

the Legendary SHAFT

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What Time Is It?

I was just remarking the other day, "Can you believe it's already July? The older I get the faster everything seems to go." And now suddenly it's 2002, and all the prophetic work of the last century has been outdated: Orwell's 1984, Prince's 1999, Kubrick's 2001... who'da thought we'd get here so fast? The only good thing about all this time rushing past is that BMW motorcycles are getting better with each passing year.

And our club, too, is a year older. Everybody knows each other a year better, and half of them are riding new bikes (I say that with envy). Looking back on the past year motorcycle-wise, it was a slow year for me personally, and my riding was pretty close to home. There were plenty of LOE people who didn't do that, of course, heading off to points all over the country and bringing back lots of stories to tell about it.

This year promises plenty of action right here in New Mexico: the BMW RA rally in Red River, professional motorcycle racing at Sandia Motorsports Park, and our own events like the Progressive Breakfast this month, the Sipapu rally and the Datil ride, to name a few. If you want to put more miles under your belt, the BMW MOA national rally is in Canada this year. Head out for that and you'll be replacing tires en route for sure.

I'm hoping to be more ambitious in my own riding too. The Madrid ride or the Jemez loop are fine, but Chama is riding nirvana 8 months out of the year, and I've never done a leisurely tour of the Silver City area. Maybe this year I'll be showing up on a new bike, too. That's always big incentive to get out and see the countryside. And you can never tell how the club's ride schedule will shape up. There are always some can't-miss trips there. If you're just too busy to plan a few weeks in advance there's the club

web site with spontaneous rides posted nearly every week. And for the truly last minute, Sunday breakfast at Hurricane's will always find a few riders itching for a quick spin.

Of course, none of this happens without people like you getting involved. LOE BMW R is lucky to have a core group of people willing to stick their hands in and make sure everything gets done, but it's really up to the membership as a whole to make us a vibrant club. The more people involved, the more diversity in the events, and the more interesting it all becomes.

My experience has been that nobody who gets involved with the nuts and bolts of the club is sorry. You might think it's all a lot of thankless work, but what you end up finding is a group of some of the best friends you will ever know who want to ride a lot of miles, eat a lot of food, and find ways to make even what could be the tedious part of club work fun.

It's about riding, but even more it's about friends and involvement. I'm hoping to see my old friends even more this year, and to make some new ones, too.

David Wilson, Editor



The Christmas Party: food, drink, friends – what more could you ask for?

LOE 2001 WRAPUP

At the end of the *real* first year of the new millenium, we look back on some of the past year's rides. It was a year of great riding weather and plenty of wonderful places to go. There were the traditional rides to the Jemez or North 14, and the less traditional, such as the Oregon trek to the MOA National. There were the club standards such as Sipapu and Datil, and innumerable spur-of-the-moment runs organized from the club's web site or at Sunday Breakfast. Hope these photos bring fond memories and inspire you for next season!



Above: Nothing gets you ready to ride better than a good breakfast. Hurricane's on Sunday has become one of the club's most well attended events – and it happens every week! Here Monroe Bonfoey models the cutting edge of trendy riding: day-glow green.



Above: The single biggest club event of the year, of course, is the Bavarian Mountain Weekend. And this year no one went home disappointed. Great weather, great roads, and a mellow crowd made it yet another memorable rally. There was plenty of time for riding and also for veging, as our LOE Lounging Demonstration Team, shows us (above right).



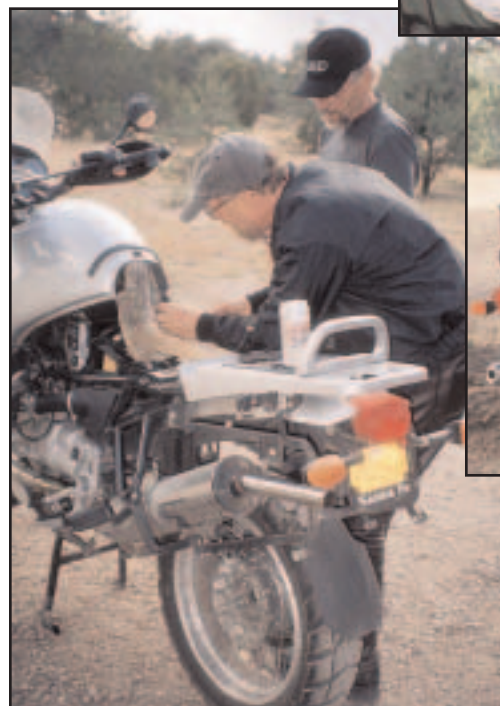
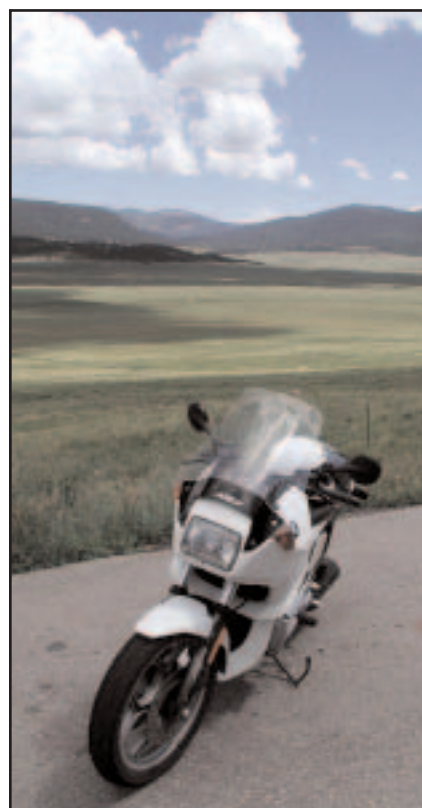
Right: Spring got off to a warm start at Caballo Lake, where the Houcks hosted the first campout of the year. It was warm, dry and windy and everybody had a mellow time (judging by the bottle count on the table). I don't think those smiles could get much bigger.



Below: This year saw the shop in Santa Fe catch its stride. Manager Ed Lind has been a great friend and supporter of LOE BMW R, and participated in many of this year's activities. Hey, there's my next bike!



My own rides this year were pretty mundane. Too busy to be ambitious, I tended to head out alone or with my favorite passenger. By the end of the summer my parking spot in Madrid was reserved just for me (above, with Lynn). Right: I've never had a bad ride through the Jemez, though by now I pretty much know where to be sedate and where the places are where you can – ah, how to say it – be a little more spirited in your riding.



Left: What is it about Datil and broken bikes? Despite the mechanical troubles, there was plenty of spirited riding to be had and lounging to be done at the October event.

Right: One of the better ideas (in my opinion) the club has had has been to help sponsor a Motorcycle Safety class for

members to participate in. It's always a sell out, and this year's event saw lots of LOE people sharpening their skills and finding out how much there is to know, even if you know it all...

Below right: Then put those skills to use. The brand new Sandia Motorsports Park brought high class, high speed motorcycle racing to Albuquerque, and it was exciting every time. Now that's spirited riding! Next season will have an expanded schedule and rumor has it that professional racers are also on the way. We've hit the big time!



It (was) Christmas

And the party was a blast! Maybe the biggest single collection of club members of the year showed up at O'Neil's Uptown restaurant for barbecue and beer, camaraderie and lots of lies about the rides of the past year. Were you there? Hope these shots remind you of the great time you had. Missed it? Hope this inspires you to get out and mix with the club next season. See you there!



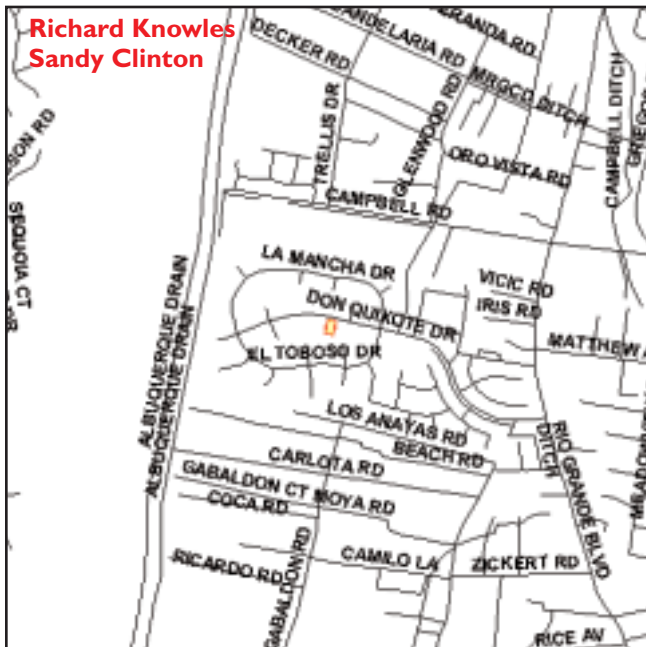


On the Road

JANUARY 2002						
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Sunday, January 27 Progressive Breakfast

Stop #1: The first leg of the Progressive Breakfast will be at Sandy Clinton and Richard Knowles' house (their phone number is 243-1768). The street address is 3124 Don Quixote NW. From Rio Grande and I-40, go north on Rio Grande and turn west on Don Fernando. Don Fernando is just south of Matthew near the Co-op. Continue west on Don Fernando to the stop sign. Go straight. The road you are on west of the stop sign is Don Quixote (just like magic). 3124 is about halfway down on the south side of the road. They have a blue mailbox and Richard's GS will be parked in front. This stop will be donuts (Krispy Kreme's!) and buckets of hot coffee.



Stop #2: Gary and Kathy Cade and sons will host Stop #2 for the Progressive Breakfast ride. They live at 8901 Comanche, NE and have a corner lot that intersects

with Moon. Their house is on the north side of the street directly across from Madison Middle School. It's about halfway between Wyoming and Eubank. They recommend people park on the street on the west side of their property since the drive is steep and there is limited parking otherwise. If you were there a few years ago when they were part of the ride, please help the others find the way. If you get lost or have problems, call them at 296-4052.



Stop #3: Then it's back to the North Valley to Ernie Gabaldon's house at 3840 San Isidro NW. More coffee,



more food, what more could you hope for? Maybe temperatures above freezing. You can reach Ernie for directions at 344-8951, or just follow the crowd of motorcycles leaving the Cade's.

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 Bryan Lally, our illustrious Activity Committee Chair, at (505) 662-4083, (email bryan@lally.org).

If you're looking for an impromptu ride check the club web site's Message Board for unannounced rides and changes in the above schedule.

AND BEYOND...

Friday-Sunday, September 13-15

Bavarian Mountain Weekend, Sipapu

The most fun of the year! Our nationally-famous rally. Mark your calendars now and watch the *Shaft* for details as they develop.

NATIONAL EVENTS

Saturday, January 19

Three Flags Classic (see next column)

Drawing for entry in the 3-country event. Touring event begins in Ciudad Juarez and ends in Regina, SK, Canada. Entry fee \$200, limited to 250 riders. Call Jo Anne Gamble at (714) 775-8246 or go to www.3flagsclassic.org for details.

Friday-Sunday, January 18-20

BMWNEF Winter Rally, Starke, FL

BMW Owners of North East Florida at Camp Keystone in Starke, Florida. Contact Dennis & Betty Smith at (904) 471-1877 or Bill Peterson at (904) 471-44269 for details.

Friday-Sunday, April 12-14

Tentpegger Rally, Dade City, FL

BMW Motorcycle Owners Club of Florida rally at Youth Ranch between Brooksville and Dade City, Florida. Contact Wayne Sawveil at (727) 397-9339 or Ralph Strauss at (727) 581-0942 for details.

Friday-Sunday, May 17-19

Roadrunner Rally, Heber, AZ

Camp Shadow Pines, were you there last year? Contact details to come.

Friday-Tuesday, May 24-28

49er Rally, Auburn, CA

At the Gold Country Fairgrounds in Auburn, California, 30 miles east of Sacramento. Contact www.bmwvocal.org or email 49erRegistration@bmwnorcal.org, or call Pat Potter at (650) 593-6009 for details.

Friday-Sunday, June 14-16

Chief Joseph Rally, OR

Contact details to come.

Friday-Sunday, June 21-23

Red Rock Rendezvous, UT

Beehive Beemers rally. Contact details to come.

Friday-Sunday, June 21-23

Missouri State BMW Rally, Springfield, MO

Crane City Park in Crane, Missouri, 30 miles southwest of Springfield of ST13/ST265. Contact Springfield BMW Roadriders, c/o Connie Meyers, 1158 S. Mumford Dr., Springfield, MO 65809 or call (417) 883-1853 for details.

Thursday-Sunday, July 11-14

BMW MOA National Rally, Ontario, Canada

On the shores of Lake Ontario in the City of Trenton 100 miles east of Toronto. Call Don Faichney at (905) 885-7354 or email donf@nhb.com for details.

Friday-Sunday, July 12-14

Top O' the Rockies Rally, Paonia, CO

Contact details to come.

Thursday-Sunday, August 15-18

RA National Rally, Red River, NM

GS rides, poker runs, BMW NA demo fleet, all the roads of Northern New Mexico, southern Colorado and, well, you know it already. Check out www.bmwra.org for details.

Friday-Tuesday, August 31-September 3

Three Flags Classic

Touring event begins in Ciudad Juarez and ends in Regina, SK, Canada. Entry fee \$200, limited to 250 riders. Call Jo Anne Gamble at (714) 775-8246 or go to www.3flagsclassic.org for details.

Friday-Sunday, November 8-10

Deming Cycles Cookout, Deming, NM

Contact details to come.

O'Neil's Wednesdays

An informal get-together has been started on Wednesday afternoons at O'Neil's Uptown restaurant. Starting at around 4pm, the gathering goes until the last one gets hoarse or gets caught in a riding lie too big to endure. Look for the table with lots of leather, and Cordura.

Why We Care

By Larry Schwartz, President, District III American Motorcyclist Association, Member, Motorcycle Riders Foundation, Member, Abate of N.Y., Pa., Mass.

Something happened in Franklin, Ohio, a little town of twenty two thousand people in America's heartland.

I live in Scotia, New York. What do I care about what happens in a little known place like Franklin, Ohio? Because what occurred there is a shining example of the kind of stereotyping and bigotry that hurts us all. It's an example of what can and sometimes does happen in communities throughout America that diminishes us all.

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It was about a month ago and the wrestling team in the Franklin schools was fund raising.

The school system itself supports the sport, but not to the extent that it gives the team all that it wants to do for its members. So the wrestlers came up with a kind of unique and creative way to generate interest and raise some money. They decided to create a poster and sell it. That, of course, may not be unusual, but the form that the poster took probably was.

The team wanted funds for the remainder of the season and the post season tournaments.

Team members went to the Aces and Eights Harley Davidson dealership in Mason, Ohio and had themselves photographed sitting on various motorcycles at the dealership. They were clad in the typical black leather attire that most motorcyclists wear for protection.

The posters were produced and sales began, but not for long. The poster was banned by the high school principal, Robert Leahy and several school board members. They said that "this(the poster) is very offensive" and that "it gives off the wrong impression of our students."

What's the Big Deal?

I read about this in a notice that the American Motorcyclist Association sent out to members from their Pickerington, Ohio headquarters. As a retired broadcast journalist of 43 years I was taken aback that supposedly intelligent educators, people responsible for teaching children values they would hold on to for possibly the rest of their lives would perpetrate what I consider to be an insidious act.

When did educators in Franklin, Ohio decide that the first amendment to the United States Constitution should be thrown into the garbage? What about freedom of expression and incidentally, freedom of association. It appeared that for school officials in Franklin, Ohio, the constitution only was valuable when it conformed with their personal opinions, unjustified and bigoted though they might be.

When did the educators in Franklin, Ohio decide it was better to be poster boys for stereotyping and bigotry than to pass on the values of tolerance, inclusion and acceptance as the ones with which we would like our children to be associated? Why did these school officials decide that motorcyclists were people of disrepute? Why have these school officials hung on to stereotypes formed over fifty years ago that never applied to begin with and certainly don't apply today. Do they know or even care that motorcyclists are their neighbors? Do they know or care that the typical motorcyclist is 38 years old, has family income between 50 and 75-thousand dollars, has kids, owns a home and bridges all income and job description groups from neurosurgeons to ditch dig-



I remember... the great ride to the Santo Domingo Trading Post. It's burned down now. What places have you been waiting to see?

gers. Do they know or care that motorcyclists are truly a cross section of our country? Do they know or care that 25% of all new motorcycles sold are being sold to women? Do they know or care that motorcyclists as a group raise more money for charitable causes than almost any other group in the country? Do they know or care, period?

As an older man, now 65, I can remember the Second World War and the battles that were fought and the men and women who died to wipe out a system that epitomized bigotry and hate of a kind far greater than the one I am describing. I am certainly not ascribing any of those attributes to those in Franklin, Ohio who decided that motorcyclists in general should be characterized as bad people.

However, stereotyping and bigotry oftentimes begin in small ways. Once started they fester and grow and given any encouragement at all, start to destroy us in small ways that then become more dangerous as they are allowed to live on. Discrimination is easily taught, but hard to eliminate once it has a foothold.

I decided to call the Franklin Chronicle newspaper in Franklin. The editor told me this: "Oh, that happened a month ago and it's all over. No one even remembers it." Far from being forgotten, that event has been given nationwide publicity to the motorcycling community throughout the United States and to some contacts overseas as well. While the editor thought it was blown out of proportion, I say it was never addressed by those who should have addressed it.

Has there ever been an apology from the Superintendent of Schools in Franklin, from the Principal of the High School, from the School Board members, all of whom elected to put prejudice and bigotry before open mindedness and tolerance. Do they even know that they've besmirched a group of teens who were only trying to do something good for their team and school? Do they realize what kind of example and role model they are creating for their own children? Would you want these
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school officials to be running your schools? I think not.

I have been riding motorcycles for almost a quarter of a century. There is no group of people anywhere who would stop and help someone in distress faster than a motorcyclist.

Some will point to "outlaw" groups and say, "bad people." Like any other group in the world, we also have some bad apples. However, the overwhelming percentage of motorcyclists in this country are good, decent, hardworking people, just like most of those living in Franklin, Ohio.

Being destructive is easy. It only takes a few words to hurt a lot of people. Doing the right thing is sometimes the hardest to do. It may be that the people of Franklin, Ohio don't see what happened as very significant. It was only a poster, right? That poster manifests the right of us all to say and think what we want without hindrance as long as we are not hurting others either physically or mentally. That poster is a right guaranteed by our Constitution and Bill of Rights. The reaction of some very important people in a small town shows us again that indeed freedom is not free and that words spoken often damage our values more than we can know. The wrestling team of Franklin, Ohio schools has given us the chance to once again evaluate what we're teaching our kids, not in the classroom, but in the real world. We had better be up to that challenge. The people of Franklin Ohio should care about that!

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:

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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 February issue is Monday, January 21st. Start typing!

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The Rear View

Who are those two and what are they doing? Check out the coverage of the annual Christmas Party in the News section!