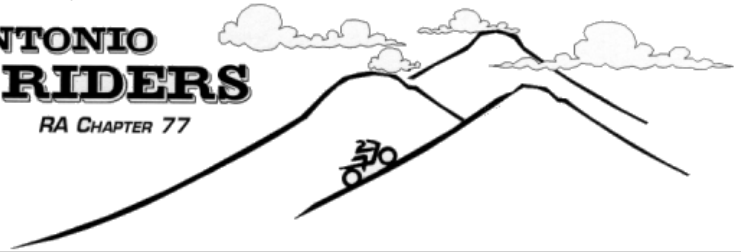


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PREZ Notes

“Why, this is hell, nor am I out of it.”

Christopher Marlowe’s Mephistopheles probably wasn’t thinking of the travails of COVID-19 at the time, but the feeling surely can’t be entirely unfamiliar to us now at the beginning of this year. Whether you have missed the casual rides and unhurried camaraderie with motorcycling friends at gas stops, or had to cancel long-planned rally attendance, or even perhaps had to battle the virus yourself, we have all been reminded that our motorcycling freedom rests on a slender reed of good fortune and general well-being. We’re not through it yet, of course, but we are beginning to see perhaps the ending of its dominion over our ordinary lives, and we can look forward more hopefully to enjoying a more vigorous and varied riding experience this year. Can I get an “Amen!”

Our club has adapted to the restrictions we’ve all observed since early last year. Our planned rally last April was cancelled when the park in Kerrville announced it was closing its group facilities, and although we looked for a suitable alternate venue to host the rally this year, nothing was available during our planning period late in 2020, so we made the difficult decision not to schedule the Hill Country Hangout for 2021 either. We are all anticipating being able to get

back to a more rally-friendly environment for the next year. Meanwhile, we will try modifying our routine for Saturday rides for the first part of this year by selecting destinations where we can gather outdoors rather than inside for a meal, in the hope we can encourage more members to participate comfortably. Check the club calendar for the schedule of rides to see details.

In December, the board of officers approved a donation to the San Antonio Food Bank in acknowledgment of the extraordinary stress that families have experienced due to lockdowns and business closings. See Treasurer Mike Makowski’s notes about what we learned in terms of the work the Food Bank does elsewhere in this issue. I hope you will give due consideration to participating when the club is able to schedule a day to provide volunteers to help in that work.

If nothing else, I’ll just say I look forward to seeing more of you more often than in recent months, as we enjoy this cooler riding season. Getting out just to breath fresh air inside my helmet has never been more sensible and welcome, and doing it with friends makes it even better.

Gerard Lobosco

SABMWRA General Membership Meeting

The board of officers convened a general membership meeting on Saturday, January 9 at 10:00 am in the Alamo BMW conference room and via Zoom, the primary purpose of which was to plan Saturday rides and other events. Nine members (including officers) attended and set up a tentative schedule of events for the first half of year 2021. Those present at the meeting agreed to continue the tradition of scheduling an event on the 3rd Saturday of each month. See the Calendar of events on the column to the left for event dates. See Meeting notes on page 6.

Club Calendar

ACTIVITIES

Sunday Ride -- Every Sunday there is an informal breakfast ride (weather permitting). The destination for the Sunday breakfast ride will be determined by participants, unless previously announced via email. The ride departs at 8:30 a.m. from the Starbuck's at 1604 and NW Military Hwy (Shavano Park). Direct any questions to the ride leader, Chuck Wetzel (cwetzel@att.net).

The 2021 Events Calendar -Date in bold is a club activity, dates not bolded are simply items of interest to members. NOTE – Everything is subject to change so remember to check the club calendar, <http://www.sabmwra.org/html/calendar.html> for the latest

February

February 20 – Joshua Springs Park (Boerne) for outdoor group get together where members bring their own picnic food and ride afterward. David Greenlees volunteered to lead the ride.

March

March 20 – Burnet for visit to Hill Country Motorcycle Museum and lunch at a local restaurant. Need a ride leader.

April

April 17 – Vanderpool for visit to Lone Star Motorcycle Museum and lunch at the “food truck” (which has ample outdoor seating). Need a ride leader.

May

May 15 – Leakey for lunch at Bent Rim Grill. John Dunn volunteered to lead this ride.

June

June 12 – Annual Picnic at a local park to be determined. Dave Hoover volunteered to research available venues.

Outgoing Prez Notes

ED Notes: I didn't publish a Nov-Dec newsletter so Steve Henson didn't get a chance to have his final notes as club president published. They are presented here.

Greetings Clubmates,

Another year, and what a year, is set to roll over another click.

First off, hope everyone and families are well and making best of the strange current reality. Family plans changed, some more than once, rallies canceled, schedules altered and travel issues changed some plans. All have workarounds depending on risk assessment and some common sense. A lot of us got out and enjoyed the road and country, hoping it was more than not for everyone as well. If not, maybe next year!

Here's to 2021 and a positive mindset to move ahead regardless of topics and roads traveled. I have decided to change pace and step down as president and welcome newly elected Gerard to move us ahead in 2021. Mike as well for stepping in as Treasurer.

I owe Dave several ride reports and some good stories of travels with friends the last few seasons. Names won't be changed to protect the participants unless it also gets me in trouble! I start them right after trip then can't get them wrapped. Will complete those soon.

Our newsletter is as good as the input we provide. I know several here have ride reports, product reviews and opinions... Let's help Dave put some content on our club newsletter. FB works for some, but not everyone a fan! I like something I can go look at again in a week!

Safe Living, Safe Travels and see y'all on the road
Enjoyed the time as an officer

Steve H

Election of Club Officers

The term of two club officer positions; President and Treasure, expired on December 31, 2020. President Steve Henson decided not to run for re-election. Treasurer Mike Makowski, who was appointed by the board earlier this year to fill the remaining term of treasure when Gerard Lobosco retired from the position, decided to run for an additional two year term beginning January 2021. Gerard Lobosco was nominated for club president and Mike Makowski was nominated for club treasure. No other nominations were received and in accordance with the club rules, Gerard and Mike were elected by acclimation.

SABMWRA Rider comes in 2nd in MOA Summer Mileage Contest



Club Member, Dan Nosal, received an email from Jim Low, steward of the seven month long 2020 BMW Summer Mileage Contest informing Dan that he had taken 2nd Place in the mileage contest. Running from 01 April to 31 October, Dan says he put in just over 40,000 miles and went through 5 rear tires, and three front tires. The accomplishment included five long rides of 8-25 days plus two Big Bend Adventures to sealed the deal. Congratulations, that is a lot of miles.

Good To Know

USING THE WEBSITE & MEMBERS E-MAIL LIST --

Want to contact a club member? You can view the SABMWRA membership roster in the restricted access "Member Login" section of the website. Members' names, residence cities, and email addresses are listed so you can contact them via email.

Want some company on a ride? You can post the details to the club members email list for all to see. A few suggestions: 1) Allow time for your email to be approved and go out to everyone (at least 2 days), 2) Pick a meeting place and, if possible, post some info on the route, 3) Be clear as to the time/place you are departing from. The club membership email address is: members@beemers.sabmwra.net. (Please note that use of this email is for members only and content will be reviewed/approved by a moderator before the email goes out to all members.)

Want to sell something or pass along some information to other members? If your "for sale" item is motorcycle related (bike, gear, apparel, farkle, etc), you may email your ad to the club membership email address. Also, if you have some information to share with other members, you may email the information directly to other members. (Please note that use of this email is for members only and content will be reviewed/approved by a moderator before the email goes out to all members.)

Want to make a suggestion? The club officers' email addresses are posted on the SABMWRA website (<http://www.sabmwra.org/html/officers.html>). Please feel free to email your suggestion to one of the officers. We welcome all suggestions from all members.

Minutes of Meeting of Local BMW Clubs 5 Jan 21

Gerard Lobosco

On January 5, Treasurer Mike Makowski and President Gerard Lobosco participated in an on-line meeting of local BMW MOA clubs in our region. Mike Secor, the MOA Regional Coordinator, provided the minutes of the meeting:

Thank you to all who were able to attend the Zoom Meeting last night. We had 14 attendees representing 7 Charter Clubs.

Including:

1. Hill Country BMW Riders
2. Lone Star BMW Riders
3. DFWBM Riders
4. San Antonio BMW Riders
5. San Angelo BMW Riders (Ted had Mic Issues but was on the line)
6. Houston BMW Riders
East Texas BMW Riders

Notes:

1. Doug Davis, President Lone Star BMW Riders – Shared some of the things the Club was able to do to continue organized rides during Covid.
 - a. Loop Rides
 - b. Park/Outdoor destinations that allow distancing
 - c. Multiple Small Group Rides instead of one large ride
 - d. Lone Star was able to host 69 rides and cover more than 18,000 miles in 2020
2. There are a couple of clubs looking to increase/improve online/website presence. (San Angelo and San Antonio). Ted, San Angelo and Mike Makowski, San Antonio may be reaching out to DFWBMW/Hill Country (hosted by MOA) and Lone Star (hosted by Club Express) to ask about your experience/lessons learned.
3. Thank you for the interest in the Member Forces Free first year memberships. If you know of anyone who rides a BMW and is not a member of MOA, Please share the following link and MOA will pick up the first year for free. (Reach out to me and I will get you the Activation Code. <https://memberforces.bmwmoa.org/mikeseacor/>)
4. Paul B. Scholarships – Link to information and forms below.

- a. Every year money for rider training goes unused.
 1. \$250 Reimbursement for BMW MOA Members for Rider Training (Rider Safety, Track Days, Adventure Riding.....) Example: Go see Bill Drago for a weekend.
 2. \$100 Reimbursement for non-members
<https://www.bmwmoa.org/page/paulb>
5. MOA Sponsorship of Events
 - a. The BMW MOA sponsors Club Events (Dealer Open House/Recruiting Events, Club Rally, Group Rider Training)
 - b. These are handled on a Case by Case basis based on the event and the need. (i.e. Food Sponsorship, Rally Sponsorship...)
 - c. Reach out and let me know your ideas and needs
6. Contact List
 - a. I have the email addresses for the Club Presidents but I do not have contact information for some for many of the others who attended. Please add anyone from your Club Leadership who would participate in updates and meeting notices going forward.
7. New Member Lists The Regional Coordinators receive the new member list from MOA each month. We send personal welcome cards to each new member and ask if they need assistance finding a Club in their area. We are working with MOA to see if these names and contact information can be shared with the Clubs directly.
8. Next Meeting
 - a. We discussed having these sessions on a quarterly basis. I will schedule the next one for early March.
 - b. Please send any suggestions for discussion items.
 1. Club Events for the upcoming Quarter
 2. Recruiting/Retention Discussions
 3. Ride Reports

General Membership Meeting Notes, 9 Jan 21

Submitted by Gary Palmer

Notes from January 9th. Meeting at Alamo

Meeting started at 10AM

Topics Saturday rides, trash pick up & Summer Picnic

Date Place

2/20/202

1 Joshua Creek Park

Discussed having leftover chili from last years cancelled rally.

Meet at Alamo at 10:00 am, bring a sandwich if the chili

deal doesn't work out

3/20/202

1 Hill Country Motoheads in Burnett, TX. Met at Stripes gas station on south side of Blanco, TX A good restaurant is near the museum.

4/17/202

1 The Lost Maples Store at Vanderpool. There is a food truck there for sandwiches, etc. Start at Alamo.

5/15/202

1 Bent Rim Grill in Leakey. Probably start at Alamo

6/12/202

1 Summer Club Picnic. Possible sites are: Raymond Russell park, Steve and Helen's in Blanco or Palmer's place in Hunt.

2/6/2021 Trash pick up. Date may vary. Start at 10:00 am due to temps.

Club Finances - End of Year 2020

Submitted by Michael Makowski, Club Treasurer

SABMWRA YE 2020 BALANCE SHEET

12/31/2020				
ASSETS:				
	CASH:			\$4,145.20
	NON-CASH			0.00
TOTAL ASSETS				\$4,145.20
LIABILITIES:				
	CURRENT LIABILITIES:		\$0.00	
	NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES:		\$0.00	
TOTAL LIABILITIES:				\$0.00
EQUITY:				
	CAPITAL:		\$4,145.20	
	RETAINED or ENCUMBERED (1)	\$3,500.00		
	OPERATING BUDGET (2)	\$390.08		
	UNENCUMBERED	\$255.12		
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY:			\$4,145.20	
	(1) HILL COUNTRY HANGOUT 2021			
	(2) GoDaddy \$210.08; BBVA Compass \$\$180.			

Club Donation to the San Antonio Food Bank



SABMWRA Club members presenting a \$500 check which translates to 3,500 meals to the San Antonio Food Bank (L-R) Mike Makowski, John Dunn, Erin Lobosco and Gerard Lobosco. MS. Kelsy Goldstein from the Food Bank is on the far right.

Food Bank Background

Prior to the start of the pandemic, the San Antonio Food Bank was serving approximately 58,000 people per week in our 16 county service area. Due to the economic fall out of the Covid 19 pandemic, we are now serving 125,000 people per week. At the height of the summer we were serving 180,000 people per week, however our community's need is still more than DOUBLE what it was this time last year.

Many of our partner agencies (schools, churches, recreation facilities, senior centers) that provided accessible food pantries to their local neighborhoods remain closed due to the pandemic. Therefore, we are currently running drive thru food distributions on site at the Food Bank and at a few other pop up locations around the city. These drive thru food distributions are primarily run by volunteers and we couldn't do it without them!

The need for food, volunteers and cash donations has never been greater, than this past year, but the San Antonio community has continued to rally together to support one another. If you would like to help, you can sign up to volunteer on our website, place non-perishable food items in our red collection bins (stationed at every Goodwill store in San Antonio) or donate money through our website. Every \$1 provides 7 meals for families facing hunger, so no gift is too small!

Amigos “Posse Ride” along Pinto Canyon Road in the Big Bend

Article and Photos by Tom Wilmotte

When I resumed riding motorcycles back in 1998 (after a 20 year hiatus while my kids were growing up and preparing to leave the nest), my friends kept saying, “You gotta get out to Big Bend and ride the Texas mountains and desert. It’s an awesome experience.” My friends were spot on with that advice, and now that I’ve ridden the Big Bend region several times over the past 30 years, I find that it is STILL an awesome experience – especially on an adventure bike.

Sometimes words just can’t quite capture the beauty of God’s creation. Photos can do a somewhat better job – you can look at a well-composed photo and visualize yourself riding through Big Bend. But riding it, balancing your attention between the gorgeous panoramic view from a motorcycle and the road up ahead, is the only good way to fully immerse yourself and really enjoy such an awesome experience. The Bible tells us that Jesus went up into the mountains several times to get away from day-to-day pressures, to pray, and to “regenerate.” Big Bend provides all of us with the same opportunity to get away and “regenerate.”

So, on October 14 my friends and I headed out to Big Bend for a 4-day getaway, with our primary objective to do some dirt on our adventure bikes. The group of Amigos included club members Mike Cornett, Dick Kreutzer, and me (all riding GSs), as well as Scott Ericksen, who for some lame reason prefers his Triumph Tiger Explorer over a BMW GS. In addition to riding the usual scenic roads like Hwy 170 (River Road along the Rio Grande) and Ross Maxwell Scenic Dr (inside BBNP), our main goal was to ride Pinto Canyon Road, which runs from Marfa to Ruidosa, a “ghost town” on Hwy 170 near the Mexico/USA border.

Pinto Canyon Rd includes a stretch of about 23 miles that is unpaved and carves through the western edge of the Chinati Mountain range. If you like gravel, ruts and rocks, washboards, cattle grates, sand washes, steep drop offs along the edge of the road with no guard rails, switchbacks, and lots of elevation changes, and you don’t want to ride all the way to Colorado

or New Mexico to get them ... then the southern-most stretch of Pinto Canyon Road out in the Big Bend region of Texas is for you!

Much of our experience is described in the photos and captions, but I will include some friendly advice in this narrative. First, unless you are in the “Pro” category of riders, you should not ride Pinto Canyon Rd alone. Ride in a group of at least three riders. One of our riders went down on a steeply descending curve in loose gravel and fractured his ankle in two places. There are some challenging stretches, although most of the road surface is well-graded and packed fairly firm. After he went down, it was a challenge even for three of us to upright his bike because it was in loose gravel on a downhill and our footing was difficult. Second, because there is NO cell phone coverage in the area, you should have a SPOT or Garmin InReach device with you. Fortunately, my friend was able to soldier on and finish his ride with a painful, fractured ankle. But if he had hurt himself so badly that he couldn’t have continued, we had both an InReach and a SPOT with satellite communication to send out an SOS for emergency assistance. And third, make sure you have the right kind of bike. We all rode adventure style bikes with proper suspension and tires and technology to handle the conditions. I suppose you could ride Pinto Canyon on a sport bike or sport touring bike, but I wouldn’t advise it if you wanted to keep it clean, shiny and (perhaps most importantly) unscratched.

With that said, enjoy the pics and captions. And if you want to view a 16 minute video of Pinto Canyon Road (with captions and music), here’s the link to my YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/4T0z1BzURvQ>

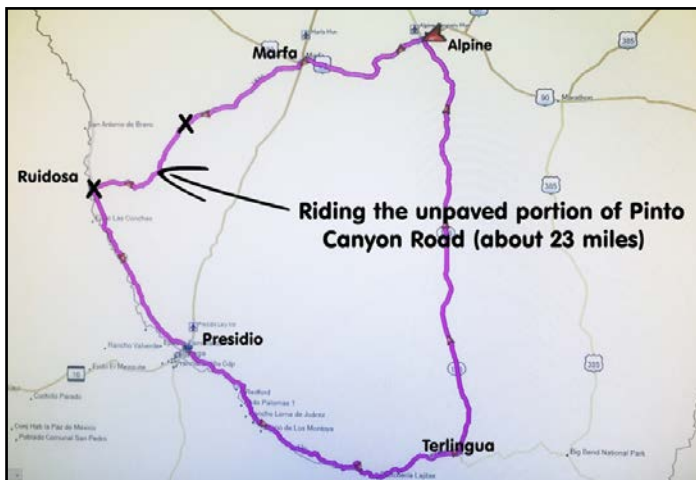
(Note: The video is best viewed when settings are set to highest available quality – 4K.)

Here’s the “Posse” (From Left to Right) – Scott Ericksen (Triumph adventure bike), Tom Wilmotte (2019 R1250GS), Dick Kreutzer (2012 R1200GS), and Mike Cornett (seated on his 2017 R1200GS).

Amigos “Posse Ride” along Pinto Canyon Road in the Big Bend



Here's the route – We rode Pinto Canyon from north to south, heading out from Alpine, where we were staying. Then we continued from Ruidosa, along Hwy 170 (River Road), to Terlingua, and then north



back to Alpine. The total distance covered was 264 miles. With a leisurely lunch at the Candelaria Café in the Lajitas Badlands Resort, it's definitely an all-day ride.

About 30 miles south of Marfa, Pinto Canyon Rd becomes gravel (mostly hard packed, but some loose), with ruts and rocks, washboards, cattle grates, sand washes, steep drop offs along the edge of the road with no guard rails, moderate switch-backs and curves, and lots of elevation changes.



We maintained distance between bikes because of the dust and communicated through headsets on what challenges were coming up down the road. There are plenty of prickly pear cacti, ocotillos, yuccas, agaves, sotols, and other indigenous plants lining the route.



Pinto Canyon Rd is carved out of the western edge of the Chinati Mountain range. We reached a maximum elevation of 5,928 feet and then descended to about 2800 feet elevation in Ruidosa, along the Rio Grande River basin. In the background is Chinati Peak, elevation 7728 feet.

There are several very large cattle grates along the route, although we saw no cattle or livestock whatsoever. In fact, we encountered only two pickup trucks along the route. Fortunately, they were not coming

Amigos “Posse Ride” along Pinto Canyon Road in the Big Bend



Desolation abounds, but we did pass the ruins of one abandoned homestead along the route. You have to wonder how the west Texas settlers survived out



there through brutal summer heat and droughts.

There are several sand washes along the route, but the main “technical” hazards were ruts and loose gravel on several of the road’s curves, especially the downhill curves.

toward us because the road is so narrow in some places that it’s not wide enough for even a small truck and a motorcycle.

Some comic relief toward the end of the ride. After negotiating the loose gravel, ruts, rocks, sand washes, and cattle guards out in the middle of nowhere, we came across a speed limit sign! The road improved considerably as we got closer to Ruidosa and the Chinati Hot Springs Resort. In the distance is the Basin and Range Province of the Sierra Madre Mountains in Mexico.



San Antonio TX to Springfield MO

By Tarmo Jallai

TRIP IN NUMBERS:

10 days

2075 miles

4 states: Texas, Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma

Day 1 - 200 miles

San Antonio TX – Austin TX – College Station TX.

Trip started late morning, so I had just enough time to make one stop in Austin BMW motorcycle dealership. Next stop was College Station, a visit with my college friend who works for the University there.



Picture taken on the Aggie's track stadium, here I had one track meet while competing collegiately, 110 hurdles on that straightaway.

Day 2 - 160 miles

College Station TX – Crockett TX – Troup TX

Halfway through second day I made a stop in Crockett TX in a pecan farm with a cozy store. Interesting-

ly this place has caught my eye several times while traveling for work through this area, but never had the time to stop and visit it. Tasty snacks and very good coffee.



Unfortunately, during the first two days, there was not much to see. Mainly straight flat roads. My overnight places, College Station and Troup, were chosen to visit old friends.

Day 3 - 300 miles

Troup TX – Texarkana AR – Ouachita National Forest – Mountain Harbor – Hot Springs AR

So, I have to say, Arkansas has undeservedly been unnoticed by me and it has been a pleasant realization as far as endless, raw wilderness goes. My first day in Arkansas wilderness started with a scare, mostly because of my inexperience. I had my directions read out to me via Bluetooth earphones and I did not realize that google maps took me in the middle of forest, instead of civilized sightseeing platform. Mistake was realized when the road got too narrow even for a motorcycle and cell phone service died, and I was lost in a big forest. Luckily, I was able to backtrack and get out to an open road.

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Day 3 ended happily in Hot Springs AR. A true pearl surrounded by forests, rivers, and mountains. The resort city is mainly known for its natural hot springs. The hot spring water has been popularly believed for centuries to possess healing properties.

Day 4 - 210 miles

*Hot Springs AR – Mt Magazine State Park
AR – Ponca AR – Eureka Springs AK*

San Antonio TX to Springfield MO



Mountain Tower and the view of Hot Springs AR. There are lots of things to visit in Hot Springs, like the bathhouses and famous hotels that were visited by legends like Babe Ruth during the baseball spring training, and infamous Al Capone. The old hotels



and bathhouses of Hot Springs and the access to the natural hot springs throughout the city. Hot Springs is also known as hometown of former US President Bill Clinton.



Next stop after leaving Hot Springs towards Eureka Spring was Mount Magazine. I chose the famous Highway 7 to get there. Mount Magazine definitely had the VIEWS!

San Antonio TX to Springfield MO



Mount Magazine overlooking Arkansas landscape.



Morris (orange cat) the General Manager. During his tenure as the hotel's resident cat, Morris became a commanding presence at the hotel, even earning the nickname "General Manager" by hotel staff. Jasper (black cat) greets the guests now.

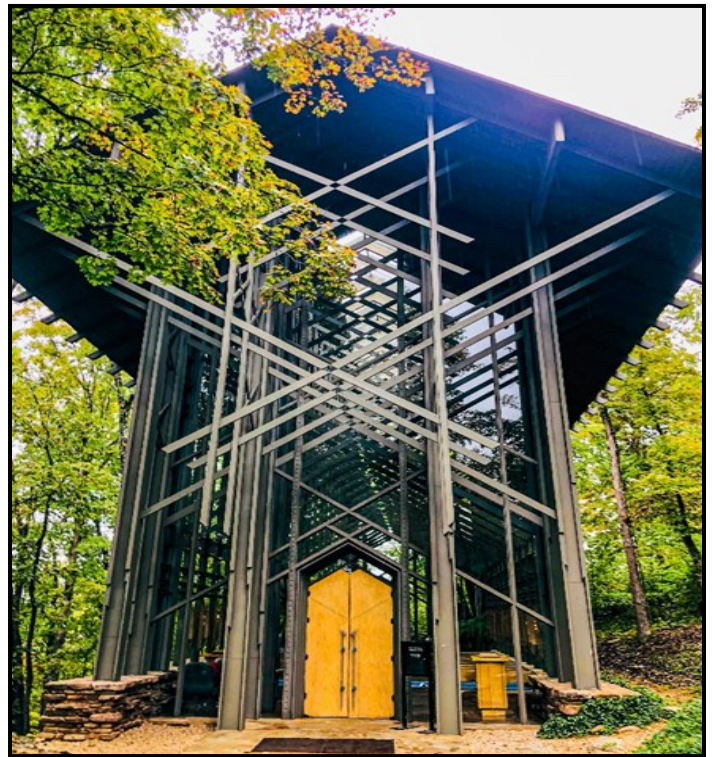
In 1937, radio personality and inventor Norman G. Baker bought the building and housed a hospital. There, he treated cancer patients despite lacking any training and, as a result, many people allegedly died. The apparent "portal" in the Crescent Hotel is located on top of what used to be the morgue of that hospital.

Day 5 - 130 miles

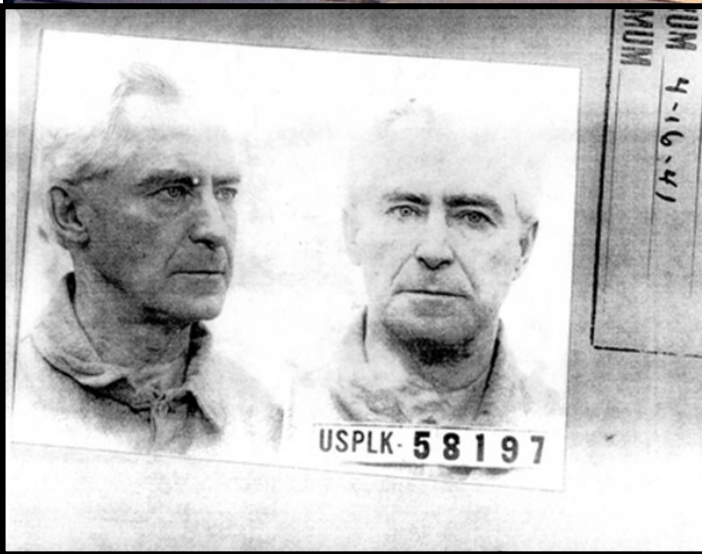
*Eureka Springs AK – Thorncrown Chapel AK –
Christ of the Ozarks AK – North Arkansas Railway
AK – Kimberling City MO – Silver Dollar City MO
– Branson MO – Springfield MO*

Crescent Hotel in Eureka Springs is said to be one of the most haunted hotels in America. Over the years, many guests have reported ghost sightings and other paranormal activity. The hotel has also operated as a girls' boarding school and, most infamously, a "hospital" by a charlatan who claimed to have the cure for cancer.

San Antonio TX to Springfield MO



Thorncrown Chapel AR designed by renowned architect E. Fay Jones. Members of the American Institute of Architects placed Thorncrown Chapel fourth on its list of the top buildings of the twentieth century.



Norman G. Baker in his new home at Ft Leavenworth Federal Prison, KS



San Antonio TX to Springfield MO

The hand-built statue on the preceding page stands 65.5 feet high, overlooks the picturesque Victorian village of Eureka Springs.

Arkansas is among the “Bible Belt” states, a group of states in the US where Christianity is the predominant religion. Of the three million people in Arkansas, 82% are religious, 2% are atheists, and 13% do not know whether they are religious or not.



Eureka Springs & North Arkansas Railway. A 1940-era diesel locomotive serves as an excursion, lunch- and dinner train.



Table Rock Lake close to the tourist town Branson, MO.

Day 6 - 30 miles

Springfield MO

Day 6 started with a 5-mile run at Springfield Green Belt, then spent the rest of the day in Bass Pro Shop. Springfield has Bass Pro Shops National Headquarters. It sits on 500,000 square-feet, and includes Wonders of Wildlife National Museum and Aquarium, The National Archery Hall of Fame, The NRA Sporting Arms Museum, John A and Genny Morris Conservation Education Center.



San Antonio TX to Springfield MO

Day 7 - 460 miles

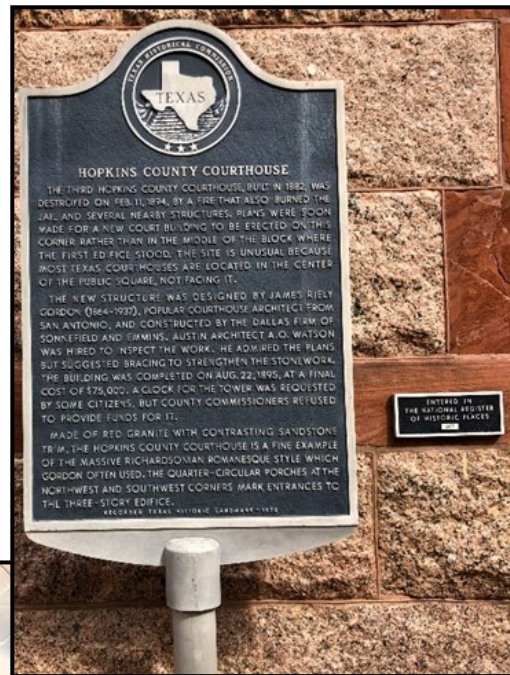
Springfield MO – Muskogee OK – Sulphur Springs TX – Tyler TX

Today was mainly driving day. Visited shortly Dogwood Canyon Nature Park, which covers 10,000 acres of pristine Ozark Mountain Landscape. Then took Highway 86 and headed towards Oklahoma and shortest way to Texas.

Did randomly stop to get gas and eat in Sulphur Springs in Texas. Did not expect to see this beautiful piece of architecture, also the plaza and the restored businesses around it were great.



Dogwood Canyon Nature Park, MO



San Antonio TX to Springfield MO

Day 8 - 370 miles

*Tyler TX – Waco TX – San Angelo TX
Jake's Texas Tea House in Waco, TX.*

Another day of nonstop driving. Plan was to go to San Angelo and visit a friend and watch high school football.
Well...



Well, halfway between Waco and San Angelo I managed to hit something sharp and get a flat tire. Being prepared, I did have a plug to temporarily fix it and make it to San Angelo.

Day 9 & 10 - 215 miles

San Angelo TX – Boerne TX – San Antonio TX

The road trip was over, just spent another day in San Angelo and last 3 hours driving home. Driving on a plugged tire is not a good feeling. Apparently, nobody in San Angelo drives this kind of bike or tires, so I was not able to replace it. Even in San Antonio, it took me little while to get it replaced. But now I have new tires, which are better suited to ride on gravel as well. Next year plans involve more adventure rides.

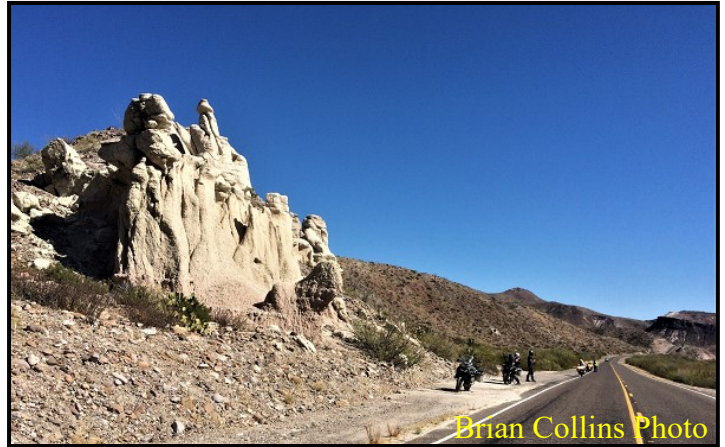
So overall, I was very happy with the trip. Did explore 2 new states and get experience and confidence as a motorcycle rider.

Cheers!!!

Club Member Big Bend Photos



Brian Collins Photo



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Club Member Big Bend Photos



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Tarmo Jallai Photo



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Club Member Photos



Graham Littrell sent in a photo of his December Monday Morning Ride



John Dunn sent in three photos of the New Years Ride to Luckenbach

Steve & Helen have camping and cabins for rent & a web site - check it out at <http://www.blancobeemerwerkes.com/cabin/index.html>



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Editor Notes

I hope this newsletter is finding everyone well and that everyone had an outstanding Christmas and New Year. My concession to the COVID-19 pandemic is being forced to telework at home For those of you who are not familiar with teleworking, it is when you can wake up thirty minutes before you are to sign in, and can wear anything you like (with your spouse's approval) and once signed in, you can have your first coffee break of many for the day. There are downsides; grandkids, dogs, cats walking in and wanting attention, but all and all, not a bad way to spend the work day.

May thanks to Tom Wilmotte and Tarmo Jallai for their travel articles and photos and to Brian Collins and Tarmo for there Big Bend Pictures. I think Tom Wilmotte is also responsible for the cover photo from Luckenbach

Many thanks to our outgoing club President, Steve Henson. We appreciate the time and effort it takes to run a club successfully. Welcome to incoming Club President, Gerard Lobosco, you have done this before, and again thanks for the time and effort you will be spending on club affairs.

You can see from the club calendar there are rides planned out to June, and Sunday rides are also active so time to join in the fun.

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