

the Legendary SHAFT

News from the Land of Enchantment BMW Riders • February 2001

Four Wheelin'

I haven't been on a trip in a long time, by earth, sea or air. I've complained about the winter enough in this space that my views of our current climatological situation are obnoxiously public knowledge. Now I'm going by earth and air to embark for the first time in over 15 years on a four wheeled journey.

I'm flying up to Montana to pick up a car. I don't know if it's that the weather this year is especially bad, or that I'm getting too old for this year-round motorcycling thing. I haven't been to a club breakfast in months, though I hear attendance has been excellent. After riding to work all week in 20° temperatures, in snow, sleet and rain (and the occasional sunshine) it's been really difficult to drag myself out of a warm bed when I don't have to.

I guess that's the difference: *having* to versus *wanting* to. Motorcycling is one of the most important in my life, and going on a good ride has therapeutic affects that I've never gotten from anything else. That enthusiasm has made my move to New Mexico one of the best things I've ever done, in large part because of the two-wheeling opportunities. And I've never regretted not having a car – sure it took a little more work in the cold, but compared to winter riding in New York it was easy.

It will be nice to have the choice, and I think will make the riding even better, because it will be more quality. And maybe you guys will see me at breakfast more often.

David Wilson, Editor

Rides and places I still remember fondly, however long ago they've been.

Top: Breakfast at Hurricane's is a great chance to ride a little and eat a lot, with a heaping helping of two-wheel conversation thrown in.

Center: A past Progressive Breakfast ended at Bill Koups's house. I missed it this year because of the "car trip," but it's always been one of the most fun club events of the year.

Bottom: An impromptu ride ended up at the Indian Trading Post near Santo Domingo. All roads and places I'd never been, with friends who knew the best spots and ways to get there. I still think of that ride as one of my personal best LOE events.



MORE MEMORIES OF RIDES WE'VE BEEN ON

THE BIRTHDAY PARTY

AUGUST 2000



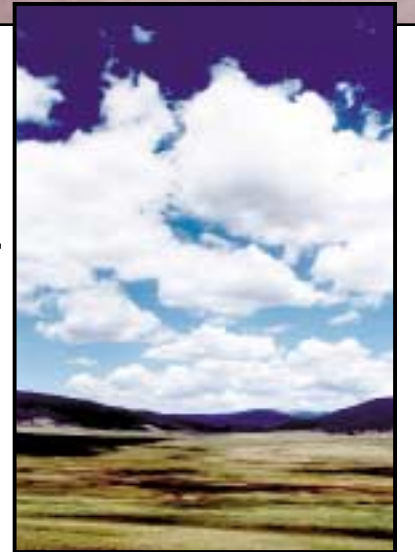
BIG DOG RIDE

JANUARY 2001



VALLE GRANDE

Any Given Weekend





On the Road

FEBRUARY						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Sunday, February 11

Activities/Rally Committee Meeting

The first meeting of the Activities committee will be held February 11th, 10am, at Bill Koup's house. The committee consists of anyone who wants to help plan the club activities, so feel free to come and help. Bring an idea for your favorite ride. We'll attempt to set the calendar for at least half of the year's events. We'll also use this meeting to organize the schedule for the rally committee meetings – if you're interested in helping to organize the rally, this is a good place to start. Call Bryan Lally in Los Alamos at (505) 662-4083 for activity questions, and Bill Koup (505) 856-7513 for directions.

Please note that if no person is listed as ride coordinator, you can check the club website at nmbmwmc.org for updated news and events. Or call Bill Koup, Activity Committee Chair, at 856-7513, (email koup@swcp.com).

NATIONAL EVENTS

Friday-Monday, February 16-19

Death Valley IX Rally, AZ

\$20 includes three nights camping. For a registration form contact Fred Kumm at 949-262-0560, fredgk@aol.com or Gary Hanson at 650-949-5338, gary-hanson2@juno.com

Friday-Sunday, April 13-15

The Fiesta Rally, Southern California

Contact www.scbmwrc.com/scbmwrc.htm

Friday-Sunday, May 18-20

Roadrunner Rally, Heber, AZ

Contact RJ Strayer (480) 314-7334, azgs1100@yahoo.com

Friday-Sunday, May 25-28

49er Rally, Auburn, CA

Contact PO Box 2472, Santa Clara, CA 95050 or email 49er@rlk.com, www.bmwncal.org/49er/index.html

Friday-Sunday, July 12-15

Top o' the Rockies, Paonia, CO

Door prizes, camping, hot showers, Saturday night dinner, live music Friday and Saturday. Oh yeah, and lots of great motorcycling. Contact Deb Lower at (303) 778-8617 or email deblower@attglobal.net

Thursday-Sunday, August 16-19

Cascade Country Rendezvous, Washington

Contact Chris Shea at (206) 696-2434; 7333 34th Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98126. Christophershea@home.com or www.wsbmwr.org

August

!00,000 Foot Ride, Colorado

Contact Jerry Kelly at (303) 675-9641 or email coloradobeemers@hotmail.com

August

Nez Perce GS Rally, Idaho

Contact PO Box 3523, Boise, ID 83703-0523, or Mike Howard at (208) 378-9418, gsidaho@micron.net or Todd Lovell at badtoad@micron.net

August

GS Big Dog Ride, Colorado

Contact BMW of Denver (303) 936-2317 or Great American Motorcycle Adventures, PO Box 1598, Englewood, CO 80150-1598, (303) 715-9292.

Roadrunner Rally

from the PITStop newsletter

Friday through Sunday, May 18-20.

PITS is pleased to announce that our annual Roadrunner Rally has been relocated to a new venue! Camp Shadow Pines is a 55 acre facility nestled within

Join the LOE BMW Riders

Yearly dues: \$15 single, \$20 couple; payable each January 1. New member dues prorated on a quarterly basis. For more information or to pay dues, write or go to the web site:

Land of Enchantment BMW Riders
PO Box 92095
Albuquerque, NM 87199-2095

www.nmbmwmc.org

or call Ken Goode at (505) 892-5690.

the Ponderosa Pines in the Apache Sitgreaves National Forest. In addition to the tall pines, spectacular mountain views and the natural beauty of the area, this property provides ample camping space, bunk housing, clean restroom and shower facilities, commercial kitchen, indoor and outdoor dining, shelter from the elements, sporting fields, billiards and easy access to some of the best touring and off-road routes in the state.

For more information contact RJ and Laurie Vaughan Strayer at (480) 314-7334 or email pitseditor@aol.com

Top o' The Rockies

When: July 12-13-14-15, 2001

Where: Paonia, Colorado, altitude is 5,645 Feet.

Location: 38:52:06 N - 107:35:29 W

Host: BMW M/C Club of Colorado. All makes welcome.

Fee: \$30 at the gate. Preregistration (until 6/25/01) is \$25. Kids 8-15 are \$15. Under 8, free.

Includes: Door prizes, camping (shaded in city park; quiet by the high school 2 minute ride away), hot showers, Saturday night dinner (at least), music Friday and Saturday evenings, soft drinks, self guided tours, field events, and vendors. Pins guaranteed for the preregistered.

Vendor Fee: None, but vendors must register as individuals. We encourage pre-registration to provide adequate display area.

Volunteers: Needed to help plan and coordinate: registration, t-shirt sales, field events, 2-K run/walk, softball game, vendors, and door prizes.

Mail to: Top o' the Rockies, Box 45, Littleton, CO 80160, or contact Deb Lower at (303) 778-8617 or (303) 356-6612 or deblower@attglobal.net

Chaparral Tires

by Ziggy Kaluzny

I had a problem with Chaparral sending me the wrong tire for my R11GS; I ordered at T66X (radial) front, and got a T66 (bias). After long discussions and help from someone at BMW ON consumer affairs, I found out the following: Apparently Chaparral lists all T66s as "X" or radial, both in their computer and in the catalog. This is an error and will be corrected, but until then, caveat emptor.

You Can Write!

Send in your stories, reviews, opinions – don't forget pictures, too (shots of club members and their bikes strongly encouraged). We'll publish anything! Send your contributions to:

David Wilson
5700 Copper NE, #B34
Albuquerque, NM 87108
Voice: 505-232-0266

Email: mrmtv@aol.com

Computer files are best; please send material via email or on disk saved as Text (ascii). I can also scan photos and graphics, so take lots of pix on that cross-country trip and send them along.

NOTE: The deadline for the March issue is **Monday, February 19th. Start typing!**

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The R1150RT

from Ira Agins

Once again The Legendary Shaft scoops the world (almost) as our intrepid reporter in the field (actually, the internet) Ira Agins finds more news that the Beemerphile can't be without. This month it's the first pictures of the upcoming R1150RT. If you want more info, plus the accompanying story, just jump to this link and be the first on your block to get the news on BMW's hottest new bike.

http://www.passionbmw.com/Nouvelle_R1150RT.htm





Helmets Save Lives!



The Rear View

Mouse pic from Bryan Lally – <http://www.acadiacom.net/jepetty/HelmetsSaveLives.jpg>