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Life Begins at 200 mph By Roy & Shirley Anderson

Several times a year, the ECTA (East Coast Timing Association) goes down to the old Maxton/Laurinburg airport and members attempt speed records on one of the old runways. Unlike drag racing in which the competitors see who can run the distance (1/4 mile.) in the shortest time, the ECTA measures how fast you're running at the end of a measured mile on the runway of the airport built in WWII as a training airstrip for glider pilots. The runway used for the event is rough, old concrete with really big cracks and potholes - lots of "character".

One of the guys we work with at Kawasaki, Dan Millholland, ran 202 mph on his ZX12R down there a few years ago. We've loved hearing about the speed records Dan and his two sons, 29-year old Zack and 26-year old Chad, have set. They were the first father and sons to set national land speed records over 200 mph in the country, and Chad was the youngest 200 mph club member earning his place there at 17.

When we learned that they were coming down to Maxton Halloween weekend this year, we loaded up our truck camper and headed down there. Zack and

Chad had both been asked to ride **BMW S1000RRs** in an attempt to break 200 mph on the new Beemer. Zack would ride for Brock's Performance, best known for

performance parts and accessories for sport bikes with an emphasis on drag racing. Chad would ride for KWS Motorsports, long affiliated with Suzuki in AMA road racing - campaigning for Team Aprilia for the 2010 season. As you can image, there was a little bit of sibling rivalry going on, but there was also a lot of teamwork and family pride as first Chad and then Zack achieved their goal.

This was our first time at an ECTA event and we had a blast at the bargain price of \$10/each for the whole weekend. We parked our truck camper right in front of Team Millholland and had an excellent view of the finish line. Roy was able to get his hands dirty helping Dan change sprockets on his Ninja and even held their place in the

starting line while the boys ran a couple of their own bikes between runs on the BMWs. We spent the weekend watching people from all walks of life attempt speed records on all sorts of vehicles. There were cars, trucks and all kinds of motorcycles. We watched as one after the other revved up on the



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Out & About by Al Jones

December 2010

Bombar's Beemers of Durham hosted our November meeting. Great weather made for a good turnout. Peter and Rick of Bombar's Beemers are very knowledgeable and have a well equipped shop. They look like a great resource for maintenance needs of older and newer BMWs and well as some other brands dear to my heart (Moto Guzzi). Members discussed problems and solutions for their biking needs with both Peter and Rick.

During the meeting Emily Banks was elected to assume the duties of VP for the upcoming year. She was voted in by near acclaim (I wasn't sure whether Kevin Nipper voted for the other nominee or abstained). Our current VP is out for the rest of this year. As I write, he is waiting to cross the border into Mexico. He is currently in Brownsville, Texas and on his way to Belize to deliver a car and some other items for a relative. It seems that whether he is on a bike or not the adventure in his spirit emerges.

An audit of the club finances was completed since the October meeting. Emily Banks accomplished that for us and found no discrepancies. After the meeting business was concluded, Bill from Breadmen's served some wonderful cornbread and a rice dish along with beverages. The food, location, ride and company all added up to a great day for all.

Karol, myself, Emily and Kevin went to view true esoterica after the meeting. We went to look at the Bimotas and other less common bikes at the Bimota dealer in North Raleigh. He has quite a few bikes on the floor. You too can have an exotic sport bike, just check out "Bimota Spirit" on-line.



Meetings, Newsletter and Calendar: We currently only have two meetings covered for the 2011 year. The Picnic and the Boone meeting are the only ones firmly covered for the upcoming year at this time. We need hosts for

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starting line and streaked down the one-mile course to the timing line – some taking a minute to get there, others only a few seconds.



And we watched the Millhollands. Chad broke out fairly early on Saturday with a 202 mph run for KWS in the Production class. He would eventually run 203.63 mph on the S1000RR in a Modified class before the weekend



was out. Zack's early attempts on the Brock Performance machine were fast – 197, 199 – just a little bit short of 200. Dan hadn't run in over 3 years and talked about being very rusty after his 195 mph run on his Kawasaki Ninja ZX14R. Can you imagine calling 195 mph "rusty"? He kept working at it and hit 197.8 on his fastest run of the weekend. Chad hit 203 mph on his Kawasaki ZX14R. Zack rode his 250 Ninja and broke the record with a run of 118 mph. Then back to the BMW – again short of 200. Finally, on the last run of the weekend, Zack roared down the line and we waited for the announcement. It seemed to take forever. 200.2389 mph!

According to Team Millholland, life begins at 200 mph. That's what the sign in their trailer says and that's what the record books show beside their names.

While most of us go through life at the posted speed, there will always be a few who push the limits. It's incredible to watch.

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2011 Meeting Hosts Needed !!

January is just around the corner and we will be needing a Meeting Host soon. Call Al Jones and get on his list of volunteers.

Please consider hosting a meeting sometime during 2011. *All months* are currently available! If you don't feel able to do it alone, consider teaming up with another member to co-host. Or book a park shelter and have a stress free outdoor meeting. **We're flexible!**

The meetings are held on the third Sunday of each month. There are two hosting formats you can choose from 1) 11:30 a.m. tire kicking with the meeting at 1:00 p.m. and lunched served afterward and 2) 1:00 p.m. tire kicking followed by a 2:00 p.m. meeting with snacks served, not a full lunch. Your choice!

If you're interested, drop a line to the editor or one of our officers so we can get you on the list. Thanks to everyone who has graciously agreed to host in 2010.

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the remaining ten months. If necessary we may resort to roadside rest stops for upcoming meetings in the next year.

Contact any of the club officers if you can host a meeting in the upcoming year. Our Newsletter editor is



always in need of materials for the newsletter. If you can, write an article about a ride, a bike related event

or a destination for a bike trip. Put together something to share with others in the club. Work continues by Jim



Morrison on a TT calendar for next year. He needs

your BMW bike related photos. Photos should not have individuals in them – bikes that are part of great views are preferred.



I visited the Zooland Campground during Halloween. This was the site of our Halloween campout for many years. The campground looks great and is well maintained. It is also quite busy during October. We are planning a “No Brainer” kind of campout there next October. It is a great location

for riding the Uwharrie area and has good access to the Asheboro area for Restaurants.

The **Adopt-a-Highway** event this past month was a success with nine



members present. We had good weather for the event and the recent maintenance along the road made our job much easier. We had a great lunch afterwards at Jason’s deli. We could always use more help for this one, so check the schedule on our website and mark your calendars.

The 1st Saturday ride currently alternates between the dealership in Raleigh and Greensboro. In 2011, we will stop alternating and have a 1st Sat ride from both locations to make it easier for individuals to meet based on what area



they live in. Sometimes these rides aren’t well attended but they are an opportunity for members to meet and enjoy each other’s company as well as pick a destination and head out on the road together.

The Christmas meeting is Sunday, 12 December starting at 1130 hours. Bring a dish to share if you can. We will provide the entrees and other items as well as beverages. Remember to bring a small gift for the gift exchange after our meal. The meeting will be at our house in Fayetteville (see directions elsewhere in the newsletter).

We have had our share of riders with mishaps and resultant injuries lately so be careful out there and enjoy the great riding weather.

TT

Tarheel Traveler Four Corner Tour by Marc Krouse

Fellow TT members Bob Kurtz and Rick Young planned to join me in an assault on the NC Four Corners Tour during October 22, 23, and 24, 2010. Just ride until it's done. No piece meal, see the sights, get there when it's convenient bike ride.

TT member Leah Simon put together the Four Corner coordinates with photographic suggestions and posted the rules and locations on the Tarheel Traveler website at <http://tarheelbmw.org/events/north-carolina-4-corners-tour/>.

The northwest corner was a Mennonite Church near Lansing, NC. The southwest corner was the post office in Murphy, NC. The southeast corner was in Calabash NC and the northeast corner was the post office in Corolla, NC.

The plan was to leave early Friday morning, heading for the NW corner, then just hop on over and grab the SW corner. My route planning chose all of the twisty roads possible including unpaved roads to the Mennonite Church. I let the Zumo plan the approach into the northwest corner from our road choices in Virginia, and of course they were unpaved, hard packed gravel. Maybe Ed Gray reprogrammed my Zumo options when I wasn't paying attention.

How hard could it be? Rick Young had a conflict on Friday and was not able to join us. Bob and I ran out of daylight and energy in Sylva, NC where we rested at the Comfort Inn. Pizza and chicken wings delivered to the room. Very nice.

Since we were short of the SW corner in Murphy, NC we had to head out early [6:45 AM] in the dark, 32 degree morning. First a ride to Murphy and then turn around and head east to Calabash, NC for the SE corner. We used back roads across GA and SC. Rick called us during the day on Saturday and said he would meet us in Calabash and join us for the Sunday ride along the outer banks to the NE corner in Corolla, NC. Sounds like a plan! Plan the ride. Ride the plan.

We waited in Corolla and when Rick showed up, we headed north in the gathering darkness for Jacksonville, NC. We needed to get close enough to the Cedar Island to Ocracoke ferry in order to make the 9:30 AM departure on Sunday morning. And that's what we did, adding another 110 miles to an already long Saturday ride, stopping at the Days Inn in Jacksonville. Not the finest part of town and the Inn itself may have been a place where 'military boys

meet civilian girls'.

Up at 5:00 AM and launched at 6:15 AM for the 85 mile ride to Cedar Island. A very pretty ride as the sun was rising over the harbors and marshes. Very sparkly. We made the ferry without problem and had plenty of

time for coffee and chatting with other folks waiting in line, including three cruiser guys from Winston-Salem. Very nice guys, but you wouldn't want to surprise them in a dark alley.

Being in a rush to get to Corolla and then the long ride home, the 12 mph maximum speed on the two ferries

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was frustrating. The weather was fantastic, but we had miles to go before we sleep...so to speak. Lunch at



Mennonite Church in NW Corner of NC

Howard's Pub in Ocracoke NC. Rick and I made it to the post office in Corolla, but Bob had become frustrated with the traffic going north on NC 12, as well as my pace. Not really speeding, but inching up toward 5 over the limit and sometimes 9 over. Bob decided to give up Corolla and headed east near Manteo, NC taking US 264 bypass to US 64 and home. It seemed like a long way to ride and then bail on the 4th corner, but then Bob is always predictable.



COLD. Murphy, NC in the SW Corner of NC

Rick and I did the late afternoon slog up to Corolla which was horrible. Slow drivers looking for ice cream shops, dressed in pastel shades of summer wear. I'm not the slow down and enjoy the flowers type of rider. Agony. Finally we snapped our pictures in front of the 'not so fancy' Corolla post office, and headed back south on route 12, then over to Elizabeth City, NC and the very nice US 17 and US 13 and US 64 high speed run back to Raleigh. I was hoping to complete the day before

sunset, or at least get headed west on US 64 before dark, but you don't make much time riding north along the outer banks, and the sun had set by the time I crossed the beautiful Chowan River which empties into the



SE Corner in Calabash, NC

Albemarle Sound. The western sky was purple and gold with the cypress trees along the banks of the Chowan just barely visible. A clear, warm night, perfect for cruise control and heated grips.



Corolla, NC Post Office in the NE Corner of NC

- So the totals:
- 1,497 miles.**
- 5 states. 3 days.**
- Crossed state borders 9 times.**
- 1st day: 7:00 AM to 6:30 PM. 467 miles.**
- 2nd day: 6:45 AM to 8:30 PM. 565 miles.**
- 3rd day: 6:15 AM to 8:45 PM. 463 miles.**

[A couple of days later I rode down to Spiveys Corner and took a picture at the volunteer fire station, which completed my Corners Tour of NC.]

How hard can it be? A darned bit harder than I expected, but I AM a man. I spent Monday in bed...uh...reading.

TT

Tarheel Traveler Calendar

12/4 - 1st Saturday Ride, 10:00 a.m. Gassed up and ready to ride at 10:00 a.m. Capitol BMW, 4209 Atlantic Avenue, Raleigh, NC, (919) 834-5111, (GPS N35 84.075 W78 60.148) www.capitolbmw.com AND Carolina Euro, 2407 Greengate Drive, Greensboro, NC (GPS N36 01.592 W79 48.083)

12/5 - TriadRiders 1st Sunday ride - 9:00 a.m. Gassed up and ready to ride at 9:00. Cheesecake by Alex, 315 South Elm Street, Greensboro, NC (GPS N36 04.195 W79 47.422)

12/8 - 2nd Wednesday TT Dinner, 7:00 pm. Crazy Fire Mongolian Grill, 1270 Buck Jones Road, Cary, NC 27606 (N35 46.004 W78 44.482).

12/12 - 2nd Sunday Ride - 10:00 a.m. Breakfast at 9:00 a.m., gassed up and ready to ride at 10:00 a.m. Hardees, 28 East Rd, Pittsboro, NC (GPS N35 43.212 W79 10.603)

12/12 - Monthly Meeting - 11:30 a.m. tire kicking, 1:00 pm meeting with lunch served afterward, Al & Karol Jones, 485 Bristlecone Drive, Fayetteville, NC GPS N35 06.713 W78 53.289

12/15 - 3rd Wednesday Dinner - 6:30 p.m. Fred Chason's Grandsons, 5339 Marracco Drive, Hope Mills, NC 28348 (N34 56.535 W78 55.483)

Don't forget RIDE IN THE NEW YEAR in Lillington, NC. An annual New Year's Day tradition!

For additional event/rally dates be sure to check the TT website www.tarheelbmw.org

December 2010						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 1st Saturday Ride BOTH Raleigh and Greensboro
5 1st Sunday Ride. Greensboro	6	7	8 2nd Wednesday Dinner. Cary.	9	10	11
12 2nd Sunday Ride. Xmas Party & Mtg. Fayetteville.	13	14	15 3rd Wednesday Dinner, Fayetteville.	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

The Christmas Meeting Place – Sunday December 12th

Al & Karol Jones
485 Bristlecone Drive, Fayetteville, NC
GPS N35 06.713 W78 53.289

Directions from North:

Go south on Highway 401 into Fayetteville. Pass the Lowes on the right and go to the Country Club drive stop light. Turn right. Go past Frost drive and then turn right on Green Valley drive. Take second left onto Bristlecone. House is second from end on the left.

Directions from West:

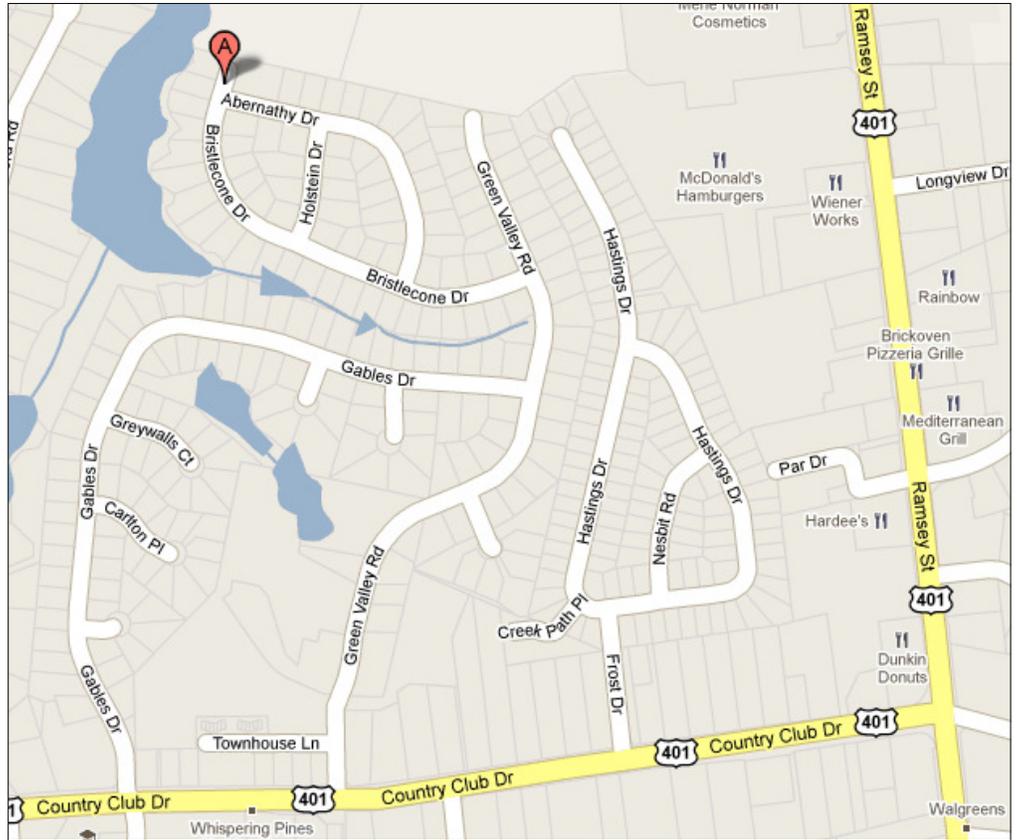
Come into Fayetteville on Raeford road, when you get to Skibo road turn left. Continue on Skibo past the mall. Name of the road will change to Pamalee and then Country Club drive. Look for Green Valley drive and turn left onto it. Take second left onto Bristlecone. House is second from end on the left.

Directions from East:

Come into town on Highway 24 (Grove street). Turn right onto Ramsey street. Go north on Ramsey past VA hospital to Country Club drive stop light. Turn left onto Country Club drive. Go past Frost drive and then turn right on Green Valley drive. Take second left onto Bristlecone. House is second from end on the left.

Directions from South:

On I-95, go North until you get to Hwy 24 (exit 52). Go west on Hwy 24, it becomes Grove street. Then follow directions from East. If using 95 Business, go North to Grove street. Turn left onto Grove street then follow Directions from East.



2010 Meeting Hosts

May: Gary and Tina Shimizu - Fayetteville	Sep: Joel Harris & Ed Gray - Raleigh
Jun: Annual Picnic - Harris Lake County Park	Oct: Steve & Belva - Fayetteville
Jul: Sandy & Pete Osta	Nov: Bombar's Beemers - Durham
Aug: 33rd Annual Daniel Boone Rally	Dec: Al and Karol Jones - Fayetteville

New Member !

Welcome to new member *George Ratterman*, Thomasville, NC

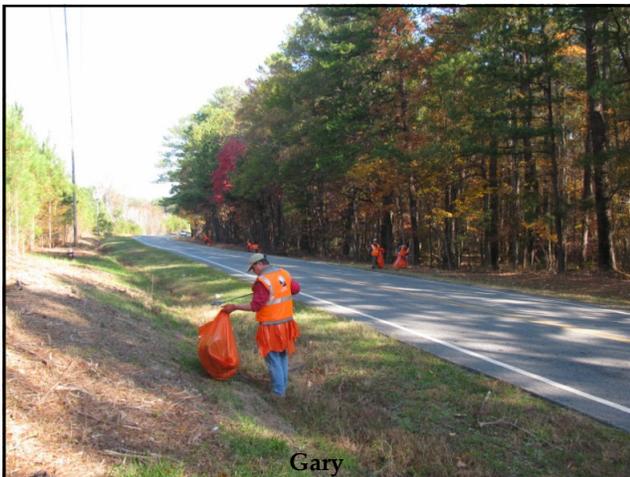
Tarheel Travelers Roadside Cleanup by Vince Provenzano

Well as many of you are probably are aware at the inaugural club picnic held at Harris Lake County Park in June 2009, an overwhelming majority of club members in attendance (out of 62 members present) voted in favor of the Tarheel Travelers participating in the North Carolina **Adopt-A-Highway** program. Clearly selecting a suitable road acceptable to all of the members



A Trashy Group

would be challenging to say the least, particularly in view of the distribution of the membership throughout the Tarheel State. Rather than debate the location which I am afraid would have taken 'til the end of time to



Gary

resolve, I opted to select a site with relative ease of access located within easy reach of the greatest concentration of our membership.

Of paramount importance to me was that the membership showed a keen interest in this endeavor,

which from my perspective was a win win situation. For the non cognoscenti, this would be good for the environment, for our club and motorcyclists as a whole. Not a bad thing if you ask me.



Belva and Steve

Our club is now in the second year involved in this program and I am pleased to report that participation is generally favorable, although, we can always use additional bodies. Let me remind you that we are required to cover a 2.3 mile stretch of roadway, so the more help the better. In no instance have we been out for more than two hours while a more realistic number is in the vicinity of one hour and a half.

More often than not we have to ask participants to stop. On at least one occasion, one or more members had to be hauled away kicking a screaming. Seriously. Each of our cleanups has been followed up with a lunch run to Jason's in Brier Creek Mall. Not a bad way to spend a Saturday morning.

By now you are probably wondering, what is all this about and where is this going. The short answer is that I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank everyone that has taken the time out of their busy schedule to assist the club in this worthwhile cause in 2010. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. For those who have yet to participate, please try to make some time available in 2011. Cleanup dates are posted on the club website and in the newsletter. Your club needs you to be involved.

TT

Raleigh area Euro Bike Night?

Hey Folks. I just moved back to the area after a 30 year hiatus / ride about. A lot has changed here, but I still don't see as many bikes on the road as in other places. Dat too bad. Anyone interested in getting a Euro Bike Night going somewhere once a month? I helped get one going over in Charlotte (repping the Triumph boys), and it has kicked butt for 5 years now. With a cool enough location (like Macs Speed Shop in Charlotte), I see no reason we could have a similar gig going here! Good to be back,

_____ **Scot**

Re: Raleigh area Euro Bike Night?

Welcome back Scot. I'm sure a monthly bike gathering would garner some kind of support from local BMW riders. Where have you been? What have you been riding? What are you riding now?

_____ **Marc**

Bobby's Down!

About 9AM this morning, Bobby was heading south on NC-86. Just after the crossing of NC-49, we think he was passing a tractor trailer rig when the truck driver realized he needed to make a quick left turn on Allison Road and did so. Bobby hit the trailer. So far, we know of several broken ribs, broken shoulder blade, injuries to his shoulder, and lots of bruises and abrasions. Ossifer Bob Murdaugh has been hanging out at NC Memorial in Chapel Hill since Noon and is staying the night. Some of Bobby neighbors in Milton are helping out and checking in. Work is being done to get Teresa to Memorial sometime soon. Stay tuned! We have a member in distress.

_____ **Willie**

Devices going away

I just watched an internet video that said the following devices will go the way of the 8 track. Basic cell phones, seems everyone wants a smart phone that can do it all. MP3 players, another thing your smart phone can do. GPS devices, your smart phone will get you from point a to point b just fine. I'll bet it won't let me create the route I want to take. Netbooks are being done in by the ipad. Dvd players because you'll be able to download movies to DVR. Of course the one that gets us is the GPS as they don't understand how we use them. Not everyone just wants to go from point a to point b.

_____ **Pete**

Re: Devices going away

Yes, I agree although the iPhone GPS apps I've seen are pretty good they won't be replacing my 'real' units any time soon.

_____ **Geoff**

Re: Devices going away

I don't see real GPS units going away as long as there's a need in the aviation and nautical arenas.

_____ **Ed**

1st Saturday Ride Really?

How many Triangle members rode up to Carolina Euro for the 1st Saturday Ride last weekend? How about we consider having a 1st Saturday Ride at BOTH Capitol BMW and Carolina Euro. Seems to make sense. Locally we'll then have three scheduled rides per month: 1st Saturday, 2nd Sunday, and Destination. I asked Al Jones to mention this suggestion in his TT Newsletter column for November, but he was probably distracted restoring a bike or buying another one from his youth. Let me know how you Yahoo Forum folks feel about it, then I'll approach Al about it again for next month's newsletter.

_____ **Marc**

Re: 1st Saturday Ride Really?

I can't remember the last time I rode over to Carolina Euro for the first Saturday ride. I don't like getting up as early as I have to get there on time. If we had 12 that left from Raleigh I probably would go on more rides.

_____ **Pete**

Re: 1st Saturday Ride Really?

Move down here with us and ride 1 1/2 - 2 hours to get to the start location and ride some more. Not complaining then again, when youz folks go north is the reason we decide to break off early and meander on home. Having two on the same day, start at each dealer sounds good.

Normally the same folks flock to their local dealership for the ride and very few "regulars" make it each month no matter the dealer. Who knows, every now and then coordinate the "end" location and meet up for lunch. Don't forget napping - if Al has one or he is working on the "tent w/ wheels" the conversation could be for naught.

_____ **Steve**

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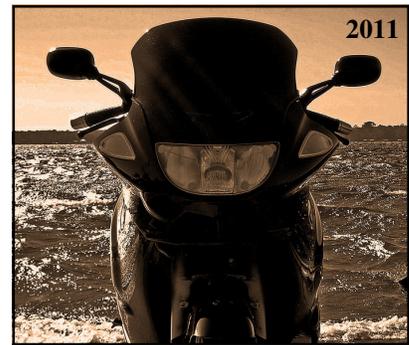
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2011 TT Calendars by Jim Morrison

It is time to get started on the 2010 TT Calendar and I need your pictures. The plan for the 2011 calendar is to have all TTer pictures, so send along any great photos you have and keep this in mind as you and your camera tour the highways and by-ways. When you send in pictures, please note:

- **BMW's as the only, or at least primary, motorcycles in the picture.**
- **No identifiable people in the picture.**
- **Digital photos only.**
- **Horizontal format preferred.**
- **Consider artsy and close-up photos.**
- **No larger than 3 MB files.**
- **Include date and place of the picture.**



Just email them to me, one at a time, to TTJim@jpmorrison.us.

Sales will start in December. The calendars are on 11 by 17 photo quality paper, folded and stapled with a picture and the calendar showing each month...and a hole punched for hanging. It is a 13 month calendar running through January of 2011. It includes our regular dinners, rides and meetings as well as rally reminders and holidays. The price is \$10 per calendar and includes shipping, if you need it sent to you.

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