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BMW RIDERS ASSOCIATION OF THE MID-SOUTH
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AN ANONYMOUS EXPERIENCE

I've been in the MOA since the summer of 1978. My first experience with the MOA Anonymous Book was a "doozy". On Friday evening April 3rd Nona and I received a call. The voice on the other end identified himself in broken English as a world tourer on his BMW from Denmark. He was looking for tent space for the evening. Being curious and willing to lend a hand, I welcomed the visitor and his wife. As events unfolded, we opened our home for three nights to Ove and Christine Jensen from Denmark. They are an amazing young couple who worked for three years, saved their money, took leave of absence from their jobs and struck out on a world tour (two up) on their Beemer. The bike was a 1975 90/6 equipped stem to stern with Vetter fairing, bags and box. Ove and Christine were looking forward to seeing Elvis Presley's grave and the new statue downtown. The weekend was full of exciting tales of travel and experiences. I know of very few people who would attempt such an adventure. By April 17th they would have been on the road for one full year, having rolled off 35000 miles and gone through 25 different countries before arriving in America. Try these on for size, Germany, Netherlands Belgium, France, Switzerland, Italy, Austria, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Greece, Turkey, Cyprus, Israel, Iran, Pakistan, India, Ceylon, Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Australia, New Zealand and the Panama Canal. There were several humorous things that happened, too numerous to mention here.

Ove is a very intense and self styled individual. He was so set on getting a photo at the Elvis statue that he drove the Beemer up the sidewalk, up the mall apron and parked at the foot of the statue and started snapping photos. I looked warily up and down the street for the law while trying to think up some good excuse to cover for him. Fortunately, no fuzz. On Sunday they rode with the club on the ride to Village Creek State Park. They left on Monday morning for Mexico, to Acapulco, then up the west coast of California to Canada, then across the Canadian Rockies and back to Tennessee for the Grand Ole National in July. They plan on being back in Denmark in October. My \$15 dollar membership in the MOA was made worthwhile in just one short weekend. We'll look them up at the National and get an update on their further travels. Good luck Ove & Christine. Hey Walter, tell em the one about "Boola _____".

COMING EVENTS

MAY 16th.....Saturday 7:00 P.M.

Meeting at Don & Ellen Wounsich's. NO MEAL. Refreshments will be served. Bring goodies! Please! Directions: I-55 south to Nesbitt exit. East 4½ miles to grocery store (brown brick). Take left and go 1½ blocks. Look for brown brick house. See you there. Wounsich's phone 601 368-4600

MAY 24-25....Memorial Day Weekend. No Plans.

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Coming Events cont'd

MAY 30th.....Saturday 4:00 P.M.

Club ride to Lewises in Moscow for Bar B Que. Meet at the front parking lot of Germantown Highschool, located on Old Poplar Pike just east of Germantown Road. I understand the Bar B Que there is very good.

MAY 29-30...BMWRA National Rally-Wisconsin Dells.

DISCOVER..

JUNE 5-7.....Choo Choo Town BMW Rally, Chattanooga, TN

JUNE 13th....We're planning a meeting at S.C. Rose's new place on Horseshoe Lake in Hughes, Arkansas. More details to follow.

JUNE 19-21....Christmas in Indy. Indianapolis BMW Club

JUNE 27-28....Texas-Louisiana BMW Get Together (call for details)

Also other local club activities will be announced.

LAST MONTH...

APRIL 5th 13 BMW's, 20 adults and a few children turned out for a Sunday afternoon ride to Village Creek State Park over in Arky. We all had kind of a special treat as we were joined by our new found friends Ove & Christine Jensen from Denmark. Many spent a good deal of time asking questions and listening to details of the Jensen's world tour on their BMW. Those who turned out were: the Haley's, the Caruthers, Bob Garey and his son James, Harold Cagle, the McReynolds, Ove & Christine, the Unversaws, the Nolans, Frank Webb, the Wilkins, Pat Fitzgerald, Bert Smith, Ginger Smith with the sidehack and their children and guest Dr. A.J. Sosebee on a 500 Honda with a neat little trailer. Twas a nice afternoon.

APRIL 11-12. Eleven BMW's, a Volvo and one Honda motorcycle turned out for the HOT SPRINGS get-together. Not a big crowd, but a beautiful weekend in scenic Hot Springs area. Five from the RAMS attended, the Wilkins, the Unversaws and Walter Burnett. Nine from Louisiana, eight from Arkansas and two from Texas got together, told lies and kicked tires. Several of us toured the two area mountains and enjoyed the switchback turns to the top. Nona and I lost a pillow on the way. Thanks to Bill's sharp eye, he picked it up so Nona could sleep with something under her head besides a rock. Accomplished campers we're not. Theres talk of a more formalized get together next year-maybe the birth of another rally?

APRIL 24-26...Trail of Tears Rally-approximately 310 in attendance.

APRIL 25th...Our club meeting at the Webb's was a WHOPPER! 25 of our club people came out in force, and did we put on the feedbag!! Grilled hamburgers and hotdogs with all the trimmings, oodles of side dishes, desserts running out our ears, topped off with home made ice cream, thanks to the Nolans. We owe a great big thank you to Frank & Arlene Webb for their HOSPITALITY. Frank was presented with his 1980 high mileage award. We also discussed and voted on a by-law change which was carried 14 yes to 1 no (discussed later). It was a great meeting even though Frank didn't tell Arlene it was a pitch in. She fixed several side dishes. He's been eating baked beans ever since. Caruthers gave me fits about not publishing that Frank lived on a gravel road-his bike got dusty. We should have more of these, they are great. Frank suggested having an overnite camp out, cookout next spring at his place-sounds good to me? Those attending were: The Gareys, the Golds, Paul McReynolds, the Nolans, the Hambys, the Cagles, the Reeds, the Wounschs, Pat Fitzgerald, the Burnetts, Mike Caruthers, the Bennetts, the Unversaws and our gracious hosts Frank & Arlene Webb.

SHILOH UPDATE

Four hundred patches have been ordered. The shipping date is to be June 6th. Mike Caruthers was voted in as rally chairman, so you can expect Mike to be looking for volunteers. Paul McReynolds will head up the trophy committee. Tony Reed will organize and run the field events. Nona Unversaw will organize the registration. Dana Reed is head of the door prize committee. Rally flyers are ready. Things are beginning to shape up. We'll need volunteers to help out, so keep us workers in mind and join in, its not work, its fun!

BMW REPAIRS

Need work on your BMW? I'm told Leo Goff at Supercycle (Bellevue at Lamar) is a good BMW mechanic. He'll work on BMWs by appointment only. Call Leo at 735-5991.

OIL FILTERS Call Pat Fitzgerald 362-3232.

Last but not least

At the April meeting a proposal was presented to the membership regarding a by-law change. An effort was made to approach the issue objectively and with as little controversy as possible. It is difficult to avoid controversy, you can't please everyone. The objective was simply to show more recognition to the large number of wives in the club who do a great deal to contribute to the club's well being, yet get no official recognition nor do they have any say so. The attached revised by-laws represents a majority vote of 14 for, one against. The terminology should cover the issue by useage of "spouse member" to relate to a husband or wife situation. Personally, I think the change is a step in the right direction. See you at the May meeting.

General B.M. Doublya says....



THE COWS MAY COME,
AND THE COWS MAY GO,
BUT THE BULL IN THIS
NEWSLETTER GOES ON
FOREVER.

Y'ALL PLAN ON
"RETURN TO SHILOH"
NOW, OR I'LL HIT YA
WITH MA CANE!

