

The Apex

a publication of
**The Bluegrass Beemers
inc.**

Welcome to the latest version of the Apex.

The Bluegrass Beemers Inc. have decided to become a more active club. At the last business meeting at Randy Scott's office we made great strides in this direction. We installed the new president, Hubert Burton, and elected a new vice president/president elect. We also appointed many folks to some new duties. Gary Dehner volunteered to be our "Activities Coordinator". He will help plan and announce activities for our club. These activities will include things like planned rides to different locations, and maybe even some poker runs and other things for our club to get into.

The club now has it's own web site. It is "www.bluegrassbeemers.org". We want to thank Kelly Ramsey for his support in sponsoring our web site. We would also like to thank Jeff Crabb, who has taken on the job of sysop for our web site entries. The site has several pages, including contacts, events, for sale and history. We plan to post the scheduled events on the events page, and anyone who wishes to list motorcycle related items for sale can post them on the "For sale" page. Just email your for sale items to Roy Rowlett at kr4mo@yahoo.com. He can forward them to the sysop and he will post them to the site. We plan to add links from other sites to ours so it can get a lot of exposure.

The rally chairman, Roy, has asked for, and recieved many volunteers for help with the rally. Several folks have agreed to help with the collection of door prizes. The great selection of door prizes at our rally has always been a very strong draw for our event. We also have a volunteer, Dan Phillips, to schedule our entertainment. As usual, Charlie Norton has agreed to contact our food vendor, Western Kentucky Barbecue.

Roy is also in the process of putting together a members listing directory. This new one will include all members past and present. Many folks have asked for a directory, and this will fill the bill.

It was decided to purchase something for the members so we could give the new members something to show for their \$12.00 dues. Roy was appointed to acquire Bluegrass Beemers pins for our members. As of June 13, he has started distributing these to the paid members. If you haven't gotten one yet, let him know and he can make arrangements to get one to you.

The information on the Land's End garments and how to acquire our logo on your purchases is available. Contact Roy or Jim Brandon for this information.

The officers of the Bluegrass Beemers Inc. wish to thank everyone who participates in our organization and events. Without the members there would be no club.

A diamond in the rough:

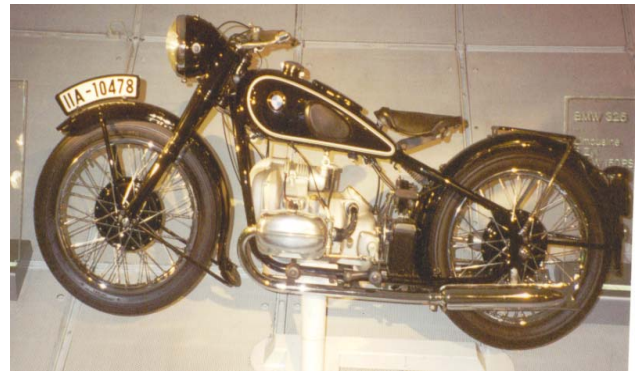
What you can find in a small German Town:

By: Roy Rowlett

My wife Freda, and I just finished a 2 week stay in Germany. We stayed in Bavaria in a small town named Fichtenhof, with her brother Sam and his wife Rosie. Needless to say, we had a marvelous time on our vacation. We visited many small towns, Munich and Neurem-burg. The old architecture was beautiful and we took lots of pictures. My main goal on this vacation was a visit to the BMW museum in Munich. Rosie, Freda and I made the drive down to Munich and found the museum quite easily. Of course we had some good directions from folks who knew the city. The museum was quite nice, but I thought it was very skimpy in the motorcycle department. There was of course a 1923 R32, BMW's first motorcycle. There was an R2 single cylinder as well as a couple of the BMW race bikes from the 50's. I particularly liked the R69S they had on display. They also had an R100RT, R90s, and R75/5



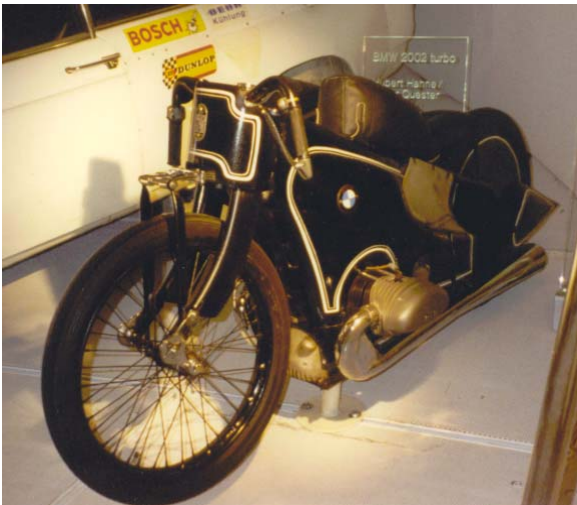
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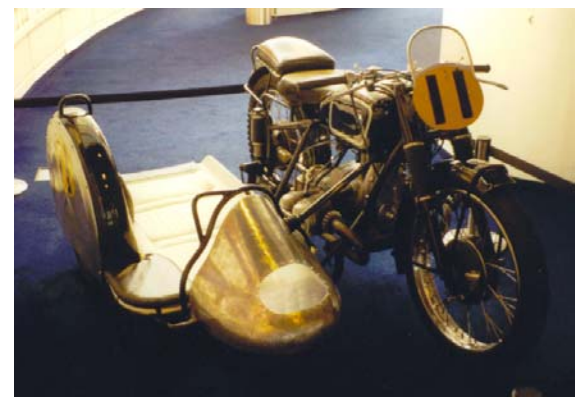
R51



Roy and the 1923 R32



BMW's World Record
Compressor Racer



BMW's World Champion
Sidecar Race Bike

And now for the rest of the story. Sam, Rosie, Freda and I were out driving around the beautiful countryside and exploring new towns, some even Sam and Rosie hadn't been to, when I saw a sign that said "Oldtimers Museum". Under the sign was a very old and very rusty carcass of a motorcycle. I really didn't expect it to be much, but with Sam's urging, we decided to investigate. We turned around and in the town of Möchs, in Hilpoltstein, (I know, I don't know where it is either) we pulled up in front of what appeared to be an old garage. It had old gas station signs on the front, and a R11 RT and an R100GS sitting in front. The owner, Mr. Brunner, met us at the open garage door and gave us a very warm greeting. Herr Brunner, age 67 spoke no English, so I was lucky I had Sam and Rosie along to translate. He told us for \$2.50 Euro each he would show us his museum and shop. I figured, what the heck, handed him a \$10 and the four of us were led inside. He stated that he had restored almost 140 machines, and they would all run. His personal favorite was his first motorcycle, a 1928 DKW single cylinder, which by the way still ran and looked great. The two new Beemers out front belonged to his son, who helped him with his restorations. He had a 1939 R12 sitting beside his cycle lift. It was next on the restoration list. He led us down a small stairway to his basement. I have never seen this many frames, motors, wheels, exhaust systems etc in one place in my life. He then led us up to his work shop and showed us a beautiful light brown DKW he had just finished. Then it was up a very narrow and winding stairway to the loft. WOW. My eyes popped right out and I could not believe it. The room was about 30 feet wide and 50 feet long. there was a row of restored motorcycles around the entire perimeter, as well as a row down the middle. Mr. Brunner also informed us that unfortunately none of it was for sale..

I have included some pictures here, though not enough to do justice to this most spectacular display.

I will do my best to find out the directions back to this "Diamond in the Rough", in case I get to go back or anyone else gets a chance to visit. I looked up the town on the internet, and oddly enough his museum was listed there. I suppose it's well known to the German motorcycle community. We spent almost 2 hours there and I took almost a roll of film. If anyone wants to see more of this beautiful display I'll be glad to show the rest of the pictures..



Herr Brunner with the rafters full of parts



In the basement, the
"to be restored bikes"



A partial view of 2 rows of restored bikes



Spare engines

Hope the members enjoy this little story and pictures. Please send anything you would like to see published in the newsletter to Roy Rowlett. Lets get this newsletter back up and running on a regular basis.....

Classifieds:

1972 R75/5 Toaster tank. Decent shape, needs some TLC to be really nice. Asking \$2500. Contact Roy Rowlett at kr4mo@yahoo.com

1983 R80ST 31000 miles. Super clean. Could use the gas tank cleaned out and resealed. Asking \$2800. Contact Rick Given at chelsea@iclub.org

Steve Rolfing has an R80R he would like to sell. Contact Steve at rbayland@msn.com