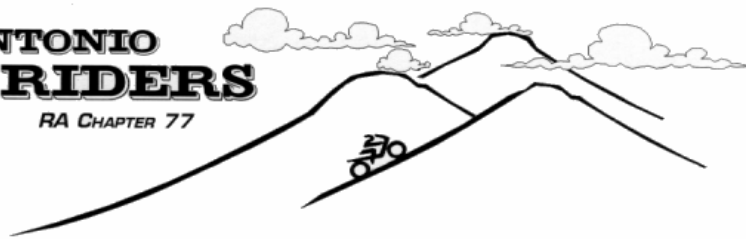




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## President's Notes

by John Dunn

### The Motorcycle Network

A recent encounter with an old rusted fencing staple and my new (471 miles) Michelin rear tire made me realize that we have a network of friends and support that is, to use the words of a popular advertising campaign, priceless.

A couple of weeks ago we were going to the Ski Shores of Lake Travis to see the Antique Motorcycle Rally when I noticed my bike was handling very heavy and slow. I pulled over and saw that my rear tire was VERY flat. Woody was behind me and also pulled over. We were in a bad spot with no shoulder so I rode on the flat to a place a few hundred yards up the road that had a nice size pull-off. Woody and I found the offending staple and pulled it out. I got out my plugger and installed a new plug in the tire. A BIG hint, hold the tire with one hand and push on the plug with the other, otherwise you can push the bike off the center stand (by the way Woody, thanks for catching my bike before it fell). We hooked up the electric pump and let it run & run & run – yep, two holes. The second hole was actually a tear in the carcass and even two plugs would not stop the air leak. Woody's can of stop leak held for a few minutes but then exploded out.

Chuck Wetzel and Paul Mulhern had called and I said we would catch up soon but when we didn't they called back to see what was going on and I had the bad news – I needed a truck or trailer to haul my bike to get a new tire. Since Woody & I were working in 100 degree heat, Woody left me to get some water while a truck was being found. Chuck borrowed a truck from an acquaintance and got Paul and Graham Littrell to come help load the bike. About that same time, Denise Purcell, and her friend, Robert Abbate, came by and helped us load the bike on the truck. Many thanks to Chuck for getting the truck; it just cost a little gas money.

Denise said we could take the bike to Lone Star and they could put a new tire on the bike on Tuesday. This was a perfect solution and I can't thank Denise and my network of motorcycling friends enough to help me out of this situation. A ruined tire can definitely strand you (and why didn't it happen to my old tire with 14,000 mile on it??).

The truck came so quickly that Woody did not have time to get back to the place where I had the flat and he did not get my many calls to his cell phone since he was riding at the time – many thanks to Woody and his help in the heat, and it was hot that day.

The rest of the story is that Denise let me ride her R1100/RS home that day (a very sweet machine I must say) and I returned it on Tuesday when I got my bike with a new tire installed. Again, thanks to Lone Star BMW and Denise for help above and beyond what was needed.

That is one of the reasons I really enjoy riding with the club members. Just remember who is behind you and wait at the next intersection for them to catch up if necessary. If they do not, go find out what happened; our motorcycling network of friends can get you the help you need.

Thanks again to everyone and keep the rubber side down, even if it is flat - John

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## Club ride to Ft. Davis

by Chuck Wetzel

I have booked our rooms for the Davis Mts, and the Big Bend area. The best weekend I've found is the 13th, 14th, & 15th of October. If you've never been on a club ride to West Texas, now is the time, we've always had a great trip. The weather will be dry & cool. Trips to McDonald Observatory, Davis Mts., River Road, the Mexican Monument in Piedras Negras (no permit necessary), Big Bend, La Linda ghost town, etc. Meet King Carl, Crazy Joe, and the possibility of Paul & Vonnie Graves, if they're in the area.

Ruby will be driving the chase Suburban, there are seats for non-riders, first come etc.

We have 15 rooms booked at the Ft Davis Motor Inn. It is a clean, reasonably priced motel on the northern edge of Ft. Davis. It is as least as nice as the Marathon Motel, but probably better (no trains). They have blocked 15 rooms together at the back side of the property. Some of these rooms are smoking rooms, but the manager assured me they don't have a smoke smell. If you want a fer sure no smoking room they are available in other areas, be sure to tell them when making your reservation. The grounds are not that large so we will all be fairly close together. They will hold these rooms until Aug 1st, after that it's still possible to get a room but not guaranteed.

Room rates 49-59 US \$.

Cancellation policy 7 days. after that it's 25% for each night. (exceptions made for emergencies).

Phone # 432-426-2112 or 800-803-2847.

**Editor's note** – *Last year's outing was a blast so make your plans to attend this year. We'll probably have a group ride out there on Friday. Watch the newsletter an emails for details.*

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## **Motorcycle and Scooter Ride to Work Day is Wednesday, July 19, 2006**

This year's fifteenth annual motorcycle and scooter commuting demonstration will increase the number of riders on the road, according to Ride to Work, a non-profit advocacy organization. "Riding to work on this day shows the positive value of motorcycles and scooters for transportation. For many people, riding is an economical, efficient and socially responsible form of mobility that saves energy, helps the environment and provides a broad range of other public benefits," states Andy Goldfine, the event organizer. Motorcycle and scooter enthusiasts and rider organizations worldwide encourage their members to ride to work on this day.

Save a couple gallons of gas while showing the world a better way to travel.

More information can be found at [www.ridetowork.org](http://www.ridetowork.org)

## **Metamorphosis (From RT to GT)**

Mike Bonner

This little article could be called anything from “Honey, I just went a 110 in third” to “Me and my G T”. Since this may be read by the very young, such as those riders in their mid thirties, I will refrain from using words I’d rather use to describe the 1200 GT in order to protect the tender sensibilities of those SOB’s. Anyway, space is limited, so here goes.

May 27 was a typical Saturday for most of us and I was headed to Lone Star BMW in Austin to get the 24K service done on my 2005 RT. Naturally, I already had 25,000 actual miles and new tires acquired the week before from Lone Star made the 68 minute ride nice and smooth (Jones Maltsberger on 410 to shutdown at Lone Star....about 65mph average). The tires only cost me another three sets of tires plus \$61 since I’d won them in the mileage contest last year. Eat some breakfast somewhere while getting the service done. Deliver a little Oxyfresh toothpaste and mouthwash to the needy. Listen to the bald faced exaggerations riders.....don’t get me started! . A usual Lone Star day, with one exception: **THE MOTORCYCLE WAS THERE.**

I had mused about it for a couple of weeks, perhaps even a month or so, but I’d hoped that a light silver 2006 GT would maybe, perhaps, possibly, be on display at Lone Star as I was going to be killing some time anyway.

Since I had already seen the future inventory coming to Lone Star and knew it was going to be in stock.....there it was for all to see, and it was gorgeous! I was in for service on a fine machine anyway, so I just ignored it the dozens of times I went back and forth getting coffee and pretending to be interested in Triumphs.

The tide began to change when someone requested a test ride on THE GT and after the fellow came back, JC knew I was just hanging around anyway, so he suggested I take the 06 GT for a ride. JC even suggested a route in which some velocity was possible, so shucks. I put my own helmet and jacket on, and considered the lack of an ejection seat, but off I went.

What happened during the test ride could only be fully recalled through the use of hypnosis, but what I can recall seems like what a life review might be like when the end is near. A lot went on in my mind very quickly, and it was all pleasurable. JC was out front when I brought the GT to a stop back at Lone Star and I just told him they wouldn’t be needing to put the GT back inside.

The rest is history. The pristine 2005 RT was an excellent trade in, and the GT went home with me. Only one problem: the break in phase was a bit of a drag since rpm is limited to 7000-which is only 112 mph. Its OK to let her on out to redline at 10,200 rpm now, but I think I’ll wait on that until Big Bend. This wicked bike can be ridden to church, or straight to jail, but either way its one heck of a ride.

## SABMWRA Activity calendar

*All events are subject to change. Check the club website or subscribe to the weekly email updates.*

*Not listed on the calendar is the every Sunday informal breakfast ride. Meet at the Walmart parking lot, 1604 and 281 at 8am. Attendees decide destination.*

**REMEMBER** – *the social schedule has changed. READ THE CALENDER for times and places.*

### July

**1<sup>st</sup>** – Saturday 9am – Meet at the Sunset Rest. in Blanco (on the square) fro breakfast. Ride to follow.

**6<sup>th</sup>** – Thursday 7PM – Social at the El Chaparral Rest. in Helotes, 15103 Bandera Rd.

**13<sup>th</sup>** – Thursday – NO SOCIAL

**15<sup>th</sup>** – Saturday 9AM - Meet at the Sunset Rest. in Blanco (on the square) fro breakfast. Ride to follow.

**20<sup>th</sup>** – Thursday 7PM - Social at the El Chaparral Rest. in Helotes, 15103 Bandera Rd.

**27<sup>th</sup>** – Thursday – NO SOCIAL

### August

**1st** – Saturday 9am – Meet at the Las Palapas resteraunt in Leon Springs at the Boerne Stage Rd. exit. Ride to follow.

**10<sup>th</sup>** – Thursday 7PM – Social – Meet at the Acadiana Cafe, you'll enjoy Cajun, southern home style cooking. Address: 1289 SW Loop 410 San Antonio, TX 78227 It's on the West side of San Antonio, outside the loop just north of Marbach Rd.

**19<sup>th</sup>** - Saturday 9am – Meet at the Las Palapas resteraunt in Leon Springs at the Boerne Stage Rd. exit. Ride to follow.

**24<sup>th</sup>** - Thursday 7PM - social at El Matador, 12800 us Hwy 281 North (take the Bitters exit if you're going N. on 281).

John Dunn, Graham Littrell, and Chuck Wetzel are leaving July 4th to attend the RA Rally in Boise. When the rally is over they are going to spend 6 days to get back, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico. Anyone interested? Call Chuck @ 410-5353.

Check out this website for a guide to some good rides <http://www.motorcycleroads.us./index.html>