

the **Legendary** **SHAFT**

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His-story

When I bought my first BMW, I thought it would be my last BMW. Now here I find myself on number three, and looking back on what seems like so many years, and at the same time no time at all.

I bought my first bike to ride cross country. It was a '78 Honda CB750F, which had not been well maintained. I ended up learning to ride on that bike, a much better use for it than riding for days on end. As I look back on it, it was a beater, and the fact that I didn't know anything about riding or fixing didn't help matters. The chain had worn a groove in the center stand (I didn't do that), fuses routinely blew, it steered like a bathtub, and I loved it to death. Never rode it any great distances, but had a great time wherever I took it – as long as it kept running.

Then I met the K75T. It was the only motorcycle that passed my girlfriend's "rear end" approval process. Not to mention, power, handling, stability, good looks, competence, quality... well, I don't have to tell you. And that was the bike I took cross country, from New York to Montana, New York to North Carolina, New York to *New Mexico!* Glorious 700 mile days at 90mph, daily commuting into Manhattan, weekend forays into what pass as mountains back east, and never a stumble from that bike. The Honda had been a crush; I developed a deep relationship with the K75. So much so that when it was totalled in a Manhattan crash, it was less than two weeks later that I bought a white K75S.

That bike was the same, but even more. Two weeks after I picked it up I spent a month severely overloading it on a 6,000 mile trip to Utah and back. Soon after that I moved to New Mexico, and the bike made several more trips to Montana, Colorado, Arizona – just as rock solid as the T had been. I never even had a car until about two years ago. That bike truly did it all.

And now here's the K12. We're still getting to know each other, though the furthest we've gone togeth-



This picture was supposed to show the snow in the Sangre de Cristos in September. But doesn't that red just draw all your attention?

er so far has been Red River. But the relationship is growing, and the big red bike is teaching me. It's more than the previous K's in every way. Maybe not as good for "doing everything," but an absolute blast, and most excellent for making me a better rider.

Remember that thrill you got throwing your leg over your first bike? It's kind of like that. It makes me smile to think about riding it. It makes me wonder where we'll go together.

David Wilson, editor

Welcome New Members!

Please welcome Fred Knight of Santa Fe. It's great to have you with us!

LOE BMW R 2002

THE YEAR IN PICTURES

We went ridin'! This year saw rides long and short, camping, hoteling and B&Bing. In addition to our own rally in Sipapu the RA held their own somewhat larger shindig in Red River. And everywhere you looked, there was food to be eaten and miles to be rode. If you were there you'll remember this stuff. If you weren't you'll wish you were.



Left and below: Breakfast at Hurricane's kept getting bigger and bigger. Now we take over the whole back room on Sunday mornings.

Right & below: The Big Bend ride is one of the most anticipated rides of the year. Lots of miles, lots of friends, and lots of beautiful



scenery along perfect, uncrowded roads.



Below right and left: A large group of mutineers made

a break from the Sunday Hurricane's tradition to try a Saturday breakfast at the Acropolis on Central. Your humble editor initiated the gathering by yanking down the blinds, but no one followed my lead to test our welcome by trashing the place. They may actually invite us back some time! The food was plentiful and hit the spot, and most of the group took off afterwards for a spirited run to Mountainaire. Jim Salas, lead

Right: The Progressive Breakfast is a great way to kick off the year. A little riding, lots of eating. How could it be any better?



mutineer, gets all the blame or credit, depending on your point of view.



Left: Our Santa Fe business meeting and ride was so popular we're doing it again this year.

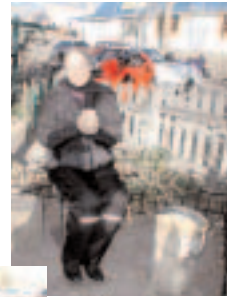


Right: The wedding of Richard Knowles and Sandy Clinton was accompanied by a motorcycle cop riding around Old Town with his siren on, and club members wearing suits! Who'da thought?



Right, far right: The annual Birthday Party campout in the Monzanos was warm, friendly and full of barbecue. Not to mention plenty of twisty roads along the way.





Top photos: My own rides stayed close to home. After selling my K75 (above, at White Rock) I got the red K12, which so far has mostly made trips to the Peak, Cedar Crest and Madrid, with the occasional jaunt through the Jemez.

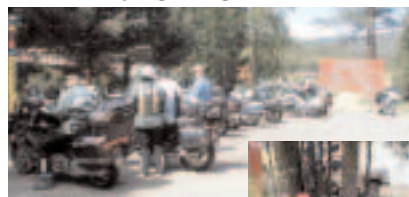


Lynn has become the consummate biker, with even more gear than I have. Next year: more miles!



Left & below: The BMW RA rally in Red River was well-attended by the club, who helped out the proceedings

Right & below: And of course there was Sipapu. A more subdued event than usual, maybe due to the lack of lighting.



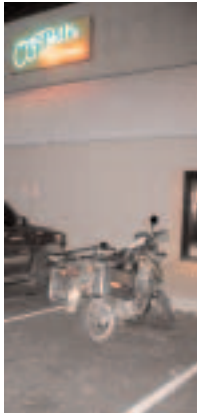
and spent some quality time together doing – what else? – eating!



Bottom photos: The November ride to Socorro and the Bosque del Apache was gorgeous. Cool, clear weather, no traffic, and plenty of birds (those white specs in the pictures). A

large crowd made an appearance for lunch at the Black Dog Cafe in Socorro, after which followed a spin down to San Antonio and a look at the birds.







The Christmas Party!

The last big deal of the year, the Christmas Party, was held on December 14th. As usual, the crowd was big and hungry. Paul Browning gets the nod as the only one to actually ride his motorcycle to the event. Many hops were consumed, many gears were discussed, many rides were remembered, and many votes were cast (see "The Winner!" in the News section). It was a chance to reminisce on the riding season past and to plan on the one to come. And it was warm and fuzzy all over.





On the Road

JANUARY 2003						
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Sunday, January 12
Kwang-Sun Sings!

At 3pm, Opera in Recital, Kwang-Sun Stevens will perform as part of the *East Mountain Artists' Series* hosted at the Mountainside United Methodist Church, 4 Penny Ln, Cedar Crest (Just 3/4 miles north on Hwy 14).

Saturday, January 18th
Urban Touring, Part I

by RJ Mirabal

Tentatively set for Saturday the 18th, we'll try the first of a series of "urban" (even suburban) tours just so we can keep our batteries charged and get the engine oil of our BMWs warmed up a bit. This first tour will take us along the West Mesa ridge allowing for some beautiful views of the city and Sandias and the occasional feeling that you're no where near a large metropolitan area.

Our scheduled tour could be preempted by cold weather or snow (since this has not been the mild kind of winter we've experienced in more recent years), so be sure you keep in touch with me (299-4916 or rjmirabal@yahoo.com) if you want to brave the crisp January temperatures on this trek. We can always change the time of day, switch to Sunday or even postpone until the following weekend if needed. Also watch the message board on the club web site (www.nmbmwmc.org) for updates if you have an internet connection.

Join the LOE BMW Riders

Yearly dues are \$15. For more information or to pay:

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

www.nmbmwmc.org

or call Terry Tombaugh at (505) 821-0063.





The adventure will start at the Furr's Cafeteria parking lot on south Coors Blvd (about a block south of I-40, on the west side of Coors) that Saturday morning at 11:15am with departure at 11:30am. We will head south on Coors to Rio Bravo and turn west on the new West Rio Bravo extension (my choice for "Most Pointless New Highway Construction in New Mexico, 2002") which then does a right angle north on Paseo del Volcan all the way past the rather startling twisties by the Double Eagle Airport.

We will then start zigzagging our way north and east through a lot of new housing projects until we set down on Unser Boulevard. From there it's a straight shot north along the ridge west of Albuquerque and Rio Rancho until we reach highway 550, then east to downtown Bernalillo for a late (about 12:30-1:00) lunch at The Range.

From there, you're on your own to return home and don't be surprised if you've put about a hundred miles on the odometer during this urban tour!

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.

FEBRUARY						
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Sunday, February 2

The Progressive Breakfast

The riding season kicks off early in New Mexico! Come and ride a little, and eat a lot. Tim & Donna Stone, John & Margaret Ephlin, and Leonard & Pam Espinosa will be hosting this year's gig. More details to come. I'm hungry already!

Wednesday, February 5

The First Rally Committee Meeting

Held at O'Niell's Uptown at 5:30pm, this will become a first-Wednesday-of-each-month thing. Come make Sipapu happen. And have dinner, too.

Sunday, February 9

Seboyeta Ride

It'll be dirt and street (mix and match!) in this ride around Laguna, with a possible GS extension, probably after brunch or lunch (depending on temperatures) at Henrietta's in Los Lunas. Contact RJ Mirabal for details at 299-4916.

Saturday-Sunday, February 22-23

Two Lanes Down the Rio

Overnight ride to Anthony, museum, then camp or crash at Jim Salas' sister's in Las Cruces. Possible barbeque. Could do a side trip to the SE corner of NM if you don't have to return to work on Monday. Anthony will count as special bonus "Inside Fifth Corner of New Mexico." Contact Jim Salas at 401-1165 for details.

AND BEYOND...

Saturday, March 8

Business Meeting in Santa Fe

The meetings in Santa Fe are always well attended. Could be the scenery, the people, the bikes at Santa Fe BMW, or the great ride that always follows. Be there and get your finger on the pulse of LOE BMW R in 2003.

Saturday, March 22

Cuba!

The town, not the country. You'll see beautiful Milan and Navajo country and chow down in Cuba. Contact Gary Cade for details at 296-4052 or gckc@swcp.com.

Friday-Sunday, April 11-13

Mokee Dugway Ride

Three days of scenic byways with two nights at the Desert Rose Inn & Cabins in Bluff, Utah. Suggested route: Day 1: San Juan River Valley, Shiprock, Four Corners; Day 2: Goosenecks, Valley of the Gods, Muley Point, Mokee Dugway, Natural Bridges National Monument, the ferry at Halls Crossing, Glen Canyon, Hite, Fry Canyon, Comb Ridge; Day 3: Mexican Hat, Monument Valley, Canyon De Chelly, Crown Point. And there's much more, so bring lots of film for this spring time ride. A fantastic figure 8 route of about 1,000 mi. The ride coordinator is James Stevens. Contact him at JamesStvns@msn.com, 323-4238, Cell 505-690-9433.

Saturday-Sunday, April 26-27

Cimarron Ride

Sleep with the ghosts at the St. James Hotel in Cimarron. Possible ride to NE corner of NM. Contact Michelle Williams or Mark Winslow at 291-8396 for details. We are working on a group rate.

Friday-Sunday, May 2-4

Glenwood Ice Cream Ride

It was a hit last year, it will be just as great this year. Come on a mind-bending (and leg-bending) GS ride you'll remember for the rest of the year! See the Gila Wilderness and other "rocky roads." Possible extension to the SW Corner if you have 6+ hours to spare. Contact Robert Keen for details at 883-4813 or motorkeen@aol.com.

Saturday, May 17

Jemez GS Ride

If there's one thing they've got in the mountains, it's dirt. Come see lots of it on a ride up to Virgin Mesa with Jim Salas, GS-trekker extraordinaire. Dirt road rookies and oilhead GS'ers need not apply! Contact Jim at 401-1165 for details.

Saturday, May 31 (w/Sunday option)

Hermits Peak Ride

A quick one day ride with options for everyone. GS around Las Vegas, NM, or travel the Paved Twisties past the hot springs. There's camping for those wanting to stay and explore the Peak or the back roads to Angel Fire. Ride coordinator: James Stevens JamesStvns@msn.com, Hm 323-4238, Cell 505-690-9433.

Friday-Sunday, June 6-8

Navajo Lake Ride

Camp 'N Ride to Navajo Lake with day road rides to Durango, Mesa Verde, Chama, etc. and lots of GS opportunities in the lake area. Also, a NW Corner ride is possible. Contact Bryan Lally at (505) 662-4083 or bryan@lally.org for details.

Saturday, June 21

Jemez Ride

Can't find enough time to do a circumference of the state? Ride to Utah? Mow the lawn? Well, neither can I. But there's always time to see the Jemez. Come on along! Contact Dave Wilson for details at 232-0266 or mrmtv@aol.com.

NATIONAL EVENTS

Wednesday, January 1

Big Dog Ride

I wasn't there but word was there was a great turnout, significantly represented by BMW riders. Most of them went all the way to Carrizozo, the ones who didn't trying to avoid their "reward" in Mountainair. Wimps! Buy your electric gear now for next year's run.

Friday-Saturday, April 18-19

AHRMA Vintage Racing at Sandia Motorsports Park
Chick's Harley Davidson is a major sponsor and may have more details. Also: www.ahrma.org (For those who can't get enough, they'll also be at Firebird Raceway in Phoenix, March 29 and 30).

Friday-Sunday, May 16-18

PITS Rally, Heber, AZ

The annual event, everybody will be there. Details to come. Start packing!

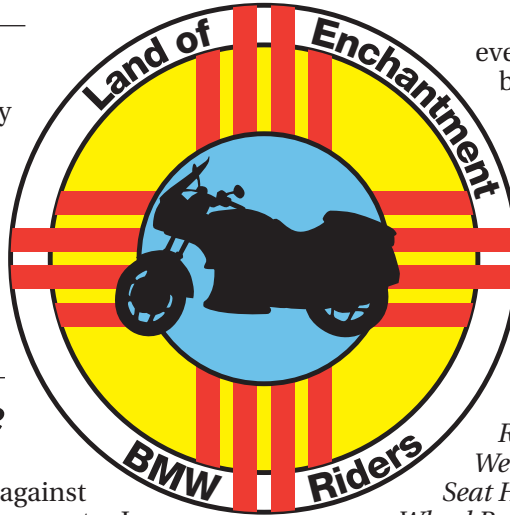
Thursday-Saturday, July 10-12

BMW MOA National Rally, Charleston, WV

Expect to find BMW demo rides, excellent vendor area, seminars, vintage displays, and an honest-to-goodness *beer garden*. Many rallygoers camp. You know, "total immersion" and all that. For more information go to www.bmwmoa.org/rally03/index.html

The Winner!

After a heated competition for the very identity of our beloved club, the winner of the patch design competition as voted by overwhelming majority at last month's Christmas Party is... Lynn Coburn! Here's what the new patch will look like. Stay tuned for information on how to get yours!



everywhere you look. From the carbon fiber wheels to the rear view mirror (which consist of a camera and TV monitor located in the custom dash panel), the Y2K Superbike sets a benchmark that others can only envy. So far ahead of the rest, the horizon is just a throttle away!

Specifications:

Frame: Aluminum alloy

Rake: 27 degrees

Weight: 500 pounds

Seat Height: 31.5 inches

Wheel Base: 68 inches

Wheels: Dymag Carbon Fiber 17"

Tires: Front: 120 60ZR17 (Pirelli)

Rear: 200 50ZR17 (Pirelli)

Front forks: 55 mm inverted

Shocks: Mono-shock adjustable oleopneumatic (Ohlins)

Brakes: Front: 2 x 320 mm floating system - 4 piston calipers (Brembo). Rear: 2 x 320 mm floating system - 4 piston calipers (Brembo)

Engine: Allison Rolls Royce 250 Gas Turbine

Power: 320 hp @ 52,000 rpm (286 hp @ rear wheel)

Output RPM: 6,000 rpm

Torque: 425 ft lbs @ 2,000 rpm

Compressor speed: 54,000 rpm

Fuel: Diesel,

Kerosene, Jet A

Lubrication:

Dry-sump/ 3.5 quarts turbine oil

Transmission:

Two-speed auto-

matic or manual

Rear Mirrors:

Concealed color

display (LCD) for

rear mounted

camera

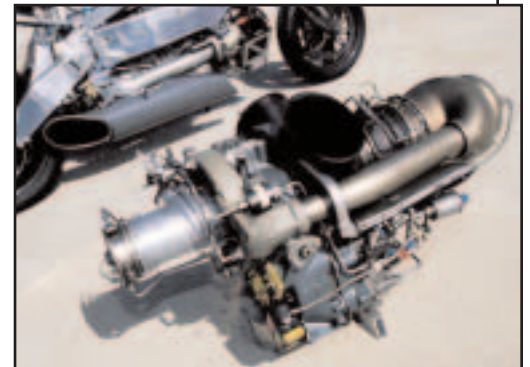
Fuel Capacity: 8.5 gallons (34 liters)

Ride: Indescribable!!

Performance: Estimated Top Speed: 250 mph

¼ Mile: 9.80 @ 160 mph, 0-227 mph in 15.0 sec.

Price \$185,000



Chaparral Update

by Dave Wilson

As a follow-up to last month's tirade against being ripped off by Chaparral Motorsports, I thought I'd give you the results of the BBB investigation.

The gist of their letter to me is the following:

Although we have tried to obtain a response to your complaint from the company in the hope of reaching a mutually acceptable resolution, they have ignored our requests. We are, therefore, closing our file.

So let my loss be your gain. There are lots of mail order vendors, and there's always the local dealers we could be supporting... Caveat emptor!

Y2K superbike

From Marine Turbine Technologies

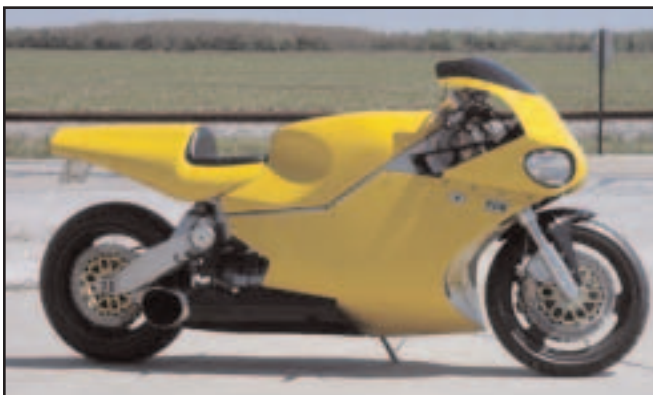
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Oops!

This guy has a complete passion for motorcycles, every Saturday morning like clockwork, he gets up at the crack of dawn and goes for a ride. Well, one Saturday it's 35 degrees out and pouring rain. He gets up and gets ready to go anyway, goes out to the garage, starts the bike, then finally decides better of it.

He crawls back in bed, snuggles up to his wife and says "God that weather is just awful." She replies "yeah, can you believe my idiot husband is out riding in it?"



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Call Ed at 505-284-3733 or email at emigna@spinn.net.

1964 R60/2, Very nice condition, Denfield seat, bar end signals, teardrop bags. All original. \$7000 obo, to a nice home.

Call Karen at 869-1231.

2000 R1150GS, Manadrin, 19K miles, with BMW system cases and BMW top case, Wunderlich cylinder head guards, factory warranted until 5/25/03, maintained by BMW, all records, always garaged (except while riding!) and never dropped. \$11,250 OBO. Substantial price reduction if I keep the system cases for transfer to a new Adventurer.

Call Axel at (505) 992-1927, or e-mail tuanputih@aol.com.

1979 R100RT, \$2,500 or best offer.

Call Anothony Kaluta at (505) 445-3259 or email elvis@zianet.com

1996 Suzuki LS650 Savage, Red, 1600 miles, windscreen, excellent condition, \$2000.

Call Tom 505-672-0142 or eamil grumpyRT@msn.com

Still Stuff! BMW Battery, 19.6 amp (small size), from my K12, guaranteed for 1 year, \$30. Kryptonite Disc Lock, brand new, never used, with lighted key (key needs new battery), \$25. 10' heavy duty tow chain \$15. 5 quarts of 10W-30 Mobil 1, \$18. Bar-end throttle lock from my old K75, \$10. Gas cap from K75, "refurbished" (that means it should work, but would at least be good for parts) with new gaskets, \$10. Lense hood for R100GS, \$5. Shoei RF-200 (white) or RJ-101V (white) or BMW System 1 (black) helmets, all size medium, all used, your choice \$10 each.

Call Dave Wilson at 232-0266 or email mrrmtv@aol.com

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