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2012 Adopt-A-Highway Dates

We are starting a new year with the Adopt-A-Highway. First I want to thank Jim and Pat Morrison for a great place to meet and store our gear for the last few years. I thought I would give them a break.

We will now meet at the Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church parking lot. 3491 Pleasant Grove Church Rd.

Also thanks to Kevin Nipper for a perfect attendance record.

This year we are doing the 2nd Sat every 3 months (So I can go on some of the destination rides)

So if you can fit in one pick-up or more the dates are:
2/11/12.....5/12/12.....8/11/12.....11/10/12

So let's help keep America Beautiful for more motorcycle riding.

VP Emily Banks

Pete's First Bike Trip—1983



The riders were Ed on a Suzuki 1100, Robert on a Suzuki 400(Ed's old bike) and me on a Suzuki 600g(my first bike). All of us worked for IBM and were living in Bedford Texas at the time. Bob and I were new to motorcycling and didn't have much in the way of gear or luggage. I bought some soft sided bags for the trip. On a fine spring day the 3 of us headed west on I 20 for about 430 miles. The longest and furthest I had ever been on a bike and my butt knew it. The next morning we went to Balmorhea State Park and the clearest lake water I have ever seen. Here's a link to a picture of the lake water just to show how clear it is: http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/findadest/parks/balmorhea/media/images/pool_trees_swim_500x328.

Our next stop was Fort Davis National Historic Site. What we thought odd about the location of the fort was it had great views of any Indians coming from the front but the back was built into a very high ridge. It would have been very easy to get on top the ridge to attack the fort but that did not happen. On our way back to our motel we rode down a couple of switch backs. Bob stops in the middle of the road for what I don't know. Ed and I pull off at the bottom about 30 yards from Bob. Bob picks up something but we can't tell what. Bob finally makes his way to where Ed and I are and informs us he stopped to get a tarantula off the road. Bob was a Marine and while stationed at 29 Palms playing with tarantulas was quite common. We spent the night out around Marfa literally by the side of the road. Ed or Bob, not sure which now, said we need to see the lights of Marfa. It turns out they don't show up every night and you guessed it they did not when we were there. To this day I don't know if the lights of Marfa are real or something from some ones imagination. Each night we would get one room with two double beds to keep costs down. Each night one of us would get to sleep solo while the other two shared. When it was Ed's turn for solo Bob and I get the bright idea to jump in bed with Ed. We did and Ed didn't not know how to react. I do believe he thought we were going to do something.

Following morning we headed through Alpine on our way to Big Bend National Park. The road from Alpine to Big Bend had exactly one gas station/quick mart. Other then that store we did not see one other building of any kind. We did stop at the store. Bob starts combing his hair once he gets his helmet off. He hears some one say 'it won't help'. He looks over at me and I immediately say it came from inside the store. We go in the store and a conversation begins about where we are from and where we are going. So we tell him we are on our way to Big Bend. A female comes in with a new bandage on her upper right arm. Bob asked how she got the wound. She was on her way home when she spots a big buck in her path. As she reaches for her bow and arrow the arrow pierces her upper arm. We asked if she got the buck and the answer was yes then she went and got stitched up. We decide this is not a lady to mess with.

We make it to the entrance to Big Bend. There is supposed to be a motel somewhere in what is known as the basin. All I could see was a whole lot of nothing. As we are riding along I am seeing sticks/poles on the sides of the road with numbers on them. I didn't have a clue as to the reason for them but by the 5th one the light came on. The poles were in low spots in the road and the numbers showed you how many feet of water there was in the gully caused by flash floods. Thirty seven miles from the park entrance we get to the the motel that is in the park. The ride up into the basin is great. Think of it as a volcano where you ride up the outside then crest the top and ride down the inside. I quit leading after the third time going or coming because all manner of beasts kept crossing the road right in front of me. Not the best way to learn emergency braking. Our first night at the lodge we go for dinner. The place was basically empty. Bob orders liver and onions which neither Ed nor I can stand so we move to another table. Bob swears he will never order liver and onions while we are around again. [Editor Note—I like Liver & Onions with mustard]

We spent the next two days riding around in the park. If you have never been to Big Bend put it on your bucket list.



We took the southern route east stopping at Judge Roy Beans saloon the Jersey Lilly in Langtry Tx. then on to Del Rio. heading back towards Bedford. While we were on I35 heading north with me bringing up the rear my bike started to stall. By the time I realized I needed to move the lever to reserve the motor had quit. I roll to the shoulder move the lever and fire the bike back up. Neither Ed nor Bob saw me pull off so they kept going. They did finally exit the highway in an effort to find me. I was riding fast to catch back up with them after stopping to fill the tank. I didn't find them and they didn't find me. I rode the rest of the way home alone. I went straight to Bob's house. They had not gotten there yet. The fact I showed up without Bob did not make his wife happy. I told her what happened and they should be along shortly. I went home to my then wife. About an hour later Bob called to let me know they were home.

[time B4 texting]

In the week we were gone we rode 2500 miles and never left the state of Texas. I found out it can get down right cold in the desert in the spring at night. Having good warm gear is a must. A trip like that with friends is truly priceless.

[Words like these ignite thoughts and reminiscing from our own travels and also inspire us to embark on new travel. Share your "past or future" trips with the gang via the newsletter.]

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Out & About by Al Jones

President's Log—Final Entry—January 2012

Christmas Meeting and Party:

Once again many members gathered at our house in Fayetteville for the Christmas meeting and party. About 25 members attended and enjoyed Turkey and various side dishes. The twisted gift exchange was as good as ever with the many twists resulting in the "Devil" remaining



with its 2011 owner. Perhaps he will have better luck next year. Ray Ussery and the Rev. Willie were the door prize winners and they both received 50 dollar gift cards to Cycle Gear.

The totals for mileage and participation points are in and Kevin Nipper has the top overall mileage, Steve Brunner top

Beemer miles, Emily Banks number one among the ladies and Pete Osta has the highest TT participation points of those who submitted. Appropriate TT plaques will be awarded them at the next meeting.



It should be noted that Kevin is also the Adopt-a-Highway Meister as well. Since our commitment to that task started Kevin has not missed an event.

During the Christmas meeting Sandy presented Philip Meyers with a plaque in appreciation for the service he has rendered to the club during his membership time. Philip served as Sec/Treasurer for a number of years and was instrumental in a number of club



activities over recent years.

The club also recently received a thank you from the Patriot Rovers for our recent donation to their cause. The BMW RA charter was renewed this past month. So, a busy year for many of us as well as the club is fast approaching end.

Elections:

Brenda Marcom has been elected to serve as Treasurer for the club and will be working with Sandy to make that transition smooth.





Elections:

Unfortunately, no one was willing to step up to the Prez position and that office will be vacant until someone expresses an interest.

Benefits of the position:

FREE membership
 Prez@tarheelbmw.org e-mail address

And other fun things during your term as President.

Meeting Hosts:

For 2012 the March meeting will be at the Coffee Stop event, currently we have May covered, June is usually Picnic month, August meeting will be at the Boone campout as usual and we have Zooland booked for the middle weekend of October again so that will be the location for the October meeting.

Next month I look forward to riding in the New Year and meeting fellow riders in Lillington. The January meeting itself will once again be at the I-40 East rest stop at about mile marker 324. This is near the I 40 and I 95 interchange. We will meet there about 1230 and then ride to the Meadows for Lunch. If you have not been to the Meadows you have missed a treat. Contact one of the club officers if you would like to set something up for one of the 2012 meetings. Thanks again to everyone who came to the Christmas party. We certainly enjoyed the people and event.



Ride In The New Year
 January 1st
 1000ish



Old Photo Time
 Can you answer the guesses:
 Who, What, When, Where & Why



We meet at the McDonald's on the corner of US401 and US 421 in Lillington, NC. Around 1000am Show up early for some coffee and warmth inside with friends before the ride.

Articles Articles Articles
 need your words or lots of scratch
 paper next month.

Blank pages do not a newsletter
 make.

The *Restful* Meeting Place – January 16th

Interstate 40 Rest Area

**Johnston County I-40, Eastbound Location: Milepost 324,
3 miles north of Benson on I-40 (N35 26.120 W78 32.102)**

From the North:

From I-40 and US 440 and drive southeast towards Benson/Smithfield for 27.3 miles. Exit to the right for the Johnson County rest stop.

From the South:

There is no access to the eastbound Johnson County rest stop while riding westbound. The closest entrance onto eastbound I40, is at NC 210 exit 319. This is about 9.7 miles west of I95.

Tire Kicking “high noon” Leaving @ 1230ish —short ride over to Meadow for lunch at Meadows Family Restaurant. Worth the trip for the desserts.



2010 Meeting Hosts

Jan: Interstate 40 Rest Area	May: Jimmy & Cherrie, Willow Springs
Feb: Open	Jun: Harris Park Picnic
Mar: Coffee Stop—Saturday	Jul: Open
Apr: Open	Aug: Daniel Boone Rally



Philip Myers Market Place



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Includes:

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Large Sized Riding Gear - too many items to list: jackets, boots, helmets, gloves and other items.

All items have been meticulously cared for pampered beyond belief. Reason for Items being sold, unable to use them due to medical condition.

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Tarheel Traveler Calendar

1/1 - Ride In The New Year, 10:00 a.m. Gassed up and ready to ride at 10:00 a.m. McDonalds Restaurant at NC 210 & US 401 in Lillington, NC (N35 25.134 W078 48.219)

1/7 – 1st Saturday Ride, 10:00 a.m. Gassed up and ready to ride at 10:00 a.m. at **Capitol BMW**, 4209 Atlantic Avenue, Raleigh, NC, (919) 834-5111, (GPS N35 84.075 W78 60.148) and at **Carolina Euro**, 2407 Greengate Drive, Greensboro, NC (GPS N36 01.592 W79 48.083)

1/8 - 2nd Sunday Ride - 10:00 a.m. Breakfast at 9:00 a.m., gassed up and ready to ride at 10:00 a.m. **McDonalds**, 36 Lowes Drive, Pittsboro, NC 27312 (N35 44.664 W79 09.934)

1/11 - 2nd Wednesday TT Dinner, 7:00 pm. Las Margaritas, 7431 Six Forks Road. Raleigh NC 27615 (919) 847-6438 (GPS N35 52.866 W78 38.762)

1/14 - Destination Ride - 9:00 a.m. Gassed up and ready to ride at 9:00 at the BP Station, 5016 Spring Forest Road, Raleigh, NC (GPS N35 51.359 W78 33.399) The ride is cancelled if it is raining.

1/15 - Monthly Meeting - 11:30 a.m. tire kicking, 1:00 pm meeting ride to lunch, I40 Rest Stop, Mile Marker 324 (N35 26.120 W78 32.102)

1/18 - 3rd Wednesday Dinner - 6:30 p.m. Hudson Bay Seafood, 2816 Ramsey St, Fayetteville, NC 28301 ((910) 630-0007 (GPS N35 05.783 W78 52.629)

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

January 2012						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 Ride N the New Year	2	3	4	5	6	7 1st Sat Ride
8 2nd Sun Ride	9	10	11 2nd Wed Eats Las Margaritas	12	3	14 Destination Ride
15 TT Meeting	16	17	18 3rd Wed Eats Hudson Bay Seafood	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					



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