



J. Burford Fields III
June 24, 1959—April 19, 2008
A friend and club member.

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May 10, 2008 @ Camp Westmar
14509 Brown Rd. Sabillasville, Md 21780
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IBA 100 CCC

By Nancy Oswald, club VP and "Hello Kitty" on the board.

It was 15 degrees when I left my house on Friday morning, February 29th for work at 5AM. I gave my husband a good bye kiss and he asked me if I had completely lost my mind setting off in this weather. "Don't worry, I have heated gear, I'll be fine!"

I was fine on the 38 mile ride to work, with the exception of my nose and upper lip. WOW! They get cold. Real cold. I was looking forward to the warmth and sunshine of Florida and my trip across the southern US!

Co-workers were asking all day if I was still going to go through with it. Yes, yes, yes. My new boss and a coworker that I am close to expressed concern throughout the day. We decided that I would send them a text message with a photo of the state line sign I was entering each time I entered a new state.

"Don't forget, Texas is BIG and I'm sleeping in it," I cautioned. Around 2PM, everyone decided that I needed to head out or I was going to get stuck in the typical afternoon traffic down I-95 (my office is across the street from Fed Ex Field). I got on the road by about 2:45. Hit some traffic, but nothing too horrible. I get a lot of double and triple takes from people in cars on the highway. I always imagine that they are trying to figure out if it's really a girl... They seem to finally decide it is by the sheer volume of Hello Kitty stickers and maybe by noting the size of my hands and feet.

It was dark and I was getting a bit tired as I rolled along in North Carolina. I knew I had plenty of time so I decided to stop for the night in Dunn, NC. Grabbed a room, got some sleep and finished the run to Jacksonville in the morning.

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Rap & Ride

By Tina Fraembs



Spring is HERE!! I'm so thrilled!! The rain is falling, cleaning my sweet twisty roads; the smell of flowers blooming, watching the trees re-gain their color back and the smell of fresh-cut grass all remind me that the twisties are a-calling!!

I just finished participating in the Cape Fear Rally – a many of firsts for me – First time traveling more than 100 miles by myself on the bike, first time ever seeing a tire plug kit (those strings are NOT strings – they are brown gunky stuff!!), the first time that I've ever had to plug a tire, and the first time riding an endurance rally by myself!! WHEW – I'm tired but THRILLED – it was a great weekend and a fun learning experience – the tire plug kit ended up being not so totally gross, the plug held like a charm (put over 1000 miles on it so far) and I finished 6th out of 23 in the 10-hour mini-rally – it was a fun, scary, and exciting learning experience.

There are a lot of events coming up – our infamous Square Route Rally and the BMW Xplor Blue Ridge Rendezvous, both in June, the MOA rally in July, and many more events. Please be safe out there, ride carefully, check your bike over, and make sure your maintenance is current.

With all of the excitement going on, we are also faced with some very sad news. One of our brothers, Jay Fields passed away. It was so sad to hear of his passing; it wasn't that long ago that Nancy and I visited him in the hospital. He talked about short rides this fall, past rides, and plans for next summer. It was so nice to see him in such good spirits. JB was a wonderful person and I feel very lucky to have met him and spent some time with him before he passed. My sincere condolences go out to his mother and family. Rest In Peace my dear friend!!

Tina Fraembs, President

Editor's Two Bitts

By Rick Przybylski



Welcome to the Pre-Square Route Rally edition of the BTS. This is also the special "Hello Kitty" Edition as well since most of the information in this month's edition is both from and about her. Thanks Nancy, you made my job this month a little easier!

As Tina mentioned in her letter, we lost JB Fields, a friend and fellow club member. My thoughts and prayers go out to JB's family and friends during this difficult time. I only met JB once at the RTE for Don Catterton after his Iron Butt run. I did not know him well but I am sure he will be missed.

The club is still looking for a Meeting and Events Chairperson. If you would like to help out the club and get more involved, please contact Tina, our Pres.

Thanks and ride safe,
Rick Przybylski
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"...I really hope to someday find a way to make a living traveling on my motorcycle, camping, and writing about places and people I meet along the way." A Quote from JB's blog.

MEMBERSHIP

By Don Catterton

Membership Report as of April 01, 2008

Members: 470
428 Active
42 Associate

Renewing Members: 15

New Members: 13
11 Active
2 Associate

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Let me be one of the first to welcome you all to the club. I look forward to our meeting at future club events and encourage your involvement in the BMWBMW message boards.

Thanks for joining with BMWBMW

Welcome to the club, one and all!

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1/1/2008 through 3/31/2008
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1/1/2008-
Category Description 3/31/2008

INCOME

2008 Holiday Party Registration
1,775.00
2008 Rally Income
Registration 256.00
TOTAL 2008 Rally Income
256.00
BTS Advertising 1,020.00
Club Sales
Inventory -627.73
Other Club Sales 216.00
TOTAL Club Sales -411.73
Membership 2,270.00
TOTAL INCOME 4,909.27

EXPENSES

Holiday Party 2008
Catering 2,076.65
Supplies 36.75
TOTAL Holiday Party 2008
2,113.40
Meetings And Events Committee
150.00
Miscellaneous BTS Business
114.99
Postage and Delivery 637.06
Printing and Reproduction
2,412.09
Rally 2008
Office Supplies 33.32
Postage 41.00
TOTAL Rally 2008 74.32
Storage Unit 150.00
Website
Hardware 146.98
Software 189.00
Website Fees 99.95
TOTAL Website 435.93
TOTAL EXPENSES 6,087.79

OVERALL TOTAL -1,178.52

Checkbook balance as of 3/31/08
\$18,535.21

PayPal Account balance as of
4/6/2008 \$1330.92
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2007 Mileage Contest Participants

Here is the list of all the participants in the 2007 mileage contest in mileage order.

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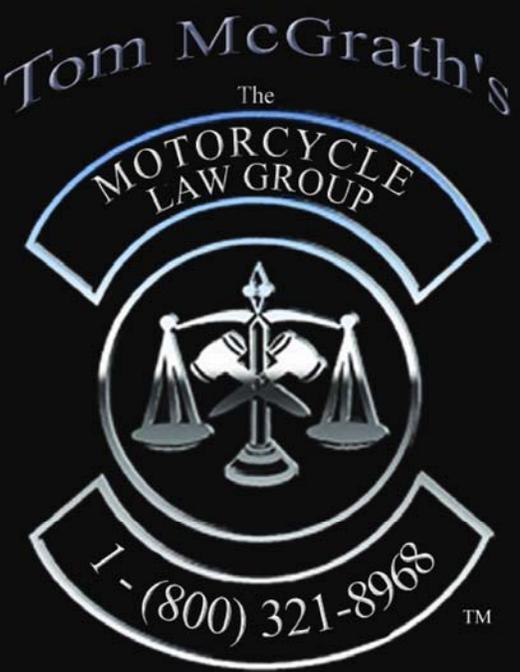
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Tina Fraembs	17,048
Maria Vandergucht	16,464
Elsie Smith	14,381
Pam Fisher	12,650

MEN

Bob Higdon	96,085
Jeffrey Willis	38,681
Don Catterton	28,588
Ed Abbott	24,471
Paul Brown	22,545
Chris Layne	21,582
Dave Holt	21,380
Gary Stipe	20,861
Don Graling	20,801
Steve Anderson	19,607
Jim Patton	17,172
Paul Mihalka	16,000
Lamar Grier	15,559
Mike Tippett	15,051
Bill Burns	14,853
Phil Ager	14,756
Jim Bade	14,665
Ric Blanc	13,357
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I am very excited to announce the 2008 BMWBMW Square Route Rally in Thurmont Maryland, May 30 – June 1, 2008!! I hope to lots of both first-timers and veterans at this year's event. 2008 will be a special year because Queen Tina has mandated that there be **no rain** for the entire weekend!

We have an exciting venue this year. The usual great location in the Catoctin Mountains, excellent roads, good food, really fun people, great seminars and some of the VERY BEST door prizes around! And don't forget about the second running of our own scavenger hunt. The list of riders is growing, don't miss out!!

We're still finalizing the schedule of speakers and seminars, but you can expect to have a tough time choosing which to attend! We've got awesome tech seminars, a GPS seminar in the works by one of our experts, and exciting tales of motorcycle travel including Bob Higdon's "On the Road for 100 days." And with all the recent excitement about BMW's showing at the Daytona 200 and Nate Kern being such a terrific ambassador for the sport of motorcycle racing, we have at least one seminar on motorcycle racing planned for your enjoyment!

Of course no rally would be complete without good food, and we have it for you. The cost of admission includes chili on Friday night, first come first served, dinner on Saturday night, free coffee all weekend, available breakfast on Saturday morning for a nominal fee, and a mobile chuck wagon open Friday night, all day on Saturday and Sunday morning. Beer will also be available for sale on Friday night and all day Saturday. So come ready to party!

Also included in the price of admission is free camping on the excellent grounds, first come first served for location, and several bunkhouses for those who prefer a regular bed, also first come first served with about 100 beds available in several cabins and a group bunkhouse. Of course plenty of restrooms and showers are also available.

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2008 Square Route Rally (Continued from page 7...)

I hope veterans to Camp West Mar appreciate the improvements our hosts at the camp have undertaken!

Rally shirts will be available on site as well as club merchandise. Our very own Queen of Door Prizes (Christine Bauer) is also our #1 sales genius and will have a few items available on site. Beer tickets will also be available at the merchandise table.

Of course all the great things we have come to love about the Square Route Rally are still here. The great people, exciting seminars, wonderful roads, delicious food, excellent door prizes, and three days of fun, and absolutely positively no rain, *right Madame President?!?!?!?*

A link to pre-register is up on the club's website AND you can pay with PAYPAL!!! Hurry up though, pre-registration needs to be postmarked by May 10th if put in the mail. If you register on line, we'll accept pre-registration through May 13th.

Nancy "Kitty" Oswald

VP/Rally Chair, BMW Bikers of Metropolitan Washington



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RIDER PASSENGER(S)				Direct Mileage to Rally from your home _____
RIDER PASSENGER(S)				Local Club (one only, please spell out name) _____
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In Remembrance

Picture and information courtesy of Todd Suda

J Burford Fields III, 54, of Silver Spring, Maryland, died on Saturday, April 19, 2008, of pneumonia associated with T-cell lymphoma

Born December 26, 1953, in Oberlin, Kansas, he was the son of Mary Schade Fields and the late J Burford Fields, Jr.

He lived with his family in Oberlin, Kansas; San Francisco, Tuolumne, and Sonora, California; Thermopolis and Mountain View, Wyoming; and Weiser, Idaho.

After graduating from the US Navy Submarine School, in 1972, he served as a radioman on the Barb, Grayback, and the Thomas A Edison

After his discharge in 1982, he and his wife, Ann, lived in Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Denver, Colorado, and Gaithersburg, Maryland. He worked for several years for the Peace Corps, and at the time of his death was working as a systems analyst for CACI at the State Department in Washington, DC.

He was a lifetime member of the Episcopal Church, considering joining the Episcopal Third Order, Society of Saint Francis.

He was a certified Microsoft trainer who volunteered his time to friends as well and teaching classes.



He maintained that among his happiest times were those when he was pulling his BMW in his fifth-wheeler around the country, teaching classes.

After receiving his MSF national certification as a Rider-Coach, he became licensed as an instructor of the Motorcycle Safty Program for the State of Maryland. He was also a member of the American Motorcyclist Association, the BMW Bikers of Metropolitan Washington, the BMW Motorcycle Owners of America, and the BMW Riders Association International. He often joined them in their many charities, tours, and other activities.

He was a member of The American Legion Post No. 41 in Silver Spring and a Master Mason of East Gate Lodge No. 34 of the Grand Lodge, F.A.A.M. of the District of Columbia.

Survivors include his mother Mary of Tonopah, Nevada; brothers John (Leda) of Arroyo Grande, California, Thomas (Eileen) of Germantown, Tennessee, Walter (Gretchen) of Washougal, Washington, and Wesley of Los Gatos, California; nieces and nephews John, Jean, David, Allyson, Jeremy, Matthew, Benjamin, Samuel, and Clara Fields; and close friend Ann Fields.

Memorial services will be held at St. Stephen and the Incarnation Episcopal Church in Washington DC and at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Tonopah, Nevada. Inurnment will be at Arlington National Cemetery on June 3, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

2008 Square Route Rally Door Prizes *By Christine Bauer*

SRR Door Prizes

I hope everyone is looking forward to the rally, I certainly am. I've been a busy bouncing Tigger collecting door prizes from our generous vendors. Here is a sampling of vendors that have donated prizes so far. Keep checking the SRR page on the website for continued updates! I have many more vendors I'm in contact with so there will be some surprises.

Have fun!

Christine/Tigger

Annapolis Motor Sports	gift certificates
Bob's BMW	First Gear Torrent Jacket, 24 t-shirts and hats
Open Road Outfitters	set of PIAA lights and mounting bracket
Bike Log	Bike Logs
Racer parts Wholesale (Helen Twowheels)	assorted items
Helmet Head Cycle Gear	helmet sunblockers
Morton's BMW Motorcycles	BMW Tourence jacket and assorted items
Revpack	assorted items
Rider Warehouse	TEC Aerostich Fleece sweater, waterproof thermo clock, "Getting It Sideways"
RoadGear	Hi-Tec Talking Digital Gauge, Ready to go Digital Gauge, helmet bag
Works Performance	gift certificates
MotoGear Outlet	gift certificates
BMW Motorrad USA	assorted items
Speeds Cycle	gift certificates and assorted items
Rokstraps	many sets of different RokStraps
Bill Mayer Saddles	gift certificate
Held USA	gift certificate and shirts
Cycle Gadgets	gift certificates
LD Comfort	gift certificates for a pair of men's short one for women
Ear, Inc.	gift certificate and assorted items
Full Throttle Camping	gift certificates
Sargent Cycle Products	Sargent Super Tank Bag
Battley Cycle	a set of tires
RideSafer Motorcycle Safety Accessories	assorted items
Road Ready Bags	gift certificate and round bag
Alton Brown (Feasting on Asphalt)	assorted FOA/Alton Brown items
MotoComm	assorted items
Run-N-Lites	assorted items
Vanson Leathers	Vanson long sleeve shirt

2008 Square Root Rally Scavenger Hunt

By Nancy Oswald

One Forty-fourth of an Iron Butt Rally!

Have you ever fancied yourself competing in the Iron Butt Rally? Overwhelmed at the thought of riding for 11 straight days, averaging 1,000 miles a day while searching for strange things and trying to consistently follow a bunch of rules? Just curious about how such an event is run? Or maybe you're just looking for something fun to do on Saturday afternoon during the Square Route Rally? Well, Miss Kitty has just the thing for you!

With a little help from JB Fields and Wes Fleming, I am planning a Scavenger Hunt for attendees of this year's Square Route Rally. The Hunt will be similar in format to the Iron Butt Rally, but MUCH MUCH MUCH shorter! In other words, you will be given a list of bonus locations with corresponding point values. Your goal is to gather as many points as you can within the rules of the rally. All participants must be registered for the Square Route Rally – there is no additional charge, but you would really be best to pre-register for the Scavenger Hunt – which means you need to pre-register for the rally as well! Registration is very simple – on the form to register for the rally, there will be an area for you to complete if you plan to participate in the Scavenger Hunt. PLEASE make sure that you provide complete and legible information so that I can contact you! If you decide to register on site, please find me as soon as possible so I can get you the bonus list!

Last year, the riders had a great time and donated some really great stuff to the Johns Hopkins Children's Center. Donations for the Children's Center are ALWAYS welcome.

The schedule is as follows:

5/10/08 Mail in pre-registration closes for the Square Route Rally

5/13/08 On line pre-registration closes for the Square Route Rally

5/30/08 Mistress of the Hunt (me!) available for general questions at the SRR

5/30/08 After the Friday evening speaker – short meeting for riders, Q&A if wanted

5/31/08 7:30 AM – Late registration for folks who didn't register on Friday

5/31/08 8:00 AM – Rider's meeting begins – Hunt details distributed during the meeting

5/31/08 9:00 AM – Riders depart

5/31/08 3:00 PM – Riders return (thru 3:30 with penalty points)

5/31/08 3:30 PM – DNF (did not finish) begins

5/31/08 4:00 PM – Riders must have paperwork complete and be ready for scoring

The event is limited to a total of 33 bikes – prizes for the top finishers

I can be reached for questions about The Scavenger Hunt at gskitty@comcast.net. Or, on the club's message board, you are welcome to PM me – my ID is Hello Kitty.

Hope to see you at the rally!!!



Nancy during her IBA 100 CCC



I had reviewed Pirate John's awesome information about the Jacksonville area available on the IBA's website – the best way into town, where the police station was, best place to go to the beach and get a start receipt. I also contacted Jamie Edmonds in San Diego who provided much of the same information about San Diego as well as a place to crash for the night when I got there! At Jamie's suggestion, I also posted on the BMW Sport Touring website about my plan to attempt a 100 CCC to see if anyone in Jacksonville might be able to help me out on the East Coast. Calvin in Neptune Beach stepped up to help. Larry and Louise in San Antonio also offered a place to crash for the night if I felt that sleep in San Antonio fit in my schedule.

For those who have no idea what I'm talking about, this is the start of a ride that can be certified by the Iron Butt Association called "The 100CC Insanity." The goal is to ride from coast to coast and back to the starting coast in less than 100 hours. Without getting too bogged down in the details, you need time and date stamped receipts to document your presence along the way as well as signed witness forms at the start, mid point and finish. These witnesses should be public officials (police, firefighters, notaries, judges, etc). The intent of the ride is to actually start, mid point and end at the COAST. You know, the beach, where the ocean meets the continent. I brought little bottles with me to collect sand from each beach I visited to ensure my good karma for the ride.

I spoke with Calvin Saturday afternoon and planned to meet up with him at his wife's Tea Room in Neptune Beach the next morning. It's only a couple blocks from the police station and beach. I think I got to the tea room around 6AM, or maybe a little later. I'm an early person, but didn't want to leave quite that early, because I felt like it would complicate my timing at other points along the way. I thought leaving about 8AM work the best for me because that would mean I'd need a witness by 7 AM in San Diego and then again by noon back in Jacksonville.

Calvin's brother, Dan, came down to the tea room to drink coffee with me and hang out before my big ride started. I was surprised by the interest, but glad for the company.

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Calvin mentioned that he had called the police to come down to sign my paperwork. WHAT? They are coming to me? Wow! Well, okay. So I ran outside to get all my papers and fill in the odometer and time and make sure they knew what they were signing. I had bought a box of a dozen police power rings (aka donuts) for the police, but they were getting off work and didn't really want the donuts. So Calvin and Dan got them!

Calvin gave me a brief tour of the area so I'd know where I was when I came back. We went down to the beach, over to the police station and Calvin's house. He very generously gave me the option to go back to his house to crash when I got back if it were in the wee hours of the morning. We picked out a gas station close to the beach for my start receipt as well. Dan generously hung around my stuff so I didn't have to worry about locking everything up on my bike.

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By about 7:30, I couldn't take it anymore, I wanted to go. So I geared up while Dan and Calvin went down to the beach to get ready to take my picture. I got my receipt at 7:40 AM and made my way down to the beach. Again, Dan kindly hung around my stuff so I wouldn't worry and Calvin took my picture. He told me that a guy off the BMW Sport Touring web site was going to meet me at a rest area in Tallahassee and ride with me until my first gas stop. That was cool. Tim and Beth were waiting for me as well as a couple guys on cruisers from Louisiana who Tim and Beth had been chatting with about my adventure. We geared up, agreed on a distance to go before getting gas and headed out. It was nice to have someone with me for a little while. Beth is a talented pillion photographer as well!



Note the leg of the lucky pajamas. In case you live under a rock, my nickname is Kitty. I was at a mall just before the start of the Cape Fear 1000, which has a pirate theme, and saw the pirate kitty pj's. I HAD TO HAVE THEM! I like to wear pj's under my riding gear in endurance rallies so I can just pull my gear off and crash when I get a motel room for my rest bonus. (No I do NOT do the Iron Butt Motel unless I have absolutely no other choice. In those cases, the gear stays ON!) That first time I wore the Pirate Kitty pajamas was the first time I placed well in an endurance rally so they became my lucky pajamas. Not nearly as exciting a story as ya'll thought, huh?

Next 313 miles were mostly a blur.

I did stop at the "Welcome to..." signs at Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana. I remember thinking about Calvin when I went through the tunnel in Mobile, he told me that it would pretty much be the only thing one might classify as a twisty for a quite a while. I remember thinking about Brittany Spears when I was a few miles into Louisiana and wondering where Kentwood was. Is she from Kentwood? Or Kentville? Do they have a "Home of Brittany Spears!!" sign at the city limits? Did someone shoot it with a paintball gun? Tear it down now that she's gone wacko? I stopped for gas in Baton Rouge at 3:41 PM, ten hours and 605 miles into my quest. I called someone - Don maybe and hit the road.

When I got to Texas and saw the mile marker 880 sign I remembered just how big Texas really is. That's more than 1/3 of the 2,360 miles that Mapsource says my trip will be one way. Took my state sign picture and kept rolling. I called my San Antonio connection from the BMW Sport Touring Board, Larry, when I stopped for gas in Brookshire, TX. He said there were some scattered showers in the area and I might hit a few. We figured I was about 2 hours out. Now my focus was on meeting new people and wondering what Larry and Louise's SEVEN dogs were going to be like. Although I'd been told they had 7 dogs, I never asked if they were big, little, old, young, friendly, mean... My GPS brought me right to their street on the northwest edge of San Antonio, but I hadn't checked the house number from my notes or gotten any info about which house I was expected at. I rode up and down the street and decided to stop at the end near the street lights to look at my notes. As I'm doing this, some big tall guy is running towards me! Yikes! It was Larry. He heard me coming and was running down the street to get me.



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Louise was there in the yard to greet me and direct me into the bike barn. Once Larry was back in the yard with the gates closed, out came the pack! They were fine. Much less overwhelming than I expected. Tiffany was the one that really made friends with me. We talked a little, but I was tired and it was late, so we went to bed. Louise very generously had the coffee maker ready to go for me in the morning and had some bagels out for me to help myself in the morning. I had a chat with Larry and Louise over a wonderful breakfast in the morning. I guess Larry was checking the weather and trying not to scare me, but finally did tell me that it was snowing in west Texas, but he expected the temperature to come up by the time I got there.

I gathered my toothbrush and gear and got out to the bike. It had been raining off and on in San Antonio so I decided to put on my frogg togg jacket over my regular jacket just in case.

As I'm getting on the bike, Larry looks at me real serious and says "One last bit of advice."

Yikes, why is he so serious?!?!? "If they close the interstate, get a room immediately before everyone else does." WHAT?!?!?! Close the Interstate?!?!?! Why?!?!?! Larry explained that they have no means of snow or ice removal and so if the weather becomes any issue at all, they just shut it down to prevent accidents. Oh boy.

As I rolled out of Larry and Louise's neighborhood, I noticed the BMW dealer nearby and thought it convenient until I remembered that Larry didn't have any BMW's anymore, at least not that I remember seeing...

I rode about 160 miles to Junction for gas. I was getting beat up by the ferocious wind. The bag liner of the garbage can in the gas station was completely inverted and blowing in the wind. Any trash that had been in it was probably in Dallas at that point. I filled up and rolled out, back to the wind. The good thing about the wind was that it was relatively constant. Not gusty. So I just set myself in a nice lean and plowed on through. *Continued next month...*

BMWBMW breakfast rides are informal gatherings of members who meet for breakfast and ride afterward. Not all members participate in the after-breakfast rides, and many members like to show up solely for the breakfast. Interested? Show up early, look for tables with motorcycle helmets, and don't be shy about introducing yourself! If you'd like more information, or to volunteer to lead a ride one weekend, call the rides chairman.

Note: Schedules for breakfast rides are not fixed in stone nor will a ride take place if there is a club meeting or other major event scheduled on that day. Consult the message boards for late breaking changes or announcements.

<http://www.bmwbmw.org/bmwforums/>

**Baltimore Breakfast Ride
1st Sunday, 8 a.m.**

New location to be determined. Check the club website for updates. To have a reminder email come to you the week before the breakfast, send your email address to: jpellenbarg@juno.com or call Jim at 410-256-0970. *Jim had a computer malfunction and lost all previous email addresses. Please resubmit yours to continue receiving any updates.*

**Maryland Breakfast Ride
3rd Sunday, 10 a.m.**

The Cozy Restaurant, 103 Frederick Road, Thurmont, MD 21788. 301-271-7373. **Directions:** Take I-270 north to Frederick, MD and continue north on U.S. 15. Take the first Thurmont exit. Turn right at stop sign, then left at traffic light. The restaurant is 1/4 mile on your left.

**Virginia Breakfast Ride
4th Sunday, 9 a.m.**

Town 'N Country Restaurant, 5037 Lee Highway, Warrenton, VA 20187. 540-347-3614. **Directions:** Take I-66 west to exit 43A (U.S. 29 south) toward Gainesville/Warrenton. Follow U.S. 29 south for 6.5 miles. The restaurant is on the left.

Battley Cycles

7830 Airpark Park Road, Gaithersburg MD 20879. 301-948-4581. From I-270 take Shady Grove Road east. At Muncaster Mill Shady Grove becomes Airpark Road. Go straight another 2.1 miles. Battley's is on the left.

Bob's BMW

10720 Guilford Road, Jessup MD 20794. 301-497-8949. From I-95 take Exit 38-A east. Go about one mile and exit onto U.S. 1 North. Go to the first traffic light and turn right onto Guilford Road. Bob's is less than one mile on the right.

Lap's Quality Cycle

3021 Colvin Street, Alexandria VA 22314. 703-461-9404. From I-395, take Duke Street east to a right turn onto Roth Street. Make another right onto Colvin. Lap's is a few doors down. From Old Town Alexandria, take Duke Street west to a left on Roth, then same as above.

Morton's BMW

5099A Jefferson Davis Highway, Fredericksburg, Virginia 22408. 540-891-9844. From I-95 south, take exit 126 to a traffic light at U.S. 1. Turn left (north) on U.S. 1, go one mile to the light at Courthouse Road/Rt. 208. Make a left onto Courthouse Road, then right at the next light into the parking lot at Morton's BMW Motorcycles.

Speed's Cycle

5820 Washington Blvd, Elkridge MD 21075. 410-379-0106. Take I-95 North to Route 100 East. Take first exit to Route 1 North. Go about 3

Rides-To-Eat

Rides to Eat's (RTE) are informal gatherings of BMWBMW members who meet for dinner. These gatherings are regularly scheduled for the first and third week of each month and are always planned and announced on the club's web message board.

Typically, the Virginia RTE is the first Wednesday and the Maryland RTE is the third Thursday. The restaurant is always different and the dates occasionally change. Additionally, impromptu ride-to-eats are always popping up. **Interested?**

Check out the message boards Events section and look for Ride-To-Eat or RTE. <http://www.bmwbmw.org/bmwforums/>

*****Club Needs Volunteers*****

Here's your chance to serve the club. Volunteers are needed to become the Meetings & Events Chair.

Send an email to president@bmwbmw.org to find out more about these positions.

DIRECTIONS & COORDINATES

Battley Cycles - 7830 Airpark Rd., Gaithersburg, MD. 20879. 301-948-4581. From I-270 take Shady Grove Rd. East. At Muncaster Mill Rd., Shady Grove Rd. becomes Airpark Rd. Go straight another 2.1 miles. Battley's is on the left. N39° 10.2290' / W77° 9.5783'.

Bob's BMW - 10720 Guilford Rd., Jessup, MD. 20794. 301-497-8949. From I-95 take Exit 38-A East. Go about one mile and exit onto U.S. 1 North. Go to the first traffic light and turn right onto Guilford Rd. Bob's is less than one mile on the right. N39° 7.4678' / W76° 47.2914'.

Camp West-Mar - from U.S. Rt. 15 N. of Frederick, MD., take Md. Rt. 77 West. Follow it West for 7 mi. and turn left onto Brown Rd. Proceed about 0.4 mile, and turn left into Camp West-Mar at the sign. N39° 38.0863' / W77° 31.3955'.

Cozy Restaurant - 103 Frederick Rd., Thurmont, MD. 21788. (301) 271-7373. Go N. on I-270 to Frederick, MD., continue N. on U.S. 15. Take the Md. Rt. 806 exit. Turn right at stop sign, then left at traffic light to head N. on Rt. 806 (Frederick Rd.). The restaurant is 1/4 mile on your left. If you miss the Rt. 806 exit, take the Md. Rt. 77 exit, take a left onto Md. Rt. 77, go past Altamont and Howard, and take a right at the light at Water to go S. on Md. Rt. 806 to the restaurant, which will be on your right. N39° 37.1087' / W. 77° 24.9358'.

Lap's Quality Cycle - 3021 Colvin St., Alexandria, VA. 22314. 703-461-9404. From I-395, take Duke Street East to a right turn at Roth St. Make another right onto Colvin St. Lap's is a few doors down. From Old Town Alexandria, take Duke St. West to a left on Roth, then same as above. N38° 48.4114' / W77° 4.9134'.

Maryland State Fairgrounds

I-95 North towards Baltimore, I-695 West (Exit 49B) on the left towards Towson, I-83 North (Exit 24) to Padonia Road (Exit 17), East on Padonia Road to York Road, right onto York Road, heading South. The fairgrounds is

a few blocks down on the right. N39° 27.4806' / W76° 38.0314'.

Morton's BMW - 5099A Jefferson Davis Hwy., Fredericksburg, VA. 22408. 540-891-9844. From I-95 South, take exit 126 to a traffic light at U.S. 1. Turn left (N.) on U.S. 1, go one mile to the light at Courthouse Rd./Rt. 208. Make a left onto Courthouse Rd., then right at the next light into the parking lot at Morton's. N38° 15.2456' / W77° 30.0725'.

Speed's Cycle - 5820 Washington Blvd., Elkridge, MD. 21075. 410-379-0106. Take I-95 North to Route 100 East. Take first exit to Route 1 North. Go about 3 miles. Speed's is on the left just before Levering Ave. N39° 12.9713' / W76° 42.6646'.

Club Merchandise

We have restocked the inventory of these popular shirts! We currently have sizes in XL, XXL and XXXL. The shirts are heather gray, long sleeved and have our logo on the front on the left and a larger logo on the back. Please contact Christine Bauer at sales@bmwbmw.org if you would like to purchase one of these shirts.

The cost is \$20.00. If you are interested in other sizes, please let me know that as well. If we have enough requests for other sizes, we may be able to place an additional order.



Member's Market Classifieds

Genuine BMW 3 amp regular battery charger. Still in the cardboard box. \$40.00. Call George Alexandrou at 301-963-2911, or email him at alexandrougeorge@comcast.net. (200801)

JO's U-PAC, medium size, good condition, \$50, Irv Warden, (703) 850-7843. (200802)

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Member's Market Classifieds (Continued...)

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Government Affairs

By Steve Willis

The purpose in this article is to provide the membership an update on government activity in the various legislative bodies. Another purpose of this article is to provide information regarding how I believe we can use the various communication tools: the forums on the website, the newsletter, emails and private messages.

The legislative activity at the state level is ending for this legislative year. For both Virginia and Maryland, the legislative activity has been normal in terms of bills proposed and subject matter. Virginia's General Assembly considered in excess of 3300 bills with the Governor signing approximately 660 bills. Maryland's General Assembly considered about 2640 bills. State legislative bodies are in session for limited periods during the year – less than one-quarter of the year. The combination of the number of bills and limited time means the individual legislator and the constituent have very small amounts of time and opportunity to focus on a particular bill or issue.

Neither Assembly passed significant legislation focusing on motorcycles or the motorcycle community. The effort in Virginia to allow riding two abreast on highways failed as did the effort to pass a helmet optional bill (e.g., allowing adults to choose whether to wear a helmet). I posted near-daily updates of proposed bills in each of the assemblies in the General Chat form of the clubs website. There is a thread for Virginia, Maryland, and Federal. If you cannot access the website, please let me know and I

From communicating with people engaged in lobbying and political efforts generally and from tracking the bills, I have developed some thoughts for issues we may face in the future. In my opinion, the most significant issue is the likely continuing conversion of existing highways from free lanes to some form of toll road.

The Government, both the Department of Transportation and the Congress, appear to favor the use of toll roads as a effective, efficient, and affordable way to manage congestion. I have posted on the website in the General Chat forum reference materials on toll roads. If federal money funds construction of the road and the rules for the road allow traditional HOV users free access to the toll road, then federal law essentially allows motorcyclists to use the road free as well. If the road is tolled for all, as in Maryland's proposal for Express Toll Roads, then motorcyclists have to pay. Some of our Maryland members actively engaged their state representation on this last issue – we should applaud their involvement. A second looming issue is legislator concern with the increasing fatality rate for motorcyclists. Recent data demonstrates an unexplained increase in fatality rates for motorcyclists, which has triggered the feeling in the mind, 's of some legislator the need to do something to address the issue. Details are sketchy at this point, but it is an issue of concern.

The second purpose of the article was to explain how I believe we can use the various communication tools. I believe the website forums are the best way to address current issues and to spread the word to the membership. The newsletter is more appropriate to discuss events that have already happened or are to happen at a future time. The private message and email tools are best suited for individual or small-group discussions. I normally try to provide the source material or a link to the source material.

As we look to future legislative sessions, please let the Board of Directors know what you want out of the Government Affairs Committee, what issues are of concern, what you like/dislike about the committee and its work. In a future edition of the newsletter, I will post material regarding how to find legislators, status of bills, etc.

As the saying goes, ride often, ride well, ride safe.



2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 2-4, 2008 Georgia Mountain Rally, Hiawassee, GA,
www.bmwmoa.info

May 10, 2008—11AM—Camp West Mar— Membership Meeting. Thurmont, MD. BoD meeting at 10:00AM (Same place)

May 24-28, 2008 Nate Kern Racing, Summit Point, WV, ASRA Thunderbike, www.ccsracing.us

May 30—June 1, 2008—BMWBMW Square Route Rally!!
Camp West Mar, Thurmont, MD.

June 15, 2008 Blue Knights Md Purple Heart Ride
www.bkmdix.org

June 19-22, BMW RA 2008 International Rally, Houghton, MI, www.bmwra.org

June 21-22, 2008 Nate Kern Racing, VIR, Alton, VA,
www.ccsracing.us

July 17-20, 2008 BMW MOA 2008 International Rally, Gillette, WY, www.bmwmoa.org

July 24-27, 2008 Top O' The Rockies Rally, Paonia, CO,
www.coloradobeemers.org

August 15-17, 2008 Four Winds Rally, New Bethlehem, PA,
www.4windwbmw.org

August 15-17, 2008 Nate Kern Racing, VIR, Alton, VA, AMA Superbike

TECH DAYS ARE SCHEDULED

May 17, 2008—John & Jody Douglas – 2401 Jackstay Terrace, Reston, VA 20191

August 16, 2008—Jim Bade, 4501 Kingston Rd., Woodbridge, VA 22193

November 15, 2008—Kimo Lee

Link to Event onto the BMWBMW Forum to find other local and club events:

www.bmwbmw.org/node/17

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MEMBERSHIP DUES

Regular Member	\$20.00/year
Associate Member	\$7.50/year

Dues may be paid for 1, 2, or 3 years. Associate members must reside at the same address as the regular member. Associate members receive membership card, pin, and decal and have voting privileges if age 16 or over, but do not receive separate newsletters or other mailings.

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