

News from the Land of Enchantment BMW Riders • May 2002

Setting Up the Season

The club meeting in Santa Fe on April 20th showed that the club is up and ready to ride. Bikes filled the parking lot of Santa Fe BMW and Ed Lind supplied plenty of coffee and donuts to keep the kids happy. Not to mention the cool pens for all the note takers (and souvenir collectors).

We talked about rides we've already done, including the epic Big Bend adventure that you'll read about in next month's issue. We talked about rides to come, which you can get an idea about by cruising the pages of this issue. We've got short rides, long rides, luxurious hotel-and-gourmet rides and pee-in-the-bushes

dirt rides. If you can think of it,

there's probably a ride planned to do it. If you don't see one listed, think it up yourself and let me know, and then they could do – everything was a blur. And I mean that in a good way. Excuse me, Mister Loan Officer...

After the meeting everybody went their separate ways. As for me and Lynn, we hooked up with RJ, Jim and Vince and headed into the Jemez, where the riding was cool and fast. It was a beautiful ride. Wish you were there? Well come along on the ride I'm leading in June and we'll do it again. Can't get enough of those mountains!

The crowd at the meeting shows that the club is out and ready to ride, and the excitement is building for all the events this season. If you weren't there, check out the listings and come along on one ride or on them all (and there *are* those that do them all!).

We're all looking forward to an exciting summer of riding, eating, kicking the tires, and eating some more. I hope to see lots of you out there on the road with us. It's going to be some rides to remember!

David Wilson, Editor



one more base will be covered. The club is set to ride, and the season is on!

Test rides were also on the plate, myself and Richard Knowles taking out a couple of K12RS's to see what they could do. At the end of the ride it was hard to see what

Welcome New Members!

Please welcome Ken Creek of Santa Fe, Steve Harris of Corrales, Dan & Ruth Wallender of Rio Rancho, Richard L. Zizza MD & Cathlene Thackaberry of

Carlsbad, and welcome back Vince Vigil of Rio Rancho. It's great to have you with us!

Photos: The LOE BMW R meeting in Santa Fe displayed the club's enthusiasm.



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All's Well That Ends Well

By Robert Keen

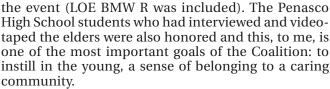
You did good (or "well", to be grammatically correct)! The seemingly endless charity controversy was resolved at the progressive breakfast and the final curtain closed in Penasco on April 6th. In my humble opinion, the money was very well spent.

Anyone who grew up in a small town would have been familiar with, and felt comfortable at the event held in the Penasco High School where members of the community gathered to honor their elders. The area involved stretched from Truchas, thru Las Trampas and Chamisal to the Picuris Pueblo, Penasco, Vadito, Placitas (no, not that one, this is a different Placitas!), Rodarte and Llano. While the people who call these places "home" are mostly of Spanish/ Mexican and American Indian descent, there are a fair number of typically heterogeneous citizens as well. What they all have in common is a sense of community, of family and

The eldest member of each community was given a place of honor and each, in turn, was interviewed. What ensued was story after story delineating the lives of these individuals. Who were their parents? How did they meet their spouses (one woman meet her husband-to-be while walking down a road)? Children (one couple had 13 and the mother was able to name them all with some help from the crowd

which included most of them)? The tears of happiness flowed freely as family members gathered around the honorees, presenting them with flowers, hugs and kisses. It was a most moving ceremony. You did good! Also included in

the annual event was a fabulous potluck dinner that filled table after table, the Belt Dance by members of the Picuris Pueblo, indigenous fiddle/guitar music and several speakers thanking the supporters of



Our goal in donating to this charity (and the Taos one as well) was to "give back" to the Sipapu area and I think we succeeded. My thanks to to all the members of LOE BMW R.

Rally Chair

by Mike McKee

Hello members, as some of you may know I am moving away from ABQ this summer. It goes without saying that I will miss the club and my many friends.

I am currently Rally Co-chair (with Robert Keen and Stefan Marley). This is not a huge job but it is more than two folks can handle. So, we need someone to step up and volunteer to be co-chair this year. Lest you think it too much work, let me assure you that you will have willing and capable partners in Robert and Stefan. It is actually quite a bit of fun — you meet a lot of the attendees. The club members volunteer for most of the tasks without much pressure so the co-chair job is mainly one of just checking to see that stuff is done on time.

Thank you to the willing volunteer (whoever you are).

Keeping it Short

Last month's ride to Socorro proved to be the most popular ride so far, which brought out not only the usual gang of tire-kickers, but several new faces. The key ingredients? Nice weather, an interesting café, and a short ride.

If it were up to John Ephlin, me, and a few other leather butts, all rides would be like John's latest suggestion: a day ride to Monument Valley. No, really!

But the reality is that not everyone has that kind of time, a tough butt (or cushy custom seat), and desire to put in the long miles just to enjoy the scenery and our witty companionship. Sometimes, we have other things to do on a Saturday or Sunday and so a two-three hour ride is just what the doctor ordered to blow out the cobwebs from both our horizontally opposed twins and the stale place between our ears.

Among the already great list of longer rides (see the Club Ride Calendar else place in this issue), we need some nice short ones. As a group, we have each covered our own little corner of the countryside in terms of knowing where there are interesting roads and good cafes.

So, send in your suggestions for short ride destinationsanything within a 75 mile radius of Albuquerque-and I'll find a good place on the schedule for them. And, those of you who live in other parts of New Mexico, look at your



I can't remember having a bad ride through the Jemez. This photo from a recent ride brings back all the beauty... Come along on June 22 and take it all in with me. Check out the calendar listings.



own area, and send in your suggestions so those of us in Albuquerque can make it a longer ride out to your neck of the woods!

See you on the road!

"Easy" Sipapu Camping

by RJ Mirabal

Tired of packing your tent, sleeping bag, camping chair, cooking set, portable satellite dish, etc. every time you want to go camping? Want to have the equivalent convenience of moteling while enjoying the fresh outdoors during Sipapu this year?

Camp Easy will be available for Sipapu 2002. Camp Easy is Valdon and Cyndi Landes who will take your reservation for a tent already set up (in one of the grassy camping areas) and equipped, if you desire, with sleeping bag and even a cot. All you have to do is figure out how to get your satellite dish into your tank bag.

Camp Easy will offer attendees yet another option for lodging. Once the word gets out, many will probably take advantage of this better way to travel light and still camp out so you can enjoy those crisp September Sipapu mornings while listening to Jim Salas snore.

Camp-Easy will offer a set-up tent service at our rally. The following is a listing of the options they have available:

Option A: 9 x 9 tent with two comfortable cots \$30/night

Option B: 9 x 9 tent with two self-inflating sleeping pads

\$25/night

Option C: 8 x 8 tent with two self-inflating

sleeping pads \$ 20/night

Option D: 4 x 8 tent with one self-inflating

sleeping pad \$ 15/night

Additional cots or mats are \$5 per night

Reservations may be made on line at www.campeasy.com. If you have questions contact them at campeasy@hotmail.com or 316-393-7076.

From BMW NA

I am writing this note to circumvent what could be a future headache.

If a BMW bike is financed by BMW FS, a letter of permission needs to be granted by FS so that the bike can leave the country. This directly affects the MOA rally to be held on July 11-14 in Trenton, Ontario.

- 1). Each individual customer has to request a letter via (800) 578-5000.
- 2). Customer has to provide a proof of insurance, as well as a the dates of travel and the general route.
- 3). BMW FS will send them a letter of permission and a copy of the title. (probably a notarized photocopy).

Terms of letter will reflect the information that the customer provided.

Carbon Fiber Toilet Ware

http://www.2wf.com/articles/ news/ DD191AE4-AF85-4D3C-89E4-BFB3B6B7B71F.asp

It had to happen... Rider Performance Motorcycles are offering these "state of the art" toilet seats at their website www.riderperformancemotorcycles.com. A must for all trend-setting bikers.

Time to upgrade your favorite room? Chromed bracketry included! A steal at \$125.00.



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- 1. The emissions test guy starts laughing as soon as you pull onto the rollers.
 - 2. You can't drive your car in the rain.
 - 3. Your wife is afraid to drive your car.
 - 4. You are afraid to drive your car.
 - 5. You spend more on tires than on food.
- 6. You spend more on car insurance than on house payments.
- 7. You look in a state police car and see a picture of your car taped to the dash.
- 8. You throw your underwear in the garbage rather than the hamper.
- 9. You have to go to the track to buy gas.
- 10. Your mechanic names the new wing of his shop after you.
- 11. Jacque Villeneuve and Michael Schumacher wave you by.
- 12. You can make the Kessel Run in less than 12 parsecs.
- 13. You're tempted to wear your fire suit just to drive to the office.
- 14. Red signal lights shift to green as you're approaching then shift back to red as you're receding.
 - 15. You arrive somewhere before you left.
- 16. You get pulled over for doing 155 in a 35 but the cops will let you go if "they can look under the hood."
- 17. You remove the \$2000 stereo system to save 6 lb. of weight.
- 18. You are not allowed to run in the Silver State Challenge.
- 19. You get an anonymous phone call asking if you are interested in being in the Cannonball Run.
- 20. Your face looks like you are riding a NASA centrifuge when you drive the car.
- 22. You need parachute braking. 23. There is no possible way to "sneak out" of your neighborhood at 6 am.
 - 24. Your pets scramble for their hiding spots as soon

as the garage door is opened.

- 25. Family photos throughout the house are replaced with life-sized posters of your car.
 - 26. Fuel is delivered to your home: in 55 gallon drums.
 - 27. You carry earplugs in your car.
- 28. You find out that side mirrors don't hold up at speeds exceeding 145 mph.

Taos Trip 2001

Last summer Lynn and I took a particularly memorable trip to Taos for a few days. So I thought I would share some of those memories with you, and get your motor runnin' for this summer's rides.



Above: One of the many car shows at the Traditions shopping center at the Budaghers exit between Albuquerque and Santa Fe. Four wheels but very cool nevertheless.



Above and right: A break on the high road during the return trip. I never get tired of the sun or the wide open spaces. Or the views views!



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Wednesday, May I 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

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 Terry Tombaugh at (505) 821-0063.

or for two! Steve Mounce will be the ride leader, contact him at 275-3811 for details.

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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. We may stop for lunch in Los Alamos at one of the best Chinese restaurants in the state (or so I hear), or not depending on the vote. Meet at the Giant Station in Bernalillo at 9am. Contact Dave Wilson at 232-0266 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 unnanounced rides and changes in the above schedule.

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AND BEYOND...

Wednesday, July 10 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-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! We will leave from the Phillips station at I-25 and Tramway at 8am and meet at Orlando's in El Prado (just north of Taos) for an early lunch. We will return via 64 to Tierra Amarilla then to Cuba via 96. For info call ride leader Joel Widman at 792-8408 or email jlw@nm.net.

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 footpegs (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

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.

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

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.bmwnorcal.org or email 49erRegistration@bmwnorcal.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 tourexpo.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, 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 southwesst 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 Cuidad 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 bookend 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.motorcyclerally.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.

Calling All Writers

Now that the riding season is in full swing I know that you have all been taking some amazing trips, seeing some incredible sights, and are just dying to share your experiences with your fellow club members.

This is your golden opportunity to send in your pictures and stories to the Shaft for all the world to see. So sit down right now and get those typing fingers flying. You don't have to worry about being a Hemingway – sincerity goes a lot further than flowery language.

Otherwise I'm afraid we'll all be reading a lot more stories "borrowed" from the internet, and nobody wants that, do they?

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: mrmty@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 May issue is Monday,
May 20th. Start typing!

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1987 K75S, 87k, Alpine White. New clutch, Corbin leather "Rumble" seat, Metzeler sport tires, fork springs, drive shaft, foot peg rubbers, saddlebag lock cores. Many extras including all BMW hard bags, Eclipse tank bag, heated grips, flashers, bar end throttle lock, Aeroflow shield and extra lighting. New paint on several parts. Higher, wider bars, other extras. Also lots of spare parts. Well maintained, mechanically solid. Pictures available. \$3750.

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For photos or more info Call Tom at 505-776-8615 or maryann@laplaza.org

NOTE: Classified ads run for 3 months, then are deleted unless I'm told to keep them running.

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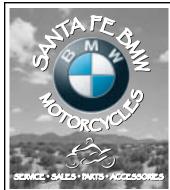
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"Armed only with a single cylinder, our fearless leader ventures where no BMW has gone before." Talk about the first one on the block! It's Robert Keen's new rig, a far cry from the Milwaukee Iron you've seen him on in these pages before. Sighted at Hurricane's breakfast, among other places. Top left photo: Terry Tombaugh; other photos David Wilson