

the **Legendary** **SHAFT**

News from the Land of Enchantment BMW Riders • April 2002

Spring Leaning

Well Spring has sprung – I've seen the trees with green on them to prove it. Time to uncover the bike, change the oil, warm up the tires... Wait a minute, this is New Mexico! The bike never went into storage! In that case it's time to think about where to go and what to do during the riding season coming up.

This issue is your planning guide, the annual date-book edition of the *Shaft*. It's news and only news (well, mostly news). It's the complete riding schedule (well, mostly complete) for the club and most of the motorcycle events happening in the nearby area for the rest of the year. If you can't find somewhere to go or something to do on your bike in this issue, then you need to find another sport.

We're blessed with living in one of the most scenic, most fun states for motorcycling in the world. People in much of the rest of the country dream about being able to ride the roads we take for granted. I know because I dreamed about it for years. We also have one of the most active, and – believe it or not – organized BMW clubs in the country. The rides you'll find in here are proof of that, and I encourage you to get out and meet your fellow club members on our rides as often as you can.

Last year I spent most of my time working instead of riding, and though the money was nice the cobwebs in my brain and the feeling of all the beautiful sights and sounds I missed weren't worth the trade off. For my own part, I plan to be a lot more actively on the road this season, and I hope to see you out there too.

We've had several meetings and endless breakfast discussions about how to better tailor the rides for maximum attendance, and hopefully this latest iteration will be a winner. There are GS rides for those of you looking for dirt, long trips for the steely butts among you, and short day- and part-day trips for those looking for closer to home events. There are rides to the north, to the south, and to the ends of the country. In addition to the listings here there are also the weekly breakfast at 8am Sunday mornings at Hurricane's on

Eubank and Candelaria, and the more spontaneous rides you can find by checking out the Message Board at the club's web site (thanks, TC!). All of that and the professional racing coming to the Sandia Motorsports track this summer, which will also be listed.

If you can think of it, it's probably out there for you. And if you don't see it, post it yourself on the web site, or let me know and we'll work on it together.

So get out your datebook and fill it up. Stick this issue to your refrigerator. Put in for vacation tomorrow. Most of all, get out and ride!

David Wilson, Editor



We live in one of the most beautiful states in the country (take it from me, I've lived in some crappy ones). Get out and take advantage of it!

Welcome New Members!

Please welcome Leroy & Deborah Hairgrove of Rio Rancho. It's great to have you with us!



On the Road

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Wednesday, April 3 Rally Committee Meeting

To be held at O'Neil's Uptown restaurant at 5:30pm. Come help plan the big event! Contact Robert Keen at 883-4813, motorkeen@aol.com or Steffan Marley at 265-6885, smarley@swcp.com for details.

Saturday, April 20 Business Meeting

To be held at Santa Fe BMW, where Ed Lind promises plenty of coffee and plenty of donuts. Can't beat that! And after the meeting the shop is a great jumping off point for innumerable rides in the area, of which we will surely be partaking. The meeting starts at 10am, the riding immediately after. Contact Robert Keen for details at 883-4813, motorkeen@aol.com.

Friday-Sunday, April 26-28 Glenwood GS/Road Ride

Want some dirt? Want some street? There will be plenty of both, and lots of fun on them. It will be a motel trip, though there is camping in the area for those who would like to partake thereof. Come join the area's best BMW/KLR/Winnebago/Jet Ski/Professional Eater's club

Join the LOE BMW Riders

Yearly dues are \$15 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 Terry Tombaugh at (505) 821-0063.

as we show the locals how to have some real fun. Contact Steve Mounce at 275-3811 or Robert Keen at 883-4813, motorkeen@aol.com for details.

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Wednesday, May 1 Rally Committee Meeting

To be held at O'Neil's Uptown restaurant at 5:30pm. Come help plan the big event! Contact Robert Keen at 883-4813, motorkeen@aol.com or Steffan Marley at 265-6885, smarley@swcp.com for details.

Sunday, May 12 GS Ride to Reilly

Didn't get enough dirt in your grin in Glenwood? Then head out to Reilly for more of the muddy stuff. Warm up your riding skills in the berms! Contact Robert Keen at 883-4813, motorkeen@aol.com for details.

Sunday-Monday, May 19-20 Red River Scouting Ride

You can't have a bad ride in the Sangre de Cristos. We'll be checking out the lay of the land where the RA Rally will be held in August. And between here and there we'll be checking out lots of gorgeous mountains. This is a scouting mission to help us plan our participation in August's RA Rally (see below). On Monday those so inclined will meet with the Red River Chamber of Commerce to work out some rally details. Go for the day or for two! Steve Mounce will be the ride leader, contact him at 275-3811 for details.

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 RJ Mirabal, our fearless and constantly busy Activity Committee Chair, at 299-4916, (email rjmirabal@yahoo.com).

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...

Saturday, June 1

The Tunnels to Fenton Lake GS Ride

Still haven't gotten enough sand in your teeth? This ride is light on the sliding and heavy on the scenery. The Jemez in the spring is one of the most beautiful places on earth! Contact Mike McKee at 266-6118, mckee@unm.edu for details. You'll be glad you did.

Wednesday, June 5

Rally Committee Meeting

To be held at O'Neil's Uptown restaurant at 5:30pm. Come help plan the big event! Contact Robert Keen at 883-4813, motorkeen@aol.com or Steffan Marley at 265-6885, smarley@swcp.com for details.

Saturday, June 22

The Jemez

You've been there a million times, and it's been great for every single one. Stop for lunch in Los Alamos at one of the best Chinese restaurants in the state (or so I hear). Contact Dave Wilson at 232-0266 for details.

Wednesday, July 10

Rally Committee Meeting

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Saturday-Sunday, July 20-21

Northern New Mexico Ride

It'll be a hot ride to the cool climes of northern New Mexico, where we'll pick up our Santa Fe brethren, then head up to Chama through Antonito. It was a blast last year, and the year before that, and the year before that... You can't go wrong with the mountains in the summer! Details to come.

Sunday, August 18

Business Meeting in the Mountains

If you're going to have a meeting, it might as well be in a beautiful place. First Santa Fe, and now in the Sandias, where we'll meet at a picnic area, then go grind our foot-pegs (I mean leisurely take in the sights) on the way up to the Peak. Details to come.

Saturday-Sunday, August 2-3

LOE Birthday Party in the Monzanos

One of the Big Event of the Year for the LOE BMW R. Cooking out, riding in the mountains, tents and friends. What more could you ask for? Details to come.

Wednesday, July 7

Rally Committee Meeting

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Thursday-Sunday, August 15-18

BMW RA Rally in Red River

We'll be a part of this rally, so we're claiming it as (partially) our own. It's always a blast when a national rally comes to play in our yard, and this will be no exception. We'll be manning the "Hospitality Tent" and handing out ride and restaurant suggestions, maps – being a general source for local information to the attendees. And pitching our great club, and our own rally a month away. More details to come, or you can call Steve Mounce, who has agreed to be the rally coordinator for the club. His number is 275-3811.

Friday-Sunday, September 6-8

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.



Friday-Sunday, October 4-6

Datil Camp 'N Ride

The last big club ride of the year, where we say "Thanks" and pat ourselves on the back for doing such a good job at Sipapu. Not to mention riding like crazy people all weekend. All the best club legends come from this event. Come be part of it! Details to come.

Sunday, October 20

Alien Crash Site Tour

One of the best kept secrets about all the places aliens are said to have crashed in our great state is that they all crashed along roads that are ideal for motorcycle riding. We'll tour several of the claimed locations and end up in – do I need to say it? – the UFO Museum in Roswell. Not for the weak minded, we'll be challenging both those infamous coverups and how long our butts can last in the saddle. Those aliens must have ridden sport bikes, and not very well. Contact RJ Mirabal at 299-4916 for details.

Saturday, December 14

The Christmas Party

Maybe there aren't as many people here as in Sipapu, but they're packed into a much smaller space so there seems like more. And dressed pretty snappily too. Come to one of the biggest bashes of the year at O'Neil's Uptown restaurant. More details will come.

NATIONAL EVENTS

Thursday-Sunday, April 11-14

Texas Hill Country K1200RS Rally, Kerrville, TX

Held on a 600,000 acre ranch, there will be lots of K12 goodies and world class barbecue. Arranged by the Internet BMW Riders, there will be no entry fee, and those sans K12's will also be welcomed. For more information go to nine-eleven.com/rally.htm or email barry@i-bmw.com

Friday-Sunday, April 12-14

Fiesta Rally, San Diego, CA

See the story after the listings. Contact Werner von Hartmann at (949) 642-4970; SCBMWRC, P.O. Box 11521, Santa Ana, California 92711-1521. For registration form, map and other info go to www.scbmwrc.com

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, April 26-28

AMA Vintage Motorcycle Days West, Sonoma, CA

Held at the Sears Point Raceway, this well known event will feature an exhibit of classic Spanish motorcycles and memorabilia. For more information go to amadirectlink.com or call (800) AMA-JOIN.

Friday-Sunday, May 10-12

Texas National BMW Rally, Brady, TX

Held at Richard Park in the geographical center of the state (130 miles NW of San Antonio and 210 miles SW of Dallas), surrounded by excellent roads, and – no fee for the rally or for camping! How can you go wrong? Contact Paul Mulhern at (210) 650-9703 or pmulhern@swbellnet for details.

Friday-Sunday, May 17-19

Roadrunner Rally, Heber, AZ

Camp Shadow Pines, were you there last year? Dorms and motels available. Demo rides, Friday and Saturday night dinner, and live music Saturday night. All that and some of the best touring and dual sport roads in the state. Contact RJ Strayer at (602) 819-1498 or email azgs1100@yahoo.com, or check out the Arizona Beemers' web site at azbeemers.org.

Friday-Tuesday, May 24-28

49er Rally, Auburn, CA

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

Friday-Sunday, May 31-June 2

Land of Oz Rally, LaCygne, KS

Sponsored by the Kansas City BMW Club, this rally includes four meals, shaded camping, hot showers, a

swimming pool, Saturday night dancing and field events. For more information contact Voni Glaves at (785) 841-5033 or p_vglaves@mindspring.com

Monday-Saturday, June 3-8

Americade, Lake George, NY

The biggest touring rally in the world! Join 30,000 riders for one of the biggest events this side of Daytona and Sturgis. But more laid back. Demo rides, 200+ exhibitor Tour Expo, parades, mountain rides and more food than you can eat. Contact (518) 798-7888 or go to tourexp.com for details.

Friday-Sunday, June 7-9

Red Earth Rally, OK

Sponsored by the Oklahoma Airhead Beemers Club, the rally will be held at the Red Rock Canyon State Park in Hinton, OK. Fee includes t-shirt, Friday night snack and Saturday night meal. For more information call John or Lynda Wood at (580) 772-0307, or email jcwood@itlnet.net

Friday-Sunday, June 14-16

Chief Joseph Rally, John Day, OR

In historic John Day, OR, an old west town with all the modern conveniences. Some of the best roads in the state, paved or dual sport. Friday and Saturday night dinner. \$35 preregistered or \$45 at the gate. Contact Dan Hall at (541) 862-7411 duckhall@cdsnet.net or www.bmwro.org for details.

Friday-Sunday, June 21-23

Red Rock Rendezvous, Panguitch, UT

Beehive Beemers rally. Held in Panguitch, UT, with day rides to Zion, Bryce, Grand Canyon, Capitol Reef, Kodachrome and Grand Staircase Escalante. Need I say more? 3 nights camping and Saturday dinner included. Preregistration \$25, \$30 at the gate (couples \$45 and \$50). Go to www.beehive-beemers.org or call Crit at (801) 575-6561 or email rallymaster@beehive-beemers.org for details.

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

A popular destination for the LOE BMW R. This year they'll be giving away a pretty nice door prize... an F650 Dakar! The club has a new web address that folks can access to print a pre-registration form and obtain other info on the rally: www.coloradobeemers.com

Friday-Sunday, July 19-21

AMA Vintage Motorcycle Days, Lexington, OH

At the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course. Contact Will Stoner, 13515 Yarmouth Dr, Pickerington, OH 43147, (800) AMA-JOIN or go to www.AMADirectlink.com for details.

Saturday, August 3

100,000' Colorado Pass Ride

Sponsored by the BMW Motorcycle Club of Colorado, this event is a self-paced 450 mile road ride over 10 mountain passes with elevation totalling over – you guessed it – 100,000 feet. A hot ticket. Sells out fast, so go to coloradobeemers.com right away to download a registration form. Or call Brad Bolton at (303) 399-7029.

Monday-Sunday, August 5-11

Sturgis! ND

'Nuff said. Bring your Beemer to add a note of sanity to the proceedings. Or load that hog onto the trailer and put some latté in the SUV's cup holder – it's a long drive! Contact Bob Moore, PO Box 627, Sturgis, SD 57785, (605) 347-3418 or check out www.sturgis-rally.com for details.

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.

Tuesday-Friday, September 3-6

Cowboy Curve Reunion, Santa Fe, NM

Formerly known as the BMW K1200LT Rally, you can book-end your rallies with the Iron Horse (Four Corners) Rally and our own Sipapu rally. All bikes are welcome. Check out www.curvecowboyreunion.com/index.htm for details.

Thursday-Sunday, September 12-15

Best of Colorado Gypsy Ride

Sponsored by the BMW Motorcycle Club of Colorado, this event is a 1,500 mile rolling gypsy ride on Colorado's best 2 lane roads, mostly scenic byways. Go to coloradobeemers.com for more information, or call Brad Bolton at (303) 399-7029.

Wednesday-Sunday, September 18-22

Golden Aspen Rally, Ruidoso, NM

One of the biggest touring rallies in the country. Relaxed and unpretentious. Contact Ron Andrews, PO Box 1458, Ruidoso, NM 88355, (800) 452-8045 or go to www.motorcyclerrally.com for details.

Thursday-Sunday, October 17-20

Biketoberfest, Daytona, FL

Did you miss the Big Event? Well here's your second chance. Turn right at Louisiana and follow the line of bikes.

Thursday-Sunday, November 8-10

Deming Cycles Cookout, Deming, NM

Contact details to come.

The Message Board!

Our intrepid webmaster TC Hobson has re-posted the online message board at the club's web site. After much research and effort, for which we should all thank him when we see him, the quickest way of communicating with other club members is once again available.

The message board does not require a password, so sensitive information should not be posted there. What you will find will be the latest updates for upcoming rides, recaps of recent rides, and other miscellaneous information relating to the club and our beloved BMWs.

So check up on the ride you're planning to take by checking out the web site at nmbmwmc.org, and don't forget to thank TC for being able to do that.

Ready to Ride?

by RJ Mirabal

Be sure to call the contact person for a ride you're interested in attending so they can update you if changes occur. But the real purpose of this short message is to STRONGLY ENCOURAGE new folks to do a club ride.

To help make it a pleasant and safe experience, we will provide area maps to anyone who may not be familiar with the route (let the contact person know you want one when you call). Also, before each ride starts, we will have a volunteer to ride in the tail position so that if anyone runs out of gas, has a breakdown, gets lost, etc. they won't just seem to disappear off the face of the earth. We still want to preserve the freedom of the "destination ride" so the road racers won't have their style cramped while cruisers can rest assured they will be welcomed at the destination (usually a restaurant) whenever they arrive. Free spirits who branch off on their own or have to cut a long ride short can at least be accounted for if everyone else knows their plans.

Long overnight rides will be planned in advance so interesting stopovers, etc. as well as a basic route and itinerary can be available before the ride starts. I hope these "tweaks" to our current ride format will motivate you to gas up and get out to join us on the road.

Fiesta Rally 2002

April 12-14, 2002

from Ralph Dutra, South Coast BMW Riders Club

I want to extend a personal invitation to you and members of your club to join us for the South Coast BMW Riders Club's Fiesta Rally 2002. We are at it again after missing last year. This is a swell event and an enjoyable camping experience.

It will be a touring, poker run and food-filled weekend at idyllic Lilac Oaks Campground in the hills near San Diego. Great riding nearby in the mountains and desert; ocean and Baja close. Registration \$39 at the gate.

Rally Fee Includes:

Three nights camping, Friday and Saturday night dinner, Saturday and Sunday all you can eat pancake breakfast, rally pin, and chance to win prestigious awards and great door prizes.

Contact Werner von Hartmann at (949) 642-4970; SCBMWRC, P.O. Box 11521, Santa Ana, California 92711-1521. For registration form, map and other info go to www.scbmwrc.com

Top O' the Rockies Rally

30th Anniversary! July 18-21, 2002

In honor of the 30th anniversary, Special door prize drawing BMW F650GS Dakar Provided by BMW of Denver at dealer cost with dealer to dealer shipping.

Join the BMW Motorcycle Club of Colorado in Paonia, Colorado for the 30th Anniversary of the Top O' the Rockies Rally. Located 70 miles SW of Glenwood Springs Colorado on Hwy 133 (38:52:06 N - 107:35:29 W).

Door prizes, and loads of vendors, BMW Denver onsite, free camping in the shady city park, hot showers, food vendors, music, Saturday evening dinner, rally pin (guaranteed to pre-registered only), field events, and great roads to ride in beautiful Colorado. Quiet camping and RV space available.

Cost is: \$30 until 6/25, \$35 at the gate, kids 8-15 \$15, and under 8 are free. Information about the rally and a registration form can be found on our web site www.coloradobeemers.com Check out the web site for info and a registration form www.coloradobeemers.com. Contacts: Tom Wise tom.wise@cccs.ccoes.edu Deb Lower deblower@attglobal.net or Matt Baroody mnbarood@bechtel.com

A Beemer Lexicon

from the BMW Motorcycle Owners of Georgia's "Centerline" newsletter

Aerostitch - brand of full-body cover-up for ugly, overweight exhibitionists. Two varieties: Faster Zipper and Less Leaks. (See also Ugly below)

Airhead - air-cooled boxer twin made by BMW since 1853; riders of said artifact are often too shy to speak to riders of Oilheads (see below) and K-Whiners (also below).

Avon - the most popular brand of tire for all BMW motorcycles.

BMW - an acronym: alternately Bring More Wampum, Breaking My Wallet.

Bungee Cord - snake-like animal which causes rabies-like symptoms in riders.

C - model designation for most poseur-oriented BMW motorcycle.

Cage - the Enemy.

Cellular Phone - in the hands of BMW motorcyclists, antidote for Two-Up (see below). In all other hands, the Enemy.

Chen Shin - the most popular brand of tire for all BMW motorcycles.

Children of Satan - see Helmet, below.

Deer - hooved instruments of the Children of Satan.

De Sade - see Ducati and Spline Lube, below.

Ducati - similar to S (see below), but more painful to ears and knees (see De Sade, above). Will usually outrun a camel.

Dunlop - the most popular brand of tire for all BMW motorcycles.

Earplugs - significant catalyst for intrafactional squabbling and auditory canal infections in BMW motorcyclists.

GS - model designation for most ugly BMW motorcycle (see Praying Mantis, below).

Goldwing - a slow, lumbering species distantly related to BMW. Generally submissive when encountered. Poor health of this species is attributed to exclusive diet of stuffed animals, which offer little nutrition.

Heated Grips - identifying characteristic of cold-weather variety of BMW motorcyclist, believed to have originated with mutation during reign of Onan.

Helmet - camouflaging device used to hide vestigial horns of the Children of Satan; not worn by the Pure.

Honda - the Enemy.

IBMWR (var. The Beeeg Leeest) - crude method of communication, similar to smoke signals of aboriginal tribes of North America. Often bursts into flames with no warning. A related dialect known as The List has recently been identified.

Iron Butt Association - credentialing authority for certain long distance motorcycle journeys. Alternately, common disease of BMW motorcyclists: some minor complications include hemorrhoids, chronic body odor.

K-Whiner (var. Flying Brick) - inline cylinder water-cooled four-stroke horizontal-layout internal-combustion - oh, never mind...

LT - model designation for most touring-oriented BMW motorcycle; comes in K-Whiner variety only. Rumored to have been designed by Isuzu Heavy Industries.

Magellan - cyborg-developed for geographical-topological specialty; noted for electron cravings.

Metzeler - the most popular brand of tire for all BMW motorcycles.

Michelin - the most popular brand of tire for all BMW motorcycles.

Any State Patrol - the Enemy.

Ohlins - man's best friend.

Oilhead - a Barney Rubble solution in a George Jetson world.

Pirelli - the most popular brand of tire for all BMW motorcycles.

Praying Mantis - see GS, above.

S - model designation for most sport-oriented BMW motorcycle; comes in Airhead (see above) and Oilhead (see also above) varieties; most will outrun a camel unless equipped with pinstripes.

Soul - undefinable. Alternately inherent in high-maintenance examples of BMW motorcycles; does not exist in trouble-free models. Consensus suggests that K-Whiners (see above) are soulless.

Spline Lube - a torture procedure first described by the Marquis de Sade (see above); alternately, a Teutonic-developed retirement plan for BMW-certified mechanics.

Sport-Utility Vehicle - moving chicane.

Synthetic Oil - commonly, the puddles under Airheads (see above).

Surge - a sexually transmitted disease (STD); prevalent in Oilheads.

"They all do that" - phrase uttered by aficionados to identify neophytes to other aficionados. Motorcycle equivalent of secret handshake.

Two-Up - quickest way to ruin a perfectly good hobby (definition attributed to various cyborgs).

Ugly - see Aerostitch, above. See also GS, above. If sighting of Aerostitch on GS is anticipated, industrial-strength eye protection is strongly suggested. Unprotected viewing could result in long-term damage.

WD-40 - motorcycle equivalent of Prozac.

Check Out That Revving

by Ron Kaat, from the online magazine *The Onion* from December 2001, www.theonion.com

Last night, sometime around 2am, I was ripped from a peaceful slumber by a shockingly loud noise from the street outside. Alternating between a shrill, piercing whine and a thunderous roar, the sound echoed down the block, rattling my bedroom windows with oceanic waves of internal combustion fury. As I lay there, unable to fall back asleep, my head and pulse pounding, I could think only one thing: Wow, check out that motorcycle revving!

What is it that makes a revving motorcycle so welcome? Why is this exhaust-choked noise instantly embraced and enjoyed by all who hear it? And what is it about the deafening roar made by the motorcyclist - he of the unmuffled exhaust pipes - that makes him beloved above all others? These are just a few of the questions I pondered during the hours immediately following that motorcycle's early morning revving.

Inevitably, the answer to each question was always the same: The mere act of sitting astride a stationary motorcycle and manipulating the throttle for the express purpose of creating vast amounts of ear-splitting noise is the most impressive display of power known to man.

Yelling out of cars, turning your speakers out the window to blast your music onto the street, setting off M-80 firecrackers, firing automatic weapons into the air - these are all well and good. But none of them create a merry atmosphere of insouciance and bonhomie quite like a revving motorcycle.

When a man mounts a motorcycle and, instead of merely riding it like a common mortal, chooses to regale everyone within a five mile radius with the sound of four or five thousand internal combustion explosions a minute, he is saying something. He is announcing to the world (or at least half the city): "We are all human beings, unique unto the world, and as a human, I will not be bound by the will of the masses. I am a soaring spirit, incapable of being chained, and, by way of evidence, I will provide this threshold-of-pain sonic explosion."

And it works! Last night, up and down my block, people were jolted awake with undeniable proof of that motorcyclist's humanity. The act was deeply moving to each and every one of us ex-sleepers. I'm sure I'm not the only one who found it difficult to go back to bed for a long time, so affected was I by this stirring, transcendent expression of individuality.

That is what I admire most about such motorcyclists: their courage to assert their uniqueness in the most audible, public way possible.

It is such determination to make our individuality head that sets us apart from the animals. So hallelujah, I say, and let freedom rev.

Seriously Unattractive

from Walter Barlow, *Sport Touring MC*, NY

I know beauty is in the eye of the beholder, but the Ducati Multi-Strada (<http://www.motorcycledaily.com/10february02ducatimultistrada.html>) ranks right up there with the new Interceptor as a bike that I'd be embarrassed to be found dead in a ditch next to because of the bodywork.

I'm sure that, like the Interceptor, it will work wonderfully, the concept is spot on, and I can't wait to see how improved that dinosaur engine is with the significant changes that were made. But boy, it looks like the result of a Japanese "future design exercise" and would fit right in on the pages of a 1965 issue of *Popular Mechanics*.

Either PT is just trying too hard to be different, has bad taste, or is a styling genius who will be proven right over time is anyone's guess. Of course, it's also possible that I have no taste.



Alligator Motorcycle

http://www.allamericanracers.com/alligator_home.html

In the spring of 2002, Dan Gurney's Alligator Motorcycle Company will manufacture and sell an American-made single cylinder sport bike called *Alligator*. After several years of R&D and 5 different configurations, the latest Alligator, the A-5, has logged many successful miles and has been ridden by 90 different riders including professional motorcycle and car racers, prominent bike enthusiasts, engineers, journalists and regular Sunday riders. The plan is to build approx. 30 prototypes at first to a group of pioneer Alligator customers, who might want to acquire a future collector's item.

The Alligator name came about because of the bike's long, low appearance. It has a low center of gravity where the rider sits below the top of the tires and his feet are



placed below the handlebars. The gas tank is mounted below the seat and behind the engine.

While the alligator is a primitive animal with a history stretching back to the dinosaurs, it can be fierce and quick, having adapted well to its environmental conditions down through the ages.

The Alligator motorcycle is similar in many ways to the first cycle designed and built in 1886 by Gottlieb Daimler in Bad Cannstatt, Germany. The Alligator can be considered to be a modern version of the great-great-grandfather of all gasoline-powered motorcycles.

The name was also chosen to reflect the American aspect of the motorcycle: the alligator is a species of North America, not found anywhere else in the world. The name has been officially trademarked.

The Alligators will be powered by modified versions of the Honda 650 air-cooled single cylinder engine with electric starter. They will be approximately 675-cc displacement and 70+ horsepower with fuel injection. We expect the bikes to weigh 300lbs or less and have approximately a 135-140 mph + top speed.

If you are anything like the 90 riders who have ridden the Alligator so far, you will love this unique motorcycle. It is very user friendly, it is sporty, and it is both nostalgic and contemporary at the same time. It is a work of passion, primarily conceived not for reasons of business but for giving pleasure to riders who want to have fun and experience something different than what they are used to. Naturally we plan to have it completely certified, meeting government emissions regulations.

Our prediction is; when the light turns green, the Alligator will bring a big smile to your face. During the first 100 feet from a standing start, it is very quick. It sounds great, it feels great, it is very confidence inspiring and reassuring and it stops exceedingly well, we can't wait to get ours!

If you are interested in acquiring one of the Alligator prototypes (price \$35,000), please let us know and we will reserve one for you.

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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 May issue is Monday, April 22nd. Start typing!



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The Rear View



Talk about "Do It Yourself!" It's amazing what you can do with a little time, a few tools and an erector set. Shot in Moab, Utah, it's obviously a serious Iron Butt® type, and one who's not shy about their beer consumption. Now that you all have some tips about how the pros do it we expect some customization to show up at the club rides – we can't let those Honda riders one-up the mechanically inclined Germans. Photo from Gary Cade