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Hello Club Members!

Al Schroer, President

Spring riding season is here! And it's full of surprises. This winter was certainly not expected to be as cold or as long as it was. We must be due for a normal spring which means weather that is definitely not normal. Spring in St. Louis is full of ups and downs in temps, windy conditions, rain, snow, and of course beautiful days mixed in.

Today held true to form. We were supposed to ride, with the rare occasion of me in the lead. The destination was to be Holtie's, a honky-tonk sort of place along I-55 in Jefferson County. It's not far away but some of the roads on the route are very twisty and hilly. I spent a considerable amount of time studying a list of roads and turns, as well as online maps. Unfortunately, the ride didn't happen. The storm warnings were out this morning early with lightning, thunder, and rain coming to the area sooner than anticipated. So I rightfully called it off as it would have been dangerous. But it's spring in St. Louis and wouldn't you know it, around lunch time, the sun came out, the temps were in the 70's, and the roads were dry! I'm so disappointed. Jill and I went to the nursery instead to pick up some soil for her containers. Not a bad job but not near as much fun as riding with the club.

We had a huge turnout for the ride to Hermann a few weeks ago, 22 riders made the trip. I have never seen that large a group. We broke into two groups of 11 to keep things easier for everyone. My planning as a ride leader went terribly wrong. As we came across the Highway 19 bridge over the Missouri River, and we turned to the part of town where I thought the Wurst Fest was to have been, it looked like the town had been abandoned. Wrong Weekend! But it actually turned out well, we had plenty of close parking and a Wurst Market was across the street from where we stopped. We had a "wurst tasting" (sort of like a wine tasting) and ordered lunch off the menu. Since it was a slow weekend we were all able to be seated and served in quick fashion. It was a beautiful day for a ride with temps in the 50's and 60's under sunny skies. I thoroughly enjoyed myself. It might have been better to not be in Hermann during the Fest!

Please manage the surprises of spring as much as possible. Check your tire pressures, your oil level, and make sure you have a good battery for your trips. Review the weather and pack accordingly. You never know when you might need that heated jacket or those winter gloves. Ride with a buddy. Let a loved one know where you are going and when you will return. And of course, take rain gear! I hope to see you on the road soon. Ride safely, be alert!

— Al

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Deadline for the next issue is June 10, 2014. The *Gazette* is published in February, April, June, August, October and early December.

On the Cover: New member Will Smith concentrates as he gets ready for GS training at Gateway BMW's GS Challenge on April 12. He might have gotten the "Most Spectacular Crash" award had it been witnessed. It was said he was carrying a bit of the marsh with him afterwards. Photo by Marilyn Roberts.

Late Spring/Early Summer 2014 Events Calendar

Compiled by Jeff Ackerman, Events Director

Note: The ride starting points depend on the direction we are going:

NORTH: The west side of the Home Depot parking lot, between New Halls Ferry & Old Halls Ferry on the south side of I-270 in North County.

SOUTH: The McStop at Pevely (Exit 180 off I-55 at Z) OR the south end of the Dierbergs grocery on Hwy. 21, just south of I-270 (on the LH or east side of 21 at the first light).

WEST: The QuikTrip off I-70 (exit 222) by I-370 at Mid Rivers Mall (on the north side in St. Peters); or the BP just south of Hwy. 40 (I-64) on Long Road; or the MotoMart, on Hwy. 141, just north of I-44 (exit 272); or the QuikTrip in Eureka, just south of I-44 (exit 264) on 109.

EAST: The Dierbergs or Home Depot – See above.

Shop Rides: Forever Endeavor has shop rides every third Saturday of the month, typically meet at 8:00/leave 8:15 (next rides are May 17 and June 21), followed by a hearty breakfast. Meet at 21 East 5th Street, (check first because they are getting ready to move) Eureka, MO. 63025. 636-938-7336.

*April 19: (Saturday) The VP is redoing his Hike and Bike Ride. Go for a scenic ride followed by a nice hike (probably in Hawn State Park). Plan on hiking for about an hour or so and then maybe a short ride for a late lunch. Meet at the McStop at Pevely (see above) at 8:00/leave at 8:30. Jim Williams, 314-974-1815/

April 26: Grassroots BMW in Cape Girardeau (29 S. Spanish St.) is having its Spring Open House today from 9 till 4. They always do a good job; there will be food, discounts, and lots of fun. If someone wants to organize a ride, send out a note.

*April 27: Progressive Dinner – Our most popular ride is back on the last Sunday in April. See maps and info in this newsletter. Breakfast (8 a.m.) – Harvey and Ava Small; Soup – Phil Sulfstede and Mary Baker; Salad – George Siede; Main Dish – Penny Burgan and Stuart Archer; Dessert – Marilyn and Bill Roberts at their new place.

*May 2-4: 24th Georgia Mountain Rally at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds Music Park in Hiawassee, GA., off Highway 76W.

*May 3/4: Jim Shaw's campout at Beaver Lake in IL (about 30 mi. NW of Alton). Meet at the campground or ride up with the group. See the map in this newsletter. Meet at the Home Depot at 2:00/leave at 2:30. Jim Shaw 314-521-0341.

May 10 (Saturday): Gateway BMW is having its spring open house (from 10 till 3) with food, fun, and door prizes. 'm sure Honz will have something special including shows by "Teach McNeil." For more info, check: GatewayBMW.com

May 10: Annual "Blessing of the Bikes" (with and without motors) at the St. Peter Church parking lot; SW corner of North Clay & W. Jefferson in Kirkwood--One block west of Kirkwood Road & One block north of the railway station 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.; begin assembly at 9:00 a.m., ceremony 10:00 a.m., dispersal by 11:00 a.m.

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*May 11: Take a scenic south county ride with the rally master. Meet at the McStop at Pevely at 8:30/leave 9:00. Larry Floyd 314-892-7012.

*May 16-18: 2014 European Road Riders Rally, a nice rally in Burkesville, Ky. put on by the Nashville club. The club has several people going; contact Larry Floyd or Jeff Ackerman.

*May 18: Strawberry and Chicken Festival in Ruma, Il. The Tech Director is leading the ride this year. Meet at the Dierbergs grocery at 9:00/leave 9:30. NOTE – No GS group this year unless someone wants to lead a group down the levee roads. Dave Leligdon, 314-575-9454.

*May 21: Wednesday General Meeting at Miss Sheri's at 9967 Manchester Road, St. Louis, MO 63122. When you come through the doors, the meeting room is to the left. They need us out earlier, so arrive no later than 6:30 if you plan on eating. Meeting starts at 7:15 sharp.

The “Great Chicken Rally in Rocket City” is canceled this year because of the RA National the following week. Info at www.bmwmoal.org.

*May 24 (Sat.): Ride to Broussard's for Cajun food in Cape Girardeau. Meet at the McStop at Pevely at 8:00/leave 8:30. Phil Sulfstede, 314-910-9663.

*May 29 – June 1: BMW RA Rally is at Barber's Motorsport's Park in Huntsville, AL. this year; see <http://www.bmwra.org> for more info.

*May 30 - June 1: Be sure to attend the 35th Land of OZ Rally and make Don Hamblin happy; LaCynge KS, Linn County Park - US69 at K152 (About 40 mi. south of KC at US 69 and K152) Updates and info: www.kcbmwmc.com

*June 1: Rider's Choice – Maybe try a ride to the west like River's Edge, or Hermann, or Mexican in Montgomery City, or wherever suits your fancy. Meet at the BP on Long Rd at 9:00/leave 9:30. Ride leader needed.

*June 5-8: 38th Iowa Rally – At the Middle Amana Community Park, it's a nice rally with lots to do. See purstodge.org for more details. The club always has several people going.

*June 8: Ride to Pioneer's Cabin family style restaurant in Willisville, IL. (northeast of Chester). Meet at the Dierbergs grocery at 9:00/leave 9:30. Bill Haugen, 314-239-8087.

*June 14: Summer Solstice Swim Party/Barbecue/June General Meeting at the Ackermans. See the map below. A week early to not conflict with the Missouri and RA rallies. Bring a covered dish, swim trunks, and a towel (plus a chair if you can). Meet at the Ackermans at 1 p.m. Please RSVP by June 13th so we can get drinks, pork steaks, bratwurst, or sazzizza's for everyone – The club is BUYING! No hotdogs unless you want them. Jeff/Mary 314-838-2161.

*June 16: 22nd Annual Ride to Work Day – Let the Events Director know if you rode to work today and he will give you ride credit. This is one that the retirees (like your events director) will miss out on but I doubt that breaks their heart. However, if you ride to the hardware store or something remotely resembling work today let me know and I will give you credit. <http://www.ridetowork.org>.

*June 20-22: 42nd Missouri State Rally -Located in the city park in Crane, MO (approx. 30 mi. SW of Springfield, MO on state hwy. 413). It's a nice little rally but can be hot. See www.MotoMo.org for info.

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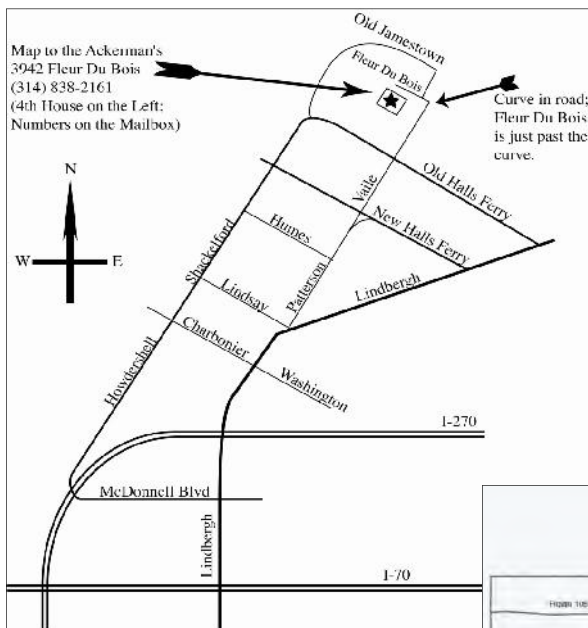
*June 21: Celebrate the first day of summer with a nice long ride. Rider's Choice – Ride to the Lighthouse restaurant, across the Mississippi Bridge at Louisiana or something in Hannibal or wherever suits your fancy. Meet at the QuikTrip in St. Peters at 9:00/leave 9:30. Ride leader needed.

*June 28: Ride to Missouri Hicks for BBQ. Meet at the QuikTrip in Eureka at 9:00/leave 9:30. Chris Kerckhoff, 314-422-1888.

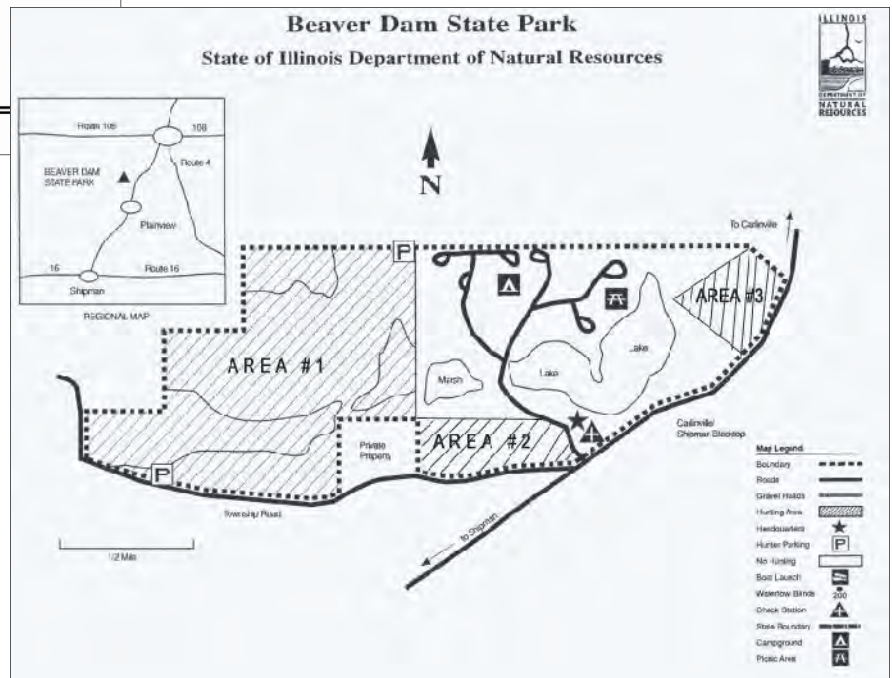
*June 29: The VP is doing Bike and Swim Ride to celebrate summer. Go for a scenic ride followed by a nice swim. Meet at the McStop at Pevely at 8:00/leave at 8:30. Jim Williams, 314-974-1815.

Events that are starred * are point events. Any motorcycle rallies greater than 200 miles away or any BMW rallies are point rides, even if not listed. Note: See the MOA magazine or website: www.bmwmoa.org for more rally information. **GR**

MAP TO THE ACKERMANS:



CAMPOUT LOCATION: The park is located 7 miles southwest of Carlinville, 8 miles northwest of Shipman, IL, in Macoupin County. 217-854-8020. About 30 miles from Alton. Take Rt. 16 west from Rt. 100, north of Graf-ton. Go to Shipman. On the west side of Shipman take Carlinville Road 7 miles to Beaver Dam.



Tell Me Again, What Kind of Stew?

By Cathy Bissell

With just a week to go before the Brunswick Stew Cookoff at Gateway BMW, Marklyn found herself in a bit of a bind. She had three competitors lined up and two had backed out. Seeming a bit desperate, Marklyn convinced me to participate. I made the commitment figuring, what the heck, with only two competitors I'm sure to win something. But I had to say, "Tell me again, what kind of stew?"

On-line research told me that Brunswick stew starts with a tomato base. A variety of recipes called for different meats or combinations of meat. They called for chicken, or chicken and squirrel, or just squirrel, or rabbit, or squirrel and rabbit. Some recipes called for ham or sausage. Now, we have a plentiful run of squirrel right outside our back door, but I knew it would be impossible to convince Dave to hunt, clean and carve up a mess of squirrel.

The evening before the competition our son and cook extraordinaire, Brett, helped me devise our version of Brunswick stew. It was something of the blind leading the blind since he also had no prior knowledge of said stew. We came up with just the right combination of tomatoes, yellow corn, white corn, black beans, secret seasoning, some bar-b-q sauce, and chicken and diced ham.

Arriving at Gateway BMW I set up my crock pot. Moments before that I realized that I had forgotten to add the ham. Shrugging off my frustration in leaving out a main ingredient, I turned to introduce myself to the original competitor, a lady named Diane. To my surprise there was now a third competitor, Phil Sulfstede. I was in trouble. Just a week earlier when I agreed to participate, Marklyn told me that Diane was a great cook. I knew that I was out of my league with Phil as a formidable competitor. The only thing that evened the playing field was the fact that none of us knew what Brunswick stew was before this competition.

About two hours into the taste-testing the stews were gone. It was time to present the gold, silver and bronze. During the presentation Marklyn assured everyone that the count was close, really close. Diane won first place. My immediate thought was, "That could have been me if I hadn't forgotten the ham." But alas, I took third place, and consoled myself that it wasn't all that far from first. Oh but wait a minute, there were only three competitors. That put me dead last.

As it turns out, it wasn't just the missing ingredient that kept me from running away with the competition. Later that evening I found that Dave had not deposited his two tickets into anyone's little white bag. He didn't taste any of the stews and just foo-fooed the whole voting business. I'd like to think that Phil and I might have tied for second if my Dear Husband had voted! Bissell!!!

All in all, it was a fun day and a friendly competition. Best of all, everyone won something. For that I would like to thank Gateway BMW. True to my expectations, I have no immediate need to return to Gateway as my prize gift certificate, and then some, was spent before I left the building. **GR**



Cathy and Bill Graham sample the stews.

New Member Profile—Dennis King

Submitted by Rich Race

Dennis joined the Gateway Riders in January, 2014. Here are his own words about motorcycles, his family and other interests.

As a kid I rode mini-bikes, 50cc dirt bikes, and the occasional 3-wheeler. I was always mechanically inclined and remember rebuilding lawn mower engines and doing my own auto repairs as a teen. That included changing out starters and at one point replacing the rear main seal on my '75 Chevy Malibu Classic.

I bought my first bike from Gateway BMW in November of 2013 after taking an MSF course at Gateway Harley Davidson. While I did look at Harleys and the Japanese bikes, I've had my heart set on a BMW since I was a kid when a friend of the family brought one back from Germany after a contract job.

Mine is a Kalamata Metallic F800GS (non-Adventure). I picked up a heated jacket and gloves so the winter didn't keep me from riding. I have a top box and am currently shopping for panniers. Once I get the panniers, I'll be equipped for longer term moto-camping. I hope to make at least 2-3 weekend campout trips this year and my first week long motorcycle trip by 2015. I've put around 1,500 miles on the bike so far including one trip down Lost Creek south of Warrenton, MO. Most of my rides have been short rides around Defiance and down to Washington Missouri through St. Charles, Warren, Franklin, and St. Louis County.

I have a fair set of tools (now augmented with BMW specific items) and plan on doing most of my own maintenance. While I haven't had any mechanical issues so far, I've picked up spare tubes, tire irons, extra headlight bulbs and I'm experimenting with tire pressure on different surfaces (riding gravel at Busch Wildlife).

I joined the Gateway Riders based on a recommendation from another BMW rider, Don Moschenross. He recommended getting involved with this club as a great place to meet people with similar interests and a good way to learn from the experience of the group. Tom Huff at Gateway BMW also recommended the group and I've enjoyed seeing a familiar face at my first two meetings (while I get to know more of the members). Given my short time riding, I'm looking forward to more group rides (day trips) as a way to get better at group riding, get to know other members, and generally find ways to spend as much time as possible on two wheels.

My wife, Michelle, and I moved to St. Louis in 2000. At the time I worked for IBM as a technical architect for their web hosting and managed technology services business. She is a former English teacher and now works at SSM helping at risk youth. We live in O'Fallon, MO. As a family we are all very active in the Boy Scouts of America. Each year we attend summer camp at S-F scout ranch south of Farmington, MO, hike Shiloh National Battlefield in Tennessee and regularly camp. Last year, my oldest son and I hiked 90 miles in the Cimarron Range in New Mexico as part of Boy Scout high adventure camping. This year, I'll be spending a week at Sea Base, Florida with my younger son.

*I have a computer engineering degree from Purdue University, an MBA from Washington University in St. Louis and a handful of certifications related to information security, project management, and technology. I am the founder and president of Working Security, Inc. in St. Louis, MO. Working Security helps organizations protect sensitive information including financial, medical, and personal data about customers, the general public and staff. This includes helping organizations that have suffered data breaches and those that hope to avoid them. I'm also an NRA Certified Pistol Safety Instructor and Certified Range Safety Officer (RSO). **GR***



New Member Profile—Ron Petruska

Submitted by Larry Floyd



Meet Ron Petruska. Ron is recently retired and lives in Manchester, MO, with his wife, Lynn. He has owned Hondas, Yamahas, and Harleys but he now rides a K1600, which he loves for the handling, brakes, and power! Ron also enjoys golf and bicycle riding and is thinking of getting back into RC model airplanes. He is interested in our day rides, and would like to try some rallies. Ron's best ride was returning from Sturgis and motoring through Rocky Mountain National Park on a "perfect day." **GR**

St. Pat's Day Party Pictures

The St. Patrick's Day Party was hosted by Phil and Mary. People came and went all afternoon; there were maybe 30 people total. Pictured here are Phil and bikes in his driveway, and an imaginative snake cake.

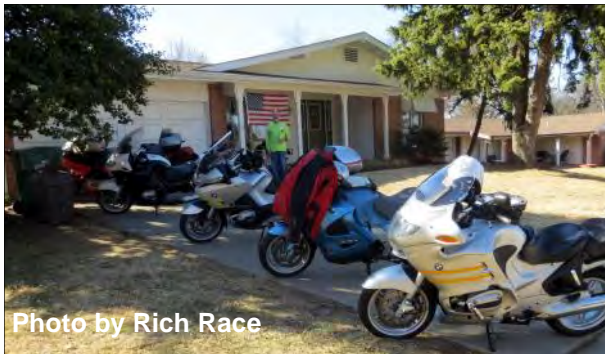


Photo by Rich Race



Photo by Marilyn Roberts



Phil Sulfstede - Joe Leydon - Dick Zingre

If you haven't guessed or heard who the Cooker, Sauce & Plucker are in the "Ace of Clubs" article in the February 2014 issue of the BMW MOA *Owners News*. These are the gentleman from the "Chicken BBQ" photo above. Sorry, Joe & Dick are no longer with us.

Brakes, Part 2

By Dave Leligdon, Tech Guy

When we left off last month the caliper was reinstalled on the bike and we were considering doing a brake bleed. You must do a brake bleed for one of two reasons. First is for a precautionary measure of removing the old fluid which may contain some moisture and replacing it with clean moisture-free fluid. The second is to remove any air that might have entered the system. This condition will show up as having a spongy brake lever or pedal, as the air in the system compresses to the pressure of the fluid.

Brake fluid is designed to absorb moisture that enters the system. This property is known as “hygroscopic” or having an affinity for taking up and holding moisture. This property helps keep moisture in solution and helps prevent rusting of the internal surfaces of the brake system. As the moisture content of the brake fluid increases, the boiling point decreases. This is why it is important to change your brake fluid in a timely manner. The table below shows the various boiling points.

DOT RATING	DRY BOILING	WET BOILING POINT
3	401 ° F	284 ° F
4	466 ° F	311 ° F
5	500 ° F	356 ° F
5.1	518 ° F	374 ° F

Wet boiling points are based on a moisture content of 3.7 %.

Dot 3 and 4 are a polyethylene glycol based fluid while Dot 5 based is a silicone based fluid. DOT 3 and 4 fluids are not compatible with DOT 5 fluids and should never be mixed. Dot 5.1 is a borate ester/glycol ether fluid that meets the standard of DOT 5. DOT 5 brake fluids should never be used in ABS brake systems as it is incompatible with the valves.

BLEEDING BRAKES

Bleeding the brakes is a fairly straight forward procedure. The master cylinder is basically a pump which is actuated when the brake lever is operated. A few tools are needed to perform a brake bleed. You will need an open end wrench sized to fit the bleed fitting.

SET UP AT REAR CALIPER



A short length of clear tubing and a glass jar is also needed to collect the used fluid. It helps to have an assistant to open and close the bleeder screw and watch the fluid passing through the tube.

The first step is to remove the cap on the reservoir. The one for the front brake is mounted on the right hand perch. The one for the rear brake is normally located on the right side of the bike above the master cylinder or in some cases under the seat. Care should be taken when handling brake fluid as it will attack painted surfaces. I always keep a wet rag handy to clean up any spills. With the cap off, one can see into the reservoir and note the color and level of the fluid. If the color is really dark you can remove it with a small syringe or baster. Fill the reservoir with

fluid from a newly opened can. Place the wrench on the bleeder screw and attach one end of the tubing to the fitting and place the other end into the jar.

You are now ready to go. Apply a slight pressure to the lever. Then open the bleed screw. The lever will collapse while the brake fluid is pumped thru the system. You will see the first amount of fluid in the clear tubing. While still holding the lever in, close the bleeder screw. Then slowly release the lever. While the piston in the master

cylinder retracts it will suck clean fluid from the reservoir. Repeat, open screw, apply brake, close screw, release lever. Continue this procedure until the fluid in the tube is clear and there are no bubbles in it. Holding the tube and jar above the bleeder screw will provide a little back pressure and make the fluid in the tube easier to read. The person operating the lever must also keep an eye on the fluid level and must keep it above the minimum level. Repeat the same procedure for the rear brake.

MASTER CYLINDER

If after bleeding your brakes, the brake lever should meet high resistance once the pads contact the rotor. If the lever seems soft and then meets resistance there still may be air in the lines. If the lever meets resistance and then continues to move, fluid is by-passing the piston cups in the master cylinder or leaking out the caliper pistons in which case you will see fluid around the caliper.

In order to do a repair you must determine if a rebuilt kit is available. If not you will have to replace the master cylinder at a much higher cost. In most cases you cannot rebuild the rear master cylinder as it is a "factory sealed" unit. When available the rebuild kit will include a new piston with cup, seals, and return spring. On some bikes the master cylinder can be repaired while on the bike. On others it will have to be removed.

The repair is made as following. Remove the brake lever and small push rod from the perch. If it looks like the piston can be backed out without hitting anything all is well and good. Open the reservoir and suck out the brake fluid. Inspect the opening to the master cylinder. There will be a circlip or some type of wire ring fitted into a groove holding the piston in place. Remove same being careful as the piston is under pressure from the return spring. Once the end of the piston is exposed remove it from the master cylinder. The assembly will consist of the piston with its cup and seals and the return spring.

Inspect the inside of the piston bore to determine if there is any corrosion. If there is some, and it is light, the bore can be cleaned up with some emery paper wrapped around a dowel. Clean out the bore with a clean rag. It is now time to assemble the cup and seals on the new piston. Apply a little brake fluid to the cup and piston and slide it onto the piston. Note the orientation of the cup on the old piston. Then install the seals onto the piston in the same manner. Insert the return spring, piston and retaining clip. The master cylinder is now rebuilt. Reinstall the push rod and brake lever. It is now time to bleed the brakes as described above.

CALIPER PISTON

Defects at the caliper piston are one of two conditions. The seals are leaking or the piston is frozen in the caliper and cannot operate the brakes. In either case the caliper must be removed from the bike and the pads removed from caliper before the piston(s) can be removed. If the repair is due to seals leaking the job is straight forward. The first step is to remove the dust seal. This can be pried off with a small screwdriver. Next apply a little air pressure to push out the piston. Some pistons have a threaded hole so a bolt can be inserted and used to pull out the piston with a pair of pliers. Once the piston is removed one should inspect the surface of the piston and bore. Either can be cleaned up fine emery cloth. Clean out the bore and piston and apply a coating of fresh brake fluid to lubricate the surfaces. Place the shear ring into the bore and carefully insert the piston. Push the piston all the way in and install the dust seal.

Install the pads and reinstall the caliper to the bike. Attach the brake hose and proceed to bleed brakes. If the piston was stuck in the caliper housing it can be a chore to remove. Start by removing the dust seal. Then apply Liquid Wrench or PB Blaster and allow it to penetrate into the bore. Applying heat with a heat gun will expand the bore and allow the fluid to penetrate deeper into the bore. You can then use air pressure as before but care must be taken. Add a block of wood between the end of the piston and the back side of the caliper. A gap of at least ½ inch between the piston and block is needed. Apply air pressure. The pressure will build up in the caliper until the piston pops forward. Remove the block and reapply the air pressure to fully remove the piston. With the wood block removed be extra careful not to get your hand between the piston and back of the caliper.

If the piston is really frozen it may be easier and safer to dislodge the piston using a c-clamp. Place a brake pad over the face of the piston and install the c-clamp around the pad and back side of the caliper. Close the clamp slowly and the piston should break free. It can then be pushed out as before.

Complete the rebuild as described above. **GR**

Beaver Dam State Park Campout

By Leader Jim Shaw

Tent only area (no reservations) with grass, shade, water, pit toilets & pavilion nearby. Reservation area for tents, RV's, a camper cabin and shower/restrooms is within walking distance. Restaurant, mini-mart, fishing lake, archery, & hiking.

Distance: 50 miles (~1 hour) from north county Home-Depot meeting spot.

Fast route: I-270 E, I-255 N, Fosterburg Rd. N., Brighton-Bunker Hill Rd. E., Shipman-Cutoff Rd. N., jog west on IL-16, then north on Carlinville Rd.,

Park is on left ~7.5 miles from Shipman.

Note: last 25 miles no fuel available!

See map below: GPS: N39 12.411 by W89 58.285

Call Jim Shaw for details, 314-521-0341.

Use ReserveAmerica.com for RV area.

I have a brochure with cafe menu (specials daily).

FYI: Full Throttle Tavern ~2.5 miles north of park.

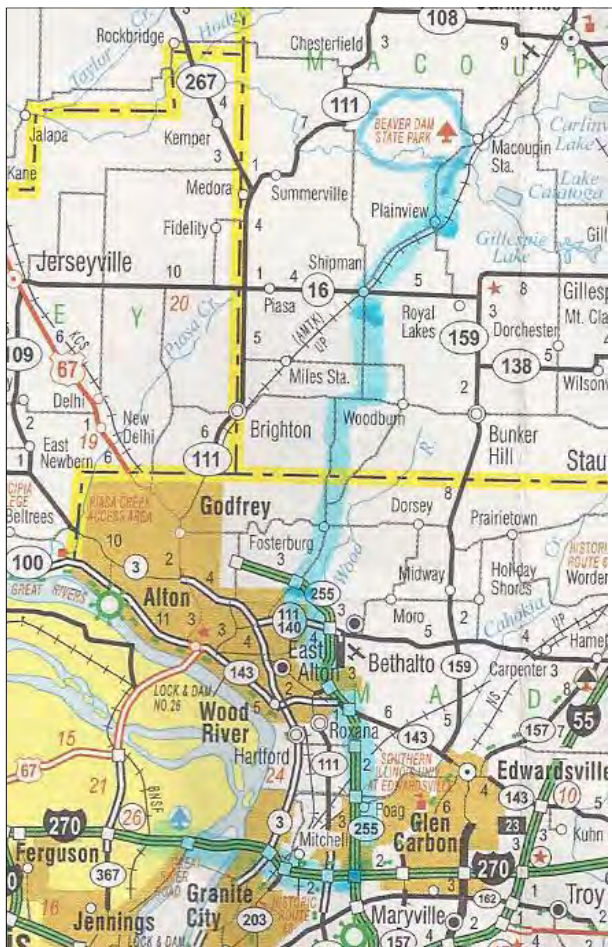
Grocery store in Shipman open weekends.

Farm museum in Shipman open wknds 1-4 p.m.

Shopping and fuel in Carlinville ~6 miles northeast. **GR**



Tents only area (will be green in May)



Lake view



Restaurant, shaded seating & store - Bait shop

Motorcycle Camping 101 By Jim Shaw

This article is to entice those with little to no camping experience to attend the May 3rd club event at Beaver Dam State Park. You'll need the basics: tent with ground cloth, sleeping bag, pillow and mattress. Don't run out and buy anything until you've tried to borrow the above items. I have a spare tent, sleeping bag and mattress to loan someone. A pillow could be a folded sweater, the ground cloth is to protect the tent, and the mattress could be either foam, inflatable or a combination of the two. I'd recommend a sheet to use as a liner or cover when its warm. If you don't have a stuff bag, some good bungees or even tie downs to secure your gear to the bike, I've got some to borrow. Some items to make camping easier is a flashlight, bug repellent and a camp chair. Snacks and beverages are available at the park or bring your own. Just don't leave spilled food or drinks in your tent or bugs and bigger critters may pay you a visit.

Unless you plan on winter camping in the boonies, a three season tent is recommended. A tent that allows you to enter/exit without getting the inside wet during rain should be purchased. Tents with sloped doors are OK when its dry. A tent with opposing doors will be cooler in the summer. Anodized aluminum poles held together with a bungee cord is better than fiberglass which may snap in summer heat. Beware of metal poles around power lines! Synthetic or down sleeping bags are best. Instead of using a bed sheet, I use a specially made bag liner from a camping supply. Either simple linen, synthetic or flannel liners are available. It's much easier to wash the liner than the bag. I have a book you can borrow: It has comprehensive information and resources. **GR**



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MISSOURI

Route: MO-79/US-36/US-61/MO-168/US-61.

Sights Along the Way

Hannibal, MO 79 at junction of US-61/US-36

Home of Mark Twain's Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn.

Camping, Motels and Restaurants in area.

Wakonda State Park, Camping and sandy beach on Mississippi River flyway

32836 State Park Rd, Off US-61, 3 miles south of La Grange.

Iliniwek Village State Historic Site, Iliniwek (Illinois) Indian Confederacy.

2 miles north of Wayland off MO-27 on county road CC.

ILLINOIS

Route: IL-100/IL-96/GRR@Lomax/IL-92/I-280/I-80/IL-84/US-20/IL-35.

Sights Along the Way

Pere Marquette State Park

North of Grafton, IL, on IL-100

Camping, motel and cabins, restaurant in lodge, Visitors Center and scenic drive nearby.

Lodge built by Civilian Conservation Corp, with log beam interior.

Stop by just to see the lodge!

Mississippi Palisades State Park

16326A Route 84, Savanna, IL, at US-54

Camping near river and just north of town. Restaurants, motels, gas & groceries in town.

Nauvoo, IL-96

Historic site of Mormons.

Nauvoo State Park with camping.

Quad Cities area north of I-280 and south of Mississippi River

John Deere Visitors Center, Moline.

Rock Island Arsenal and weapons museum

Located in the river north of Rock Island and south of Davenport, IA.

IOWA

Route: US-61/US-34/CT-X99/CT-X61/US-61/I-80/US-67/US-52/

CT-D10/CT-C9Y/US-52/CT-X56/IA-76/CT-X52/IA-26.

Sights Along the Way

Old Fort Davidson

716 River View Dr.. Ft. Madison

Hours: 9:30A-5:00P Wed.-Sat., Noon-5:00P Sunday, closed Monday & Tuesday

\$6.75/adults, \$3.25/6-16 yrs.

See Ft.Davidson web site for additional info.

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National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium

350 East Third St., Port of Dubuque, Iowa
Hours: 9:00A - 6:00P weekly, Memorial Day - Labor Day
Cost: \$15.00 (\$13.00 seniors), \$10.00/3-17 yrs.
Website: www.rivermuseum.com

ALSO: Depot Cafe' on site, Riverboat Museum & Theater, other museums nearby.
I have a brochure with map of complex that you can borrow.



Effigy Mounds National Monument

Iowa 76, on the banks of the Mississippi River, north of Marquette, IA and Prarie du Chien, WI.
Website with downloads: www.nps.gov/efmo
No camping on site, but private sites nearby.
Visitors Center with parking, Moderate uphill hiking required to Mounds.
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WISCONSIN

Route: WI35/WI-133/CT-VV/CT-A/CT-P/CT-X/CT-C/WI-35/US-10.

Sights Along the Way

Potosi Brewery and Museums (Brewing and Transportation)

Restaurant, pub, sales & gifts

WI-133, Potosi

Hours: 11:00A-9:00P Wed.-Sunday, closed Monday & Tuesday.

See web site for additional info.



Prarie du Chien, Lodging & grub

WI-35/US-18

La Crosse Lodging & grub

WI-35/I-90

MINNESOTA

Route: MN-26/US-61.

Winona, Lodging & grub

US-61

If you must go the more direct route, the "Avenue of Saints" also has some interesting things to see along the way. Primarily along US-61, IA-27/US- 218 & I-35.

Battle of Athens State Historic Site

10 miles from Kahoka on MO-81 (off US-61). Take IA-2 east to return to US-218
Northernmost Civil War battle west of the Mississippi.

Gina's BMW

Just off US-218 on IA-1 southwest, near of Iowa City

Amana Colonies

On US-6, Northwest of Iowa City **GR**

Gateway BMW GS Challenge Pictures

(April 12, 2014)

By Marilyn Roberts



Instructor Mark talks with his group



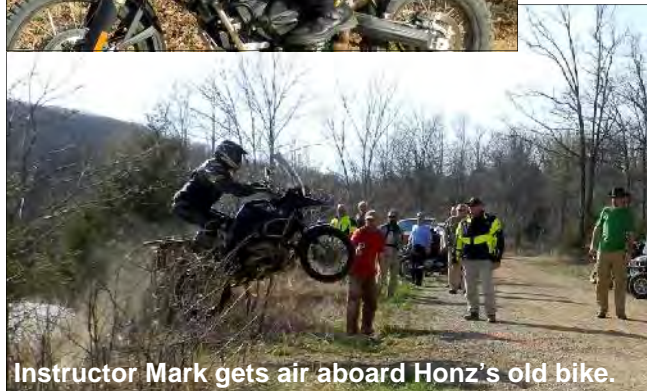
Will Smith relaxes.



Will Smith



Honz's Rogue Creek camp



Instructor Mark gets air aboard Honz's old bike.



Ted Wheeler's right jug.

Progressive Dinner Maps.... Event is Sunday, April 27

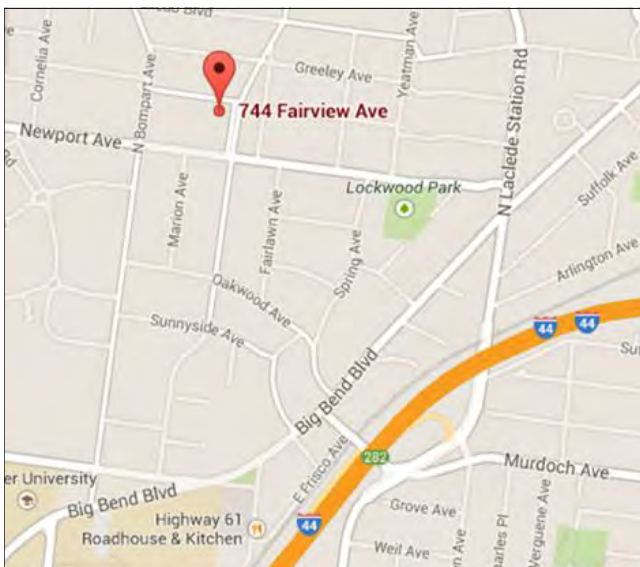


Stop 1: Breakfast
Ava and Harvey Small
27 Wydown Terrace
St. Louis, MO 63105
314-727-1466

Start here at 8 a.m.



Stop 2: Soup
Phil Sulfstede/Mary Baker
675 Gateswood Dr.
Florissant, MO 63033
314-838-9179



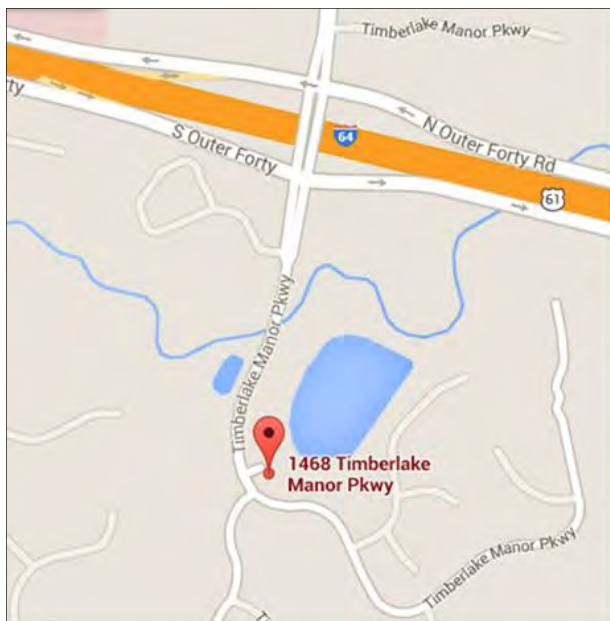
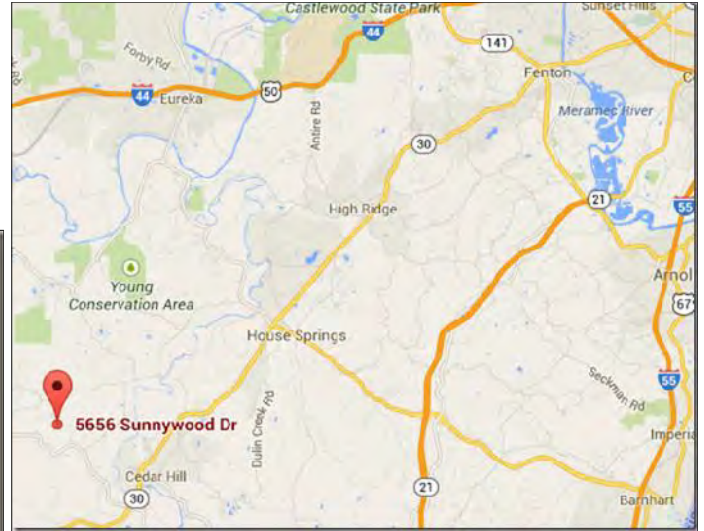
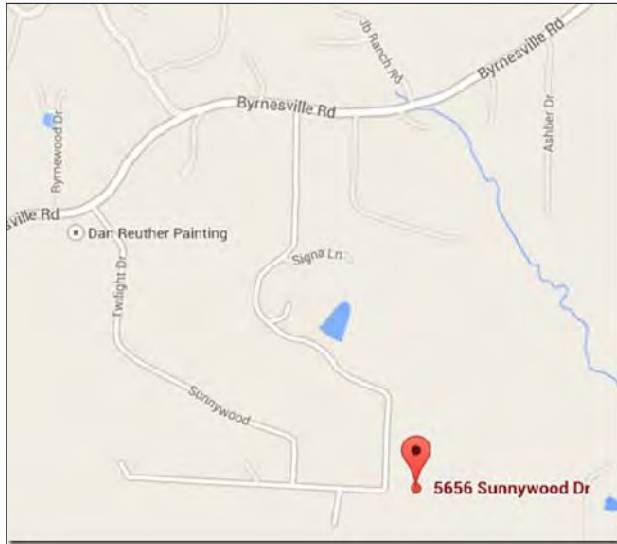
Stop 3: Salad
George Siede
744 Fairview
Webster Groves, MO 63119
314-918-9492

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Stop 4: Main Dish

Penny Burgan/Stuart Archer
5656 Sunnywood
Cedar Hill, MO 63016
314-539-1356



Stop 5: Dessert

Marilyn and Bill Roberts
1468 Timberlake Manor Parkway
Chesterfield, MO 63017
314-591-5097

Bikes only in driveway, cars on the street on the house side only (the road is not wide enough to accommodate cars on both sides).

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