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ARGYLL MOTOR SPORTS AND THE BGB

It was early April when Bob Brown and I attended Argyll in hopes of forging a stronger and clearer relationship with the only local BMW motorcycle dealership. Many issues were discussed not the least of which was making our club's information a permanent feature at the store over and above dropping off newsletters. It was agreed that a poster size plexi-glass placard would be made and placed on the north wall in the BMW area. I hung the placard a few weeks ago and it details the same information as in the heading above this paragraph.

Greg Woytkiw, a former BGB member from the late '80s and early '90s, is the BMW go-to-guy at Argyll and he wishes that all BGB members come down and meet him for the first time or renew acquaintances.

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NEWSLETTER WEB LINKS

The web links in this and previous newsletters are live and clickable when accessed through www.blackgoldbeemers.com and will take you directly to the article or information referenced.

RIDE / MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2007

Submitted by Brian Hanasyk, Road Captain

- **Club Rides** leave the **Airways Inn** in Nisku at 10:00 AM. We ride rain or shine. Riders should check in before 9:30 AM and gas tanks should be full prior to the start ('ya right).



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September

- 15 Club Ride, Brazeau Dam
- 23 Edmonton Toy Run

October

- 6-8 Pumpkin Run, Smokey Lake
- 14 Club meeting
- 20 Club Ride TBA

November

- 3 Last Ride - TBA
- 14 Club Meeting (Club Elections)

December

- 12 Club Meeting

- **Club Meetings** 7:30 PM, **Rosie's Bar and Grill**, 99th St and 63rd Ave, 2nd Wednesday of the month. Members continue to meet on Saturday mornings at the Airways Inn for a great breakfast and to share lies.

BARGOONS

Submit to waaw@shaw.ca to have them included in the next monthly BGB Newsletter.

Rick Young @ 780 435-8693 or 780 221-2287, e-mail

ryoung@anglocanadianmotors.com

- 2006 BMW K1200S Indigo Blue/Alpine White, \$19,500

Michael May @ 492-1411, e-mail

michael.may@ualberta.ca

- 2002 Honda VFR, 7148 km, Silver, Helibars, Bill Mayer saddle (solo), Scottoil, tall windshield; heated grips. \$8,900

HARVEST TIME

While fall doesn't officially begin for a couple of weeks, harvest in the agricultural world in the Northern Hemisphere has been under way for some time.

Similarly, it is time for me to harvest the ride stories from fellow riders and BGB members to supplement the newsletter larder and cellar. I must admit that I have had little if any time to ride but for a short weekender to Jasper and back through David Thompson Country a couple of day later.

While it is interesting to hear stories at the monthly meetings and Saturday breakfasts there is a limited audience that does not represent the entire BGB membership. Those not in attendance would also like to hear about these tales, either in hardcopy or on the BGB website. Please take the time to ink your tale and share it with all. It serves to create and preserve the history of our club. The article "**This Month In...**" in this newsletter highlights the September newsletter between 1989 and 1993. Your stories will live on for some time.

BGB NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Please submit anything and often to waaw@shaw.ca

FUTURE NEWS

- Dwight Hillas: Isle of Man 2008
- David Leeb: Washington - Part 2
- Steve Kurylo: South Africa
- Tim Yip: Various
- Wil Wosar: 2008 Alberta 2000
- Wil Wosar: Fitness For Riding



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BGB MOTORCYCLE INVENTORY

Please submit any additions, updates, deletions, etc. to David Leeb @ theleeb@telus.net on the number of, make, brand and model of bikes ridden or owned by you this year.

ITU OUTRIDERS

Submitted by Wil Wosar

On Sunday, 2007 June 24 a number of members of the BGB were kind enough to share their time as motorcycle escorts for the International Triathlon held at Hawrelak Park.

Thanks go out to Darren Nickle, Brian Hanasyk, Michael Ferland, Raymond Winters, and non BGB volunteers Margaret Watkins and Derek McLennan.

I was fortunate again to be lead bike with the CBC cameraman on the bike – quite an experience when participants are trying to draft behind you at nearly 80 Kph going down Groat Hill. The Race Marshall continually urged me to distance myself from the race bikes and to weave from median to curb repeatedly to lose the cheaters.

It was the last year for the ITU in Edmonton for the foreseeable future and the BGB is to be commended for its volunteer efforts at this event that came to Edmonton for 10 years.

A TRIBUTE TO MIKE SWEET

Submitted by Wil Wosar

I still find it difficult to believe that on July 29 2006, at the age of 52, Mike Sweet died while out walking his dog. Although there was much said at the funeral about what type of man he

was there weren't that many individual anecdotes mentioned about experiences that people had shared with him. I didn't do a great deal of riding with Mike but I would like to recount a number of special memories.

1. Mike was an EPS member while I held a civilian position in Training Section. It was he that came up to my office just slightly over a week before the first Alberta 2000. He made it sound like fun even though he had never done anything like it himself. A few days later I spoke with Herb Anderson on the phone – he outlined the insanity that was to ensue the upcoming weekend. He came by my residence to check out the latest addition to the list of other idiots that had already signed up. I managed to get all required work done to the mighty Cavalcade in time and met all the riders and various club members less than two hours from launch at Bavaria Autohaus. I ran into Mike several times along the ride and we were besieged by questions Monday morning at work by many officers and civilians who also shared the love of riding but had never given thought to any endeavor of this kind.
2. The Steak Run to Montana was first conceived and launched by Geoff Wilson in the early '90s. In the spring of 1995 Geoff, Bob Kittle, Murray Barker and I were accompanied by Mike Sweet and Bob Hartley. The name of the border crossing into Montana escapes but it involved a healthy hike up a mountain pass and a number of surly border guards. As we stopped at the front of the line Mike leaned over and whispered to me to only give my name when questioned. When I was asked what I did for a living Mike piped up that we were all Peace Officers from



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- Edmonton. This seemed to placate the guard and he waved us through.
3. Mike was an avid outdoorsman. Back country skiing, camping, mountain climbing and anything else that got him out and about were his passions. These passions were also tempered and complemented by a focus on health and wellness. Many was the time that we sat at a restaurant table and I heard him order his meal. The meals were rarely the same but one request was steadfast each time he ordered – NO BUTTER, NO MARGARINE, NO CREAM, AND NO MAYONNAISE!
 4. Bob Kittle, a fellow Peace Officer with Mike Sweet at the EPS, organized each year a Father's Day Run for the group that came to be affectionately known as the Geriatric Marauders. For a few years we camped out at a Provincial site just east of Nordegg for Friday night, then made our way to Lake Louise for lunch Saturday, and then camped again in Tunnel Mountain in Banff and then home Sunday. I cannot remember the year but it was the same spring that Mike bought his new RS – red of course. When I got to the campsite near Nordegg Friday afternoon Mike had already been there, set up his gear and was racing up and down and back and forth through David Thompson Country between Rocky Mountain House and Saskatchewan Crossing. He eventually arrived in time for supper and seemed to be in a trance with what this new toy was doing for him. We woke the next morning to a heavy frost on our tents but Mike was nowhere in sight – he had broken down and packed up his gear and was now racing up and down Highway 93 between Banff and Jasper while we were still trying to wake up in the

restaurant in Nordegg. I think he came upon us while we were doing a group picture at the Bow Glacier. He didn't stick around long and left us in the dust as he now was making forays into B.C. and back and found the group just in time as we were checking into Tunnel Mountain. Sunday morning saw him head out very early again before any of us stirred so he could maximize the number of hours and kms he could put on his brand new toy before he had to go back to work Monday morning.

Mike Sweet lived with passion every day – I try to emulate a little of that each day – but I always ask someone to pass the cream and the butter.

TOURATECH

Submitted by Wil Wosar

Our own Tim Yip did another interesting article in the Edmonton Journal about Wolfgang Simmert, a citizen of Germany, who now makes Edmonton his home. He is exploring western Canada on a Honda XRV750 Africa Twin when not working as a master carpenter in our booming economy.

Mir Simmert is to be commended on the 2007 Touratech Travel Event motorcycle rally he organized at the Toad Rock Campground near Nelson, B.C. July 27 to 29.

When I 'Googled' Touratech I got 744,000 or so hits but zeroed in on <http://touratech.ca> There is an immediate link option to Touratech Canada News that takes you to <http://touratech.blogspot.com/>.

There are two great links on this page:
Touratech AG features rally and adventure tour news and information. **Adventure Rider** is a



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great slideshow comprised of over 180 pics of bikes and riders in action over all kinds of terrain and in every type of weather

Touratech Canada's President, Dave Anderson, apologizes on one page for the delay in getting Touratech products to its customers due to a huge increase in their popularity and the subsequent increase in production needed – a good spot to be in for Touratech Germany.

A final note – you may remember the 12 hour video **Long Way Around** featuring Ewan McGregor and Charlie Boorman – they are now riding north to south from John O'Groats in Scotland to Cap Agulhas at the southern-most tip of South Africa. The 25.000 km long trip will lead them through Lybia, Sudan, Ethiopia, Uganda, Ruanda, Tansania, Botswana and along the Skeleton Coast of Namibia. The video will be called **Long Way Down** and there is presently no information as to when it will air.

THIS MONTH IN...

1989

- Deryl Thompson and Pat Laing are the only two BGB members to attend the BMW Advanced Riders Course in Race City Calgary

1990

- Deryl Thompson reports on former BGB member Tony Newton 's attempt at the world sped record at the Bonnyville Salt Flats in Utah with his FZR1000.

1991

- Ruth Anderson announces she is looking for a News Rider to replace her in the upcoming November Executive elections.

1992

- An editorial on Herb, Ruth, Erik and Nicollette Anderson leaving Edmonton after selling their home and doing a tour of North

America with their children for up to a year – going across Canada as long as possible until weather forces them south.

1993

- Deryl Thompson writes an article on his negative experience and of others with Michelin T-66 tires – apparently very unstable to the point of being very scary.
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AEROSTITCH TOURS...

Courtesy of Aerostitch Tours

...is now offering the following tours for the remainder of 2007 and 2008. Check out the links for more information.

- Japan
September 25 - October 7, 2007
www.aerostichtours.com/ancient-far-east-tour
- South America
November 2 - 17, 2007

There is only one spot left on Tour 1 of our 2007 South America tour. If you enjoy off-road riding and want to explore the most remote corners of Chile and Argentina, here is your chance!

www.aerostichtours.com/end-earth-tour

- South African Dual Sport Adventure
February 29 - March 17, 2008

This tour features dirt road riding in remote areas with spectacular scenery. The reason this is such a special tour is because it offers about 40% dirt riding - not two track, not technical.

www.aerostichtours.com/south-africa-2008



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JOKES

A LITTLE OLD LADY WANTS TO JOIN A LOCAL BIKER CLUB !

- A little old lady had always wanted to join a local biker club. One day she goes up and knocks on the door. A big, hairy, bearded biker with tattoos all over his arms answers.
- She proclaims, "I want to join your club."
- The guy was amused, but says she needs to meet certain biker requirements in order to join.
- The biker asks: "Do you have a motorcycle?"
- The little old lady replies: "Yep... my bike's parked over there", and points to a Harley in the driveway.
- The biker asks: "Do you drink?"
- The little old lady replies: "Yep... drink like a fish. I'll drink any man in your club under the table."
- The biker asks: "Do you smoke?"
- The lady replies: "Yep... smoke like a chimney. At least 4 packs of cigarettes a day, especially when I'm shooting pool."
- Very impressed the biker asks: "Last question, have you ever been picked up by the fuzz?"
- The old lady thinks for a minute and says: Nope, ... but I've been swung around by my nipples a few times."

GYNECOLOGIST..... A MOTORCYCLE MECHANIC?

A gynecologist was getting sick of his job and decided that he needed a career change. He'd always enjoyed tinkering with motorcycle engines so thought he'd become a motorcycle mechanic. The good doctor went along to the American Institute of Motorcycling, the best motorcycle mechanics school in the country, and completed the training class. The final exam was to strip a bike engine completely and reassemble it - obviously back into perfect working order.

So our gynecologist friend did the test and anxiously awaited the result. The day he received the results he got quite a surprise, he got 150%! He quickly phoned the instructor and queried the mark. The instructor said, "No, no that's right. First I gave you 50% for stripping down the engine -- a very thorough job. Next I gave you 50% for reassembling it - a fantastic job really. Then I gave you a 50% bonus for doing it all through the muffler."

THE WORLD IS FULL OF STUPID PEOPLE

2 Wheels + 160 mph + School Zone = 3 Years of Lockup

According to [NBC](#), a 20 year-old Mesa, Arizona motorcyclist was recently



sentenced to three years in prison for riding his 2006 Honda CBR 600 through a school zone and crosswalk at speeds over 160 mph. Enforcement officials first spotted the ex-racer traveling at roughly 140 mph through morning rush hour traffic, and a 30 minute pursuit ended with a foot chase that resulted in the man's arrest. Apparently, his history of reckless driving and riding under a suspended license didn't help his argument in court.

Courtesy of

<http://motorcycles.about.com/?once=true&>

ONCE AGAIN RE: WEB LINKS

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