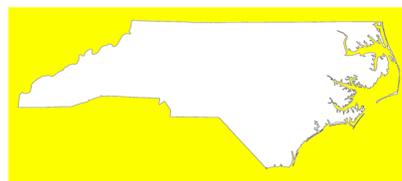


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July's Journal of Joy

You couldn't have asked for a better day in July...weather (while a bit hot) was great, and 60+ folk showed up for the BMW-NC Tarheel Travelers 40th Anniversary Celebration. We spent a good bit of time swapping stories (some true, some maybe exaggerated a bit?), looking at pictures from days gone by, and kicking tires (always great bikes to look at). This group has a lot of great memories, and...as the relative newcomer to the group...I had a blast listening to them. It was also an honor that I was able to present certificates recognizing our founders, and those that have been in the group since its inception. While there are other (but not many) groups that have been around as long as ours, I think we had a really unique celebration in that both our first, and 480th (40 years of twelve meetings a year), meeting was hosted by the same folk...our founders Ed and Liz Jones. I am sure all of you will join me in thanking them for all their support over the past 40 years, and for hosting a great meeting. (continued on Page 2)

Upcoming Events

Boone Campout: 7-9 Aug 15, Boone KOA

Fall No Brainer: 25-27 Sep 15, Willville Bike Camp

Ladies Only Campout: 29 Oct—1 Nov 15, Myrtle Beach



Left: Ed & Liz Jones—sporting the special logo shirt. Taking orders Ed’s shirt \$21 and Liz’s shirt \$21. No, you don’t get the exact one they are wearing.

Right: “Rev” Willie, Nichols, Steve Brunner & Pam Nichols. Steve is selling new logo TT shirts \$15.00



Rev Willie & Pam w/ Gene Knight and Carol Knight. Below: Bobby Pearson



OG5—Original Gangster Five (no doubt the first time they’ve been referred to as “Gangster”) Front Row: Roberta & Morgan Reed Back Row: Liz Jones, Larry Green, Ed Jones. These five attended the first meeting. BMW MOA provided a certificate of appreciation to commemorate their dedication and continued involvement to the TTs.

Journal continued: We also had another great Beemer and Bimmer outing in July, this one to the Governor Aycock Farm for a picnic, then onto the County Doctor Museum (see the write up by Rob McIsaac in this newsletter), and I want to thank Roland at Leith BMW for providing breakfast and Rob for organizing the event. Pete is also planning some new destination rides for the coming months, and I’m looking forward to them...stay tuned for details. July also saw the MOA rally in Billings, to which a few of our members went, and I look forward to hearing about their adventures. We also have an active Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/tarheelbmw/>). If you haven’t been there, I encourage you to join and check it out. Great way to see what’s going on with our group, ask questions, and post all manner of stuff, including postings like the 25 top places for ice cream in North Carolina (one of my favorites!).

Ride safe.....Louis

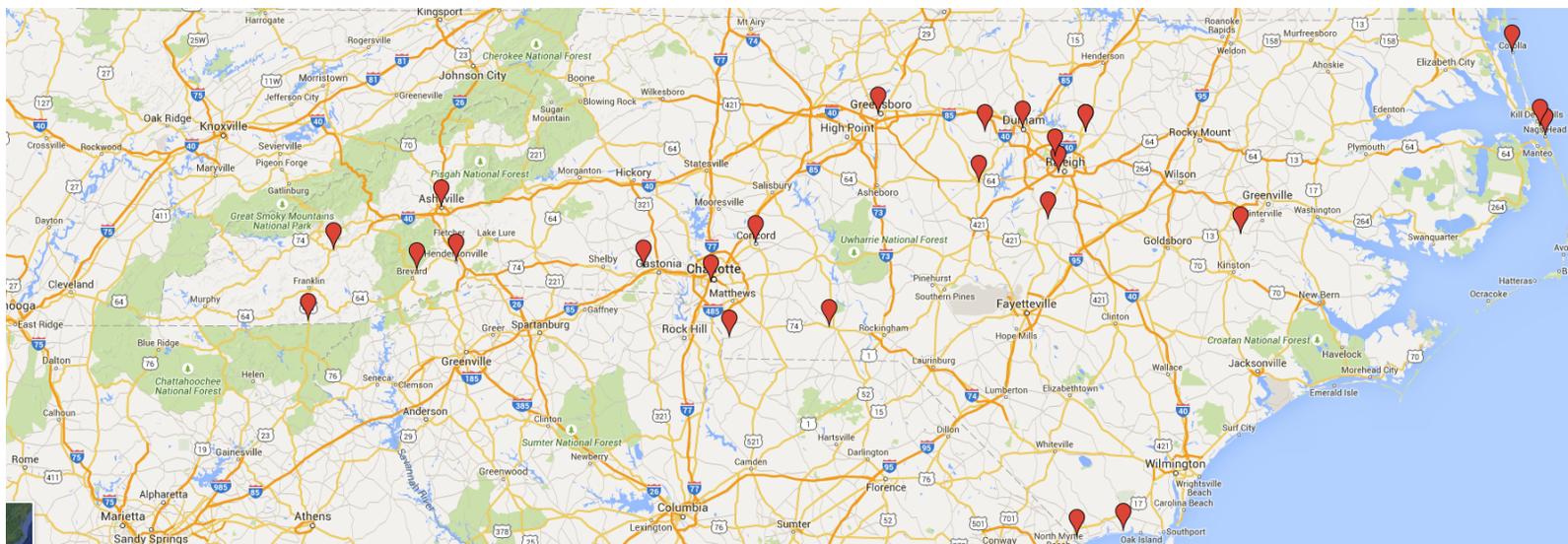
LERT LESSON

Styling and profiling. You can profile in style and support the TTs in your very own Limited Edition Special Run One of a Kind Tarheel Travelers Anniversary Logo Shirt. Ed and Liz are shown wearing the polo style. Ed’s—color Blue— cost \$21, Liz’s—color Blue—cost \$21 Quint was sporting an athletic style T-shirt—with the fancy moisture wicking fabric created by NASA for the astronauts. Men’s color Royal Blue and cost \$25. Sorry he escaped all the pictures taken. Witness protection program requirement. Sandra was sporting a Purple ladies shirt— V-neck, t-shirt cost \$23. I’ll be taking orders at the August Meeting in Sanford on 15 Aug 15. Order taken will also receive FREE a special can coozie sporting the limited edition logo.





Tasty Treat Challenge—25 places to eat ice cream. We all know there are plenty not listed. The challenge, find them and find out just how good their ice cream really is. List can be found in the Our State magazine. www.OurState.com or wherever they are sold.



The Dawn Patrol Breakfast Club leaves (some Sundays) at 6:30am from the Best Buy in Knightdale (intersection of US-64 and I-540). After a journey around the local area, they arrive in Bunn NC between 7:30—7:45 to feast at The Farmers Table Restaurant, 333 Main St, Bunn NC. Any questions, contact Rob McIsaac know at 919-880-8012. Rob “leads” the group or you can join them at the “end point” for good food, coffee & conversation. Great part to this ride/gathering — ya get going early and have time to do “other things”.



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Fun with water guns



Mission Improbable

The day dawned bright, warm and "steamy". But hey, what should I expect? It is NC in July, after all. That's what is supposed to be like and it is a fair trade, in my mind, to avoid the cold and gloomy winters of the Northeast. I shall never whine about the weather.

Our country cruise with Bimmers and Beemers required an early decision: 2 or 4 wheels. Given the picnic cooler I was accountable for, the X3 won out over the RS. Nice to have choices, of course.

Off early, we needed to get to the Leith BMW dealership to check on the breakfast and to make sure the folks from Paramount Pictures were taken care of. I needn't have worried.

Thanks to Roland Lewis, the Leith folks always take great care of us. Breakfast sandwiches, pastry, OJ and coffee. What's not to love? The studio people arrived with cameras and goodies in hand to promote the new MI movie. Equipped with new water pistols and other memorabilia, action shots with our Bavarians ensued. In return, we also got tickets to a pre-release showing. Sweet!

We had 25 folks join us on the ride. Liz Bradley had her E30 to get "senior Bimmer" status, circa 1984. A grand 1971 R75/5 garnered longest service vehicle on the run. I have to admit that I think BMW engines of all types have great character, and much like the old inline 6's, the stately Air Heads sound great.

We roared out of the dealership and immediately ran into ... traffic. Separated into 3 groups, most did fine ... but one team blew a turn and got to see an extra-long version of the blitz around tobacco and corn fields. Thanks to the marvels of GPS and cell phones, our intrepid Lost Souls eventually found their way to our first stop, the Governor Aycock Farm. By this time, of course, the gang was hungry and so we broke out the picnic baskets. A veritable feast broke out with lots of swapping of eats taking place. By the time the brownie and watermelon course ended, some were ready for a nap. No time for that however: there was a historic farm tour to experience.

I suspect the docent at the site, who was terrific, gets 3-5 people a day on the weekends ... so a group of 25 was a treat. She did a

great job, taking us through vintage farm buildings and telling the meaningful stories of the State's evolving history with both agriculture and education. After a time, however, the steadily rising temps and humidity found many ready to swap a 19th century farm for the charm of 21st century A/C. So let it be said, so let it be done.

Pushing out of Wayne County we ultimately grabbed NC -581 for a brisk run to the metropolis of Bailey. Beyond having a Piggly Wiggly (seriously), the town is the home of the Country Doctor Museum. They were equally excited to have a large gaggle of guests and even, with a thunderstorm threatening, suggested we park the bikes under the picnic enclosure. Sweet!

And then we were back to the 19th century. Bone saws, leeches and an array of medical / torture devices were on display. It was great! Learned how an apothecary would roll pills and how a dentist used what looked like a barber chair to take care of oral issues. Also discovered that they have a garage of Country Doc vehicles including a brace of Model T Fords. This is such a cool place ... hiding in plain sight just waiting to be discovered. Awesome.

All too soon, it was time for us to make our way for home. Far from Mission Impossible, we had a terrific time visiting some great locations ... eating some fantastic food ... enjoying the company of other BMW'ers ... and carving up some delightful winding roads. Das ist gut, Ja? *{Editor note: Rob's Bimmers & Beemers outings are truly a treat and great way to discover special treasures in NC}*



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