

THE LEGENDARY SHIRT

Vacation Every Day

The sun is shining, the wind has stopped blowing, and you don't need your jacket liner any more. Must be Spring in New Mexico! Coffee at Dawn's in Cedar Crest is lined with bikes again, and not just BMW's after Sunday breakfast. There are more motorcycles than cars on North 14, and road reports say the Peak and the Jemez are clear. But I don't have to tell you, you've been out there already.

The club has had its second planning meeting and filled up the rest of the calendar with rides you can read about in this issue. There are LOE rides, rallies all over the southwest, national rallies if you're really ambitious, or day rides if you're too busy (like me).

In my own defense, though, I've gotten a touring seat and big saddlebag lids for my K12 with the intention of putting at least some serious miles on this summer. Utah and Colorado are in my sights, or at least in my dreams. I've got new fluids, everything is speced and torqued – I just need to put on the new tires and I'll be ready to go.

Even close to home there's plenty to do. Last month Albuquerque hosted a big motorcycle deal, the AHRMA races at Sandia Motorsports Park. A short account is in this issue with more to come. It was a blast from beginning to end, and I don't mean the shock wave of the bikes on the front straight. I've never seen riding like that in person – I've no doubt those guys with their 30-year-old bikes could make my RS look slow.

On the LOE BMW R event side, I've

heard that the Sunday breakfast crew has been filling up Hurricane's new wing. The Sipapu rally plans are in full swing, with monthly meetings well attended and arrangements well underway. The club's web site is full of people planning rides and reporting on where they've been. And the season's just beginning!

I encourage you to look through the listings inside, get out and ride with the club. I guarantee you'll have a great time. If you're on a tight schedule, check out the web site for impromptu rides, or list your own. New Mexico has some of the best motorcycling in America, and now is the



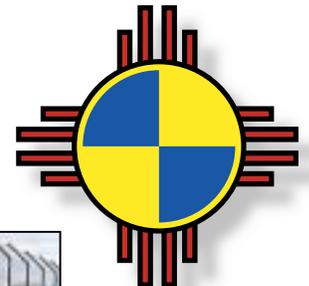
The Vintage bike show at last month's races included bikes I'd never even heard of – and I have the Art of the Motorcycle catalogue! I think Lynn wants the Parilla.

best time to enjoy it.

There's a real advantage to living in a place that other people come to for vacation – we've got all this beautiful scenery all the time! So get out and ride, there are no wrong directions around here.

David Wilson, editor

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It's not how Fast you can Go, *It's how Good you Look*



April 19-20 hosted the biggest motorcycle racing event to hit Albuquerque since, well, ever! The American

Historic Racing Motorcycles Association, the professional vintage racing organization which had raced in Daytona in March, made the Sandia Motorsports Speedway their home with the races previously held in Steamboat Springs, CO and Park City, UT. It was an incredible two days of racing, bike shows in the paddock and in the parking lot, and acres of black leather.



Saturday gave us the beautiful view of Sandia in the rain, Sunday was more sun. But no rain fell on the track, and the crowds were enthusiastic both with the vintage bike show and the vintage racing. Plus, Jay Springsteen on hand showed what a factory setup looks like, and how a true professional racer rides. It was excitement from flag to flag.



On behalf of the LOE BMW R I would like to thank the AHRMA for putting on such a great event and the many club members who participated in the bike



show. The club took 1st (Jim Johnson of Sandia BMW), 2nd (Steve Mounce) and 3rd (Bill Koup) so all the work was worth it. Also I would like to thank Mark Winslow and Craig Murray (both club members) for all their work. I hope this becomes a regular event. The support of who attended is appreciated.

Robert Keen

I want to thank Robert and Kwang-Sun

for making our first Sandia Classic an overwhelming success. AHRMA has already put us on next years schedule and we may even be able to have vintage MX as well. We'll try not to do it on Easter weekend, though.

I'm interested in any and all comments so that we can make next years event even better. Please email me at MW@Triumphtech.net or call 291-8396 to share your thoughts.

Mark Winslow

This is just a glimpse of the big racing weekend, we'll have more coverage in a future issue.

Between now and then, though, head up to the track yourself, there's racing every month, and you could even sign up for some track time yourself!

Gear Up for Sipapu 19!

by RJ Mirabal

If you haven't made your on-site room reservations for "Sipapu 19," you're probably too late. But there's hope. If the weather's nice, why not camp out (just be sure to bring your warmest sleeping bag so you can survive those mornings that could freeze the water in your canteen). Don't want to fool with setting up a tent? Camp Easy will be back and for a reasonable fee will sent you up with one of about three or four different size tents and you can leave your decision to attend the rally to almost the last minute (check the link to their web site on our club web page).

If you like a little morning ride, you can always get a room at one of the near by motel/lodges or even in Mora or Taos for a little bit more of a morning and evening ride. In any case, make plans to be there.

One other possibility. We have rented a cabin for Saturday night for the Great Blue Whales (our ever popular rally band), but that room (with two beds) is available on Thursday and Friday nights at \$60 a night. If interested, let me know right away to reserve it for you.

If you didn't make it last year, you missed out on "The Night the Lights Went Out" which took us all the way back to the early days of motorcycle rallies, before electricity and vendor malls (there was such a time, wasn't there?). If it's been years since you made it to Sipapu, you have no excuse, you *must* be there.

There won't be anything out of the ordinary compared to past years just lots of good BMW rider camaraderie, great food and beer, some new lies to tell, good time music and dancing, great food and beer, more vendors, demo rides (hope-

fully), laid-back tech sessions, great food and beer, and the best riding in the region. Are those enough reasons?

We will have our exclusive Friday club dinner and plenty of opportunities to volunteer for a couple of hours or so to keep the rally running like the well-oiled machine it has become. If anything, you have to be there to make sure you get one of those to-be-collector rally t-shirts featuring the awesome vintage style design by our very own Dave Wilson.

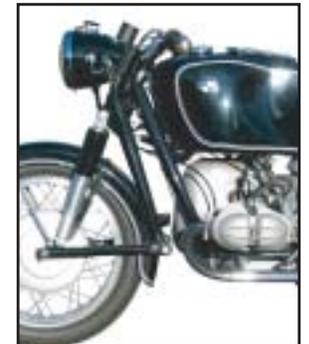
Speaking of the Sipapu 19 Rally design, if you would like a poster sized version of it, please call (299-4916) or email me (rjmirabal@centralpets.com or rjmirabal@yahoo.com) and express your interest so we can have a possible number of prints in mind to get a price if we were to order a run of them. I can't say now what the price would be, that'll depend on the number of copies we can sell.

Next month, the *Shaft* will feature a retrospective article about the middle years in the nineteen year history of our rally. Before I close, though, we are searching for a few of volunteers for two special jobs: first, we need a couple of people to take the chile up to Sipapu's refrigerator right after the chile cook-out on Labor Day; second, if there's someone who would like to drive up the rented van loaded with all the rally materials on the Thursday before the rally (September 4th), the rally committee would be very grateful (so would I!). And there's room to tie down your ride of choice in the back so you won't be "grounded" for the rally.

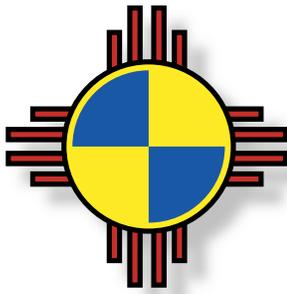
It's been awhile since LOE BMW R members outnumbered all other BMW groups at the rally, so let's make Sipapu 19 our year to have a big club presence.

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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

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.

Wednesday, May 7 *Rally Committee Meeting*

At O'Niell's Uptown at 5:30pm. Come make Sipapu happen. Have dinner, 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.

JUNE						
SUNDAY	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SATURDAY
1	2 Americade, NY	3	4	5	6 Navajo Lake	7
8 Navajo Lake cont'd	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Ride the Jemez
22 Chick's to Brazos	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Wednesday, June 4 *Rally Committee Meeting*

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

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.

& Beyond...

Saturday-Sunday, July 19-20 *Coyote Creek Camp 'n Ride*

This campground north of Mora just off one of the most delightful little two lanes in New Mexico was renovated in the last couple of years. Nice sheltered tables and grills along with nice showers make this a civilized way to rough it. If you're not going to West Virginia for the National MOA Rally, then this is the ride for you. Day-trippers can join in by going up Saturday morning (about 2½ to 3 hours ride), meet with the campers, and take in the many possible road rides or GS adventures this area offers. Doug Guinn, 831-5238, is the contact person.

Friday-Sunday, August 1-3
Club Birthday Party!

Saturday, August the 3rd is the big day with a brief business meeting before we get too hungry for the cook-out for lunch. This has also been the traditional time to get additional volunteers to help run the rally at Sipapu. Come, set up your tent, and enjoy the campfire fun Friday afternoon and night, and/or stay Saturday for more evening camaraderie. If not, at least head on out Saturday morning and spend the day with the LOE BMW Riders at the Manzano State Park off south 14 near the village of Manzano. Contact persons: Robert, 883-4813, or RJ, 299-4916.

Sunday, August 17
Abiquiu/Cuba Loop

This is a scenic tour of Northwestern New Mexico. Plan on leaving about 8 am heading for Cuba's El Bruno Cafe for breakfast at about 9:30 am and then continue on Highway 96 through Gallina and Abiquiu. Get in touch with Steve Mounce, 275-3811.

Monday, September 1
Labor Day Chile Cookout

This is when Gary and Shelly Oleson host our club's successful effort to cook the best rally chile in America for Sipapu the following weekend. Join your friends in LOE BMW R for good hard work "building the chile" (and great sandwiches for lunch) starting at 10 am. Contact Gary Oleson, 898-8320.

Friday-Sunday, September 5-7
Sipapu 19!

This is the big one of the year as LOE BMW R puts on the best laid-back rally in the country at beautiful Sipapu Lodge. Get involved, be there. RJ is chairperson, 299-4916, David Tynan, 869-3645 is co-chairperson.

Saturday, September 20
Breakfast in San Marcos

Remember those short rides up north 14 to the San Marcos Cafe for breakfast? Well, whether we still go to the same restaurant or one of the other newer ones in the area just south of the State Prison, it'll make a nice short (2-3 hours) fall ride. Contact RJ, 299-4916.

Sunday, September 28
Chama/Antonito, CO

Yep, here's another favorite LOE BMW R ride north to check out the fall colors in the mountains of Northern New Mexico. Colorful Lynn Coburn, 266-4449, is the one to contact for this full day ride.

Friday-Sunday, October 3-5
Datil and Route 666!

We will keep having this ride until *no one* comes anymore! You know the place, the accommodations, and the great twisties and scenery of Arizona's famous "Route 666." If you don't, it's about time you make plans to do this camp n' ride. For those who only camp in motels in October in the high country, let RJ know he could have a potential roommate in Magdalena, otherwise bring your tent and warmest sleeping bag! We need a volunteer contact person for this one (let RJ know if you're interested).

Sunday, October 19
Mountainair/Willard

More nostalgia as we recreate a favorite ride from a few years back. We head south down 14 to Mountainair, then east to a little cantina in Willard for some tasty hamburgers. Dave Wilson, 232-0266, will be the one to call for this half day ride.

Saturday, November 1
Business Meeting and Tech Session

Location and time to be announced, but we need ideas and/or proposals for tech session topics. Contact either Robert, 883-4813, or RJ, 299-4916.

Saturday, November 15
Breakfast, Birds, and the Bosque Ride

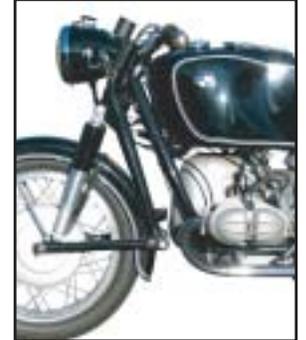
This proved to be a popular ride last year. This time, however, we'll have breakfast at the famous Henrietta's in Los Lunas, then ride south to check out North America's most interesting birds as they make a stop-over at world famous Bosque del Apache on their way to sunnier climes for the winter. Head birdman is Bill Olsson, 821-8348.

Saturday, December 13
Christmas Party!

This year's party will start with a "Polar Bear Ride" to the North Pole...well, no, just kidding! Actually, you can come in your "cages," bring the wife/husband/

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National Events

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).

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.

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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Call Dick Cochran at (505) 287-8403.

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Call Jim at 672-2863.

Even more Stuff! BMW folding key blank, \$5; BMW flat key blank, \$3. BMW Battery, 19.6 amp (small size), from my K12, guaranteed for 1 year, \$25. Kryptonite Disc Lock, brand new, never used, with lighted key (key needs new battery), \$20. Lense hood for R100GS, \$5. 10' heavy duty tow chain \$10. 5 quarts of 10W-30 Mobil 1, \$15. Gas cap from K75, "refurbished" (that means it should work, but would at least be good for parts) with new gaskets, \$5. Shoei RF-200 (white) or RJ-101V (white) helmets, all size medium, all used, your choice \$10 each.

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

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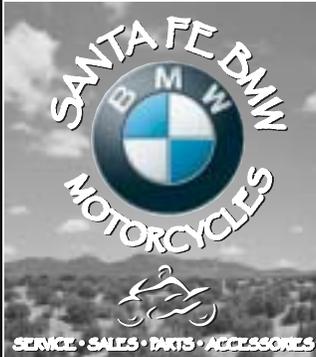
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THE REAR VIEW



LOE BMW R brought out their best, all dressed in black, at Sandia Motorsports Park last month. The BMW's took top awards there, which was good because they didn't do so well on the track. *Photos by David Wilson.*