

GSBMWR EVENTS FOR 2004
(subject to change without notice)

<u>JUNE</u> 5 th PARKER'S BARN - Gail Hatch	<u>JULY</u> 3 rd PARKER'S BARN - Gail Hatch
12 th INSPECTION DAY - SECOND WIND	3 rd - 6 th Blue Nose Rally
13 th SUNDAY BRUNCH - Carl Thompson	4 th of July weekend
18 th - 20 th YB Campout in Campton – Pemi River Rally http://www.yankeebeemers.org/YBcalendar.htm	15 th - 18 th MOA National
18 th - 20 th Quebec Rally (confirm)	11 th SUNDAY BRUNCH - Carl Thompson
<u>AUGUST</u> 6 th – 8 th Damn Yankees Rally - Heath, MA - YB	<u>SEPTEMBER</u> 4 th PARKER'S BARN - Gail Hatch
7 th PARKER'S BARN - Gail Hatch	10 th - 12 th PURITY SPRING RALLY
7 th RIDE TO FLYING YANKEE - Steve Omand	17 th – 19 th GREEN MOUNTAIN RALLY
5 th - 8 th RETURN TO TRENTON RALLY	16 th -19 th RA NATIONAL RALLY - VA
8 th SUNDAY BRUNCH - Carl Thompson	
17 th GSBMWR ANNUAL PICNIC (tentative)	
<u>OCTOBER</u> 2 nd PARKER'S BARN - Gail Hatch	<u>NOVEMBER</u> 14 th SUNDAY BRUNCH - Carl Thompson
10 th SUNDAY BRUNCH - Carl Thompson	
<u>DECEMBER</u> 5 th ANNUAL BASH (VERIFY DATE)	

Evening rides

- 1st Monday - Four Corners Restaurant - New London - Doug Long
- 2nd Tuesday - Brewery - Pease - Dav Keir
- 3rd Wednesday - Pizzaria Uno - Concord - Bob McHatton
- 4th Thursday - Bobby's Girl Diner in Meredith - Mike Duclos/Harry Pendexter

Planned Events:

Bob McHatton - Granite Butt Ride
 Carl Thompson - Ride to Max BMW – Albany
 Gary Dallas - Annual picnic (tentative)
 Bob McHatton - Tri-State Ride

Steve Omand - Ride to Flying Yankee Museum
 Harry Pendexter - Purity Spring Rally
 Larry Budreau - Here I Was 2004

Gail Hatch will coordinate rides to Spokane

John Colony - Polly's Pancake House (tentative)



Granite Beemer

June 2004

A FEW ITEMS THIS MONTH

Bob McHatton, President

RENEW!

It's true, we failed to remind you to renew your membership. You'll find a membership form in this newsletter. Please fill it out and return as soon as possible. Failing to do so means you will not receive a July newsletter, and lose other valuable member benefits.

OUR RALLY

It's time to start thinking about the Rally. As usual, Purity Spring has upped the price another notch. Fortunately the club has been absorbing part of the cost so as to keep the attendee's cost low. Do we want to continue to do that?

I know we all like the Purity Spring facility. Riding in the area is great, it's close to shopping, and the cabins are an added benefit. Having a dining hall with food prepared is great, especially when none of us has to volunteer to work. However, in the past few years Purity has combined other groups with ours (which personally I don't care for), and increased our costs. Our attendance has also been shrinking for some reason. Is it a lack of interest on the membership's part, cost, or the venue?

This brings me to the point of wondering whether it's time to look for a new location and date or are the few who are attending happy with a small, intimate rally?

Help us out with answers if you can. Drop suggestions to any of the officers or myself via e-mail or regular mail.

EVENTS

We're on a roll this month with events. The prime events are **Inspection Day at Second Wind BMW on the 12th** (see their ad later on) and the Granite Butt Ride on the 26th. See inside for details on both. By the way, we need a few volunteers for both events. Contact Bob McHatton at gsgbmwr@comcast.net. We also have the two breakfasts. One at Parker's Barn on the 5th at 9:00 AM, and our Second Sunday Breakfast at the Sunset Grill on the 13th at 9:45 AM.

I hope to see you at all of them if possible. And, don't forget the "Here I Was" is ongoing as are the weekly evening "Meet and Eat" rides.

Please Welcome Our New Members:

Mike Dobbins, Milford, NH

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PS: Check our website www.gsgbmwr.org to see the latest photos submitted by our members, and also please use our Message Board to plan last minute motorcycle activities like putting together rides, or meeting somewhere. Be creative!

This and That

Gary Dallas

What makes a ride special? Sometimes it's because it is a ride to a new and unique place. But sometimes a simple thing can turn a regular route into something special. It happened to me the other evening on the way home from our Wednesday Evening Meet and Eat at Pizzeria Uno in Concord. We had a nice turnout and weather was just about perfect, making for a pleasant time out on the patio. It was a little before eight when I headed home. I merged south onto 93 and was pleased to find that the traffic was light. Then suddenly it happened, just as I was making the turns that lead up to the I-89 junction. Suddenly there was a sweet aroma. Some flowering plant had laced the calm evening air with its seasonal fragrance. And it all came together, the road, the temperature, the evening light, the smells, all merged to turn that ride home into something special. We've all experienced it. The rest of the ride home was almost mellow. A lingering after effect of those few minutes where it all came together. It's times like that that give us reason to ride.

It is hard to believe that summer is almost upon us. We've had our teasers with some hot days in May but over the next few weeks the temperatures will continue to rise. With that thought, it might be time to mention some hot weather riding tips. The first and most important is to stay hydrated. I carry water in a Platypus Big Zip in the back pocket of my Aerostitch suit. I got mine at Campmor's, www.campmor.com. On really long hot days, I freeze the water in the bag the night before, and then add a little cold water before riding off. I wrap the bag in a small towel for some additional insulation. And I always use a fuel stop as an opportunity to drink something special. While you can always choose one of those new high tech sport drinks, I like a good old fashioned lemonade. Of course most of the stuff you buy in the bottles isn't exactly old fashioned but I still enjoy it. And there is no polite way to say this, but while you are stopped for fuel if you aren't feeling the urge to, uh, go, then you probably aren't drinking enough. (*Ed. Note: it is one of your first and most critical clues to get some water into you. So are dry lips.*)

To help stay cool, there is the soak the t-shirt in water trick. I have also had good results from a cool tie, water absorbing material in a cloth tube that you soak in water for a few minutes and then tie around your neck. This helps to cool the blood headed up to your brain. I got my newest one from Gemplers, www.gemplers.com. And I will once again sing the praises of Coolmax material, particularly underwear, for it's ability to wick the perspiration away from your skin.

Speaking of hot weather, another new piece of gear I just added was a First Gear Mesh Tex jacket. www.firstgear-usa.com It received a lot of good press last year and I almost got one then but by the time I had worked myself up to it was September and the urge had passed. But this year I told myself I wouldn't wait. It is a nice jacket, with a zip/button in wind proof liner and armor in the shoulders, elbows and back. The armor isn't as thick and doesn't have the hard shell of the Aerostitch armor. I recently read on one of the BMW message boards that someone took slightly used 'Stitch armor and cut it down to fit into the pockets of the Mesh Tex. I am going to wear the Mesh Tex along with the pants from my two piece 'Stitch. They make a set of Mesh Tex pants but this year I am going to try just the jacket. I got a set of heavy duty clip-on suspenders to use when I wear the 'Stitch pants with the Mesh Tex jacket. And I have yet to decide exactly how to deal with rain protection. I could always carry the 'Stitch jacket as a backup but it is pretty bulky. But in spite of these issues, at \$140, I think the Mesh Tex jacket is a pretty good deal. Bring on those 90/90 days.

Changing topics for a minute, I want to do a quick long term product update. My Yuasa battery made it through the winter season. Of course it was treated to an above freezing garage with a Battery Tender Jr. to keep it charged but with a top off of fluid, it is ready for its second season. www.yuasabatteries.com

Well, that about does it for this month. There are a number of GSBMWR activities coming up this month. Inspection Day has been a historical favorite. And last months 1st Saturday breakfast at Parkers only slightly whetted my hunger for pancakes so I am looking forward to our next visit on the 5th. The long June evenings make the weekday Meet and Eats a popular choice. Check the calendar for the latest info and I hope to see you on the road.



2004 GRANITE BUTT RIDE

A Sweet Ride... Saturday, June 26, 2004, Rain or Shine

This year it's a ride that will have you visiting bakeries in NH, ME, and VT.

I'm a person who enjoys sweets that are not what I consider a waste of calories. These bakeries do not sell "wastes of calories". If you don't like what you purchase at any of them just bring them to me at the end of the ride.

The Bakeries are located as follows: (longitudes and latitudes are approximate)

Klemm's Bakery, Rte 111, Windham, NH – approximately 1 + mile WEST of rte 93 on the North side of the road (your right if heading west), (N42° 48.355" W71° 17.558"). Watch for the big red sign.
Hours 6:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Ask them to write their name on the receipt.

Stowe Country Store, Stowe, ME – It's on rte 113 (N44° 09.609' W70° 59.075). Rte 113 runs north out of Fryeburg, ME parallel to rte 105. You can't miss the Country Store. It's at a sharp bend in the road. There's nothing else around it except the big old colonial house across the street. Get a receipt.

LaBrioche Bakery and Café, 89 Main Street, Montpelier, VT. (N44° 15.615' W72° 34.510) The bakery is part of the NE Culinary Institute.
Hours 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Get a receipt.

- ◆ Klemm's in Windham makes excellent old fashion doughnuts and crullers, as well as cinnamon buns and apple fritters.
- ◆ The Stowe Country Store has super Pig's Ears, good Danish, and probably the heaviest eclairs in the world, along with ice cream and sandwiches.
- ◆ LaBrioche in Montpelier may be the good place to stop for lunch. A variety of creative sandwiches are available and their pastry is a treat.

Rules:

Start as early as you like and finish at the Sunset Grill by 6:00 PM. Bring a book or newspaper to read in the event you finish early. We'll have someone there at 4:00 PM to greet early finishers.

Get receipts for your purchases.

This ride is not intended to be a competitive event, or a race against the clock or another person. So find someone to do it with if you like, map out a route, and enjoy the ride.

There are no prizes or awards, but if it wouldn't hurt to keep a log of your time and miles just for a fun comparison with other riders.

If you plan on doing the ride let me know by June 17 so we'll be know who to be looking for.

E-mail: gsbmwr@comcast.net.

Good luck and have fun,



Bob McHatton

Tire Tips

Last month I received the below article unsolicited. GSBMWR realizes that Smartire is a company in the business of selling a tire pressure monitoring product, and we are publishing the articles for information purposes only to our members, and as a motorcycle club are not endorsing the product. They are located in Vancouver, BC, Canada.
Louise Bendix

Hello,

Tire problems cause thousands of motorcycle accidents each year. SmarTire is dedicated to promoting tire safety and, as a public service, we are offering a series of free Tire Tips articles that you can include as content in your newsletter. I hope you agree that these articles would be of interest to your members.

John Bolegoh, our Technical Services Manager, is a 25 year tire industry expert and has written this four part series of Tire Tips for motorcycles. These articles cover a lot of important tire related topics of concern to riders. Each installment is approximately 500 words and is written in a very easy to read style.

At the bottom of each installment, contact information is included where your members can contact John directly if they have any specific questions regarding motorcycle tires. John is a virtual encyclopedia of tire information.

Each month, I will send you another installment in the series, so by the end of summer, you will have all four parts.

The topics for the four installments are:

- the importance of tire pressure on motorcycle safety and performance (included at the bottom of this email)
- the consequences of riding on under (and over) inflated tires
- the relationship of tire pressure on load and general tire care tips
- active tire pressure monitoring for motorcycles

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Sincerely,
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SmarTire Tire Tips

By John Bolegoh, Technical Services Manager, SmarTire Systems Inc.

Article One

This article is the first of a four part series that looks at tires and the importance of tire pressure on motorcycle safety and performance.

Tire Problems Need Drastic Solutions

Every year, thousands of accidents are caused by under-inflated and neglected tires. Whether it's poor handling from a low tire or a serious accident resulting from a sudden blowout, we have all either experienced personally or have had friends who have suffered the consequences of a tire related problem.

Most riders are well aware of the recent Ford Explorer/Firestone situation that caused hundreds of deaths and resulted in the recall of thousands of vehicles and tires. But not many people are aware of the root cause of these accidents. Under-inflated tires.

This tragic incident prompted the US government to create legislation requiring low pressure warning systems on all new passenger cars, vans and light trucks. In fact, the legislation is expected to expand to include commercial trucks, buses, recreational vehicles, and importantly, motorcycles. Other countries around the world are looking at similar legislation.

How often do you check your tires?

Proper tire pressure is critical for both rider safety and motorcycle performance. As maintenance studies and any mechanic will confirm, almost 50% of all motorcycle tires are under-inflated, often to dangerous levels. Yes, that's right, almost 50%. It's almost a certainty that right now, at least one of your tires is under-inflated, possibly dangerously underinflated.

How often do you check your tires? Once a week... once a month... or just before a big ride? Or are you like most riders and wait until your bike start to handle strange? If you're not checking your tires pretty well every time you get on the bike, then it's just not enough.

I've spoken with mechanics who talk about customers bringing in their bikes for a servicing because the handling is bad, only to find one or both tires are severely under-inflated. Believe me, they love these customers because all they do is inflate the tires and charge big money for the servicing.

But I can tell by looking!

A very dangerous practice is to judge tire pressure by visually gauging the tire's sidewall deflection (how flat the tire looks). However, with the stiff sidewalls of today's tires, you just can't tell by looking. For example, the rear tire of touring bike is likely to appear fully inflated with only 20 PSI (1.4 bar) of tire pressure versus the required 38 PSI (2.2 bar). 20 PSI falls into the "dangerously underinflated" category!

Why check while it's cold?

Because recommended tire pressures are always given as cold inflation values, it is always necessary to check tire pressures when the tires are cold. The pressure inside a tire naturally increases as temperature increases so checking a tire when its cold is the only way to get an accurate reading that you can compare to the recommended inflation pressure.

Motorcycle tires heat up quickly so even a short ride to the service station can heat the tires enough to give an improper cold inflation reading. It's always best to check the tires before you ride and to note each tire's pressure and how many psi or bars the tire is under-inflated. When you get to the service station, add the corresponding amount air pressure to the tires.

Consult the owner's manual or the placard for your particular model's recommended cold inflation pressure settings.

In next month's installment, we'll look at the some of the consequences of riding on under (and over!) inflated tires.

John Bolegoh is SmarTire's Technical Services Manager with over 25 years experience in the tire industry. To contact John with a question, email tiretips@smartire.com. SmarTire offers the world's first active tire pressure monitoring system for motorcycles. www.smartire.com

“Here I Was” 2004

Larry Budreau

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Monument Circle, Bennington, VT
www.dhca.state.vt.us/HistoricSites/html/bennington.html

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www.chesterwood.org

Fort Ticonderoga
Route 74, Ticonderoga, NY
www.fort-ticonderoga.org

Full Belly Deli
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Maine Resources Aquarium
McKown Point Rd., West Boothbay Harbor, ME
www.maine.gov/dmr/rm/aquarium

New Hampshire Historical Marker
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Route 153 & Hobbs Road, Effingham, NH
www.state.nh.us/markers/l83.html

Osceola Library,
Boulder Way, Waterville Valley, NH
www.watervillevalley.org/library.htm

Sanders Lobster Pound
54 Pray Street, Portsmouth, NH
www.sanderslobster.com/

Sloane-Stanley Museum
Route 7, Kent, CT
www.chc.state.ct.us/sloanestanleymuseum.htm

Umbagog Lake State Park
Route 26, Cambridge, NH
www.nhstateparks.org/ParksPages/Umbagog/Umbagog.html

Vermont Ski Museum
One South Main St., Stowe, VT
www.vermontskimuseum.org

Wyman Tavern Museum
339 Main Street, Keene, NH
www.hsccnh.org/wymantavern/wyman.cfm

Here's What You Do

Take a photograph of your motorcycle in front of each checkpoint. If you complete all twelve, mail or hand deliver your photos and a \$5 bill to Larry Budreau, 169 Oak Hill Avenue, Manchester, NH, 03104 by 11/15/04. You may also email digital photos, put them on your website, etc. and mail the fee separately.

If you don't complete all 12 checkpoints, mail or hand deliver your photos and a \$100 bill. You'll be recognized in the Granite Beemer for a fine effort.

Those that do finish will have their name thrown in a hat next winter at the BASH or a meeting and we'll draw for prizes. You don't need to be present. Prizes to be at minimum the proceeds collected.

Ride thoughtfully and safely. There's no hurry to finish. Start now and take 'til fall. Or do it in a weekend. Whatever you wish. Questions?
ldb169@comcast.net

BMW MOA Trip

Gail Hatch

I am coordinating this year's trip to the 2004 BMW MOA Northwest Passage Rally in Spokane, Washington, July 15-18, 2004. If you are planning on attending, and need assistance in anyway, please contact me, and I will do what I can to help out, and hook you up with the services you need. Complete information about the rally can be found at BMW MOA's web site. <http://bmwmoa.org/rally/rally04/>

Many people choose to have their bikes shipped out to Washington. If you can not afford the time to ride cross-country, perhaps this could be a way for you to join us in Spokane. I've received information from Bekin's Van Lines; they are providing transportation to and from the rally. Learn more at their web site: <http://edc-mover.com/bmw.htm>. Or call 800-580-3327. I can personally attest to the quality of service at Bekins. In 2001 I bought a Yamaha Venture with a side car from a guy in Miami (one of my Ebay buys). I had it shipped via Bekins; I was very pleased with the quality and value received from them.

I have plans to ride out, leaving on or about July 9th. If others have plans and are looking for companions, let me know and I can help coordinate people.

Gail

Achtung Achtung!

Achtung Achtung! Of note to all GS airhead and oilhead and F650 riders, this year the AMA National Dual Sport Ride at Loudon June 12 and 13 features an Adventure Rally ride for your bikes. This will be a route sheeted ride from NHIS (**Ed.: New Hampshire International Speedway**) in Loudon to a great seafood restaurant lunch in Wells and back.

The ride is a new feature for the New England Classic Charity Trail Ride which has been raising funds for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (**Ed.: CFF**) for 23 years. The Merrimack Valley Trail Riders host the event, which is sponsored by American Suzuki, American Airlines, Dunkin Donuts, NHIS, Trail Rider Magazine, Spectro and Torco Oils, Holiday Inn, and the New England Trail Rider Association.

Free camping with showers is available Friday, Saturday and Sunday at NHIS. You can watch the road racing upon your return from the Rally.

Suzuki donates an electric start DRZ 400 trail bike which you can get a chance to win by raising \$75 in pledge money (only \$15 above the basic entry fee). \$100 gets you 2 chances, \$200 gets you 3, etc.

The ride is open Saturday, Sunday and Monday of that weekend. A banquet Saturday night under a huge circus tent features guest speakers (last year Rodney Smith, AMA GNCC champion; two years ago John Penton). A same-day video of the Saturday ride is shown at the banquet (catered by Hart's Turkey Farm). A cash bar for liquid relaxation will be open to all after the banquet. (Banquet ticket holders get the first crack at libations.)

Cystic fibrosis is the leading fatal genetic disease among children and young adults in the nation. The gene has been isolated and we are hopeful for a cure. The CF families locally are so supportive of the Classic, and want you to know that over 90 cents of every dollar raised by the Foundation goes directly to research, making the CFF one of the top 3 charities in the country bang for the buck, according to *Smart Money Magazine*. Last year the ride raised over \$100,000 for the first time, and is the top off road charity ride in the country according to the AMA.

To receive an entry form simply call the CF office in Nashua at 1-800-757-0203 and Sue will hook you up. Don't miss your chance to be a charter member of an annual big bike Rally with a heart as big as your boxer.

John O'Connor
GSBMWR #225



**GSBMWR
State Inspection Day!**

Saturday, June 12th

Second Wind BMW
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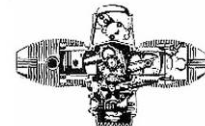
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