

THE LEGENDARY SHAFT

Spring Ahead!

Motorcycles seem to be filling the streets, spring must have sprung! In my usual weekend jaunts to the coffee shop in Cedar Crest I've noticed more and more bikes passing by, and in Madrid the Mine Shaft's parking lot is filling up.

The club is shifting into high gear as well. Last month's planning meeting in Santa Fe was full to the brim. Everybody was buzzing about the season to come, encouraged by the beautiful spring-like weather. Checking the calendar, club activities are everywhere. Several rides have already happened, one of which you can read about in this issue.

This month features two major club excursions, not counting the weekly breakfast and spontaneous rides (check the web site). Don't miss the races at Sandia Motorsports Park, the biggest racing event to hit our area in years. In addition to professional racing, the club will be involved in Saturday's vintage bike show, as well as other events over the weekend. Don't miss that one!

It's shaping up to be another great riding season, and I for one am hoping to make it further than the coffee shop this year. In fact, the K12 is being outfitted for touring, so maybe I'll see you in Colorado, Utah or Arizona. Keep your eyes peeled for a red flash as I pass by.

Thanks again!

In the ongoing saga of K12 mechanics, I once again thank Gary Oleson and Ken

Goode for their invaluable help in keeping me on the road. When my (other) fork seal went south, and my steering damper finished blowing oil all over my front tire, Gary let my bike take over his garage for a week while the parts came in, and Ken drove to Santa Fe to pick up the part that didn't make it to Albuquerque. I can't give proper thanks to friends like these.

Look again

Oh yeah, I hope you like the new look to the *Shaft*. I've been noodling with it for about a year now, and I figured it was time to stop thinking and start acting. Feel free to let me know what you think, and how I might make it easier to read and more useful to the membership.

Hope to see y'all on the road!
Dave Wilson, editor

News from
the Land of
Enchantment
BMW Riders



The March Business Meeting in Santa Fe was, as usual, a rousing success. Beautiful weather after two weeks of clouds and rain brought out the crowds.

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BMW MOA Charter #123

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NOT

CRACKER SUITE

by RJ Mirabal

No, this is not an article about the threat some current BMW seats pose for a few male riders' continuing manhood (who shall remain nameless). As a group of us LOE BMW Riders were enjoying the

pleasant weather and the surrounding pecan orchards south of Las Cruces a few weeks ago, I saw this sign more than once—"Nutcracker Suite."

If you know about buying pecans on-site at a pecan orchard, you know what it means: you can

get your pecans unshelled, or cracked (requiring you to perform the last step of removing the already cracked shells), or fully shelled. That's a clever play on words and I couldn't resist using it for the title about a recent LOE BMW R ride down to Santa Teresa, NM and Las Cruces, February 22-23, lead by our

Albuquerque all the way to Santa Teresa (located only about six miles north of the central-bottom corner of New Mexico, the only point where New Mexico, Texas, and Old Mexico share a border).



Above: The Salas clan in Las Cruces. What a pretty picture!

Above right: The riding clan in Las Cruces. What a — oh forget it.

Below right: No room for Salas cars in the garage. Those rude bikers.

Below: The inside corner of New Mexico near Anthony and the border of Texas.



Master of Dirt, Jim Salas with Paul Browning, Vince Vigil, James Stevens, and me bravely following .

This ride had four unique features to recommend it. One, we traveled on two-lane highways about 95% of the distance from

Although the section from Albuquerque to Bernardo is pleasant, it's also quite familiar to most of us. The part from Socorro through Truth or Consequences is a nice break from the dull Interstate. But the most scenic for me was from north of Arrey all the way to Santa Teresa. I hadn't been on those farm and orchard roads since I had driven down to El Paso when in college during the pre-I-25 years. This is some of the most productive and attractive farm land in New Mexico (lots of green chile, pecans, and dairy farms-how can you go wrong?).

Two, we were able, with the guidance of Jim's GPS, to come within a few feet of two "inside corners" of New Mexico (remember, this is another Four Corners Challenge year in LOE BMW aR with bonuses for getting the five "inside corners"). The corner just southeast of Sunland Park was the trickiest to locate. We traveled through Sunland Park which seems more like Old Mexico than New Mexico, crossed the Rio Grande into Texas, down a quarter mile of I-10 (under construction, of course), then followed the bold James Stevens back across the river on a loose wooden tie bridge (the posted private property of some brick making company) to come within a few



Michelle and Luis's spacious home.

In the morning, Paul Browning headed east back to Roswell, while Jim, James, and Vince headed for the turn-off to Hillsboro and Silver City to take the longer, more scenic route north and west through Datil and by the VLA. They logged a total of 825 miles while I took the "no brainer" north on I-25 (600 miles total for the trip).

Left: The bottom central corner of New Mexico near Sunland Park.

Below: The War Eagles Air Museum in Santa Teresa. Planes, no trains, and automobiles. And a few motorcycles, too. And a few motorcyclists, too.

yards of the "corner." Avoiding arrest for trespassing, we took pictures and headed north for Anthony, NM/TX.

After a bit of wandering around behind Jim (I thought he was lost, even though these are his boyhood stomping grounds), he suddenly stopped off the side of a narrow two-lane surrounding by already green fields and said, "This is the other 'inside corner!'" Satisfied, we headed north for Las Cruces with James sloshing his tank a couple of times hoping to make a service station in Mesilla before running out of gas.

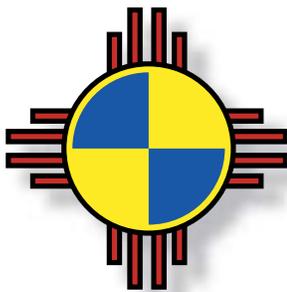
Feature three was a visit to the War Eagles Air Museum in Santa Teresa. This huge hangar/museum featured several World War II fighter, reconnaissance, and bomber planes as well as gorgeous classic cars and even a couple of motorcycles including a very nice /2. The fighter planes were the real stars of the display with my favorites being a couple of P-51 Mustangs. The immaculately detailed planes, cars, and motorcycles are all part of what started as a private collection by John and Betty MacGuire of El Paso with all vehicles and planes in ready-to-run condition.

The fourth unique feature of this trip was to meet and enjoy the hospitality of Jim's family who live in Las Cruces. Not only did they have plenty of homemade salsa and guacamole waiting for us when we arrived at sister Michelle and her husband Luis' home, but a great barbecue of tasty grilled steaks. We were dazzled by Jim's two attractive "baby" sisters, his charming mother, a very talented brother-in-law, and friendly nieces and nephews. The children kept us entertained with their child prodigy musical talents and lots of questions. The evening was capped off by the riders all "camping out" on various couches and the floor in

We will have to do an encore of this ride so the rest of you can have another chance at

enjoying the Nutcracker Suite. I hope Michelle, Luis, and the rest of the Salas clan won't mind hosting another barbecue!





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APRIL

SUNDAY	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4 Mokee Dugway	5
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13	14	15	16	17	18 AHRMA Racing	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Cimarron	28	29	30			

Wednesday, April 4-6 Rally Committee Meeting

At O'Niell's Uptown at 5:30pm. Come make Sipapu happen. And have dinner and a brewski, too.

Friday-Sunday, April 4-6 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.

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. Room costs are single=\$35/night, double=\$20-22.50/person/night. They also have a suite (two bedroom) that sleeps 4 and would run \$15/person/night if 4 people share it. Departure time on Friday the 2nd is at 8am from the Philips 66 station on the corner of Gibson and University SE. Contact Robert Keen for details at 883-4813 or motorkeen@aol.com.

MAY

SUNDAY	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SATURDAY
				1	2 Glenwood Ice Cream Run	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 Heber, AZ	17 Jemez GS
18 Chick's Silver City	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Hermit's Peak

Wednesday, May 7 Rally Committee Meeting

At O'Niell's Uptown at 5:30pm. Come make Sipapu happen. And have dinner and a brewski, too.

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) Hermit's 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.

& Beyond...

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

Friday-Saturday, April 18-19 *AHRMA Vintage Racing at Sandia Motorsports Park*

A major motorcycle racing event! Demo rides, vendors, trials exhibition team, bike show and swap meet. There's also a Practice/Race School on Friday the 18th. Racing starts at 11am. For racing info contact Dave at (615) 851-3674, davidlamberth@ahrma.org. For bike show/swap meet info contact Stephan at (505) 856-1600, thirdbike@yahoo.com. Also check out 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 *Roadrunner Rally, Heber, AZ*

The "Best of the West!" BMW demo rides, vendors, door prizes, shady camping, hot showers, Friday night chili, Saturday night dinner and live music both nights. For information call (480) 987-9339, www.azbeemers.org or send \$35 pre-registration fee to PITS, PO Box 21514, Mesa, AZ 85277-1514.

Friday-Sunday, May 16-18 *Thunder Mountain Rendezvous, Cedaredge, CO*

Friday night chili, dinner and live music Saturday night. Camping, cabins and nearby motels and restaurants. Go to www.bmwriders.net for more info.

Monday-Saturday, June 2-7 *Americade, Lake George, NY*

The largest touring rally in the world. Join 30,000 other mileage hogs in a beautiful town in the "mountains" of New York. Call (518) 798-7888 or go to www.tourexpo.com for details.

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

Wednesday-Saturday, August 13-16 *Sierracade, Cody, WY*

Vendor show, demo rides, rodeo, poker run, bike show, door prizes. Call (800) 600-8969 for a brochure and registration.

Chick's Rides

Chick's Harley-Davidson rides are open to all brands. BMW Cruisers especially (only kidding).

Sunday, April 6 *Breast Cancer Benefit Ride*

Raise funds for the American Cancer Society research, education, advocacy and patient support. Chick's will match donations up to a combined total of \$5,000. Leave Chick's at 10:30am.

Sunday, April 27 *Duran Volunteer Fire Department Benefit Ride*

Duran, 120 miles. Spaghetti lunch, \$7.

Friday-Sunday, May 16-18 *Gila Cliff Dwellings*

Silver City, 240 miles. Leave Chick's at 10am Friday, return on Sunday. Call Holiday Inn Express at (505) 534-2659 for reservations.

Sunday, June 22 *Breakfast Run to Brazos Cliffs Overlook*

To Tres Piedras, 135 miles. Leave Chick's at 8am. Breakfast is \$5.

Thursday-Sunday, July 3-6 *Fireworks Ride in Telluride*

Telluride, CO, 320 miles. Leave Chick's at 7am Thursday. Call (800) 525-3455 for reservations.



First (annual?) rally in scenic Cedaredge, Colorado, on the southern slope of Grand Mesa, the world's largest flat-topped mountain. Excellent GS riding area, as well as great road touring and beautiful scenery. Aspen Trails Campground, 3 miles north of Cedaredge on Highway 65, about 15 miles from Delta.

\$25 rally fee includes: 2 nights camping, hot chili on Friday night, catered meal on Saturday night, Saturday night live music, coffee by Jaybird's Java Haus. Shady camping and hot showers. Rally souvenirs extra. RV hookups extra. No pets. Motels and restaurants nearby; camping cabins and food service available at campground.

Pre-register by May 7. For pre-registration form, go to our website: www.bmwriders.net
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Friday, August 22

100th Anniversary Ride Home

Amarillo, 293 miles. Join the H-D 100th Anniversary ride to Amarillo (or Milwaukee). Leave Chick's at 9am.

Thursday-Sunday, September 11-14

Lake City/Telluride Overnight

Lake City, CO, 320 miles. Leave Chick's at 8am Thursday. Lake City Thursday night, Telluride Friday and Saturday night. Visit the Blues & Brew Festival on Saturday.

Sunday, September 21

Raspberry Run

Salmon Raspberry Ranch, 140 miles. Bikes, berries and buffet! Leave Chick's at 10am. Lunch is \$5.

Sunday, October 12

Stanley Fire Station Benefit Ride

Stanley, 45 miles. Pancake brunch served. Leave Chick's at noon. Brunch \$5.

Sunday, November 21

Buford's Steakhouse

Moriarty, 56 miles. Leave Chick's at noon. Lunch at Buford's.

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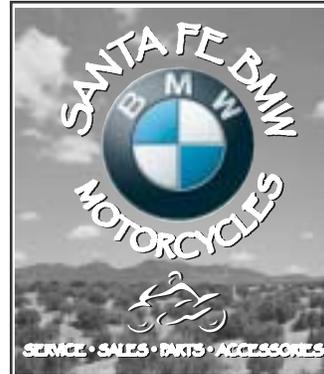
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THE REAR VIEW



On a recent and quite beautiful trip across Rt 6 between Los Lunas and wherever it is on I-40 that it comes out. If you're not going anywhere there's no better place to find yourself in the middle of nowhere. *Photo by Dave Wilson.*