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## **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

By Mark King

### **Ride to Hell and Back!!!**

I've been tempting you since January about a ride to Hell, MI and back. The time is finally here. Block out the weekend of August 1, 2, & 3 for this blast to Hell and back. Here is an outline of the schedule:

**Friday, August 1:** We will meet at the Cracker Barrel at Long Hollow Pike and I-40 for lunch at noon; we leave there at 1:00 p.m. Much of this afternoon ride will be spent on Interstates to make the best time. We will ride all the way to Bellefontaine, OH (375 miles) with a stop for supper in Cincinnati at Skyline Chili. You need to make a motel reservation in Bellefontaine at the Mt. Top Inn at phone number: 937-593-9622. Call the motel ASAP to make your reservation, they will run out of rooms soon for that date. If you cannot get a room at the Mt. Top, there are several other motels in Bellefontaine – any of them will do.

**Saturday, August 2:** From Bellefontaine will continue north on US68. We will pick up I-75 and head into Detroit. We will make a side trip into Windsor Canada for lunch and a quick visit at a Harley shop named Thunder Road before moving on to Hell. I'm sure we will have some shopping and photo opportunities in Hell. We eat an evening meal at a place called the Dam Site Inn in Hell. Near Hell (actually in Howell, MI) you need a motel reservation at the Kensington Inn at phone number: 866-222-2122. The Kensington Inn also has a website at Kensingtoninn.com. As of now, there are plenty of rooms at the Kensington Inn. Total miles on Saturday will only be 236 miles leaving time for seeing the coolest spots in Hell!!!

Sunday, August 3; we will have to get up early and ride hard to make the return trip in one day. Approximately 575 miles.

A few other things; this ride is a destination ride. In other words, the objective is to get there and back. We won't be taking detours for the twisties. Much of the ride will be on multi-lane slabs. We will ride the speed limit and we will ride regardless of the weather. You wouldn't want to do this kind of ride every time out, but occasionally it can be a blast. Besides, how else are you going to get the bragging rights to be able to say that on one weekend in August you went to Hell and back!!!! If you have any questions about the ride call Mark King (790-8038).

Let Mark King know by e-mail or phone call if you're planning to come on this ride.

Friends: I have only had a couple of responses on the Hell trip. If I don't hear from some more of you soon, I'll try to either reschedule or change the route. If you're not going, and care to share why, it will help me know what to do. Is this just too much slab or what??

Thanks, Mark.....

## **MEETING**

**AUGUST 5, 2003  
6:30 PM**

**RYAN'S STEAKHOUSE  
HERMITAGE, TN**



FOR SALE

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If anybody in the club would like to look at my GS before it goes on the IBMWRL, please give me a call or email for info. For Sale - 2001 BMW 1150 GS, bought new at Bloodworths Feb 01, 37000 miles, PIAA 520s, GIVI screen, BMW cases, handguards, heated grips, small aux, driving lights, almost new Tourances (metzlers), new battery, all receipts from new, all current maintenance, Marsee tank bag, garaged always, excellent condition, no damage, dings etc. Average asking price on the Big list 10,800. My price \$9,000 more Info. At gssam@comcast.net, 373-4783. Sam Jett.

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If anybody in the club would like to look at my 2002 R1100S, please give me a call at (615) 250-2600 ext. 20 during the day or (615) 377-6381 at night. Or email for information at [bradyrt@comcast.net](mailto:bradyrt@comcast.net).  
**For Sale**  
2002 BMW R1100S, bought new at Bloodworths, 4,700 miles, ABS, heated grips, BMW touring bags, peg lowering kit, cylinder guards, and spare tall windshield for the cold weather. New tires. Got a deal on a new K1200RS I couldn't pass up. Current on maintenance and always garaged. Excellent condition, no damage, dings etc. Asking \$11,950 Bob Brady

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Lorenzo Hill has a '78 R/7 1000 Forrest Green & Gold, 8 1/2 gal tank, just painted, Lufmeister bags and inserts, Mag wheels, extra seat, with other extras. He wants \$1300. and you can contact him at **615-860-5089**. He needs to sell the bike, so give him a call.

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I have a new Marsee "tear drop" magnetic tank bag-25 liter (model # RM-3325) for sale. Go to [www.marseeproducts.com](http://www.marseeproducts.com) for more information and pictures. The list price is \$168 and I will take \$120.00 plus actual shipping cost. If you have any questions email me. Thanks, Shelby Riner

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For Sale: 1975 R90S. Totally restored in '94 and only 23,000 miles. Krausers w/ liners, Lester wheels, elec ignition, deep oil pan and more. \$5,000  
Greg Sample 371-5647  
[greg\\_sample@pmagroup.com](mailto:greg_sample@pmagroup.com) for pics or more info.

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FOR SALE - BMW K1200LT - 1999 - Champagne Color w/ 2 matching helmets New BMW intercom system and new tires. Lowered heated seat. Lambswool seat covers. Passenger arm rests. Luggage Rack. BMW Bike Cover. 15,000 miles. \$14,000 Call (615)773-2677 or email Jim at [jwdeakins@direcway.com](mailto:jwdeakins@direcway.com) Jim is sick and will not be able to ride again, at least for a long time and they could use the money to help defray the medical expenses. Thanks, Polly

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I also have a 2000 R1150 GS for sale. Silver w/red BMW seat. Wunderlich 2 piece windshield (works great--no more buffeting--smooth air) and original shield. BMW bags, heated grips, fat foot on side stand. Acc plug. Black RKA sport tank bag included. 32k miles. All service performed by BMW dealers. Excellent condition. Original owner. Runs better than ever. Never wrecked. Clear title. Offering for \$ 8700. See photos at: [http://www.pbase.com/deparis/bmw\\_gs1150](http://www.pbase.com/deparis/bmw_gs1150)  
Jackson Goff 615.321.2002

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#### Motorcycle Trailer for Sale

Designed to carry 3 small bikes or 2 full size (BMW etc.) Has 3 separate rails that lock and lower individually for easy loading. New tires with spare. Very stable. \$350.  
Call Gary Haynes at: 262-5272 home - 305-9112 cell

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Hey all, This is Connie, Polly and Carson's daughter. I have a fellow club member who is in dire need to sell a bike and just using my dual-membership in the Nashville club to help get the word out. Pass it on to others if you would. Due to circumstances beyond our control, we have been in the unenviable position of paying 3 mortgages, which has strained our resources.

I still have the 1995 R1100RSA "Battle of the Legends," that has been for sale in the Alabeemer, which I am willing to sell for the loan payoff (approx. \$5700)

If it doesn't sell in the next week, I'm going to let BMW repossess it, which I really hate to do.

The homes for sale are located in Gadsden, AL, & Navarre, FL, if anyone's interested: Rusty Kaemmerer Molino, FL  
850.587.4232 850.587.4317 FAX  
[rustybit@frontiernet.net](mailto:rustybit@frontiernet.net)

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**2002 BMW R1150R** Red, 7,9XX miles, non-ABS. Accessories include BMW bags, BMW touring windshield, accessory plug, Aeroflow headlight protector and Tourmaster magnetic tankbag. Bike has had all services at Bloodworth's since bought new in July of 2001 (thus 1 year of warranty remains) and is excellent shape with no scratches or dings (minor blemishes on bags; nothing major); all records available for buyer's files. New rear ME-880 radial; front MEZ4 has about 1,000 miles left. Pretty firm at \$8,000. Tom Martin-Call me at work 770-8346 or at home 297-2618.

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This is a stock 2001 BMW R1150GS with 31,000 miles. Bike includes the BMW system cases but is otherwise stock. It is in excellent condition and recently serviced and all fluids changed (brake, clutch, oil, transmission, differential). New tires. It has the remainder of the factory 3 year/36,000 mile warranty so buy with confidence! This is one of the strongest running GSes around. \$9,500 - Call Bill at 615-792-5296

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1974 BMW R60/6 for \$2,200.00, recent service, good tires, new battery, white in color. I am in the trading mood. Call Ben Bailey at: 615-352-0249



## TRANS AMERICAS BY BMW MOTORCYCLE GUINNESS WORLD RECORD

### WEBSITES

#### OUR BMW WEB ADDRESS

**NOTICE: OUR NEW WEB ADDRESS IS:  
BMWCON.ORG  
THE OLD ADDRESS IS NO LONGER VALID  
PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THIS SO YOU WILL  
BE ABLE TO LOGON TO THE SITE. THIS WAS  
PUT TOGETHER BY OUR SECRETARY, CHAD  
HARGIS.  
CHECK IT OUT AND THANK HIM WHEN YOU  
SEE HIM AT THE NEXT MEETING.**

email: {<mailto:pw630@aol.com>}

<http://nashlinks.com/remember.htm>  
[www.bmwmoa.org/features/080502openhouse.  
htm](http://www.bmwmoa.org/features/080502openhouse.htm)

Alabama Club: {[www.merrill.org/bmwmoa](http://www.merrill.org/bmwmoa) }

Barbers museum information: { [www.barber  
museum.org](http://www.barbermuseum.org)

{ [www.bmwmoa.org/](http://www.bmwmoa.org/) }

{ [www.bmwriders.com/](http://www.bmwriders.com/) }

[www.cycleshows.com/index.html](http://www.cycleshows.com/index.html)

Bloodworth Motorsports: [bloodmotor.com](http://bloodmotor.com)  
Knoxville

<http://tailofthedragon.com>

<http://www.sportbikeshop.com/index.htm>

<http://www.sportbikeshop.com/weblinks.html>

NEW: {[www.mcwridders@motorcycleworld.com](mailto:www.mcwridders@motorcycleworld.com)}

Iberian Moto Tours – { [www.imt-bike.com](http://www.imt-bike.com) }

[www.AmericanMotor.com](http://www.AmericanMotor.com)

[www.midsouthswapmeet.com](http://www.midsouthswapmeet.com)

<http://www.miamimotorcycle.com>

[Newsdesk@AmericanMotor.com](mailto:Newsdesk@AmericanMotor.com)

[Southern Sons Mc 15th Annual Summer Blowout](#)

Lake City, TN  
Aug. 1

[Road Rash Magazine's Road Rash Biker Bash](#)

Chattanooga, TN  
Aug. 15

[Trail of Tears Pre-Ride Free Coffee](#)

Chattanooga, TN  
Sep. 20

[Trail of Tears Commemorative Motorcycle Ride](#)

Chattanooga, TN  
Sep. 20

Just a short note to let you know that the [Globebusters](#) new look website is now fully launched. Packed with pictures, route maps, preparation info about the Trans Americas Guinness World Motorcycle Record, you can follow the challenges we encounter through the news reports and photo gallery.

The official start date for the ride 18 August 2003. The aim is to smash the existing record by more than ten days. Log on and see if we make it!

Kevin & Julia Sanders

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## CLUB MEETINGS & EVENTS

BMWRA Rally [http://www.bmwra.org/rally\\_2003.htm](http://www.bmwra.org/rally_2003.htm)  
Curve Cowboy Reunion in East TN

**SEPTEMBER 25, 26, 27, 29**  
**KENTUCKY MOTO GUZZI RALLY**  
More information will follow

US Desmo Club (Ducati's) is having a Rally in Greenville, TN  
Later this year.

Go to their website for more info. [www.usdesmo.com/events.html](http://www.usdesmo.com/events.html)

The Chevy Truck Superbike Championship, sanctioned by  
AMA Pro Racing, Friday – Sunday Sept. 19, 20, Barber  
Motorsports Park, Birmingham, Alabama

## MEETINGS

**JULY 26, 27<sup>TH</sup>.**

BMW MOTORCYCLE CLUB OF ALA.  
AT SUCHES, GA. TWO CAMPGROUNDS

**AUGUST 5, 2003 - 6:30 PM**

BMW Motorcycle Club of Nashville  
RYAN'S STEAKHOUSE, HERMITAGE, TN



## Letter from the Editor

Polly Wright

If you didn't make the picnic this year, you missed a great time. The food was so much better than it had ever been before. Thanks to John Menefee and his crew for all the cooking they did. Let's hope we can talk him into the same thing next year.

Thanks to Tom Martin for the field events. He had a little better participation this year than he did last year.

Elsewhere in the newsletter, he has written about that, but I wanted to thank him for his work. He also put up signs for people to follow to Albert's home. The next is a GREAT BIG THANKS to Albert Menefee for letting us use his place for the picnic. It really is a great place for us to hold this event.

We are going to start planning the Rally for next year this week, so if you have any suggestions, or want to volunteer for any jobs, let us know and I'm sure we can find a place for you and your ideas.

See you at Ryan's Steakhouse in Hermitage, on the 5<sup>th</sup> of August, at 6:30 PM.

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I'm Dave Erny as you can tell from the address and you are according to the MOA the E mail point of contact for your club. I am the rally chair for the 2003 BMW Riders Of Knoxville 7th almost annual rally. This one is almost annual since we had a problem with our accommodations for 2002 and rather than throw something together and possibly miss the mark we wanted to regroup and do it right. We've found a good campground with an upbeat owner in the middle of some great attractions and excellent riding and want to extend an invitation to your club members. We are expecting between a hundred and two hundred at the rally so it's not too big not too small.

Logistically I would appreciate it if I could get a "Yes" or "Maybe" from anyone planning on attending, no commitment required.

Attached is a flyer that we have been posting at BMW shops and our regional (SE) rallies for you to share with your club members.

What better way to handle the "un-official end of summer" than a rally?

Thanks,  
Dave

P.S. due to an error on the part of our rally committee (mostly me) the price of the rally is \$30 NOT \$35 as posted in the MOA magazine. At least it's the better part of a tank of gas cheaper than I thought.

## TRAVELS OF SHERRY STEWART

Hello Everyone,

I am in Emo, Ontario. Interesting little town. The US is on the other side of the river. I stopped in Baudette, MN last night. Seems it is the last stop for fishermen entering Canada.

I must look like a terrorist because I once again was searched, quite thoroughly. I guess they didn't like my answers to marital status, career, and location of children! A girl at the welcome center said they do her the same way when she is traveling alone...except they want a note from her parents.

I am driving on "Mom's Way" which runs beside a river...very pretty.

I stopped yesterday and composed an email which crashed the connection. I was very frustrated and just left. I have had trouble finding libraries open this trip, budget cuts I suppose.

I am going to Thunder Bay tonight and then along the coast of Lake Superior. I am invited to meet my friend Jon Hansell and his friend Paula in West Yellowstone. They will be there from June 28-July 4. I am kinda tired and am not sure where I am going. But will keep you posted.

I went around Lake Michigan, nice! Through Chicago TWICE. Those people drive worse than Nashvillians. The second time it took me two hours and I never got out of first gear.

Spent a couple of days in Minneapolis, Great Museum. I then went to the Mississippi Head waters and stayed a couple of days. The woman who was my roommate is a librarian at St. Cloud College and her best friend is the librarian at UT College of SW in Nashville, now, is that a small world or what? (Laura, be sure to ask me for her email address. She said she gets a weekly publication of job openings)

I have been to the geographical center of the continental US, have seen Paul & Babe, stepped across the Mississippi, and had days when I went to bed and it was still daylight (11 PM) It was light at 4:30 this morning. Oh yeah it is the longest day.

I will try to do better about writing....I really prefer to do it the old fashion way and call, but I didn't bring my daytime and I am missing my phone #.

Love to all,  
Sherry

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## MORE OF SHERRY'S TRAVELS

Hello,

I am in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area, Ely, MN. Once again I am awed by the beauty and diversity of this country. This was not a planned stop, but new "friends" I have met along the way convinced me to go "out of my way"...as if I had a destination!

I stayed in a Hostel in Thunder Bay, Ontario, what a mistake. This is the first hostel that I have stayed in that has not comfortable. It is a dorm at a college...the mattress had a spring protruding! Need I say more? Over all Thunder Bay was a disappointment. There is a paper mill there and it stinks. There is a waterfall about 16 miles west. It is billed as the Niagara of the North. Now that was a sight. I actually went past it and decided to go back. I also past a roadside park where one side of a sign stated that the watershed ran to the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico and the other side stated that it ran to the Arctic!

I also went to Isle Royale NP and Grand Portage. I think the BWCA is prettier, or at least more isolated. I am going to Embarrass, MN today (30 mi or so) some sort of historical landmark. Then back to ELY for the night. I am staying in a cabin owned by an older couple, retired from IN. We have hit it off, and I have heard some good stories.

I am going kayaking this afternoon and moose hunting (visual) at dusk. There is a cabin (museum) that belonged to the last resident of the BWCA.

This woman was a nurse from Chicago who moved to an island here when she was 20. She lived alone for 50 years in the wilderness. She would treat vacationers with minor injuries and sell her homemade root beer to passerby canoe-ers. My kind of LADY.

I must go now. There is a line for the computer.

Peace,  
Sherry

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I just wanted to tell all of you that I'm back home safe and sound from my trip.

I have a new email address I'd like everyone to start using:

sherry@learntoride.org

Peace,

Sherry

## PICNIC FIELD EVENTS

By Tom Martin

There were two competitions in the Field Events. The Slow Race was contested by Tom Sherrill, Greg Sample, Stewart Ennis, Greg Piercey, Steve Lawson, Ben Bailey, and Steve Stratz. Tom Sherrill got so excited after his first round victory over Greg Sample that he immediately accelerated on the grass and promptly laid down his F650GS, to the sound of much laughter by all (including Tom, who doesn't seem to be embarrassed by anything). Finally, after several heats, Stewart Ennis was the winner.

The second Field Event was the Water Balloon Toss, which was contested by several riders with youngsters from the various families in attendance. The kids were hanging on the back of the bikes while trying to toss a water balloon over a rope held about 10 feet or so above the ground and then catch the balloon. Several kids overcame the temptation to drench the rider, and the event came down to a multiple pass runoff between Greg Piercey with Adam, son of Steve Stratz versus Tom Sherrill with Lee Waggoner and son Zach. Zach wasn't on the bike when Tom took his premature victory run. It took five passes through the course before Piercey/Stratz were able to eliminate Sherrill/Waggoner. At the conclusion of the event, the kids were given the leftover water balloons and the adults quickly scattered out of range.

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## Woman Plans To Climb Mt. Everest On A Motorcycle

Annie Seel, a competitive Enduro motorcycle racer, is planning to ride her motorcycle to Mount Everest's base camp. The distance to base camp is 5100 meters (16,732 feet). Seel will make the round trip from Kathmandu as member of a Danish/Swedish team. The expedition is scheduled to start August 6, 2003.

[Details](#)

Kathmandu, Nepal - ([MCNW](#)) A Swedish woman hopes to climb Mount Everest on a motorcycle in an effort to beat the unofficial world record for the highest altitude on a motorcycle, reported the Swedish daily Dagens Nyheter. The "unofficial" altitude record for a motorcycle was set by a Japanese rider. This year is the 50th anniversary of Edmund Hillary's and Tenzing Norgay's ascent of the 8850 meters (29,035 feet) high Mount Everest summit.

The current record is 5250 meters (17,224 feet) above sea level, according to Swedish biker Annie Seel. Seel is a competitive Enduro motorcycle racer and she'll be making the round trip from Kathmandu as member of a Danish/Swedish team.

Seel is now preparing to ride her motorcycle to Mount Everest's base camp (and possibly higher) on the North Side this summer. "Up to base camp at 5100 meters (16,732 feet) there is a rocky path. If a yak can make it up there then a motorcycle should be able to as well. But then there's about another 492 feet of glacier. That could be difficult," Seel said.

## MOSQUITOES

By Jack Pruitt

Pass this on to anyone who likes sitting out in the evening or when they're having a cook out. So you don't like those pesky mosquitoes, especially now that they have the potential to carry the West Nile Virus? Here's a tip that was given at a recent gardening forum. Put some water in a white dinner plate and add a couple drops of Lemon Fresh Joy dish detergent. Set the dish on your porch, patio, or other outdoor area. Not sure what attracts them, the lemon smell, the white plate color, or what, but mosquitoes flock to it, and drop dead shortly after drinking the Lemon Fresh Joy/water mixture, and usually within about 10 feet of the plate. Check this out---it works just super! May seem trivial, but it may help control mosquitoes around your home, especially in the South and elsewhere where the West Nile virus is reaching epidemic proportions in mosquitoes, birds, and humans. Pass it on.

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## CONSTRUCTION

Or the lack there of. As most of you know, Bloodworth Motorsports has owned a piece of property on White Bridge Road for a number of years. The property was purchased to be the new home of the BMW Motorcycle Dealership. Many customers have wondered what has taken place and will there ever be a new dealership location. To follow is the saga of the new building.

The first plan to get the new location going was to remodel the original buildings. But the renovation costs were just too large of an investment to make in an old building. Next step was to plan, design, and obtain financing to tear down part of the old building and construct a new building. This process took a tremendous amount of time to resolve and get approved. Then finally, 15 months ago, a construction contract was signed and the long awaited construction process was to begin. Well, regretfully, the challenges did not end there. Site problems, unforeseen problems tying into the old building, and so other minor issues have slowed construction tremendously. What should have taken 6 – 8 months is now 15 months in the process.

That brings us to today. Bloodworth Motorsports has asked Mike Gillespie (Mike has spent many years in various aspects of the construction industry) to help them in pushing the project forward and to reach a successful completion. If all goes as planned, the new facility should be completed in 90 to 120 days.

Bloodworth Motorsports would like to thank all the customers who have been interested in the developments of the new

location and to thank them for their patience. The new location is designed to meet BMW Motorrad's new standards for dealerships and will offer a new customer experience not seen in Nashville.

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## BMW "Motorrad" USA

Some of you might have noticed that BMW Motorcycles USA is going by a new name – BMW Motorrad USA. The name BMW Motorrad is the worldwide name of the motorcycle division of BMW and is being implemented in all countries. The name change is based upon recognition that BMW is genuinely an international brand and needs uniform brand identity internationally. "Motorrad" also provides a reminder of German engineering, reliability and quality in the motorcycle brand that are already key recognized attributes of the automotive brand all over the world. If you go to the web site, this new name change is very obvious. <http://www.bmwmotorcycles.com/home>

New Staff Members at Bloodworth Motorsports

In preparation for moving to the new building on White Bridge Road, David and Virginia Bloodworth have been looking for just the right type of people to add to their existing great staff.

Justin Martin joins Scott Esteran and Jessie O'Kelley in the Service Department. Justin Martin. Justin grew up in Lancaster, PA and graduated from AMI last March. He has been a motorcycle rider since he was sixteen, and would like his next bike to be a vintage BMW.

Tim Weber, Parts Manager, now has a helping hand from his new staff member Jason Tyler. Jason had a hard time making it in to work on his very first days. Seems his wife went into labor with their first child, which made it a little difficult to show up for the first day at work.

Next time you are in the shop, be sure to introduce yourself to the newest members of the Bloodworth Motorsports team.



A shot of Steve Stratz on his trip.

# Got Bikes! Got financing!

Bloodworth Motorsports currently has a huge selection of 2003 BMW Motorcycles. But don't wait to come see the latest models and the great financing opportunities offered by BMW Motorrad.

The "Ride Now, Pay Later" summer financing program, for all 2003 and 2004 models, is going on now until July 31, 2003. If you purchase a new BMW Motorcycle before July 31, 2003, qualify for the 48 or 60-month financing, there is no down payment and BMW Motorrad will make the first 5 payments for you. Plus, if you decide to purchase a F 650 CS, R1150R, Rockster, or a R1150RS, you will get special 0.9% APR financing.

BMW Motorrad / BMW Financial Services have a variety of financial options for potential new BMW buyers to choose from.

**The Ultimate Lease** – BMW Financial Services provides a competitive lease program for new BMW Motorcycles. Leasing allows you to pay for the value of the motorcycle you use, thus allowing for a lower monthly payment.

**Traditional Financing** – When you finance the purchase of your new BMW Motorcycle, your name goes on the title. Once the loan is paid off, you become the outright owner. BMW Financial provides competitive rates, no down payments (subject to credit approval), and terms up to 60 months.

**BMW Select** – This is similar to traditional Financing, only you make low monthly for a period of time that you establish up front, then at the end of the term a balloon payment is due. At that time you can either make the payment or refinance the balloon payment.

To make things even easier, you can set up "Easy Pay" with BMW Financial Service, where your monthly payment is made electronically from your financial institution on the payment due date.

For further information, please see Steve Turner for all the latest in BMW Ownership options.

## Tech Tip

By Scott Esteran

It occurred to me that some of the things we see in the shop might be interesting to you and perhaps a money saver as well.

So let's talk about older K bikes, K75, K100, and K1100, fine dependable bikes. Yet some very expensive problems can happen, mostly between your legs, yep, in the gas tank of your K bike. The first problem involves hidden crud and water in the tank. The fuel pump sits in a recess in the tank, which is logically the lowest point in the tank. Trouble occurs under the fuel pump, where all the crud and water sits, and sit it will. Even if you run your bike dry, the crud and water will remain. Draining your tank with the fuel pump in crud and water seems to be an easy fix. But even then, there is a chance that water will make pin holes in the tank. Then the trouble really begins. You will either need a nasty bit of welding that involves an ugly patch and paint, or a new tank, price about \$1325.00, sweet huh? The best answer is once a year, say around winter, pull out the fuel pump and drain the tank completely. If we perform the service, it will cost around \$60.00. If you do it, hey it's free. Both look a lot better than \$1325.00.

This brings up the second problem that can happen in that very expensive tank, when you have fuel pump failure caused by sitting in bad gas. We see this every spring. Bike sits all winter gas turns into a strange and nasty substance, fuel pump locks up. Repair parts alone are around \$350.00 or so. But hey, there is an easy solution. After draining your tank, fill it full of nice fresh gas and add some fuel stabilizer, and additive that helps gas stay gas. Life is good.

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## Rally in West Virginia

By Janet Noble

What a beautiful location, in spite of the intermittent rain! I heard mixed comments about the indoor venue, but the weather certainly made it nice to have the tech sessions in a place with a good sound system and ample seating space. The people in charge were as amiable as we BWM folks would expect them to be, and the retail merchants were quite complimentary of the overall demeanor of the visiting bikers. The folks in Charleston were left with a good impression! Yes, a tent blew down in one of the passing storms, and two people suffered minor injuries. A couple of other tents wound up "floating down the river on a stormy evening," but the dog caught up in the event managed to survive. Bikers are resourceful and everyone was able to keep smiling through the adversity. The final group meeting on Saturday was frustrating because of a faulty sound system that made everyone sound like they were gargling into the microphone. However, once the winners of the various prizes were announced, clarity improved. For this spouse who spent her time touring the beautiful capitol building and shopping, the break from the oppressive heat and humidity was most welcome. Next year, Spokane should be "mah-ve-lous." Jan Noble (a.k.a. Mrs. Charles Noble)



## The Pony Express Rides Through Nashville

is hosting August 17, 2003 marks the return the Pony Express visit to Nashville, TN and Bloodworth Motorsports. The Women's Motorcyclist Foundation, Inc. its fourth national effort to raise money for the fight against breast cancer in associate with the Susan G. Komen Foundation. The 2003 campaign will also generate funds at the local level in support of breast cancer programs around the nation. BMW Motorrad USA is proud to sponsor the Pony Express Relay 2003 / National Motorcycle Ride for Breast Cancer Research.

The Pony Express kicks off in Seattle on July 24th, and continues on the road to 56 relay stops through 28 states to close out the ride in New York City on August 24th. Nashville, TN and Bloodworth Motorsports is one of the stops along the eastern trail ride.

Money is generated by motorcycle riders making pledges in order to be one of the Pony Express Riders. An **Associate Rider** raises a minimum of \$250. With this, the rider earns the right to ride a relay leg as an official Pony Express Rider (average length 75-100 miles) and receives a Pony Express Rider pin, bandanna, Associate Rider Recognition Sticker, and the opportunity to serve as a posse member on all legs of the relay. A **Principal Rider** raises a minimum of \$1000. The rider receives a replica Pony Express Medallion, plus all other benefits mentioned above. An Honor Guard Rider raises a minimum of \$2000 and earns an Honor Cord plus all other benefits mentioned above. **Medallion Pass Team** is the four top fund raisers on each leg and they will carry one section of the Pony Express medallion on to the next way station. There is a ceremony that will be held where the sections of the medallion will be passed on to the next team. NOTE: Medallion Pass Teams determined per money and pledge sheets turned in as of July 23, 2003 for Eastern Trail Relay Riders.

Every penny of the money raised from this event has been earmarked for breast cancer research via the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, the nation's largest private funding source for Breast Cancer research. This year 25% of the funds raised by the riders will go back to participating Komen Affiliates who are

fighting breast cancer at the local level around the nation.

If you can't make the ride, you can support a rider and ride in spirit. Make plans to join the event at Bloodworth Motorsports starting at noon. There will be food and beverage available and some of the latest BMW Motorcycles will be on display. The schedule of events for the day are listed below:

- 12 Noon - Club Members and customers will start arriving
- 1:00pm - The Pony Express Riders arrive at Bloodworth BMW Motorcycles
- 1:30pm - The Medallion Presentation
- 2:00pm - Lunch will be served to the Pony Express Riders and Staff
- 2:30pm - The Pony Express Riders will leave the dealership headed to Bowling Green
- 3:00pm - Event close

**Bloodworth's is looking for volunteers to help the day of the event. Please call to volunteer.**

For further information about the Pony Express and to find out how to register, go to <http://www.ponyexpressrides.org/index.html>

### **Women's Motorcyclist Foundation, Inc.**

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LeRoy, NY 14482-1009  
585-768-6054 (return calls must be made collect)  
800-442-3550, ext 6116

Nashville Affiliate of the Susan G Komen Foundation <http://www.komen-nashville.org/>



another shot of Steve Stratz on his trip and yes, we missed you!



Steve Stratz on the backroads

## ★ Attention Kermit Chair ★ Owners

**Hello BMW Club! This is just a little update to tell you all about what is going on. First of all let us say that our first batch is nearly complete!! YEAH! Lee and Kermit recently stayed up until 3 in the morning hand dipping the chair parts. (Now that is dedication!)**

**Tom, however, was vacationing in Canada during this process. But for the record, he is back now and working harder than ever. You should see Tom actually “working”.**

**Things are good here. Orders are coming in like crazy. Also, if you have not registered for the RA in Birmingham, please do so. We are planning on a “Kermit Chair Photo Shoot”. It is going to be scheduled on the rally itinerary. (Don’t be left out!) It is to take place an hour before closing ceremonies. All the owners of a Kermit Chair are going to gather around “THE KERMIT” and partake in a photo shoot. It would be so great to see all the familiar faces in the crowd. If you have any questions call us!**

**Kermit Chair Company- 931-729-9836!**

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## SmarTire Tire Pressure Monitoring System

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- Increases tire life through proper inflation
- Improved riding performance

Optimizes motorcycle performance in

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**AUGUST 5, 2003**

**6:30 PM**

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