

# **THE SHAFT**

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#### AN IDEA

Someone I spoke to recently had an idea. Now this is just idle talk mind you, nothing for anyone to get excited about. Anyway, many of us are always looking for some thing-a-majig or doohickey for our bikes that you just can't find anymore or that we just don't have the money it takes to get it down at the retail shop.

Flea Markets and Swap Meets at cycle rallies usually meet with mild success. I think this is basically because its a little tough to pack up to go then throw on an extra fairing or a pair of mufflers. You get the picture? If its not small, you ain't gonna pack it!

Now how about if there were a winter time event (say mid January), call it a Flea Market - Swap Meet or whatever. Locate it in a heated building, advertise it, charge a reasonable fee to offset overhead and expenses. Let folks know they should bring anything they want to sell or swap in the way of motorcycle stuff ( pref. BMW ) in their cars or trucks etc. Hold it say on a Saturday & Sunday. Most people are looking for that special item about that time of year since most bikes are up for the winter or being worked on while the weather is bad. Is the idea crazy? Any discussion? Lets hear from you out there.

#### help...

Anyone who has anything they would like to contribute to the newsletter, please step forward. This doesn't have to be a onesided thing you know. Also, any ideas are welcome. Many of you have come up with some good ideas. Lets have more.

## Caution

Many of us have recently received brochures from California Cycle Supply. I've been told that anyone intending to purchase any item advertised in the brochure is well advised to check very closely to be sure that they will receive exactly what is advertised. Seems as though some of the pictured items are different than the merchandise that will be delivered.

#### **COMING EVENTS...**

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

JUNE 13th .... Saturday 8:00 A.M. sharp

Breakfast ride. Meet at the corner of Winchester and Third Street (US 61). We'll ride to Tunica, Mississippi for breakfast at the Blue & White Cafe. Paul McReynolds recommends this one. Coming Events cont'd

JUNE 20th .... Saturday 8:00 A.M.

Breakfast ride. We're getting everybody up early this month. No need to waste those precious early morning summertime days lying in the sack. Get up and fire up the BMW and come on out. Meet at parking lot of Germantown Village Square, just east of the intersection of Poplar and Germantown Road. We'll ride to Lewises in Moscow. Our May ride to this restaurant was almost a rainout so lets try it again. In addition to real good BEQ, I'm told they also serve a great breakfast.

JUNE 27th ..... PARTY TIME-PARTY TIME Saturday noon till ???

LOCATION: S.C. Rose's new place on Horseshoe Lake, Arkansas.

The event will be catered. Menu...Barbecued ribs, baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, etc all you can eat, along with your favorite beverages. S. C. says bring your swim suits. The cost will be \$5.00 per person. Please RSVP to Nona Unversaw by June 15th by phone (755-5694) so we can let S.C. how many to count on. S.C. says bring your kids, they are welcome.

DIRECTIONS TO S.C. ROSE PLACE: I-40 west to Arkansas exit 270 (Lehi exit). Go south on highway 147 to curve in the road (Jct 131). Follow 131 for 12 miles. Look for "Welcome Rams" sign. This will be one you won't want to miss. Don't forget \$5.00 per person. RSVP to Nona by June 15th.

## Last Month

MAY 1-3 Natchez Trace Mini Rally. Forty people and little person Dale Fitzgerald and "big" girl Shelley Unversaw (that makes 42) showed up for a laid back, no hassle weekend at Natchez Trace State Park. Campground #2 turned out to be a perfect area. The weather was great. Saturday we toured the back roads to the Loretta Lynn Dude Ranch to look over the MOA rally site. The RAMS sported the biggest turnout (thanks people). Nineteen plus Dale and Shelley (thats 21). Nashville turned out with fourteen, four from Indianapolis (I still have a few yankee friends), two from Columbia, TN, and one from Chattanooga. Everyone enjoyed the get together. Its nice when everyone can relax and not have to worry about whats going to happen next. Most agreed it would be nice to consider it annually.

MAY 16th Our May meeting was hosted by our good club members Don & Ellen Wounsch at their beautiful home in Mississippi. This was a no meal meeting, but the request for "goodies" resulted in a spread that was fit for a king. Snow Tunnel Cake, Blueberry Cheesecake, Pineapple Upside Down Cake, Chocolate Cake with Chocolate Mint Icing, Coconut Cream Cake, cookies, Chips & Dip, relish tray and drinks just to mention a few. Was no place for the "pinch an inch" crowd, but we loved it anyway. Those attending were Don & Ellen, the Unversaw's, S.C. Rose and his fiance Connie Irby, the Nolan's, the Garey's, the Cagle's, the Caruther's, the Fitzgerald's, the McReynolds and Frank Webb. Thanks Don & Ellen for that genuine "Southern Hospitality".

May 30th Thundershowers held down the crowd (I think) at Lewises Barbecue in Moscow. Frank Webb was the only BMW rider to show up on his bike. However, the Gareys, the Unversaws and the Bennetts showed up in their four wheelers. First time I ever had a "Pig Salad", it was mighty tasty. Walter Burnett met us at the parking lot at the high school, but had to return home. Sorry we didn't have more show up. I learned later that some people didn't read their newsletter closely enough and would have showed up....shame.

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