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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Polly Wright

It is almost 2009, and I can hardly believe I have made it through 2 years as President of OUR CLUB. It has been more fun than work. I know someone else could have done a better job, but I'm not sure they would have cared as much as I have, that the club stays a success. I've seen us go from 14 people to 104. Murray Loy was president when we had the largest attendance. Just shows what promoting this club will do for you. He was very good at that. Me, I just loved it, and tried to make it a good club with as many interesting things to do as I could.

We have done a lot in the past two years, and beyond. Eleven years ago, we started the Rally. It's hard to believe this will be the 11th year. Ron Brant did a great job as chair for the last two years as well as all the other Chairmen we have had. I don't have room to mention all of them right now, but all the folks who have helped each year are the reason it has been such a great success. Larry Dreaden, Buddy Burnett, and especially Mary Burnett who has worked registration for I don't know how many years.

To all of you who have helped, a **BIG THANK YOU FROM ME.** Please don't feel left out because I didn't mention your name. Most everyone knows who you are and how hard you worked at the Rally.

Ron Brant led rides the past two years, and I appreciate his efforts with very few of you participating in the rides.

Thanks for all the articles you have submitted for the newsletter. Again, I don't have room to mention all of you, but I do thank you for that.

I started out with this club at the second meeting they held and I don't think I have missed 10 meetings in all these years. January of 1980, when the first meeting was held. The first newsletter was issued in May of 1980.

Danny Wiley will make a very good president this year, and with the help of the VP, Andy Valentine,

Secretary, Larry Dreaden, Treasurer, David Sparkman, and Lee Waggoner, Activities Director, we should have a great year. I am still doing the newsletter with Mike Gillespie's help, and he is a great help. Maybe the most important one of all is Ron Wade who is Rally Chairman this year. He will need your help so step up and lend a hand.

GREAT BIG THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE HELPED ME ALONG THE WAY. I REALLY APPRECIATE IT.
Polly

BMW MEETING
POLAR BEAR RIDE/BREAKFAST
PUCKETTS RESTAURANT
4TH AVE. SOUTH
FRANKLIN, TN
TIME IS 9:00 AM
January 1, 2009

HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

SCOTT STAPLETON 1/7
JAN RICHEY 1/12
CHARLIE HOLT 1/14
RALEIGH HOLTAM 1/21

2009 Polar Bear Ride

The BMW Motorcycle Club of Nashville will hold its annual Polar Bear Ride on January 1st, 2009. We will meet for breakfast at 9: am at Puckett's Grocery in downtown Franklin on 4th Avenue. We will be leaving the restaurant at 10:00 am to head out on our ride. Please RSVP to pw630@aol.com.

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FOR SALE

For Sale **1986 R65** with (Don Vesco) Rapid Transit Fairing, BMW Blue, Third woman owner. Lowered for her height. Blue, 22,000 original miles, (classic), Reynolds rack, bmw hard side bags, corbin seat....perfect solution to the gas crisis. Perfect bike if Inseam Challenged please call or e-mail 615 668-4135 sjacobsarc@aol.com **\$3800.00**

For Sale **2000** Blue and White **Bmw R1150 GS**....Good tire on front, Brand New tire on rear....heated grips, stock seat, stock windshield, stock exhaust, blue and white body work in very good condition. No side bags included... 128,000+ miles. Solution to the gas price crisis. Please call cell 615 668-4135 or e-mail sjacobsarc@aol.com **\$4000.00.**

For Sale **2003** 100th Anniversary, **Harley Davidson Road Glide**, Black, Anniversary covers, chopped black tour pack, new tires front and rear, 1550 Sreamin Eagle engine, scrape on outer fairing but new HD fairing comes with sale....priced thousands below dealer pricing. 21,000+ miles....beat the gas crisis, Please call or e-mail today 615 668-4135 sjacobsarc@aol.com . **\$11,500.00**

PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHEN YOUR ITEMS HAVE SOLD.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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www.bmwmoa.info Georgia Mountain Rally
www.curvecowboyreunion.com
www.bmwrok.org/rok_on_rally.htm
www.tdot.state.tn.us/tdotsmartway

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<http://www.helen2wheels.com/>
WWW.MUSICCITYPOWERSPORTS.COM

www.motorcycleevents.com

Web Sites on Motorcycle Camping
www.cyclefish.com/motorcycle_camping.asp
www.ridemvown.com/links/camping.shtml
www.wetleather.com/pages/camping.html

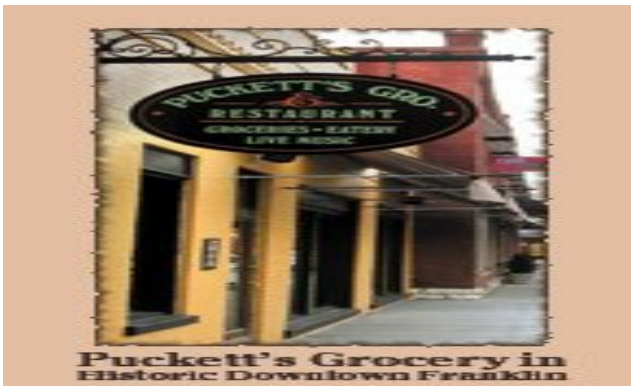
Web Sites on Motorcycle Travel
www.byways.org/
www.motorcycleroads.us/index.html
iwebwonder.com/Backroads/index2.html
www.travelingbikers.com

**AMA BMW National Adventure Riding Series 2009
Schedule**

The AMA NARS is a new yearly riding series of approximately 15 multi-day events designed specifically for adventure / dual sport motorcycle enthusiasts that takes place all over the United States.

The AMA NARS is a truly national series with events from coast to coast. Please click below to see the current 2009 NARS schedule. There will be additional events and we are working with the AMA to hold events in areas that do not currently have a ride scheduled.

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BMW Motorcycle Club Of
Nashville 2009 Calendar of

Events

JANUARY

Jan 1 – Annual Polar Bear Ride – Puckett's Grocery in Franklin

Jan 10 & 11 Music City Motorcycle Show – Tennessee State Fair Grounds

Jan 23 – 25 - Great American Motorcycle Show – Norcross GA

FEBRUARY

Feb 3 –Chili cook off at Bloodworth Motorcycles

Feb 21 – Supercross in Atlanta

Feb 27 –Mar 8 Daytona Bike Week

MARCH

March 3 – Club Meeting – TBA

March 7 – Club Ride

APRIL

April 3 – 5 - AMA SuperBike Races at Road Atlanta

April 3 – 5 - Dogwood Trail Rally Mississippi

April 7 – Club Meeting – TBA

April 11 – Club Ride

April 24 – Ed Bargey Track Day at the Nashville Superspeedway

April 25-26 - WERA Regional Race, Nashville Superspeedway, Nashville, TN

MAY

May 16 – 18 European Riders Rally

May Great Chicken Rally, BMW Club of Alabama

JULY

July 16 – 19 - BMWMOA Rally in Gray, TN

July 23 – 26 - BMW RA International Rally Canaan Valley, WV

Bloodworth Motorcycles Pre-owned Motorcycles

Bloodworth Motorcycles has a nice selection of quality pro-owned motorcycles. We are also actively seeking pre-owned BMW motorcycles to buy. If you or someone you know would like to sell outright or even trade their bike, please get in touch with the sales staff at the dealership. If you know of something you would like to inquire about, please call or come by. As always, check the Bloodworth web site at www.bloodmotor.com for details on these bikes and other information.

Pre-owned BMW Motorcycles

1992 K75 Red 20,000mi	\$ 4,600.00
2002 R1200C Gray 2000mi	\$ 9,000.00
2003 F650CS Lt. Blue 3,720mi	\$ 4,990.00

2003 R1200CLC silver 13,100mi	\$ 8300.00
2005 R1200RT Graphite 39,900mi	\$ 12,000.00
2005 K1200S blue, bags 2,463mi	\$ 11,990.00
2006 K1200R silver 4,650mi	\$12,990.00
2007 F800S yellow 900mi	\$ 9,199.00
2007 R1200S black, bags 2,900mi	\$10,990.00
2007 G650 X Moto Red 2,800mi	\$ 5,700.00

Pre-owned Ducati Motorcycles

2001 MH 900E Red/silver 1,600mi	\$14,990.00
2001 M900 S4 Red 2,196mi	\$ 6,700.00
2002 748 Yellow 5,222	\$ 6,390.00
2003 999S red 535mi	\$ 12,500.00
2004 Multistrada DS1000 red 2951 mi	\$ 6,900.00
2007 Monster S4RS Pearl 1539mi	\$ 12,500.00



**The Only Motorcycle Show In Atlanta for 2009!
Located at the North American Trade Center
Atlanta GA**

See & compare the new cycles for 2009, plus parts, accessories, and everything you need to get on the open road.

Since 1992, The Great American Motorcycle Show has been the place to buy a new motorcycle and the accessories you need. Join us for Georgia's ONLY indoor bike show January 23-25! The show is full of 2009 motorcycles brought to you by Georgia's leading dealers.



See foreign and domestic motorcycles, one of a kind custom bikes, cruisers, choppers, and touring

bikes. Get great deals on motorcycles, trailers, tow vehicles, ATVs, scooters, LED lights, detail products, patches and sewers, riding glasses, helmets, resorts, seat cushions, accessories, custom chrome & paint, insurance, jewelry, cold weather wear, gloves, wheels, tires, boots, security, motorcycle rental, garage gear, seats, apparel and more to get you on the open road in style no matter what you ride.



retaliation for European Union restrictions on imported American beef.

"In this tough recessionary climate, it's ludicrous for the U.S. Trade Representative to even consider imposing a 100 percent motorcycle and scooter tariff, because the move will cost countless Americans their jobs," said Ed Moreland, AMA vice present for government relations. "This very day, the Administration and the U.S. Congress are planning to bail out troubled U.S. automakers to the tune of billions of dollars to save American jobs," Moreland said. "How, in good conscience, can the U.S. Trade Representative turn around and propose a measure that will spell the end of many motorcycle and scooter dealerships, and put their employees out in the street?"

U.S. trade officials are looking at a list of more than 100 European goods for the possible imposition of 100 percent import duties in response to the EU's ongoing import ban on American beef treated with growth hormones. Included on the hit list are motorcycles and scooters with engines displacing 51cc to 500cc, representing popular on- and off-highway machines from brands such as Aprilia, Beta, BMW, Fantic, Gas Gas, Husaberg, Husqvarna, KTM, Montesa, Piaggio, Scorpa, Sherco, TM and Vespa.

It is unknown when U.S. officials will decide on which European goods will be hit with the stiff tariffs.

New BMW Motorcycle Magazine

Late in 2007 the first issue of the English language *BMW Motorcycle Magazine* was published by German company MO Medien Verlag GmbH. Available on subscription to BMW riders all over the world, the new magazine was an instant success with two issues published in its first year.

Now, the third issue of *BMW Motorcycle Magazine* has just been published and features an impressive variety of contents, including previews of the new K 1300 model range; an interview with new head of BMW Motorrad, Hendrik von Kuenheim; technical engineering features on the Bänisch Boxer and an R 75/5 Turbo Lowrider; classic bike features on a world record-beating R 69 S and the 74-year-old R 7 prototype that never made it into production; touring stories on an around-the-world R 100 GS and an American road trip to the annual BMW MOA Rally; and much, much more.

The editorial mix is nicely balanced between news and features of the latest machines and many of the motorcycles that owners have loved and cherished for many years. Getting this balance right is important to Editorial Director Jo Meet the bike builders and listen to great southern rock. Bring the entire family and come see over 120,000 s.f. of bikes and accessories. Park in the secure bike corral and check your helmet at the March of Dimes Coat Check. No matter what you ride, this is the show to see!

Entertainment For Everyone!

- Visit the Sportbike Showcase.
- Snake Wrangler- Steve Scruggs- See his venomous snakes!
- Enter your kids in Full Throttle Magazine's "Best Dressed Biker Kid" Contest
- See what's hot for 2009: Meet Custom Builders
- Jerry "Motorman" Palladino will be performing his riding tricks & techniques all weekend outside in the front parking lot of the building.
- Visit over 100,000 s.f of vendor booths and new products

- Bike Competition with more bike classes & CASH Prizes
- Southern rock from J.B. Walker & Keren Leppo

Admission

Adults 15+: \$12

Kids 6-14: \$7

Kids under 5: Free

Free Parking

North American Trade Center
1700 Jeurgens Court
Norcross, GA 30093

Web Site <http://www.motorcycleevents.com/cgi-bin/mea/framegen.pl?return=http://www.motorcycleevents.com/calendar.php&url=http://www.northatlantatradecenter.com>

Tough Tariff Proposed Tariff Could Kill Euro Imports

The American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) has strongly criticized the Bush Administration's consideration of a possible 100 percent tariff on a broad range of popular European motorcycles and scooters in Soppa, who has been delighted with the success of the first two English-language issues of *BMW Motorcycle Magazine* and is hoping that the latest version will also appeal to an ever growing a list of subscribers

"We've been delighted with the feedback from the first two issues," says Jo. "We have been producing *BMW Motorräder* - a magazine entirely dedicated to BMW motorcycles - since 1999 and the English language version has really come about as a result of demand from those who had come across this magazine in Germany, Switzerland, Austria and Holland during the past nine years. We hope that we can get the magazine out to as many BMW fans as possible, so it's important for us to get the word out to all the English speaking markets, so that aficionados can either subscribe directly or obtain it through their local BMW dealer."



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Those in the USA should email subscription@epmperf.com for more details, while the rest of the world can find out more information by contacting subscriptions@mo-web.de or visiting the www.bmw-motorcycle-magazine.com website.

The publishers are also looking for distribution partnerships with BMW Motorrad dealerships that are interested in offering the magazine *exclusively* to their customers as a marketing tool. Contact Andreas Illg on 00 49 711 248976 00 for more details or email a.illg@mo-web.de (US dealers should email bmwmagazine@epmperf.com)

Issue four of *BMW Motorcycle Magazine* will be on sale on 24 April 2009.

37th Annual BMW RA International Rally 2009



The BMW Riders Association 2009 Rally is going to be in the same locale as 2004. That is Canaan Valley, WV. The dates are July 23 to July 26, 2009.

They have picked this date in conjunction with BMW MOA. Their rallies will be on consecutive weekends, and they will give some sort of recognition to those that attend both.

The RA picked the location because it is close to the East Coast (an easy and inexpensive trip for many), yet offers great riding and facilities.

The RA estimates, based on pre-registrations, that in 2004 they would have had around 3000 attendees. Then they were hit by Hurricane Ivan. Homes were destroyed in FL and the south. Roads were closed in NC. Rivers went 9 feet over flood stage in Pittsburgh and Charleston, WV. Buckets of rain fell on the entire rally.

Anyway, they felt the rally would have been the best one, and best attended, the RA ever had to that point if they hadn't been snake bitten by the weather. So they thought it was worth trying again at the same place. The BMW RA is working hard to make this the best RA rally ever.

They are renting the entire State Park, resort, ski lift, etc. The resort has upgraded its facilities and built a new pavilion. The local chamber of commerce has working on activities for the RA.

They are hoping to expand our off-road activities since that seems to be a direction BMW is going. They expect to have a dirt bike school, as well as both MSF classes and a Lee Parks "Total Control School."

BMW Classic (formerly BMW Mobile Tradition) has said they will send someone to our rally. Jeff Yost of the BMW Vintage Club is trying to get together a vintage exhibit.

More as the planning progresses. For further information, go to <http://www.bmwra.org/rally>.

WHEN WILL IT BE YOUR TIME???

By Hack Tidman

I have always thought I would like to still be riding when I turned eighty years old. I've been looking at pictures of riders of late and trying to figure out how old they were. For the past five years or so when I made a purchase of an expensive item, like a car or a bike, I wondered if it would be the last time I would purchase one? When you reach my age that is how you begin to think. If you aren't thinking like that you don't need to worry about it because you are too young.

I started riding in 1945. My first motorized two-wheel vehicle was a whizzer. This was a simple motor attached in the frame of my bicycle. I paid about \$100.00 for it with money earned from cutting grass using a reel-type push lawnmower. I put about 10,000 miles on the Whizzer riding across town to school most days when it wasn't raining. It would not run in the rain, as the points would get wet after riding a block. Then I would have to remove the points cover and dry them off, and then ride another block and repeat. This got old quickly. I overhauled this motor three times while I had it. Then I got me a Cushman scooter, then another. Then a Sears, and several other motorcycles. At one time or another, I've had almost every brand, including a couple of Harleys, a 1988 Heritage Soft Tail and a 1991 Tour Glide. So motorcycling has been a huge influence in my life.

After the Harleys I decided to try the BMWs, so I bought a '93 K1100LT and rode it all over the U.S. and Canada. I put 66,000 miles on it. I liked it so much that when they stopped making that model I decided to trade it in on a new one, a '97 K1100LT, since it was going to be the last year they made it. I have 56,000 miles on it. For one person it was the best touring bike I had. So that's two bikes I bought from Bloodworth's BMW. I was thinking how much I have purchased from Bloodworth's BMW since 1997. I have my receipts from my buys from there, and not counting the price of the '97 bike, I have purchased \$11,000, including helmets, repairs, tires, gloves, oil changes, pants, a GPS, lights, and miscellaneous items.

I also played tennis two or three times a week for the past fifty years. I got to be a pretty good player, but my knees said they couldn't take it anymore. I had arthritis in them and had worn out the cartilage, so I had to give up that sport about three years ago. Since then I have the riding to keep me content. Every year my wife and I take a long tour out of the Country with a touring company. Grand Circle Travel has been our favorite. For the past fifteen years we have been to most all of the countries, with the exception of India, Africa and Greenland.

By now you are probably wondering why I am writing this letter and rambling on. It's my general health! In 2002 my heart has occasionally gone out of rhythm. That's when I was first defibrillated. That is when you go to your cardiologist's office or the emergency room and they put you to sleep and zap you with the paddles. Since then I have had to have this done eight times. And lately it is getting more frequent. Sometimes I have been just waiting when it goes out of rhythm until it comes back in on its own. This is not a good idea. After two days it can begin to form a blood clot in the corner of your heart because the blood flow is reduced, due to the heart not pumping enough blood. This is what happened to me two months ago. My heart had been out for four days and I got it back in by myself, but it had developed a small soft clot that broke loose. I was driving in the car on I-440 when my right hand went numb and then my right arm, foot and leg. I decided to continue on home. I could not feel the brake and gas pedal and I found myself pushing on both at the time, especially after I had stopped and tried to start up again. I should have pulled over and called 911, but I continued to drive and I did get home. Annette did call 911, then the hospital, and I had a CAT scan and ultra sound on my neck. The whole small stroke lasted about thirty minutes, and I was pretty much back to normal, so I was only in the hospital about four hours. But it was pretty scary. I'm just glad I wasn't on the bike.

My primary doctor decided to put me on Coumadin. This is a very potent blood thinner and it helps to keep the blood from clotting. He advised me to stop riding because if I had an accident, I could bleed to death, especially if I bumped my head real hard. This would cause bleeding in the brain.

Then I thought maybe it was time to stop riding anyway. My reflexes are not as good as they were, nor my balance. I have to stop riding sometimes, better to stop now than to have a bad wreck and then stop. Riding has been my passion for 63 years. After riding 750,000 miles and at my age, now may be the right time. In a couple of months I'll be 78 years old. I was hoping to make it to 80, but it's not to be. Buddy Burnett and I both starting teaching with the MSF rider safety course in 1991. After 17 years he will now have the honor of having the longevity of the longest tenure. He is just a young kid. But I'll still be around to bug some of you. Maybe I'll get a convertible and become the chase vehicle for my Sunday Riding Group. You will see me around... Hack



Harvey Groom and his Indian

Note from Buddy Burnett

Hack lost a good friend this week that rode with the group that meets Sunday mornings. Harvey Groom died last weekend. Harvey was an old motorcycle rider and was 80 years old. I met Harvey about 12 years ago at one of the bike shows at Bloodworth BMW at the old location. I was on

my Indian, and Harvey walked up to me to show a picture he carried in his wallet of his Indian motorcycle. The picture as made in the early 1950s on Charlotte Avenue at the Shell Service Station Harvey's father owned. You can see the old American Ace Coffee plant in the background, and Harvey is kneeling in front of a 1948 or 1950. Indian Chief. There's a mid 1930s service truck in the background.

**The BMW Motorcycle Club of Nashville
2009 Membership Application**

Date Pd _____
Check _____
Cash _____

Name: _____ Spouse: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Occupation: _____ Birthdate _____

Phone: Home () _____ Work () _____ Fax () _____

E Mail _____ Cell () _____

Year & Model of Your BMW(s): _____

Year, Make & Model of Your Brand X: _____

Membership in other Motorcycle Organizations: (Please include Membership Number)

BMWMOA _____ BMWRA _____ AMA _____ EMC Y or N Other _____

DUES:

_____ **Regular Member - \$20 Annually**

_____ **Associate Member - \$8 Annually**

_____ **New Member Initiation Fee - \$5**

Dues are prorated for new members only.

BMW Motorcycle Club of Nashville

P O Box 158265

Nashville, TN 37215

Release and Indemnity Agreement

You have voluntarily joined the BMW MOTORCYCLE CLUB OF NASHVILLE (hereafter referred to as the Club). On various occasions, the Club will sponsor road-riding events. This does not indicate that the facilities or course have been inspected or approved by the Club, nor does it indicate that Club members or officers have not been trained or accredited by the Club, nor does it indicate that your safety has been warranted by any Club authority.

To some extent, all motor vehicles are inherently dangerous. You should take part in any of the Club events based on your own assessment of your abilities. Club events may traverse public highways and the Club is not responsible for their condition or the actions of other individuals using the public highways.

The Club urges you to wear a helmet and other appropriate safety apparel. The Club also urges you to receive professional instruction before operation a motorcycle and to carry proper insurance coverage.

The Club does not provide medical insurance. The Club urges you not to operate a motorcycle without personal medical coverage.

If you have any doubts at this time about your personal ability to participate in Club events, if you have not adequately prepared yourself and your equipment, if you question the condition and safety of local public highways, or if you believe your personal insurance coverage's are not adequate to compensate you for any loss that might occur, we urge you to notify the Club officers who will immediately refund your membership fee.

By signing this document, the undersigned Club member hereby agrees to reimburse all costs to those persons or organizations connected to Club events for damages incurred as a result of negligence on the part of the undersigned Club member.

Fill out and Mail to:

BMWCON

P O BOX 158265

NASHVILLE, TN 37215

Executed this the _____ day of _____, 2009. _____

Club Members Signature

Club Members Name Printed: _____

Spouse's Name Printed: _____

Spouse's Signature

PRESIDENTS CORNER:

Polly Wright:

Articles: Mike Gillespie, Hack Tidman,

Buddy Burnett

Calendar of Events

Meeting Dates

Classifieds

Websites

NEXT MEETING

POLAR BEAR RIDE

PUCKETT'S RESTAURANT

4TH AVE SOUTH

FRANKLIN, TN

TIME: 9:00 AM

DATE: JANUARY 1, 2009

PLEASE RSVP

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