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Editor's Ramblings

By Kyle Arnett

Round two for my editing attempt will not likely be one that will show my prowess just yet, for that I will apologize. You see, the past two months have proven to be very trying. Days prior to the last meeting, I dropped my K1200RS by Adventure BMW to have some work done as the result of a slipping clutch. The clutch turned into some transmission repairs and I am still without the bike as I write this. Don't get me wrong, Adventure is working on it and ensuring the work is done in it's proper manner, but sometimes doing things properly takes more time. This would immediately make you think that I should have a ground breaking article in subsequent pages or such, if you think this, think again!

About three days after sending the last issue, I found myself rebuilding my wife's laptop following a catastrophic loss of all data. After spending several days recovering what I could from a formatted hard drive (format required to get it back up), I was unable to recover the issue of the newsletter that I just put out. Having a wife in school necessitated fixing and reworking her computer to ensure our future earnings by contributing to her education.

At any rate, the summer is fast approaching, just yesterday the thermometer in my car indicated 81 degrees. I have seen more motorcycles out nearly every day. As this time approaches, we must remember that the time for doing the routine maintenance is coming to a close if we are to do it without taking quality riding weather to do it. I would like to remind all of our members to check

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President's Corner

By Gerry Schulte

Spring has sprung! The air is warming up, the trees are budding, the countryside is getting more beautiful by the hour. It's time to ride!

I'm looking forward to all the activities coming up in the next few months. The MotoST will be at VIR in a few weeks, the RA National is at the Biltmore Estate in Ashville in June, the MOA National is in beautiful Wisconsin in July (Trust me, I've been there), assorted other rallies all over the region, plus plenty of just jump on and go wherever the bike is pointed. Can you tell I'm pumped?

Our next meeting will be at the new location, Paradocks East Coast Grill, outside of Chesapeake Square Mall. We now have plenty of room, a good menu, and TV's and screens all over the room for A/V help for speakers. Jeff Munn has agreed to come down from Petersburg with his bike loaded just like it will be during his upcoming around-the-world trip with Helge Pederson. He has a few slides from his past trips, including his most recent to Panama. He'll also fill us in on the details of the 5-month adventure he will be leaving on, April 10th. All this on a 2002 R1150GS with over 100,000 miles on it. No sweat, it's a BMW.

I hope y'all can come check out the new diggs and give Jeff a rousing send-off, this Sunday, April 1st. It's a great excuse for a ride. See you there.

Ride safe,
Gerry

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their tires, brakes, and the rest of your bike to be ready for the summer.

In our rush to hit the road, we can not neglect the importance of our gear either. Helmets may be damaged or worn with very little outward appearance, check these out early to ensure you are as safe as possible throughout the summer. We want all of our members to be able to make all of our meetings.

Don't forget to send any articles, pictures, or ideas to me at Kyle@chilei.net. If you have previously sent something, I may have lost it with the previously mentioned computer failures so feel free to send them again!

Featured Website: <http://www.adventurebmw.com/>
Our local dealer, Adventure BMW of Chesapeake has redesigned their webpage, users will find everything from available new/used motorcycles to rides and photo galleries. Take a moment to re-aquaint yourself with our local dealer. Don't forget to join us for the Open House on the 7th.

Ride Report

By Bob Ross

On Friday, 23 March 07, Larry Martin wanted to entertain his brother Dale who was visiting over the weekend. Having attended a conference in Washington, DC he was on a layover before returning to Portland, Oregon.

The three of us met at Waffle World at 8am to fuel up for an impromptu ride to Chippokes Plantation State Park and Pocahontas State Park. After a hearty breakfast, weekday specials, we headed out for the normal scenic route to the Jamestown Ferry. The weather was perfect early morning, heating up to about 80 degrees by noon.

Dale was riding Larry's other bike, yes an airhead. Actually the bike came from Larry and Dales brother Lee. Lee gave up riding motorcycles in favor of horses and the country living in the upper

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Rally Update

By Carol Beals

Welcome all to the North of the Border Rally corner. Yes that is the name of our club's rally this year. The rally ads are into MOA and RA. The rally flyers have been printed and are available at most club meeting and should soon be available via the website. Please help in getting these distributed, any place where there are other motorcyclists.

We are hoping for an increase turn out and to achieve that we need to get the information out to everyone. We will have a brand new menu for Saturday night's dinner (Roast Beef/Shrimp/Crab cake).

We will be at a new location North Landing Beach Campground. Located on the beautiful North Landing River, at 161 Princess Anne Road, Virginia Beach, VA; it's just 8/10 of a mile north of the North Carolina border! We will have educational sessions with a few different speaker. There will also chair massages available at an added cost.

We have mailed about 300 letters to dealers and vendors to request donations for door prizes. The flyer for Charity Ride has also been created.

We do need a design for 2007 rally design. If you have any new ideas and additional thoughts please let us know for the rally please let me know. Also please start thinking on what you want to volunteer for.

Upcoming Events:

- 01 April **Club Meeting** 8am Breakfast; 9am meeting
(new location—Paradocks)
- 07 April **Adventure BMW open house**
- 14 April **Morton's BMW Open house**
- 17 to 20 May **Blue Ridge Parkway Rally** held at the Peaks Of Otter Lodge, Bedford VA. (I-BMW.com for more info)
- 7 to 10 June **35th Annual BMW Rider's Association Rally**, Ashville, NC
- July 12-15th, **BMW MOA Rally**; West Bend WI

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Northwest. Dale has one of those Gold Wing Tourers so it was quite an adjustment going to one of Larry's sport bikes. Of course Larry took off at his rather spirited pace....

We went up route 10, headed for the historic town of Smithfield at a leisurely pace through the town, then on out to Chippokes Plantation, Tidewater and Eastern Shore Parks area...we missed the Antebellum Mansion, Formal Gardens, the Farm and Forestry Museum. Next time we'll have to slow down and do more of a tour. Various antique farm equipment, old style tractor, were parked along the roads through the park. Seems that horses are the favored mode of transportation as well as events during the year. Park attendants were busy repairing signs and getting ready for the tourist season. We negotiated the various park gravel roads at a slower pace. On to the next park, Pocahontas State Park, Central Virginia.

Eventually getting back on Route 10 we headed North, towards Hopewell. As we neared Richmond traffic picked up as did the temperature...came upon Beach Road, route 655 another 3 miles to the park. Extensive park with 7k + acres, including a 200 acre lake...did not get a glimpse of the lake, toured some gravel roads through the



Larry Martin and brother Dale at the entrance to Chippokes State Park during a break from riding.

camping area and found the Civilian Conservation Corps Museum CLOSED... will open later on ? (internet checks provide no hours or days either). This area features many trails for hikers and bicyclists (58 miles).

Larry proceeded to lead us to a Barbeque Restaurant which was very busy (a good sign). Of course, we ate a Philadelphia Steak and Cheese while Dale ordered a light salad and cup of soup...good rest stop, food was tasty, and enjoyable.

On the return trip Larry had to stop in Rescue at his favorite waterside restaurant for calamari, fried squid legs... good for fishing but who eats that stuff mid afternoon but fish? Larry had this silly grin on his face and Dale, after a cold beer, was ready to eat this stuff, adding that anything tastes good if it is deep fat fried with a good batter. I had originally decided on ice cream, but changed my mind since Larry was willing to share his fare of Calamari. What a pleasant surprise, good stuff...

We headed back to civilization at rush hour 5pm. Was a good day, great riding buddies...two out of ten parks, more to go.

Editor's note: This is a great example of a worthwhile article which may be submitted to me at any time. Kyle@chilei.net.



Bob Ross and Larry Martin take a break from their ride at the entrance to Pocahontas State Park.