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THE WORLD'S MOST INTERESTING MOTORCYCLE CLUB

CATEGORY 1- Photo for February



SPEAKS FOR ITSELF

by Don Mills

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Membership Meeting

**Tuesday
February 14
7:30 PM**

**Spring Creek BBQ
1509 Airport Freeway
Bedford, TX
817-545-0184**

**At Forest Ridge & Airport
Freeway (Hwy 121)**

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Motorcycling Two-Up

People who ride motorcycles ride solo most or all of the time. All riders need to be ready to ride with a passenger in the event that an emergency or other opportunity creates a need to ride two-up. The inverse is also a possibility; after years of riding your own bike you may need to ride on the back with someone else driving! This article is intended to help solo riders and occasional or new passengers understand the skills needed by both the driver and passenger for a safe and smooth ride two-up on a motorcycle.



Rick Kallmayer

The motorcycle bearing two people will handle and perform differently due to it carrying nearly twice

the weight. The suspension will need to be adjusted with more spring preloading to handle the extra weight. Tire pressures need to be adjusted for maximum load and the headlight may need to be readjusted as well. Don't forget to adjust your mirrors after the passenger is aboard.



The driver will need to make more use of the clutch friction zone when starting from a stop and will need to begin braking sooner and use more braking power to achieve stops. The bike will also be more difficult to hold upright and will lean off balance more quickly when stopped so the driver must be prepared to hold the bike at less of a lean when stopped. The use of a foot down on each side of the bike will make this much easier. When braking, the driver should squeeze the tank with his or her legs and use their trunk muscles to relieve the arms from holding back body weight. This technique allows the driver to maintain fine control of the handlebars under braking, important when riding solo but essential when riding two-up.

The passenger needs to control their movements to prevent causing sudden weight shifts in order to avoid upsetting the stability of the loaded vehicle. Sudden movements of arm, head, or upper body have a large impact on stability due to the passenger position high and to the rear of the motorcycles' center of gravity. Holding on to the driver's belt or grasping his or her coat at the waist will give the passenger a brace to help keep his or her balance when the bike is accelerating. Bracing with the feet on the foot pegs will support the passenger's weight when the bike is decelerating to prevent the driver from having to brace against double the weight. When cornering, the passenger should not shift their weight but should merely look over the driver's shoulder in the direction of the turn. Since the upper body follows the head, this simple device will accomplish enough of a weight shift to perfectly match the drivers without upsetting the balance of the bike as it turns. At all other times, the passenger should sit quietly and pay attention to what the driver is doing. Unless the passenger seat is much taller than the driver's seat, the passenger's view will not include straight ahead. The passenger must accept this situation because constantly straining to see around the driver will cause the passenger's weight to be off center and will upset the balance of the bike.

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Riding two-up is more tiring for the driver and the relative immobility of the passenger will also be tiring. The back seat is also frequently not as comfortable a perch as the front! For these reasons, more frequent rest stops will be needed for the benefit of both driver and passenger.

Riding two up on a motorcycle requires extra work from the driver and passenger but with a little practice it can be a lot of fun. Smooth coordinated body movements yielding fluid motion culminating in an ecstatic ride, what? I am still talking about riding a motorcycle two-up!
(Margie made him say that)



Well, Ralph sent this in and told me to use it where ever I thought it ought to go.....

OUT HOUSE PHILOSOPHY - by the Kraut

FIRST SIGNATURE CLUB RIDE OF THE SEASON!!!

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Da' Prez' Says



Mike Valentin

I start this month with the admonition regarding my lustful desire... “to ride boldly and see new horizons in 2017.” The stirrings of sugars and adrenaline create this kid’s version of sugarplums dancing in their heads; while I’m nested in the trappings of warm blankets and pillows...then I woke up in New Jersey!

A quick Banzai! Run to NJ in two-days and I’m already looking forward to getting home, to ride, to explore and indulge.

Before leaving Texas, we had a great January monthly meeting to kick-off the New Year. Broad ministrations by our club officers and support of fictional characters and their travels across our country assured a strong push into treks, trips, vistas and gustatory exploits.



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I'm planning to attend the BMW MOA International Rally for 2017 where the "Crossroads Of The West" will provide me a mid or starting point for great riding and memory creation. How it will work for me is to include visiting areas I've climbed in Utah, breathe in the panoramas of new settings unfolded by time, presence and effort – will you be there? Deserts, mountains, rainforest and more for me please!

Earlier this month a number of BMWDFW members attended MotoQuests presentation about Alaska and their other packaged programs; our thanks to Kenny Martin for opening the store and sponsorship. It was an impressive compilation and sharing of information, which got the moto-vagabond in all of us thinking what is possible. A friend of mine grew up in the Northwest Territories in Dawson and based on her description to me, it's our kind of place!

In the meantime, I've missed some of the initial riding this year; I really wanted to go on the Brown Bag ride, and I don't want to miss many more.

Our club finished 2016 fabulously and we've been discussing how we could improve execution of our upcoming activities. Now for the interesting part, actually your parts...give us your feedback. I need it, we need it! The first officers meeting took place and we are considering our next steps for improvements and contributions to our club.

We have new members coming onboard and I know you'll welcome each of them warmly. Next month's regular meeting will be a good place to recharge, reconnect and share our collective knowledge. This month we'll even have a valuable door prize offering courtesy of our friends at BMW Fort Worth.

Let's get outta' here! Mike

Paradise Is Full Of Bugs

A Book Report by Stephen Slisz, aka Yeeha

"The rush of water and the unusual motion of the boat brought me instantly awake... careening slightly and settled into a fifteen degree list to port... we were scraping along the surface of a coral reef... those few moments were to change the course of my life."

Paradise Is Full of Bugs is the 173 page varnished tale of a 2-year sailing voyage zigzagging the Pacific Ocean from California to Hawaii, Alaska, the South Seas and back again. Author W.L. "Bill" Corley, brother of BMWDFW club member Jack Corley, gives a first person account of every man's dream to chuck it all, quit your job and sail the world.

Bill Corley, an insurance company executive, loved to pilot a 31ft Ketch up and down the California coast while dreaming of leaving the high-pressure corporate world and sailing into freedom. In the mid-70's, Bill did just that and left his national sales manager job to pursue his dream. In the era before fiberglass boats, satellite communications, and GPS navigation, he sold his 31ft Ketch and purchased a larger 42ft wooden 2-masted boat named the *Evening Star*. After a short time converting the *Evening Star* to a long term live-aboard and re-rigging the boat

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to a square-rig sail setup for better down-wind handling, Bill and his wife Jeanne were ready for adventure.

Almost before the saga began, Bill's adventure nearly came to a tragic end when he wrenched his back severely enough to require surgery. As with many stories such as this, Bill's stubbornness came through when against doctor's orders he checked himself out the hospital after surgery and completed the mast and spar rigging for the square sail.

One might think this story's antagonist would be a personification of angry seas, but the character of the people Bill met on this voyage seems to fill that role. Early in the book high praise is often heaped upon the island people he meets at every anchorage, but that all changes late in the book when Bill falls asleep in the chart-house and the *Evening Star* runs aground. While attempting to go for help to recover his boat, local islanders break into his crippled boat and loot most of his possessions. The chapters outlining his efforts to deal with thieves and island government bureaucracy give an explanation to his "changing course of life" comment.

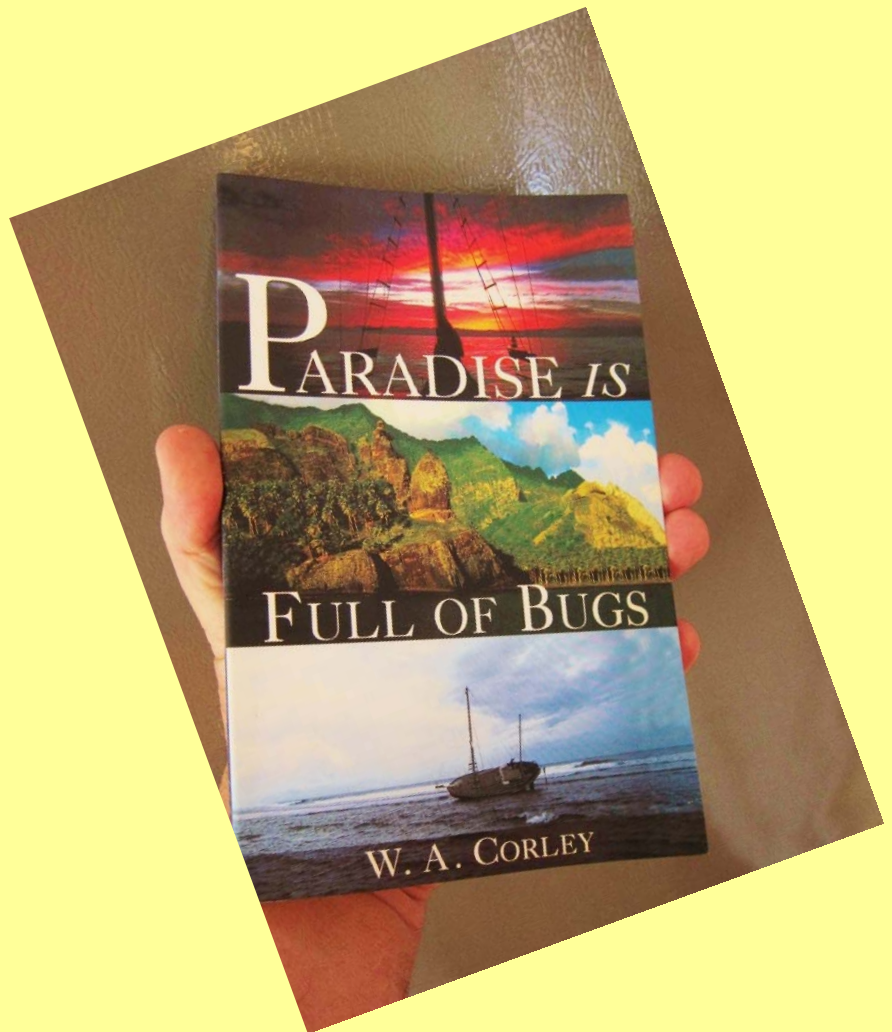
Written in a style similar to the way I watch television, *Paradise is Full of Bugs* fast-forwards through the mundane parts of his trip, and then pauses from time to time to focus on the anecdotal tales of exotic people and food in the South Seas islands. Full of vivid depictions of island life, description style readily familiar to any of us that read some of the motorcycling internet travel blogs, Bill's book should be an easy 2-sitting read, but I recommend you obtain a copy of *Chapman Piloting and Seamanship*, and keep the pages turned to the Glossary of Terms. If the only boating term you know is Port/Starboard, you'll have to look up many of the \$5 sailing terms Bill uses.

Refreshingly absent of foul language, *Paradise is Full of Bugs* is a fun little read, especially since we have a personal connection through Jack.

I'm through reading the book if anyone would be interested in a read, and passing it on to other club members. Just let me know!

Stephen Slisz

(pass it on to me, please—ed.)



CATEGORY II - Photo for February



TERLINGUA GHOST TOWN

by Joel Watson

True North

A Tourmeister's Report

Hey guys, I'm very excited to tell you about one of our newest club members -



Flat Stanley! Generally quiet and reserved, he is very photogenic and you'll love seeing him in our group photos or photo-bombing one of your scenic shots of you and your bike. He's already been out with our members to Luckenbach, Boston, Las Vegas, Arches NP, and out to the West Coast to lunch at the *Neptune's Net bike hangout*. Immediately likeable, he



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was a big hit with some of the club's more grizzled members when they found out Flat Stanley was a terrific ice-breaker with the pretty young ladies at the recent Progressive Motorcycle Show in Dallas!

Flat Stanley, written by Jeff Brown, is a 1964 children's book about the misadventures of Stanley Lambchop, a young boy flattened by a piece of fallen household furniture. Stanley makes the best of his altered state and is soon entering locked rooms by sliding under doors, being used as a kite by his brother, and visiting friends by being mailed away in an envelope. Eventually he is returned to his proper shape with his brother's bicycle tire pump.

The Flat Stanley Project was started in 1995 by Dale Hubert, a third grade schoolteacher, as a letter-writing civics project similar to having his class exchange Pen-Pal notes. Stanley is a paper doll cut-out that's mailed around the world to other kids who treat the figure as a visiting guest. The receiving students then add to Stanley's journal, take photos, exchange ideas, and overseas cultures and then mail Stanley home.



That's where Flat Stanley came to us. I know we all love to travel by motorcycle-some members across town, others across country or to far-off lands. I would imagine we all take a few snapshots of our motorcycle adventures to document the trip and to have a little keepsake of those fond memories. I'd love to see some photos of those adventures. We have some accomplished photographers in our club and you can readily see their work in our newsletter or on Facebook. But, what about the point-n-shoot photo takers like me? I'll bet about one-in-a-hundred of our shots are publishable and we reserve our blurry, crooked, plain 'ole boring photos just for our own enjoyment.

Flat Stanley gave me an idea. At the monthly meeting at Spring Creek BBQ, we'll draw an extra door prize ticket at the end of the meeting. The lucky ticket holder will get to keep Flat Stanley with them till the next monthly meeting. During that month hopefully you will take Stanley on some of your rides and you can include him in some of your travel photos. Take shots of him with you, your bike, and whatever scenery/locations you include in your ride. (Or any combination of those situations) Then let Flat Stanley "break-the-ice" with you, so you can be brave and post some of your pictures. Send some to Don Mills for the Newsletter or send some to me and I'll post them for you on the club's Yahoo list or on Facebook.

Check Vince's Events List on the club's web site bmwdfw.org for all the upcoming rides that you and Flat Stanley might like to attend. All the major rides are set up and the hotels are taking reservations. If our room blocks are full, the hotels will still include you with us as long as they have rooms available. So jump on those reservations soon and RSVP me so I'll know who's coming along!





**One of the “Perks” of being
Newsletter Editor...**

ERIN SILLS

**The fastest female on two wheels
And
A member of the 200 MPH club.**

**(and I thought it a big deal to be
A member of the “Mile High club”)**



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2017 Calendar of Events



2017 PREMIER CLUB RIDES

All the details for each of the Club Events is available in the Signature Club Events listing below

Mar 4-5, Sat–Sun; *Hamilton, TX*. Spring Forward Ride

Mar. 31 – Apr 2, Fri–Sun; *Jasper, TX*. April Fools Ride (formerly Roads of Spring Rally)

May 5-7, Fri–Sun; *Mountain View, AR*. Thank God It's Spring Rally

Sept 15-17 Fri-Sun, *Clayton, NM*. Farewell to Summer Rally

Oct 26-29, Thu-Sun; *Eureka Springs, AR*. BMWDFW Annual Fall Color Tour

"Ride 'em - Don't Hide 'em"

SIGNATURE CLUB EVENTS

All the details for each of the Events are available by clicking on the event or scrolling down

Mar 4-5, Sat–Sun; *Hamilton, TX*. "Spring Forward Ride"

Mar 11, Sat or *Mar 18*, Sat; *Grapevine, TX*. Slow Speed Maneuvering Practice

Mar 28-29, Tue-Wed; *Austin, TX*. Moto/America's Superbike Dunlop Tire Testing

Mar. 31 – Apr 2, Fri–Sun; *Jasper, TX*. "April Fools Ride" (formerly Roads of Spring Rally)

May 5-7, Fri–Sun; *Mountain View, AR*. "Thank God It's Spring Rally"

May 20, Sat; *White Rock Lake, TX*. BMWDFW "Cool Your Rocks Redux"

Sept 15-17 Fri-Sun, *Clayton, NM*. "Farewell to Summer Rally"

Oct 1, Thu; Ending Date of the Photo of the Year Contest

Oct 26-29, Thu-Sun; *Eureka Springs, AR*. BMWDFW "Annual Fall Color Tour"

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RECURRING CLUB ACTIVITIES

BMWDFW Club Forum

CLUB MEETING, 7:30 PM, 2nd Tuesday, MONTHLY, except December
CLUB BREAKFAST / RIDE, 2nd Sunday, MONTHLY
CLUB BREAKFAST, Saturday, 7:30 AM/8:45 AM
AD HOC RIDES

SIGNATURE CLUB EVENT DETAIL

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Mar 11, Sat or Mar 18, Sat; Grapevine, TX. Slow Speed Maneuvering Practice

Pick your Saturday and Invest a few hours after Saturday morning breakfast honing your skills with other riders who hate to drop their bikes. This will be a free class and practice session on improving your skill and confidence in day-to-day slow speed maneuvers on your bike. Plan 3 hours from 0900 to noon and the location will be sent to you when you register. Registration details are being finalized and will be announced on the Yahoo Group list. Registration will be required as we can only accommodate approximately 20 riders per group for each session. Get one of these dates on your calendar. You will not want to miss this opportunity to improve your skills and have a lot of fun doing it.

Mar 25, Sat; Grapevine, TX. Day at the Movies – CHIPS (2017)

Showing at Tinseltown in Grapevine. Show time is yet to be determined, but we'll do the first show around 10am following the breakfast at the Original Pancake House. Be aware that this comedy is rated R with some crude humor. See the trailer [here](#).

Mar 28-29, Tue-Wed; Austin, TX. Moto/America's Superbike Dunlop Tire Testing

Moto/America is having a Superbike Dunlop tire test at Austin's Circuit of the Americas. The public is invited for free. Ride down on the first day straight to the track, walk the paddock and watch the bikes tests. Overnight at the La Quinta South in Round Rock (512-246-2800), and go back to the track a couple of hours on day 2 and return home later on Wednesday. Join our Tourmeister for a mid-week break and some fun.

Mar. 31 – Apr 2, Fri–Sun; Jasper, TX. April Fools Ride (formerly Roads of Spring Rally)

Host Hotel: Best Western of Jasper. Reservations: 409-384-7767. Rooms have 2 beds and rate is \$80.99. Rooms blocked under BMWDFW or BMW motorcycle of Dallas/Ft Worth and room block expires Feb 28. The April Fools Ride is a low-frills ride (read = cheap/fast food) to deep East Texas to enjoy the roads and piney woods along the Texas/Louisiana border. Please RSVP to Stephen Slisz at veeha_stephen@yahoo.com or veeha.stephens@gmail.com.

May 5-7, Fri–Sun; Mountain View, AR. Thank God It's Spring Rally

Host Hotel: Pinewood Cabins. We scored the 15 premium rooms at the top of the hill and on the town square! Other nice rooms and cabins are available outside our block. Check out their hotel map and rates at www.pinewoodcabins.net Reservations: 877-269-5900. All blocked rooms have 2-beds and are held under Stephen Slisz Dallas/Ft Worth BMW. Rate is \$90. Block expires March 1st so reserve soon! There will probably be an earlybird ride on Thursday the 4th for those wishing to ride some of the wonderful backroads to Mountain View, so stay tuned for updates. Please RSVP to Stephen Slisz at veeha_stephen@yahoo.com or veeha.stephens@gmail.com.

May 20, Sat; White Rock Lake, TX. BMWDFW Cool Your Rocks Redux

Join us at the White Rock Boat Club on White Rock Lake in Dallas from 6pm to 10pm for free hamburgers, hot dogs, soft drinks and music. This is our annual picnic and a family affair. Bring your spouse or significant other and spend time with your fellow BMWDFW members. **Please RSVP by June 1st to Stephen at veeha_stephen@yahoo.com** so we have an accurate headcount for the food. We ask you to **please bring a dish to share** with your fellow members. This really worked out well in prior years and we had some spectacular dishes! If you prefer more adult libations, please bring your own. The White Rock Boat Club is located at 340 E. Lawther Drive in Dallas. For more on White Rock Boat Club, [click here](#). See our website for more information as it develops. See you there!

Sept 15-17 Fri-Sun, Clayton, NM. Farewell to Summer Rally

Host hotel: Best Western Kokopelli Lodge for 2 nights. Reservations 575-374-2589 under BMW. Rate is \$112.49 for 2 beds and includes breakfast. End of summer ride to the Capulin Volcano National Monument and other scenic areas of Northern New Mexico ([click here](#) & [here](#) for more info.) Friday's mileage will require an early exit from DFW, but we gain an hour pulling into Clayton and it won't seem so tough. Sunday's direct route home is an hour shorter. Please RSVP to Stephen Slisz at veeha_stephen@yahoo.com or veeha.stephens@gmail.com.

Oct 1, Thu; Ending Date of the Photo of the Year Contest

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For Photo of the Year (Contest runs to October 1 in any given year. Photos submitted after October 1 will be considered an entry for the following year.) All Contest forms are available at <http://bmwdfw.org/> under the Contest tab.

Oct 26-29, Thu-Sun; Eureka Springs, AR. BMWDFW Annual Fall Color Tour

Host Hotel: Edelweiss Inn at 2066 E. Van Buren. The reservations number is 800-870-2529. This is our Annual ride to Eureka Springs, AR for some of the best autumn color and riding available. If you don't get an answer when you call, send Cindy an email at stay@edelweissinn.com. We'll be there for the nights from October 26th to 29th, arriving Thursday and departing Sunday. When you call or email be sure to tell them that you are with the BMWDFW Motorcycle Club. This year, there will be no organized ride to to/from Eureka Springs. The Tourmeister will post several GPS routes on the Yahoo list along with several suggested day rides in and around the Eureka Springs area. Watch the Yahoo list, as some folks may post their rides for others to join. Please RSVP to Stephen Slisz at yeeha_stephen@yahoo.com or yeeha.stephens@gmail.com.

Oct 31, Mon; Ending Date of the Article of the Year Contest

For Article of the Year (Submit articles to the newsletter editor, Don Mills at email address don_mill@sbcglobal.net). All Contest forms are available at <http://bmwdfw.org/> under the Contest tab.

Nov 15, Wed; Ending Date for BMWDFW Mileage Contest Submissions

The submission form must be sent to Dennis Bufton at BMWDFW, P.O. Box 132, Bedford, TX 76095-0132. The form is available [here](#).

Nov 15, Wed; Starting Date for BMWDFW 2017 Mileage Contest

Record your starting mileage and submit to Dennis Bufton at BMWDFW, P.O. Box 132, Bedford, TX 76095-0132. The form is available [here](#).

Nov 30, Thu; Last Day for RSVP for the BMWDFW Annual Awards Banquet

Send your RSVP to Dennis Bufton at mailto:buftond@tx.rr.com with a "Yes I am" or "No I am not" coming. If yes, please indicate the number in your party. We need to provide the number of attendees to the restaurant in advance so they may provide sufficient food and drink.

Dec 1, Fri; Annual Dues for 2018

Be sure to get your Annual Dues to Dennis Bufton for 2017. Catch him at Saturday breakfast or mail your check to: Dennis Bufton at BMWDFW, P.O. Box 132, Bedford, TX 76095-0132.

Dec 3, Sun; Euless, TX . BMWDFW Annual Awards Banquet

Be sure to put this one on your calendar as a do not miss. The Annual Awards Banquet will be held at in the ballroom adjacent to the Raven's Grille at the Texas Star Golf Course, 1400 Texas Star Parkway, in Euless, TX on Sunday, December 3, 2017. This is a premier event and not to be missed. I've already made my reservation!

OTHER NOTABLE EVENTS

Mar 10-19, Fri-Sun; Daytona, FL. Daytona Bike Week

Mar 12, Sun; * Daylight Saving Time Begins *****

Mar 25, Sat; Grapevine, TX. Day at the Movies – CHIPS (2017)

Mar 24-26, Fri-Sun; Beeville, TX. The Texas Mile

Apr 1, Sat; Celina TX. NIIT WIT Diet 8 Hour Rally

Apr 7-9, Fri-Sun; Kerrville, TX. MOA Hill Country Hangout

Apr 16, Sun; *EASTER SUNDAY*****

Apr 29, Sat; Bryan TX. NIIT WIT Takes on the Heart of Texas Rally

May 19-21, Fri-Sun; Rusk, TX. Texas National Picnic

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San Antonio BMW Riders Association, [click here to access](#)

Hill Country BMW Riders, Austin, TX, [click here to access](#). The member's forum is at hillcountrybmw@yahoo.com

