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Hello Club Members!

Al Schroer, President

It feels like summer is almost over. The shadows get longer earlier in the evening. Only three weekends until Labor Day. Kids are back in school. Seems like summer just got here a couple weeks ago. Oh well. Fall is my favorite time to ride anyway. I don't want to bore you with details or make you feel like its Groundhog Day, but I want you all to know what's been happening.

The raffle bike moved from Dave Clark's to Flying Tiger in Maplewood in late June. Dave Clark did a great job selling tickets for us and Flying Tiger has come through with a surprising amount of sales. The bike was displayed at two First Monday Vintage Bike Nights at Schlafly's Brewery across Manchester Road from Flying Tiger. We have spent about \$5,000 buying the bike and parts to put it into "raffle off" condition. We have sold tickets in the amount of \$3,350. Ticket sales have been steady to rising every month since we started in February. To break even, we need to sell 165 more tickets in the second half of August, September, and at the rally. I feel confident that we will make that breakeven goal. Our plan was never to anticipate a profit and we hope that we do not have a loss. Once again, thanks to all of those who have worked diligently doing the painting, the mechanical work, and the ticket sales. The bike is moving in early September to Dave Clark's again for some minor turn signal switch tweaking and then on to the Falling Leaf in October.

Unofficially I have heard that we had 23 Gateway Riders in Billings, MT for the annual MOA Rally. That's almost a third of our membership which is phenomenal. I'm eager to hear the stories about riding out west.

The core of our member's benefits is our ride schedule and meetings. Those activities are free and they're fun. Benefits that do cost money are our website, the Gazette, and parties. We have some minor miscellaneous costs to maintain our status as a club and we have our infamous "supplies" and the flower fund. The benefits that actually cost money are budgeted at roughly \$3,000 per year. (This does not include our annual Christmas Party). We have roughly 75 members so the math works out to about \$40 per member. Our dues are \$18. We depend on our rally income to make up the difference. If we have good rally weather with a large attendance, we not only support the basic activities, but we are able to subsidize the Christmas Party. The last couple of years have not been great weather for the Falling Leaf so we have not solidified plans for Christmas as yet. We may be having a self-pay dinner party. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or suggestions about our activities through the end of the year.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at a meeting or on a ride this fall. Enjoy the rest of the summer!

—Al

On the Cover: Mike, Phil and Chris on Beartooth Pass last month. Photo by Chris Kerckhoff.

Late Summer/Early Fall 2015 Events Calendar

Compiled by Jeff Ackerman

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

NORTH: The QuikTrip at 2791 Dunn Rd.; it's the QuikTrip at New Halls Ferry and Dunn [the other (north) side of I-270 from the old location at the Home Depot].

SOUTH: The McStop at Pevely (Exit 180 off I-55 at Z) OR the south end of the Dierbergs mall on Hwy. 21, just south of I-270 (on the left hand 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 Rd.; or the QuikTrip in Eureka, just south of I-44 (exit 264) on 109.

EAST: The Dierbergs on 21 (south) or QuikTrip at 2791 Dunn (north) – See above.

Shop Rides: Forever Endeavor has shop rides every 3rd Saturday of the month, typically meet at 8:00/leave 8:15 (next rides are Sept. 19, and Oct. 17), followed by a hearty breakfast. Meet at the new shop at 518 East Osage, in Pacific, MO 63069. 636-257-8343.

* Aug. 22: The VP is doing Bike and Swim Ride to celebrate summer and beat the heat. Go for a scenic ride followed by a nice swim at Johnson's Shut Ins. Bring snacks and a picnic lunch; dinner at the Caledonia BBQ on the way home. Meet at the McStop at Pevely at 8:00/leave at 8:30. Jim Williams, 314-974-1815.

* Aug. 28-30: 19th Galena Campout. Join the BMW Motorrad Club of Northern Illinois in Galena, IL, for its campout at the family friendly Palace Campgrounds near the Mississippi River.

* Aug. 29: GS Ride in Warren County, we will take one of routes set up by the old KTM dealer and end up in Hermann. This is a GS (not a gravel road) ride and will include riding through Lost Creek for about 100 yds. as well as numerous low water crossings. Meet at the QuikTrip at Mid River's at 8:00/leave at 8:30. Jeff Ackerman, 314-239-4504.

No formal ride Labor Day weekend. Try the Springfield Mile on Sunday. It is great racing with the winner and second place typically separated by inches. Donelson has tickets on sale or organize an impromptu ride.

* Sept 11-13: 45th Wisconsin Dells Rally - Chula Vista Resort, just 3 miles north of downtown Wisconsin Dells with lots of tent space & a lodge. LOTS more, call Jim (262) 512-2774 or <http://www.wiscbmwclub.com>.

* Sept 12: Pre-Rally Tech Session at Dave Leligdon's at 9:00 a.m. Send him an email at dleligdon@sbcglobal.net if you need something for the session or want to cover a specific task. 2 Autumn Peak Court, in Summit Heights sub-division, just off Hwy. 141 and Hwy. 30, Fenton, MO. 314-575-9454.

* Sept 13: Rider's Choice with lots of fall festivals, church dinners, etc. going on. Meet at the Dierbergs, off Hwy. 21 at 9:00/leave at 9:30. Ride leader needed.

* Sept. 16: Wednesday General Meeting at Miss Sheri's at 9967 Manchester Rd., 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 p.m. sharp.

Unfortunately, the Dinks and Trail of Tears rally are on the same weekend this year. Plus the RAMS and Hoosiers rallies will both be on the fourth weekend of September this year.

* Sept. 18-20: 6th Annual Trail of Tears Rally at the Trail of Tears Lodge and Resort, 1575 Fair City Rd., Jonesboro, IL. The rally coordinates with Grass Roots BMW fall open house on Saturday, just 14 miles away in Cape Girardeau, MO. Grass Roots will host a buffet luncheon for all guests attending the open house in addition to door prizes, demo rides and local entertainment, too. After the open house a 50/50 drawing will be held Saturday night back at the lodge. For registration documents and further information, please email Lee Brackett at: lee.brackett@gmail.com or call 618-528-8640. For more information visit our website at shawneearidersassociation.com

* Sept 18-20: Dinky Dozen Campout - Please join the Dinky Dozen Friday and Saturday evening for a camp out and fun. They are having a memorial ride for Don Braasch, one of their founding members, on Saturday. Livingston County 4H Park, 18142 4H Park Road, Pontiac, IL 61764.

* Sept. 20: Ron is leading a scenic south county ride after recovering from his accident with a turkey vulture. He knows all the great little backroads. Meet at the Pink Elephant on Hwy. 141 and Schneider Rd. just north of Hwy. 21 and across the road from the QuikTrip (at Hwy. 141 & Schneider; 2600 S Old Hwy. 141) at 9:30/leave at 10:00. Ron Bier, 314-623-1363.

* Sept. 25 – 27: 29th Hoosier Beemers Rally at Muscatatuck County Park in Vernon, IN. One mile south of US 50 on State Road 7. Contact Jeff Kernen, jrkernen@yahoo.com.

* Sept. 25-27: The 3rd “RAMS Rally” is moved up a week this year because of the RA National. The RAMS, invite you to its new rally location at Parker’s Crossroads RV Park and Campground, 22580 Highway 22 North, Parker’s Crossroads, Tenn. 1.5 miles north of I-40 exit 108. GPS Coordinates: 35.809182 -88.389067. For more information, visit the website: www.bmwrams.com.

* Sept. 27: Chris is headed to Caledonia today for BBQ. Meet at the Dierbergs, off Hwy. 21 at 9:00/leave at 9:3. Chris Kerckhoff , 314-422-1888.

* Oct. 1-4: The BMW RA National is in Harrison, Arkansas at the Boone County Fairgrounds. See <http://bmwra.org/content/bmw-ra-2015-national-rally> for more info. The RA National is typically about a third the size of the MOA National but is still a good time in a great riding area. Vendors.

* Oct. 3: Phil is leading a ride for BBQ today with a possible stop at Elephant Rocks. Meet at the QuikTrip in Eureka at 9:00/leave at 9:30. Phil Sulfstede , 314-910-9663.

* Oct. 9-11: Our 40th Falling Leaf Rally at Potosi, MO, 60 mi. from St. Louis. Take Hwy. 21 south to Hwy. 8, turn west through Potosi to Hwy. 185, bear right to the Lion’s Club grounds. Larry Floyd, 314-892-7012.

* Oct. 17: Hot Dog Roast – Sadly there is no hay ride this year (we spent the money on parts for the rally bike) but the post rally hot dog roast will start at 5:30 at Phil’s place (675 Gateswood Dr., Florissant, MO 63033 – See the April Newsletter for the Progressive Dinner breakfast map). Bring a covered dish or dessert, your beverage (if you don’t like beer or soda), plus a chair if you can. The club is providing hot dogs, buns, plates, beer, soda, etc. and we will give away the left over door prizes from the rally. Phil Sulfstede, 314-910-9663.

* Oct.18: Rider’s Choice with lots of fall festivals, church dinners, etc. going on. Calhoun County in Illinois is especially pretty. Meet at the QuikTrip at 2791 Dunn Rd. (the other side of I-270 from the old location at the Home Depot) at 9:00 a.m./leave at 9:30. Ride leader needed.

* Oct. 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 p.m. sharp.

* Oct. 25: St. John’s Gildehaus Sausage Dinner. Take the scenic route down to the church. We’ll leave early to beat the crowd. Meet at the BP on Long Rd. at 9:00/leave 9:30. Jeff Ackerman.

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. See the MOA magazine or website www.bmwmoa.org for more r-alley information. **GR**

MOA Rally Pictures

Phil and I trailered to Loveland, CO, where we linked up with Mike Burke. The three of us did Rocky Mountain National Park, Trail Ridge Road, part of Flaming Gorge, WY, Salmon River Valley, ID, on to Bigfork/Flathead Lake, MT, then headed to Helena and Billings for the Rally. Before leaving the area we did Beartooth Pass & Chief Joseph with Haugen. —Chris Kerckhoff.

Dear editor, I went west. It was hot. I came home. The end. —Phil Sulfstede



Phil, Mike and Haugen on Beartooth Pass. Photo by Chris Kerckhoff.



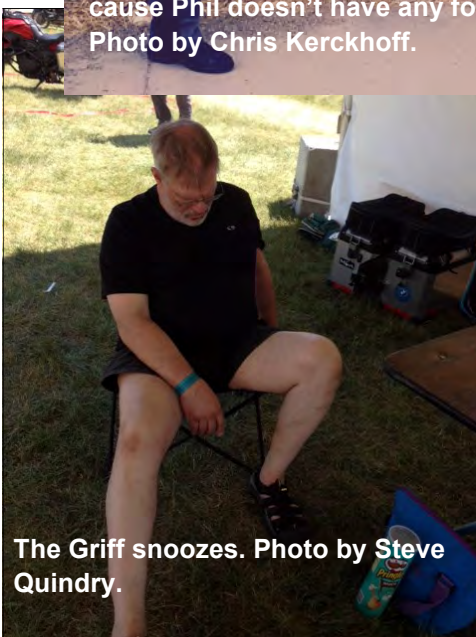
Phil washes his windscreen. Photo by Chris Kerckhoff.



The ground squirrel is unhappy because Phil doesn't have any food. Photo by Chris Kerckhoff.



Donning raingear just in time. Photo by Chris Kerckhoff.



The Griff snoozes. Photo by Steve Quindry.



Mike, Phil and Chris on Beartooth Pass.

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R nineT Tailbag Bracket By Marilyn Roberts

Shortly after I picked up my R nineT earlier this year, it was obvious that I needed a new way to attach the straps on the front of the tailbag, an SW-Motech Slipstream. I had the rear subframe removed, which really cleaned up the bike's rear but took away the attachment point for the bag. Two of our members had the talent and ability to make the bracket I wanted: Jim Williams and Bruce Shawgo. Jim was the first to produce the item. Seen below left is Jim's creation next to BMW's bracket on its proprietary large touring tailbag for the R nineT. I tried to buy just the BMW brackets but they only came attached to the \$300+ touring bag. I sent Jim a picture of the bracket and he soon produced his version, made of titanium no less! Nice work, and it fit the bike perfectly. I trimmed the bag's front straps and sewed some Velcro on the bag and straps to attach. **GR**



BMW bracket left, Jim's bracket right.



The bracket slid on the bolt that attaches it to the bike.



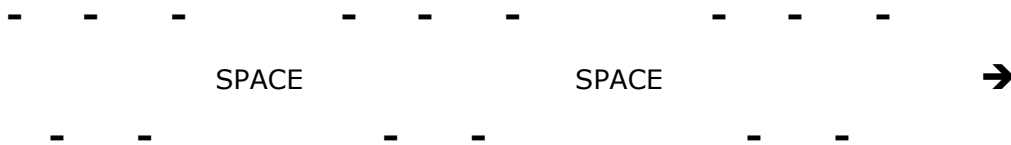
The bag attached to the bike using the new bracket... left side on top, right side on the bottom.

Group Ride Guidelines

Preparation: Have a full tank of gas, dress appropriately, bike in good state of repair - including correct tire pressure. Arrive in time for the pre-ride meeting. (15 minutes prior to leaving). Provide the ride leader your name and emergency contact information.

1. You are responsible for your own safety. Do not cause any hazards to others. If at any time you do not feel the ride is being conducted in a safe manner, be sure the sweep rider sees you leaving the group and find your own way to the destination. Have a map or GPS to find your way.
2. If you leave the ride for any reason, pull over where the sweep rider can see you. They will stop and you can advise them of your intention to leave the group.
3. Do not rely on other riders' actions to judge if it is safe for you to pass, pull out, etc. Make sure that *you* have adequate room and there is space for you in front of the vehicle you will pass.
4. You are responsible for keeping the rider behind you on the route. This means that if you make a turn and cannot see them, you must wait where they will see you before you proceed. You need to balance this with safety and pick a spot to wait that doesn't expose you to danger.
5. Ride staggered when appropriate. Minimum following distance is 1 second to the rider staggered in front of you and 2 seconds to the rider directly in front of you. Don't weave around in stagger formation, stay in position, either left or right of center. If the road gets curvy or the speed of the group increases, allow additional following distance or ride single file. Group size: 5-7 optimum. Lead at left of lane. Do not reverse directions unless necessary.

Groups may be broken into smaller sub-groups, if necessary:



6. Do not pass other riders in the group. If you wish to move ahead or back within the group, wait for a stop and work it out with those around you. The group leader is always first and the sweep is always last. They may occasionally move to center of lane for visual checks.
7. Do not block intersections, run red lights, or stop signs. Others will wait across intersection.
8. The club strongly urges you to refrain from the use of alcohol or illicit or prescribed drugs or substances that could impair your abilities before and during the ride event.
9. Point out hazards with a hand or foot to warn other riders, but keep your visual focus on a safe path.
10. If you have a guest, please inform them of the road rules and ask them to ride in the position immediately behind the ride leader's motorcycle.
11. If you're not going on the ride, leave helmet off and wait until the group is out of sight before leaving. **GR**

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