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Apex

Looking Through The Curve

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John Rice at Root-a-Baker's in Morehead, KY

Rally Time!

By Jeff Crabb

Summer is upon us. Time to dust off the cobwebs of winter and start rolling the wheels.

This month we have club news from our club's president, Jeff Odean and an article that is sure

to make you hungry for pie from John Rice.

Below, I've compiled a short list of area rallies. Just to give an idea of what is in the area.

Please send all of your contributions to apex@bluegrassbeemers.org.

Thanks

Area Rallies

What	Where	When
The Dragon Roars 2017	Tazewell , VA	6/9-11/2017
25th Gathering of the Clans	Ferguson, NC	6/9-11/2017
BMWRA International Rally	Petosky, MI	7/6-9/2017
BMW MOA International Rally	Salt Lake City, UT	7/13-16/2017
40th Annual Dan'l Boone Rally	Boone, NC	8/11-13/2017
MOA Getaway Pine Mountain	Pineville, KY	9/8-10/2017
Ride the Blue Ridge	Morganton, NC	9/14-17/2017
31st Annual Hoosier Beemers Rally	North Vernon, IN	9/22-24/2017

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Join us at Frisch's on Harrodsburg Rd.

in Lexington, Kentucky on any Saturday, 7-9:00 a.m.

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Bluegrass Beemers June Report

By Jeff Odean



never owned or ridden, and that are “Ride Curious” an opportunity to better understand this world of motorcycling. One that we have all enjoyed over the years. There are many options that are available with respect to different types of motorcycles and riding. I’ll be looking to everyone for input on a basic outline on how this 60-90min seminar should be proposed, where to hold the event, and what it should contain, should we decide to do this. The idea was also brought up to offer a rider the opportunity to attend a sanctioned motorcycle riding training course.

C. Should we host the 2018 Beemers in the Bluegrass Rally?

D. Bluegrass Beemers Members Bike Decals

E. Bluegrass Beemers Clothing

F. Moving towards an “On-Line” membership/renewal credit/debit card system.

There has been a lot of activities going on now that the warm weather is here.

The Burkesville Rally was a great success for the Nashville Group and for all of us that were participants too. We were even fortunate that for all the daytime activities temperatures were in the upper 80’s and sunny.

Things we have been discussing for the future growth of our group are the increase of membership dues. While one may ask why or how come? We must step up and say that we, as an organization would like to;

A. Grow our group,

B. Provide for the community with a program to introduce those people that have

While some items will be an individual choice to purchase such as the Bluegrass Beemer Clothing, most everything else will require funding with the purpose of giving back to the community and growing our group at the same time.

I’ve presented the Advertising in the Apex idea to Louisville BMW and GearUp motorcycle apparel store in Louisville and I believe they will be our first advertisers very soon. They are both very interested.

While I’ve been given the opportunity to serve as your president, this is still a group and it’s the clubs duty as a whole to decide what it does and doesn’t do.

Stay tuned.....Ride Safe

Jeff Odean

Pie Chart

By John Rice

Pie is personal. Every culture has some form of it and every person has their own ideas about what makes one acceptable or exceptional. One person's delight is another's abomination.

When a perfect golden flaky crust is wedded to a filling, sweet (but not too sweet) or savory, and served warm on a china plate, with perhaps just a dab of real whipped cream on the side, there can be real magic in the air, a suspension of the laws of time and space while the sensations in the nose and mouth overcome anything else in life that is not pie.

The debate over whether "Chess Pie" is a real thing or not will go on in perpetuity without resolution.

Some poor benighted individuals have no opinion on the subject of pie, saying they can "take it or leave it". We will not concern ourselves further with these people.

I often consider excellent pie the equivalent of finding the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, an unexpected joy found in some out of the way spot on my travels and I typically am not sufficiently diligent about recording the location, since I haven't too often returned to the same spot twice when out of my local area. What follows is not intended to be a comprehensive list, more like a pie-sampler composed of what my aged brain can recall at any given moment and not in any particular order. There will be more entries as my addled brain is reminded of places I've been.

Rootabaker's Bakery in Morehead, KY. What can one say about this place that won't be considered "damnation with faint praise"? The pies and other pastries here are marvel-

ous; the lunch food items are innovative, delicious and served with a flair of presentation. And there is a porch with tables where you can sit and admire your bike while you eat. The proprietor often experiments with pies that combine elements from other pastries, so one may ask what's on offer today for a pleasant surprise. First time visitors get a free sugar cookie with buttercream icing...but I can pretty much guarantee it won't be the only one of these you will eat. A visit here is well worth the ride...from anywhere.

City Bakery, in Morehead, KY. More of a classic city bakery, clean and modern, downtown across from the Fuzzy Duck, another nice restaurant and a bookstore as well. The pies here are of the mini variety, about the size of a dessert plate and topped with whipped cream or meringue. In my younger days, one was easily consumed and perhaps another might be as well. Now I can only hold one, but it's worth it if I'm a bit over full. They also have fine cream horns with real butter cream, another of my many pastry weaknesses, plus a variety of other such goodies.

Pilot View Mini Mart, Rt. 15, Winchester, KY. The "Cafe Run" which I sponsored for many years had its last home at the Garden Girls Cafe on Rt 60 between Winchester and Lexington. Sadly, that place is gone now, but the women who ran it, and baked the wonderful pies, have found a new home. The modest looking Pilot View Mini Mart appears to be just a typical back road gas station, but inside is a trip to the past...with pie. On any given day there will be two or more pies, usually one fruit based and one of the cream pie persua-

sion. Often there is a fruit cobbler as well. If you happen upon the day when their version of peanut butter pie is on offer, count yourself a lucky person indeed.

Biankes in Cynthiana KY

<http://m.bianckes.net/About-Us.html>. Serving pie for over one hundred years, the folks at Biankes seem to have gotten the hang of it pretty well. This is a "destination pie" spot, where the case is nearly always full of simply delightful choices. I have been known to try more than one at a sitting. I'm partial to the butterscotch and the apple crumble, but you really cannot go wrong here. And there are many choices of excellent motorcycle roads

leading in every direction from Cynthiana.

Opal's in McKee, KY. Opal's has been in business for as long as I can recall, a fixture on the corner behind the old courthouse in McKee, where Opal herself, assisted by her daughter and others, puts out the meals that sustain a small town's local inhabitants and the occasional visitor passing through. There was a short period of a couple years when Opal "retired" and the space was converted to a Mexican restaurant, but that never seemed to catch on ...I think it's because that cuisine seldom features pie. Rt. 89 from Winchester down to McKee is an excellent motorcycle road (it does get a bit tight near the southern



Opal's—McKee KY



Lil's—Paris KY

end) and can take you on to Livingston, where other roads can circle back to Lexington.

Lil's in Paris, KY. Lil's is a cafe located in a former "five and dime store" in the heart of Paris, just down from the World's Tallest Three Story Building. (Look it up!). The other half of the store houses an antique mall, with enough interesting furniture and such to occupy some browsing time. The owner told Brenda and me that the name honors her mother who was an independent, free-thinking woman back when that wasn't always a popular thing to be. There are photos on the counter of Lil astride her 40's era big twin motorcycle.

Village Cafe, in Burgin, KY: As of this writing, my information here is historical, not current. When the wonderful Kickstand was in business across the street, an excellent day was a visit there for perusing the motorcycle goodies, then topped off with a "mile high" butterscotch or chocolate or coconut cream pie at the Village Cafe. After the Kickstand closed, the Cafe soon followed suit. The Cafe re-opened, and it is my understanding that it is the same owners. I intend to do a research run there soon.

Riding the Tunnel of Trees
2017 BMWRA International Rally
July 6 – 9 Petoskey, Michigan

We've got a great location for the 2017 RA Rally in Petoskey, Michigan. Petoskey is located in Northwest corner of Michigan's Lower Peninsula, about 50 miles below the "Big Mac" bridge.

The Emmet County fairground sits on a beautiful location above Lake Michigan's Little Traverse Bay on the outskirts of Petoskey and will be our rally home base. Downtown Petoskey is about a mile and a half away and is full of small specialty shops, restaurants, and "watering holes". <http://www.petoskeydowntown.com/>

The fairground's has a number of large updated buildings for our activities along with grandstands and "dirt area" where we are looking into "GS" activities. Yes, there is plenty of nice grass for our "Green Eureka Timberlines" and a number of full service hook-ups for the "Cushy" RVs.

More information is available on the BMWRA website; <http://bmwra.org/news/national-rally> and pre-registration is now open. <http://bmwra.org/ra-national-rally-registration>

With Pre-registration you will save \$15.00. You can also order Friday & Saturday meals and T-shirts. You will save \$4.00 per shirt by pre-order. Ladies shirts and long sleeves will only be available on pre-order.

It will be a great rally at a great location- Bob Alexander/Rally
Chair



Rain, Rain!!!
57°F

6/7/97

RAINS AND RAINS, LIKE SLOW MOVING TRAINS,
GIVE US PAIRS WHEN THE BIKE STRAINS TO RIDE,
BUT CLOUDS LOW AND DARK KEEP OUR SCOOTERS ALL PARKED,
EVEN DUCKS DRIVE THEIR TRUCKS, OR THEY HIDE ...

Boone

Here's the group for today:

- *1). Jim Brandon
- *2). Chris Warner
- 3). Chester Martin
- 4). Paul Elwyn
- *5). Joe Bark
- 6). Hubert Burton
- 7). Danny Phillips
- 8). Mike Gill
- 9). Boone Sutherland
- 10). Pete Golsch
- 11). Phillip Baugh
- *12). Mitch Butler
- 13). Tom Sutherland
- 14). Drey Neal
- 15). Randy Scott
- 16). Tom Keller

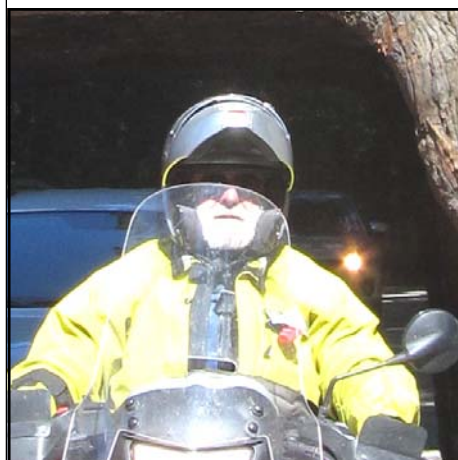
Boone

Books available on loan

The following books are available on loan. Email me when you want to borrow one, and I will bring it to breakfast (or whatever other arrangements need to be made...I can deliver within reason) and I'll put your name beside it on my list.

I don't mind if people keep them a while (it takes me forever to read a book now....I keep falling asleep and then have to re-read the last 10 pages or so) but I don't want to give them away for good. At least not yet.

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Bahnstormer By LJK Setwright
Streetwise By Malcolm Newell
The Bart Markel Story By Joe Scalzo
Mann of his Time By Ed Youngblood
Yesterday's Motorcycles By Karolevitz
The Scottish By Tommy Sandham
This Old Harley By Michael Dregni
Racer: the story of Gary Nixon By Joe Scalzo
All But My Life: Bio of Stirling Moss By Ken Purdy (OK, not a motorcycle book, but who doesn't like and respect Stirling Moss?)
Investment Biker By Jim Rogers
Obsessions Die Hard By Ed Culbertson
BMW Twins & Singles By Roy Bacon
Bitten by the Bullet By Steve Krzystyniak & Karen Goa
Cafe Racers of the 1960's By Mick Walker
More Proficient Motorcycling By David Hough
Tales of Triumph Motorcycles & the Meriden Factory:
By Hancox
Sport Riding Techniques By Nick Ienatasch
Total Control By Lee Parks



Smooth Riding By Reg Pridmore.
A Twist of The Wrist (Vol 1 & 2) By Keith Code
Triumph Tiger 100 and Daytona By J. R. Nelson
This Old Harley (anthology) By Dregni
Side Glances By Peter Egan
Mondo Enduro By Austin Vince
Big Sid's Vincati By Matthew Bieberman
101 Road Tales By Clement Salvadori
Riding with Rilke By Ted Bishop
Legendary Motorcycles By Luigi Corbetta
Red Tape and White Knuckles By Lois Pryce
A Man Called Mike By Hilton (bio of Mike Hailwood)
The Perfect Vehicle By Melissa Pierson
One Man Caravan By Robert Fulton (first known circumnavigation of the world by motorcycle)
Monkey Butt By Rick Sieman
Ariel: The postwar models By Roy Bacon
Short Way Up By Steve Wilson
Endless Horizon By Dan Walsh
Leanings (1 & 2) By Peter Egan
Into the Heart of Africa By Jerry Smith
The Last Hurrah By Des Molloy
(Autographed copy, with DVD of the trip)
Whatever Happened to the British Motorcycle Industry
By Bert Hopwood
Down the Road By Steve Wilson
Motorcycling Excellence
By Motorcycle Safety Foundation
Leanings 3 By Peter Egan
Ghost Rider By Neal Peart