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Hi Everyone!

This time last year I was writing about the upcoming Spring and getting ready for riding the new year. It seems as if our winter so far hasn't proven to be just that. Our members have had a great winter of riding, and to them, kudos! I for one haven't been riding; life just keeps getting in the way. This year might prove to be a busy one. We've got a new website on the way, with many amenities to boot. We've got two great volunteers to be our Rally Meisters this year and we are expecting good things from them.

I mentioned that life is getting in the way. I victimize myself of biting off more than I can chew. As we all have other interests: hobbies, clubs, fitness, photography, metal detecting, etc..., we get tugged away from riding and the love of freedom on that two wheel machine. The one thing I've always thought was could I combine my interest and riding? Some of us have, if you've been fortunate enough to see the artwork that Mike Halbert has been producing lately then count yourself lucky. A year or two ago, he was videoing Mick and himself during adventures on the bike....Jefferson Barracks, bicycling the trails, and lately the use of a drone. He has a multitude of talent and skills that has blended his ability to not only complete a degree, but entertain us as well.

So where am I? I'm challenging members to find a creative way to inspire each another in a way that wasn't there before. We might find out that we could have sparked a new way of enjoying our love of two wheels.

Ok, life just called and I'm on to another adventure.....see ya!

— Jim

A Word from the Editor

Depending on how things go with setting up the new club website approved by the board in January, this may be the last print *Gazette*. Cecil King is working with Rich Race to get the new site on the 'net, and hopefully that will happen before the next *Gazette* in April. The new website will feature a blog section that will take the place of the *Gazette*. It will be sort of a flowing *Gazette* with articles appearing when they are submitted. I will still edit that section and solicit articles and photographs. Jeff will have his own place on the new site for the events. I think you will like the new site. It will be much slicker and more useful than the old one. I am looking forward to it.

— Marilyn

Late Winter/Early Spring 2017 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., at New Halls Ferry and Dunn.

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) OR by the Pink Elephant on Hwy. 141 and Schneider Rd., just north of Hwy. 21 (across the road from the Quick Trip at Hwy. 141 & Schneider, 2600 S old Hwy. 141).

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 March 18 and April 15), followed by a hearty breakfast. Meet at the shop at 518 East Osage, in Pacific, MO 63069, 636-257-8343. Check first because of the weather and time of year.

NOTE: JNL2 Restaurant in Owensville has apparently closed permanently but there is still Dos Primos Mexican Restaurant in town.

Weekday lunch get togethers on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month are at a new location. Meet at noon at the Fazoli's at 12341 St. Charles Rock Rd, Bridgeton, MO, not quite a half mile east of I-270 on the north side of the Rock Rd., for lunch with some of your friends. Dave Mattis, 314-968-1186.

Winter Sunday Breakfast: Starting in January we are going to try some Sunday “meet for breakfast” get togethers. For more info call: Dave Mattis 314-968-1186. First and third Sundays of the Month: Meet at Mimi's Cafe, 17240 Chesterfield Airport Rd, Chesterfield, MO at 9 a.m. This is just east of Boone's Crossing on Chesterfield Airport Rd. Take Boone's Crossing or First Heritage Dr. into the mall to get to the parking lot (no entry off of Chesterfield Airport Rd.).

* Feb. 26: “Woo's Folly” ride to Diamond Mineral Springs. Meet at the QuikTrip at 2791 Dunn Rd. at 9:45 a.m./leave 10:15. (We'll take cars if the weather is bad.) Jeff Ackerman, 314-838-2161.

* March 4: (Saturday) Take an early spring ride with Jim. Meet at the QuikTrip in St. Peters at 10:00/leave 10:30. Jim Shaw, 314-521-0341.

* March 11: Celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Saturday with Rich and Helen Race at 2 pm. Bring a snack, side dish, or dessert along with your favorite photos, plus we will have a “game afternoon.” Beer, soda, and traditional St. Pat's fare will be provided. 816 Hollyridge Dr., Ballwin, MO. Please RSVP by sending a text to 314-401-5790 or email to fid-iridr@gmail.com.

* March 12: Annual spring ride to St. John's Gildehaus for the chicken dinner. Meet at BP on Long Rd. at 9:00 a.m./leave 9:30. Jeff Ackerman, 314- 838-2161.

* Mar. 15: 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 p.m. if you plan on eating. Meeting starts at 7:00 sharp.

* March 18: Spring ride to the Midway café in Weingarten. Meet at the QuikTrip in Eureka at 9:00 a.m./leave 9:30. Phil Sulfstede, 314-910-9663.

* March 25: (Saturday) Spring Tech Session for the new season at Dave Leligdon's home from 8 till 2. Let him know if you have something special to be done so he can be prepared. 2 Autumn Peak Court, in Summit Heights sub-division, just off Hwy. 141 and Hwy. 30, Fenton, MO. 314-575-9454.

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* April 1: Al is leading a “leisurely ride” to the Hermann Wurst House for sausage, sandwiches, and soup. Bring your cooler (if it is warm) to take home some goodies. Meet at the BP on Long Rd. at 9:30 /leave at 10 a.m. He will probably take scenic Missouri Hwy. 94 to Hermann. Al Schroer, 314-602-3500.

* April 8: Today is the 13th Annual Moonshine Lunch Run for a burger. It is a great hangout to see lots of classic bikes. This has to be a real early one to get there on time. It is located in Moonshine, IL (N39 11.433 W87 53.739), about 150 mi. from STL and you need to be there by about 10 a.m. Meet at the QuikTrip on Dunn Rd.; at 6:30/leave 7:00. Ride leader needed.

* April 9: Rider’s Choice. Take a nice spring ride to the destination of your choice. Meet at the BP station on Long Rd. at 9:00 a.m./leave at 9:30. Ride leader needed.

* April 15: (Saturday) Take a spring ride with Jim. Meet at the QuikTrip in St. Peters at 9:00/leave 9:30. Jim Shaw, 314-521-0341.

* April 19: 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 p.m. if you plan on eating. Meeting starts at 7:00 sharp.

* April 23: Progressive Dinner – Our most popular ride is on the next to last Sunday in April. See Maps and info the next newsletter (or on the club's new website if it's up by then). Breakfast (8 a.m.) – Dave and Tracy Anderson; Soup – Phil Sulfstede and Mary Baker; Salad – Dave Mattis; Main Course – Jim Williams and Gail; Dessert – Jon and Susan Diaz. NOTE: One of our relatively newer members came up with the idea of having a poker run along with the Progressive Dinner this year. You can get a card at each course you attend (all the hosts get 5 cards). The winner will get a free entry to the Falling Leaf.

* April 29: Another ride to Hermann. Phil has found a new restaurant there and will have a different route from Al earlier this month. Phil Sulfstede, 314-910-9663.

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.

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Mileage Contest Results

By Jeff Ackerman

The Gateway Rider’s mileage contest runs for a year and includes all motorcycles ridden by the members during the year, not just BMWs. The contest nominally runs concurrently with the yearly points contest, namely from December through the following November. However, I accept mileage from members covering any year long period similar to this. This document gives the results for everyone responding by the end of December 2016. Twenty-one members provided ending mileage for this year; see the table below for complete results. Since this is my second year compiling the mileage, I was able to show the difference between 2015 and 2016 miles ridden for those members providing mileage both years. Eight participants rode more miles this year while ten rode fewer miles and I had no 2015 mileage for three. George Siede, with the “new” R75/5 he won at the rally, and Susan Anderson, with her new F700GS had the largest percentage increases in miles ridden. Traci Anderson, a new rider this year, rode 4426 miles, very good for a first year.

Your events director, Jeff Ackerman, came in first again this year by riding over 25,000 miles, ~5% more than last year. Fielding Childress moved up to second place from tenth place last year with his new GS Adventure. Jim Shaw moved up to third place from sixth last year. Phil Sulfstede fell to fourth place from second place because he spent much more time in New Orleans this year. Dave Anderson rounded out the top five, moving up from a tie for sixth last year.

Mary Ackerman was again the top placing female rider, coming in seventh this year vs. fifth last year. She rode about 3000 fewer miles this year but it was all due to just two trips. She rode fewer miles to the National this year (New England is much closer than the Canadian Rockies) and skipped the trip to the Smoky Mountains in October in favor of playing golf with the ladies in Biloxi.

There is still time to get into the contest for 2017. Just send me your beginning mileage for 2017 for each of your bikes and I will get you loaded into the spreadsheet. If you get a new or different bike this year, let me know the starting mileage and I will add it to the list. **GR**

Top 10 Finishers					11 th thru 21 st Place			
Member:	2016 Miles	2016 Rank	2015 Miles	% Change	Member:	2016 Miles	2016 Rank	2015 Miles
<u>Ackerman, Jeff</u>	25388	1	24252	4.7%	White, Larry	9279	11	4200
<u>Childress, Fielding</u>	17137	2	13482	27.1%	Green, Jay	9161	12	8188
Shaw, Jim	16691	3	15566	7.2%	<u>Schroer, Al</u>	6109	13	5777
Sulfstede, Phil	14506	4	21659	-33.0%	King, Dennis	5989	14	
Anderson, Dave	13900	5	15566	-10.7%	<u>Quindry, Steve</u>	5851	15	
<u>Bissell, Dave</u>	13664	6	15828	-13.7%	<u>Haugen, Bill</u>	4953	16	6254
<u>Ackerman, Mary</u>	12424	7	15576	-20.2%	Anderson, Traci	4426	17	
<u>Bissell, Cathy</u>	11819	8	12704	-7.0%	<u>Siede, George</u>	4296	18	1721
Griffin, David	11756	9	14796	-20.5%	Graham, Bill	3948	19	8382
Floyd, Larry	11685	10	14405	-18.9%	<u>Halbert, Mike</u>	2811	20	9829
					Anderson, Susan	1134	21	200

2016 R1200RT-LC 12,000 Mile Service

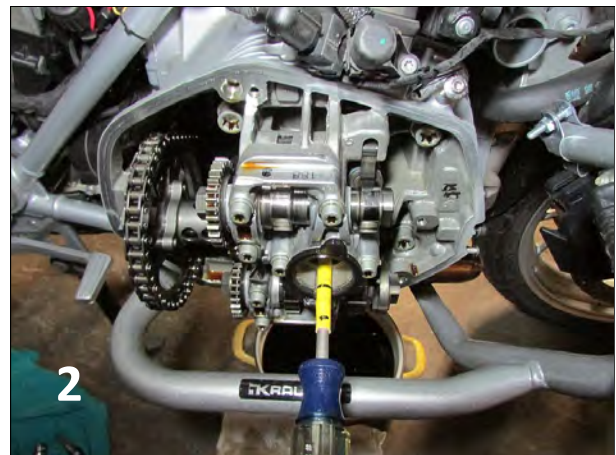
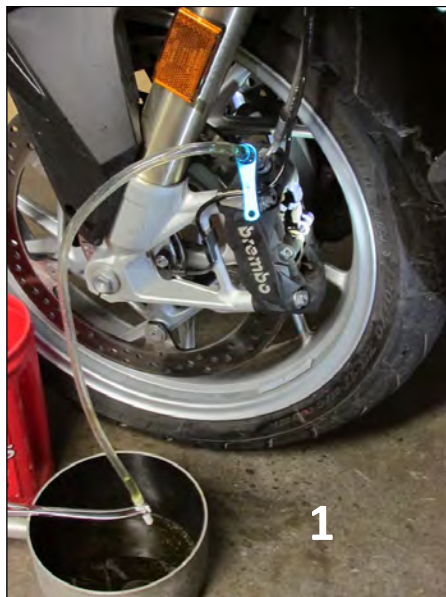
By Jim Shaw

I just completed the first 12,000 mile service on my R1200RT-LC in accordance with the Owners and Service manuals. The only part I skipped was to compress the brake calipers during fluid change because it would require a special BMW tool have yet to obtain or make myself. The fluids in the reservoirs were discolored but clear out of the calipers. I use Valvoline synthetic DOT4 in all my machines. Photo (1) shows Motion-Pro brake tool that incorporates a one-way check valve. It comes in 4 different sizes. I used an 8 mm unit for the front but had to use a regular 11mm wrench on the rear caliper.

The valve clearances were within specifications. If they weren't I would have to let the dealer perform that chore because of the special tools required. Photo (2) of the valves/cams with feeler gauge at rear inlet cam. Note the mark on the screwdriver used to denote top dead center. You may need new gaskets for the covers so plan on spending ~\$40 each. I used a little silicone seal on the old gaskets after some seepage occurred. So I have new gaskets on hand for next service.

I checked the spark plugs and they looked okay so I didn't replace them at this time. NGK plugs used are dual ground type and I found that O'Reilly has them available on special order. It took over a month for mine to arrive (\$10 each). The rear gear case uses 180 ml. of 75-90 synthetic gear oil.

I used K&N air and oil filters plus the Spectro oil I won at the RAMS's rally last year. I purchased the K&N air filter directly from K&N for \$50, and oil filters were special ordered from Walmart for \$10 each. Castrol 4T 5-40 synthetic at \$10/qt. can also be special ordered at O'Reilly. Promac tools (3) were used to remove the ignition module before the valve covers, and the front axle tool has both 19 & 22 mm sizes +3/8" driver. **GR**



2017 Membership Renewal Form

(Dues are due after January 1, 2017)

\$15.00 Individual

\$5.00 additional for spouse/child

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