapmeet.com

<http://www.miamimotorcycle.com>

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GLOBEBUSTERS www.globbusters.com

CLUB MEETINGS & EVENTS

BMWRA Rally http://www.bmwra.org/rally_2003.htm

US Desmo Club (Ducati's) is having a Rally in Greenville, TN
Later this year.

Go to their website for more info. www.usdesmo.com/events.html

Colonial Virginia Motorcycle Rally – Oct 10 - 12

website: www.bmwchr.org

Annual Gathering of Friends – Oct 17 – 19

BMW Club of Houston – Fredericksburg, TX

www.bmwclub.org

Gatorally - Oct 31 – Nov 2

Tri-County BMW Riders of FLA

email: artfinjoe@aol.com

MEETINGS

OCTOBER 7, 2003 - 6:00 PM

BMW Motorcycle Club of Nashville

FARRO'S ITALIAN Restaurant

MALLORY LANE, AT COOL SPRINGS



Letter from the Editor

Polly Wright

This next meeting will be held at Farro's in the Cool Springs area. I hope all of you will be able to attend. They are going to open the place just for us. It should be a good place to meet since we won't have the interruptions of other diners. We don't have a lot of business to discuss, so you can kick tires and tell lies all you want, after the short business meeting. I also really need to know how many of you will be at the meeting. Please call me or email me and let me know how many will be there.

We will be nominating officers for the next year, so if you want to hold an office or know of someone who would like to hold an office, please let us know. **BE SURE YOU GET PERMISSION BEFORE YOU NOMINATE SOMEONE.**

Don't forget about the RA Rally at Barber's in Birmingham, Alabama. It will be the 2nd of October through the 5th. If you plan to go and want someone to ride with you, let me know or hook up with them at the meeting.

NEW MEMBERS:

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Fairview, TN 37062
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W 741-8372

Ron Shapton
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Franklin, TN 37064
H 790-6681
W 791-9774

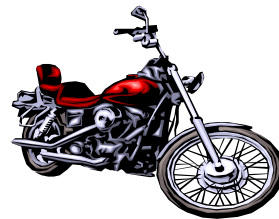
Danny Wiley
7129 Poplar Creek Tc
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W 463-2427

DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE RA RALLY THIS COMING WEEKEND. ACTUALLY, YOU MAY NOT GET THIS NEWSLETTER IN TIME TO BE REMINDED OF IT. THE DATES ARE: Oct 2 – 5th

**It's Listed as the Triple B in 2003
Beemers, Barbers and Birmingham
This should be one of RA's best Rally's
Hope you will be able to make it.
RA RALLY CHAIRMEN AND DIRECTORS**

List of Chairmen and directors

Juli Tucker - Ra Rally Coordinator
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Greetings. I'm looking to you for help with an injured BMW rider and offering as well to help your Club.

You may have heard that Tom Pomeroy had a serious accident at the Rocket City Rally while on a group ride led by a Rocket City club member. His medical bills now total over \$50,000 and the Club itself did a wonderful thing to pass the hat for him at the Rally. Tom at the time and currently was laid off of work and has no health insurance coverage.

His injury was the impetus for the creation of a web site to help injured riders and also clubs who may wish to raise funds for an injured member of their club. That web site is www.RiderToRider.Com. It would be great if you could call the site to the attention of your club members. The goal is to create a web site that is simply a mechanism for folks to directly pass the hat and contribute, in this case to Tom, but at other times to others including their own club members should it come to that.

The goal of RiderToRider.Com is simply to use the internet to pass the hat to help other riders in need facing serious medical bills with little ability to pay following an accident. Let's see if folks reach out to Tom Pomeroy who is now listed on the site. Riders are also invited to sign up so they can get word of others like Tom facing a similar predicament. All funds go directly to the intended person by the means reviewed at the web site...and I mean directly into the rider's checking account.

RiderToRider.Com also makes it easy for clubs to help their own members. If clubs need to, they can use the website so that members can "pass the hat in cyber space". This will happen as funds go directly to the rider and the web site is simply the agent to link RiderToRider. The mechanism for this is described at the web site. And I'm happy to personally address any concerns or issues you might have.

I'm not sure if this concept is going to take root. The larger goal of course would be to have a large pool of folks who "gift" \$5 a couple of times a year to a rider in need. If we had 10,000 such folks then their pocket change we could make a huge difference for a rider in need.

Let's see if anyone takes an interest. If not, we can always just close it down. I'm sure Tom could use a good word in any case. His contact e-mail is on the web site. And if this first salvo and test case gets a response we can keep pushing along so that once in a while we can help others. Feel free to use the site to help any of your club members should you need a mechanism whereby all funds go to the rider so that your club members can easily help one of their own.

So, I'd appreciate your calling this site and Tom's situation to the attention of your members. And if that gives you any anxiety or concern please get back to me with your questions. Thanks!

Dancin Dave Cwi on behalf of
RiderToRider.Com



Steve Stratz, John Lensgraf, with his dad Art Lensgraf



Terry Elliott, John Menefee, Our Pres. Mark King, and David Sparkman



Musle Man, Bruce Fahnestock. Great Pose, Bruce.

DAYDREAMS

By Steve Stratz

I write this on a very pleasant Sunday afternoon from my patio between grilling some chicken and corn on my propane-powered Turbo 2000 Ashpilemaker and sucking back a couple or six Coronas brewed specifically for my stupor-inducing enjoyment. It's times like this that I wonder what I've done to earn such a charmed existence with a loving, caring family that is safe, happy and healthy and a standard of living that allows the pursuit of social activities and hobbies that far surpass mere survival and existence. I realize that it is due much more from what others have done before me than what I have done for myself, and for that I thank all those who have or are now serving our country.

Of those pursuits, motorcycling became a passion of mine at the age of 14 with the acquisition of my first bike, a Yamaha GT80. Although I have dabbled in other sports such as skiing, skydiving and kayaking, the only thing that has consumed my interest as much has been flying. As you can imagine, airplanes helped me dig a financial hole that took years to climb back out of, so I had to give that up after the third and last child was born. One of the beauties of motorcycling is how relatively inexpensive it can be, although some of you have shown me ways of dispelling that belief.

I had the great fortune of meeting Art Lensgraf back in the mid-eighties. We were both dating the same Jamaican stripper from Deja Vu. No, just kidding. We began riding together and became good friends, though he teased me often for riding that "same old Yamaha" XJ650 year after year. He would always have a different BMW each season, and did his best to convert me. His persistence finally got to me, so after 15 years of badgering I bought a BMW. But not before reading a few books on the history of BMW, and joining the MOA and the RA, as well as the BMW Owners Club of Nashville 2 years before doing so.

Of all BMW's assets, it's the riding community that is the best. It is this community, including local, national and web-based, that has really attracted me to the brand. Remember, I was in this club for two years riding my Yamahas before getting my first BMW. Never did I feel like an outsider, and was warmly welcomed by everyone at the meetings and rides. With this in mind, I

urge all of you to seek out the new faces and introduce yourselves when you see them.

I knew I was one of the family when I was asked to be the Ride Chairman for the club this year. This has given me the opportunity to serve some purpose with the club, and to share some of my favorite roads while getting to know more of the members better. This does not exclude any one of you from organizing or leading a ride of your own choosing, in fact it is highly encouraged. Even if you just want to contribute an idea for a ride, please do. At the very least, take advantage of these group rides as a way to add some variation to your personal rides. We would enjoy your company, and I'm getting better at catering to riders of all skill levels. We are also fast approaching election time for new club officers, so if you would like to share some of your talents as one of the officers or would just like to put an end to Mark King's Two Year Reign of Terror, please speak up.

Well I started out writing this with the intent of giving a ride report of the Charohala trip, but the Coronas took me down a different road much like bad traffic or straight highways will. Thanks for bearing with me through my musings, your tolerance is greatly appreciated.

Cheers! Steve Stratz

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F650GS Dakar

Yes I know it's the weekend of the RA, but if anyone is around that weekend and would like to have some fun in the woods....

Anyone who might have interest in volunteering to judge a Vintage Observed Trials competition on October 4-5th in Dickson Tennessee, please contact me at your earliest opportunity. Judge training will be conducted at the event and food will be provided by John Hamilton (Pig and Pie).

Rick Mathis
615-714-7333



FOR SALE

R1100RT

1997 Blue RT with under 40 on the clock. Ohlins front and rear. Less than 2k on Bridgestone tires. System cases with truck. Corbin saddle w/back rest pad on the truck. Stock seat included. Bike includes BMW saddle bag liners and tank bag. Heated grips and ABS. BMW alarm w/remote E-mail me for pictures.

Price: \$8000 neg

Contact Tom Lees at

<tom.lees@thompsonpower.com>

Telephone 615 251 8642

Lorenzo Hill has a '78 R/7 1000 Forrest Green & Gold, 8 1/2 gal tank, just painted, Lufmeister bags and inserts, Mag wheels, extra seat, with other extras. He wants \$1300. and you can contact him at **615-860-5089**. He needs to sell the bike, so give him a call.

For Sale: 1975 R90S. Totally restored in '94 and only 23,000 miles. Krausers w/ liners, Lester wheels, elec ignition, deep oil pan and more. \$5,000
Greg Sample 371-5647
greg_sample@pmagroup.com for pics or more info.

FOR SALE - BMW K1200LT - 1999 - Champagne Color w/ 2 matching helmets New BMW intercom system and new tires. Lowered heated seat. Lambswool seat covers. Passenger arm rests. Luggage Rack. BMW Bike Cover. 15,000 miles. \$14,000 Call (615)773-2677 or email Jim at jwdeakins@direcway.com Jim is sick and will not be able to ride again, at least for a long time and they could use the money to help defray the medical expenses.

two items for sale.

1. Factory BMW K 1100 LT system case liners - new and unused. Still have the packing paper inside. I have all three - left, right and top case. Blue and gray with leather trim - very handsome. Appear to be waterproof, but I'm not sure about that. New the side cases liners are \$186 each and the top case liner is \$224. Total new is \$596 plus tax. I'll sell the set for \$300. Call Steve Page 373-8689 home.

2. Staintune exhaust system complete for R1100 RT/RS and R1150 RT/RS. Model 117E3. All clamps, removable baffle and oxygen sensor plug and original shipping box included. Used about six months. Like new, no dents or scratches. Some heat discoloration (normal). New \$975 list. Available at RL Motorcycles Inc. (www.cyclesaddles.com) for \$901.87 plus shipping. My price -- \$650. Call Steve Page 373-8689.

This is a stock 2001 BMW R1150GS with 31,000 miles. Bike includes the BMW system cases but is otherwise stock. It is in excellent condition and recently serviced and all fluids changed (brake, clutch, oil, transmission, differential). New tires. It has the remainder of the factory 3 year/36,000 mile warranty so buy with confidence! This is one of the strongest running GSes around. \$9,500 - Call Bill at 615-792-5296

Motorcycle helmet -- Bieffe RT Classic full-face helmet. Dot and Snell 2000 approved. Silver metallic color, size 7 (adult small). Never used, still in box. Comfortable, washable liner. \$60. See photo.
Jim Stafford (615-444-5774)

I have a nice 1999 SV 650 For Sale.

It has a 2mm wisco piston kit, Racetech front end, Ohlins rear shock, Clubman bars, frame protectors, fairing and tail section that has never been on the bike, Yosh exhaust, larger front sprocket and a pair of 01's. I got it for track days and my health has prevented me from having it on the track for more than two times. All stock parts included. This is a great bike for those track days \$4000.0

Murray Loy
Bristol, Tn
Cell 423 914-2364

Pristine 1996 R1100 R
Silver with saddle bags, windshield, Corbin seat and low miles.

I have a newer and bigger one to takes its place.
\$5,400.
Call Mike Dioguardi 298-2869

I have a friend who is about to adopt his grandson, and motorcycling is very important part of his life.....he is trying to locate someone selling a sidecar rig so he can continue riding with his wife and grandson.....If you know of any for sale, or could get this out to the membership and other clubs, I would be very grateful!!! Peace Ride4 Safe Jake
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sjacobs@thearcctn.org

For Sale: 1974 R60/6 Black w/ fairing, bags, Krauser engine guards, 57K, good overall condition, mechanically excellent, 1996 total rebuild @ Bloodworths w/ 1K miles since - BMW battery charger included. \$1500.00 firm. Contact: Van Latture @ 405-2661 or Latture@mac.com

HIGHLIGHTS

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Next Meeting

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FARRO'S ITALIAN
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MALLORY LANE
COOL SPRINGS AREA**

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