



# *The Apex*

November 2004

## **Bluegrass Beemers celebrate at Café Joseph-Beth with awards and recognitions**

A nearly standing room only assembly of 50 Bluegrass Beemerphiles and family members in the intimate meeting room of Café Joseph-Beth on November 2 celebrated award winners, faithful servants and new leadership for the next year.

“Storm at Anton,” written by Boone Sutherland and dated August, 1983, opened the evening’s presentations. The work served as a segue to a recognition of Boone’s artistic history of Saturday breakfasts and club activity from 1985 to present. A series of saddlebag-tattered logbooks chronicle Saturday breakfast meetings with a listing of attendees, stars denoting those who ride a motorcycle. Each entry carries verse and art to capture the morning, time of year, or a truth about motorcycling or life through Boone’s voice that, more often than not, reflects the collective understanding of those in attendance.

To set the tone for the evening prior to presentations, we circulated around the room the current log and a scrapbook by Boone featuring artifacts from club life of the late 80’s and early 90’s. The scrapbook captures early club business, the first club campout at Natural Bridge and the national BMWMOA rally at Madison, Indiana.

Also recognized in opening remarks were Roy Rowlett for his eleven years of Beemers in the Bluegrass Rally leadership and his many services to the club, including newsletter editor, treasurer, directory publisher, and more.

Gary Dehner was recognized for organizing group rides this year and for doing ground work for the awards banquet.

### **Awards**

Lowell Roark, Eddie Layton, John Rice, Lee Jarrard, and Roy Rowlett received top honors in awards presentations.

Receiving mileage awards were Eddie Layton, third place, 14,892 miles; Gary Dehner, second place, 19,828 miles; Lowell Roark, first place, 20,078 miles. Also recognized were Allan Walthers with 14,523 miles, Raymond Montgomery with 14,182 miles, and Julie Layton with 10,053 miles.

Rally/event awards were presented to Lowell Roark, third place, 9 rallies; Julie Layton and Allan Walthers, a tie for second place, 10 rallies; Eddie Layton, first place, 16 rallies.

Saturday Rider attendance awards were given to Paul Elwyn, third place, 25 Saturdays; Lee Jarrard and Hubert Burton, a tie for second place, 29 Saturdays; John Rice, first place, 36 Saturdays.

Total Saturday attendance awards for having arrived by two or four wheel vehicles were presented to Chester Martin, third place, 40 Saturdays; Mike Gill, second place, 41 Saturdays; Lee Jarrard and Lowell Roark, a tie for first place with 42 Saturdays.

Members in years past having been named Outstanding Member or a Richard Caldwell Award recipient were recognized to underscore the stature of the Richard Caldwell Award: Boone Sutherland, Chester Martin, Jim Brandon and Joe Bark were named.

**Richard Caldwell** died in 1995 at the age of 72. A former World War II B-24 bomber pilot, charter member of BMWMOA (#372) and BMWRA, Richard was a role model Beemerphile, soft spoken, unassuming, yet an accomplished motorcyclist, camper and man of character who knew how to camp in comfort regardless of weather conditions.

Roy Rowlett is the latest recipient of the Richard Caldwell Award. Eleven years ago Roy advocated the start of the annual Beemers in the Bluegrass Rally and has steered this effort through the years. Noted were Roy's rally leadership through the years and his service as treasurer, publisher of the membership directory, communications coordinator, patch provider, award procurer, and newsletter editor. Members also value his mechanical aptitude and experience with BMW motorcycle service and repair.

Bill Voss graciously photographed those recognized.

### **Election**

Eddie Layton was unanimously named Vice President for the next year. Allan Walthers is President, having been named Vice President in January. Boone Sutherland has agreed to continue as the official historian and Keeper of the Log.

A number of members convened over the past several weeks in impromptu parking lot committees to make decisions regarding the awards banquet. Thanks, everyone, for offering wise counsel!

### **Reflection**

One of the many perks of being president is speaking for the club to recognize some of our members. At one level, the risk we run in doing this, of course, is that we have so many people making the "club" experience memorable that we cannot recognize everyone as individuals.

The individuals named, however, stand as physical representations of the collective experience we value through our interactions on Saturday mornings and on shared rides and at events that draw us together.

Join me in congratulating Allan and Eddie, and let's not take Boone and Roy for granted. We're lucky to have them among us, and we're fortunate to have this small club to provide brief escape from life's order and weight.

See you on Saturday!

Paul Elwyn



2004 President: Paul Elwyn



Mileage Award winners: Lowell Roark, Eddie Layton and Gary Dehner



Rally Attendance Winners: Eddie Layton, Lowell Roark, Julie Layton and Alan Walthers



Saturday Breakfast Rider Awards: Paul Elwyn, Hubert Burton, Lee Jarrard and John Rice. Brenda accepted for John



Richard Caldwell Memorial Award  
Roy Rowlett



Breakfast Attendance Award:  
Lowell Roark and Lee Jarrard. Absent were  
Chester Martin and Mike Gill



Officers: Paul Elwyn, President 2004. Boone Sutherland, Secretary/Historian.  
Alan Walthers, President 2005. Eddie Layton, Vice President 2005. Roy Rowlett  
Treasurer/Rally Chairman

## **Tech Tips:**

It's getting close to winter again. This is a time some riders put their trusty rides away till warmer weather returns. If your'e gonna be storing your ride for any period of time, here's a couple of tips on keeping it ready to ride.

First and foremost, top off the tank with fresh gas and add a fuel stabilizer to it. I use and recommend Sta-Bil. This keeps the fuel from turning into varnish in the tank and fuel system. Run or ride the bike long enough to make sure the treated fuel has gotten into the carbs/injector system.

If it's been a while since your last oil change, now's a good time to do one. Get the old dirty oil out of the system so it doesn't gum up the works. Old oil might also contain some moisture that could damage your engine internals.

The battery will need constant attention during this time. If you have an automatic battery charger, ie Battery Tender, leave it hooked up. This type won't over charge your battery. If you have a regular trickle charger, put it on the battery for a couple of hours once a week or so.

Maintain your bike like this, and when a good warm day comes around, it should be ready for you to hop on and ride..

Roy Rowlett

## **AMA Membership:**

As most of you probably know, our club is chartered by the AMA. We use this charter to get a sanction and event insurance for our rally. We can't have our rally without this insurance, the members have spoken. This requires ALL our officers and at least 10 club members to have AMA membership.

I need any new or changed information about your AMA membership that you have. If you've renewed or just signed up, I need your number and expiration date.

Please forward any of this information to me at

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Thanks in advance.  
Roy

## **Club Dues:**

Club dues are due by February 2005, for 2005 membership. Mail them to me at the above address, or bring em to breakfast some Saturday by that time.

Roy

## **Treasurers Report:**

Club treasury:

1/1/2004 Balance	\$611.22
Income (Dues, Interest)	\$366.00
Expenses : Awards	\$408.35
Banquet Hall	\$50.00
Postage	\$14.49
Donation to Rally Fund	\$100.00
Current balance	<b>\$394.38</b>

## **Contributions to The Apex:**

We still need more contributions for our newsletter. Anything you can write up or take pictures of or find online or in other mags that would be of interest to our members.

Submit pictures and/or articles to Roy at [kr4mo@yahoo.com](mailto:kr4mo@yahoo.com), or mail them to :

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Submitted text should be sent in .rtf (Rich Text Format) or .doc (document) format.

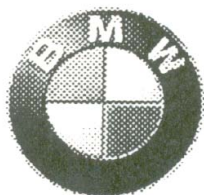
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