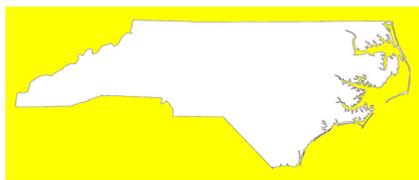




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We mourn the loss and relish the memories. Teresa's ever present smile and willingness to share and assist are legendary. Bobby said it best, "she is in heaven riding a red motorcycle slightly above the speed limit."

TT Ladies during a calm moment at the Ladies Campout. Teresa posing with a TT Mascot—she won the door prize—and snapped a few photos with her new friend.

 **Follow Pete**

Destination Ride

Sandy, Dan Harris, and I left the BP at 9 am give or take, nobody keeping track.

It was a very straight forward route in the interest of time. We went up 401 to 561 in Louisburg, went right on 561 a break about half way at a gas station at I95 and 561. Break over we continued on 561 to 301 north to 158 east. The ride was done with a fair amount of cloud cover which held the temp down which was much appreciated.

Since I had not been to the destination before and had no idea what was available for eats nearby but I did know of a really good BBQ in Murfreesboro. It being 11:30+ I opted for Whitley's in Murfreesboro. We had lunch and Sandy bought this huge bear claw to bring home. I would show a picture but we ate it before the thought of a picture crossed my mind and it was good. Dan was feeling his lack of sleep so he headed home and Sandy and I headed east to Merchants Millpond State Park just following 158 until we saw the sign of how to get to the visitor center.

We entered the visitor center looked at the display of the animals and reptiles that are found in the park or nearby. The critters were all stuffed so there was no danger from the bears, snakes, or gators. We rented a canoe and paddle out into the swamp. My first thought was this looks like a great place for a swamp horror movie, see pictures. It is a good thing they have marker buoys because after about 150 yards you can longer see where you started from. Silly me left my GPS in my bike as did Sandy. We paddled around for just over an hour and really liked the park. I do believe kids would love it. We got back to the starting point, put the canoe back in its slot, the paddles and life vests up. As we head up the trail to the visitor center it begins to rain and thunder and lightening. The guy in the visitor center said it would pass through in the next 45 minutes so Sandy and I sat and watched the rain. Both of us had put our rain covers on our tank bags before we went paddling. Once the rain quit at 3 as promised we headed home. There were a few times I thought we were going to catch up to the storm but we stayed dry all the way home and devoured that bear claw shortly there after.



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No Prez—No Notes



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.

Bert Brumfield 's 500K Award

Bert's accomplishment was completed on 9 motorcycles over a period of 25 years or 20,000 miles per year and 56,000 miles per motorcycle.

PHOTO

Bert Tanya George



A bird flew into the garage and diligently made a nest inside the helmet. That was one safety conscious bird. Let those who fly decide!

My Views on Motorcycle Fatality Facts from Two States

Kelly Mills

I subscribe to three motorcycle magazines, BMW Owners News, Motorcycle Consumer News, and Rider. What do I find myself turning to when the magazines first arrive at my house? The safety articles. Being a relatively new returning rider, I strive to find out all I can to make my daily commutes and weekend rides safer.

The May 2012 BMW ON Motosafe article was all about motorcycle crashes, and specifically motorcycle fatalities. The numbers in the article by Kevin Greenwald covered 2011 statistics for Wisconsin. (WI)

This got me wondering how North Carolina (NC) compared to WI. I thought that probably the biggest differences between the two states would be the existence of a helmet law in NC and the longer riding season. I couldn't find 2011 crash information for NC, but the DOT has a very detailed report on 2009 crash reports on the web. I figured that was a good source of data because the number of motorcycles on the road was probably high that year and this gave a greater sampling of data.

Here are the most obvious observations for NC:

Some of the largest factors for fatalities in the NC report were that 72.5% occur on rural roads and 96.5% were on non-interstate roads. Hey, who doesn't like a ride through the country?

Many of the fatalities, 42.5%, were caused by exceeding the speed limit or by careless or reckless driving. Finally, 60% of fatalities involved another vehicle.

What conclusions did I see by comparing the WI and NC numbers? Most motorcycle fatalities occur on weekend rides in the country resulting from careless riding, and fatalities usually involve another vehicle. This may be explained by the fact that there are more bikes on the roads on the weekend when most people are out riding for pleasure and not to work.

How can you reduce the possibility of an accident? *Don't exceed the riding limits, be mindful of the posted speed limits or the realistic speed limit for given road conditions, and watch out for other vehicles.*

What do you think? (Ed Note: sounds very reasonable)

Here are the facts that I gathered from the May Motosafe article and from:

www.ncdot.gov/download/dmv/2009_Crashfacts.pdf.

2011 Motorcycle Fatalities in WI (2009 NC in parentheses)

85 fatalities, 7 were passengers (147, 9 were passengers)

45 average age (almost equal percents from 25 through 54, drops off at 55)

92% didn't wear helmet (NA)

40% at intersections

35% on straight roads (88% "going straight ahead")

22% on curves (3%)

95% speeds of 20-55 mph (96.5% non-interstate)

66% in daylight

34% in darkness

88% on dry roads

41% involved another vehicle (60%)

38% were motorcycle only (40%)

22% involved alcohol (12%)

52% Friday to Sunday

19% were sport bikes

59% were cruiser-style bikes

Largest contributing circumstances in 2009 NC fatal crashes

Exceeding speed limit 22%

Reckless or careless 20.5%

Crossed centerline 12.6%

Alcohol use 12%

Exceeded safe speed for conditions 11%

Location of 2009 NC fatalities

72.5% Rural

27.5% Urban

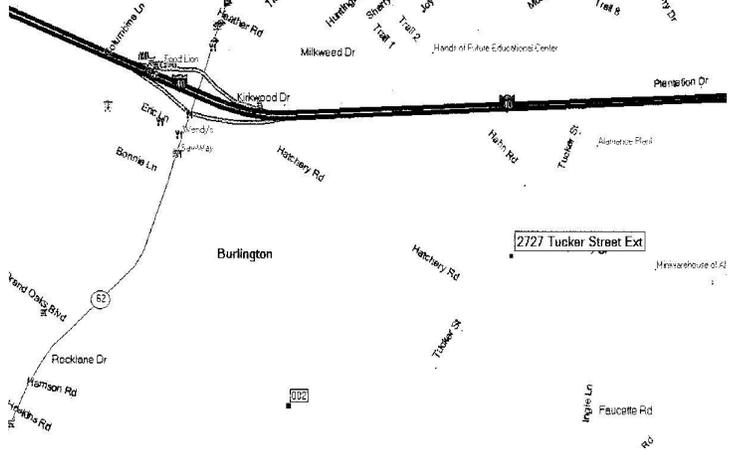
The Meeting Place – July 22

MotoMark1
2727 Tucker Street Extension
Burlington NC 27215
GPS N36 03.581 W79 27.211

FROM THE EAST (RALEIGH): Take I-40 West to exit 145 for NC 49 toward Burlington/Downtown/Liberty. Turn left onto Maple Ave (NC 49). Take a slight right onto Anthony Rd and continue to the right onto Industry Dr. Turn left onto Tucker St. Look for us at the corner of Hatchery and Tucker on the right.

FROM THE WEST (GREENSBORO): Take I-40 East to exit 143 for NC 62 toward Burlington Downtown/Alamance. Turn right onto NC 62 S/ Alamance Rd. Take the 1st left onto Hatchery Rd. Look for us at the corner of Hatchery and Tucker on the left.

Tire Kicking 1130—arrive early and watch some skilled riders in action.



2012 Meeting Hosts

July – Mark Brown	Nov: Kelly Mills
Aug: Boone Rally	Dec: Ray & Dorthy
Sep: Pat Fryer	Jan: Open
Oct: No Brainer Zooland Campground	Feb: Open



Teresa Pearson
Memorial Ride
Sunday, 15th July 2012

Leaves Virlie's in Pittsboro @ 10am

58 Hillsboro St, Pittsboro, NC 27312
North side of the circle in downtown Pittsboro
919-542-0376



Join us for a ride through beautiful Chatham Country then hamburgers and fixin's at the end of the ride.

\$20 donation is suggested for ride, food and fellowship.

Need more details? Call Cat at 919 363 8662 or Bruce at 919 369 3246



Duke Children's Ride

August 25, 2012.

Where? - Scooters, 1911 Segoe Ct, Raleigh—down/up (depends where your from, not far) the road from Capitol BMW—Atlantic Springs

When? Registration begins at 9:00 AM and the ride starts at 11:00.

How Much? Registration is \$20 and with it you get a T-shirt and a free BBQ dinner at Scooters Bar and Grille.

Why? Good cause, why not

Registration and ride starts at Scooters—great opportunity to support a great cause and meet some new friends. Right down the road from Capitol—why not?



Tarheel Traveler Calendar

7/7— 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)

7/8 - 2nd Sunday Ride - 10:00 a.m. Breakfast at 9:00 a.m., gassed up and ready to ride at 10:00 a.m. **Carolina Brewery**, 120 Lowes Drive, Pittsboro, NC 27312 (N35 44.676 W79 09.962)

7/11 - 2nd Wednesday TT Dinner, 7:00 pm. Shane's Rib Shack, 5811 Poyner Village Pkwy Raleigh, NC 27616 (919) 850-9900

7/15— Teresa Pearson Memorial Ride—10am Virlie's, 58 Hillsboro St., Pittsboro, NC 27312 (919) 542-0376

7/18 - 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)

7/21 - 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.

7/22 - Monthly Meeting - 11:30 a.m. tire kicking, MotoMark1, 2727 Tucker Street Extension, Burlington NC 27215 GPS N36 03.581 W79 27.211

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

July 2012						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 1st Sat Ride
8 2nd Sun Ride	9	10	11 2nd Wed Eats Shane's Rib Shack	12	13	14
15 Teresa's Ride	16	17	18 3rd Wed Eats Hudson Bay Seafood MOA RALLY	19 MOA RALLY	20 MOA RALLY	21 Destination Ride MOA RALLY
22 TT Meeting	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					



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