

## Big Sioux Rider –Vol #2-2010

**Saturday Morning Breakfast** –Considering that Crystal Café has been in business for around 60 or 70 years, we decided that it was not likely to ever close. With that information and our club's restaurant curse in mind, President Stan delegated and appointed Al Agrimson last week to find a new Saturday morning breakfast restaurant. Al has selected the Townhouse in South Sioux City as our next target starting this week, March 20th. It is rumored that since Nebraska went smoke free this has become a nicer place to eat.



**Shonley Campout July 9 – 11, 2010.** Doug Shonley would like anyone who plans to attend the "Shonley Compound Campground" to please contact a club officer or himself at local number of (712) 251-7000 or at his home near Deadwood at 605-347-5006.

Doug is asking for people to contact him by June 1st if you plan to attend. Doug has some wonderful accommodations for us AND our toys. Doug has 9 bikes in his Stable and is anxious to folks take a look at them. He has some interesting ones! To get there, exit off I-90 at Exit #30 and head toward Deadwood on 14A . Go 5.1 miles and your will be there. It's the place with the Morton Buildings. This is one I personally think you should put on your schedule (Stan).

**April, May and June Club Meetings.** We are moving the monthly meeting to the road starting in April. Meet at Bak BMW at 6 PM on April 20<sup>th</sup> (Third Tuesday) or meet us at Bob's Bar in Martinsburg, Nebraska. For the May meeting (May 18<sup>th</sup>), we will meet again at Bak and will ride for Bob Dogs and Ice Cream in Le Mars, Iowa. In June on the 15<sup>th</sup>, same meeting place at 6:00 PM, but we will be riding to Fatty's in Moorehead, Iowa. All rides leave at 6:05 sharp.

**Spring Rider Skills Tune-up.** We would like to have a Spring Rider Skills Tune-up like the one Steve Martin setup for the club a few years ago. That was a four hour short riding course which Steve setup where we practices quick stops, collision avoidance and riding through curves on a vacant parking lot. If you can organize this in March or April please contact Stan (712) 226-6890 (cell) or (712) 277-1110.

**Spare Keys.** Frankie Wilcox sent an email to Stan suggesting that all riders should place their spare motorcycle key somewhere besides their locked top case, particularly when you have key matched luggage. Also worthily noting is that Dan Watson has apparently set down the gantlet for the 2010 BSR Johnson Award by locking his spare keys in his truck.

**Pilot Road 2's.** There was a discussion at the club meeting about tires. Apparently some club members have been finding some pretty good deals on the new Pilot Roads 2's tires.

**Nicknames.** Jo Martin needs a cool nickname. Someone at her work places calls her "Cubby" because she is a Chicago Cubs fan. We believe the club can do a lot better than that. Send your ideas to Stan or try them out on Jo. There might be a prize at the next meeting if your idea is selected.

**Informal Weekly Wednesday Night Rides.** Marc Ladue says there is an informal group of riders who meet every Wednesday starting this week until fall at the rest area shelter near the

Sgt. Floyd Tugboat in (Chris Larson Park, near the River off of I-29 downtown). They meet at 6 PM and leave at 6:30.

**The Big Sioux Riders Mother's Day Campout Below the Dam.** The campout this year is below Ft. Randall Dam on May 8-9. Book your cabins now: <http://tinyurl.com/yjp6sfj> - The campground name is "Randall Creek Recreation Area". We'll be camping near Cabins A & B. Dave Bak is providing a 32 cup electric coffee pot this year to help people stay warm. Meet at Bak BMW at 10 AM for the group ride there (via Niobrara) or meet us at the campground. More details coming soon.

**Bak BMW Spring Open House.** The open house is March 27<sup>th</sup> this year. See [www.bakbmw.com](http://www.bakbmw.com) for more details.

**The Blitz to Branson** is April 23-24 this year. There are many club members going this year. This is probably one of the best times of the year to ride Arkansas and Southern Missouri. The weather is generally mild, there is little traffic, and you can even drop in the Dick and Janice Edwards at their new home in Arkansas. Details on the BMWMOA.org forum (search Branson Blitz). Jim is planning a group ride to the Trout Ranch in Rockbridge, MO. If you're going to the rally, please send Brion ([brion.hase@gmail.com](mailto:brion.hase@gmail.com)) an email message. Include where you are staying and when you will be arriving. We'll send out a list later so people can coordinate riding down together.

**Ma & Pa's Grand Eatery Tour:** The club is working out all the details its own Grand Tour but here is what we have so far.

Purpose of the tour is:

1. Give folks a good reason to go out and ride some new places.
2. Get folks to try some of local cuisine while out riding.
3. Build a database of Ma & Pa stops to go out riding too.
4. Raise some money for charity.

Cost will be \$10/rider or passenger. Half the money raised will go to Opportunities Unlimited, the rest will be split up among the participants (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, and then maybe some "special" awards). Placing will be determined by total points.

Rules:

1. You are only allowed to one restaurant per village, town, city or hamlet.
2. Each restaurant must be a local, one-of-a-kind Ma & Pa type restaurant. If Ma & Pa own two restaurants by the same name, that's a chain and it cannot be counted. For example, there is a Minnerva's both in Sioux Falls and Sioux City, so that a chain.
3. You get one point for a photo of the restaurant with the restaurant's sign and you bike both being clearly visible. You have to upload the photo onto a website which we will provide and give the city and state to get credit. If you can't upload the photo, find or bribe someone who can do it for you. We'll provide the website this spring.
4. You get one point for ordering something to eat at the restaurant, and then filling out a survey about the restaurant on our website later. The survey will be very simple (less than 10 questions). We'll have a printable version you can take copies of with you on the road.
5. The content will begin the April 15<sup>th</sup> and end on October 15<sup>th</sup>. You on your honor not to start before then.

**Benefit for Elmer Anderson April 9, Brooklyn, IA** - Many of you know him as simply Elmer. He's a member of several BMW clubs and he is one of guys whom I look forward to seeing at BMW Rally's. Elmer has always had a good story or two. I have enjoyed listening to him talk about historical highways and roadside landmarks for years. He is one of the most knowledgeable people about the Lincoln Highway I have ever met. Through his career, Elmer has had a hand in building and rebuilding many of the great highways we ride on in Iowa and the surrounding states, making sure they were built right. Elmer was diagnosed in January with ALS (Lou Gehrig Disease). You can read about the benefit here: <http://tinyurl.com/bsrelmer> - Frump

**BMW MOA National Rally.** If you would like to volunteer get a hold of Tom and see what is going on. If you are getting a hotel room, you better book it soon (<http://tinyurl.com/ycdkc57>).

### **Calendar of Upcoming Events:**

- April 1–Oct 30 - [European Motorcycle Nights](#), Lincoln, NE - First Wednesday of each month, Brewsky's between P & Q in the Haymarket.
- April 9 - [Benefit for Elmer Anderson](#), Brooklyn, IA
- April 14 - Sept 15 - [GLMC/AMA 2010 Titanic Grand Tour](#)
- April 21 - April Club Meeting. Meet at Bak BMW @ 6 PM, Bob's in Martinsburg, NE
- April 23-24 - [BLITZ to BRANSON Fifteen](#), Branson, MO
- April 30 - [Iowa Motorcylce Safety Forum](#), Ames, IA
- May 2 - [Annual Polk City Ride-In](#), Polk City, IA
- May 8 - BSR Spring Mother's Day Campout at the Dam.
- May 19 - May Club Meeting. Meet at Bak BMW @ 6 PM, Bob dogs in Le Mars, IA
- May 14 - 16 - [Great River Road Run \(GR3\)](#) - Soldiers Grove, WI
- May 30 - [GLMC Bonzai Road Rally](#), Winona, MN
- June 4 - 6 - [Hiawatha Rally](#), Money Creek, MN.
- June 10-13 - [Pure Stodge Touring Association's Iowa Rally](#) - Middle Amana, IA.
- June 15 - June Club Meeting. Meet at Bak BMW @ 6 PM, Bobs & Wells, Le Mars, IA
- June 25-27 - [Bohemian Alps Rally](#) - Verdigre, NE
- July 10-11 - Shonley Campout for BSR Members - Sturgis, SD (RSVP Before June 1st)
- July 15-18 - [BMW MOA International Rally](#), Redmond, OR.
- July 24 - [GLMC Buffalo Run Rally](#), Watertown, SD.
- July 29-Aug 1 - [BMWRA Rally](#), Pownal, VT.
- August 13-15 - Annual Husker Rally, Franklin, NE
- August 21-22 - [Annual Baxter Cycle Rally](#), Marne, IA
- Sept 5 - [GLMC MAC Memorial BBG \(1500 mile/24 Hour\) Poker Run](#), Watertown, SD
- Sept 11 - [Minnesota Long Distance Riders Unplugged Rally](#), Monticello, MN
- Oct 2 - [GLMC Harvest Road Rally](#), Albany, MN