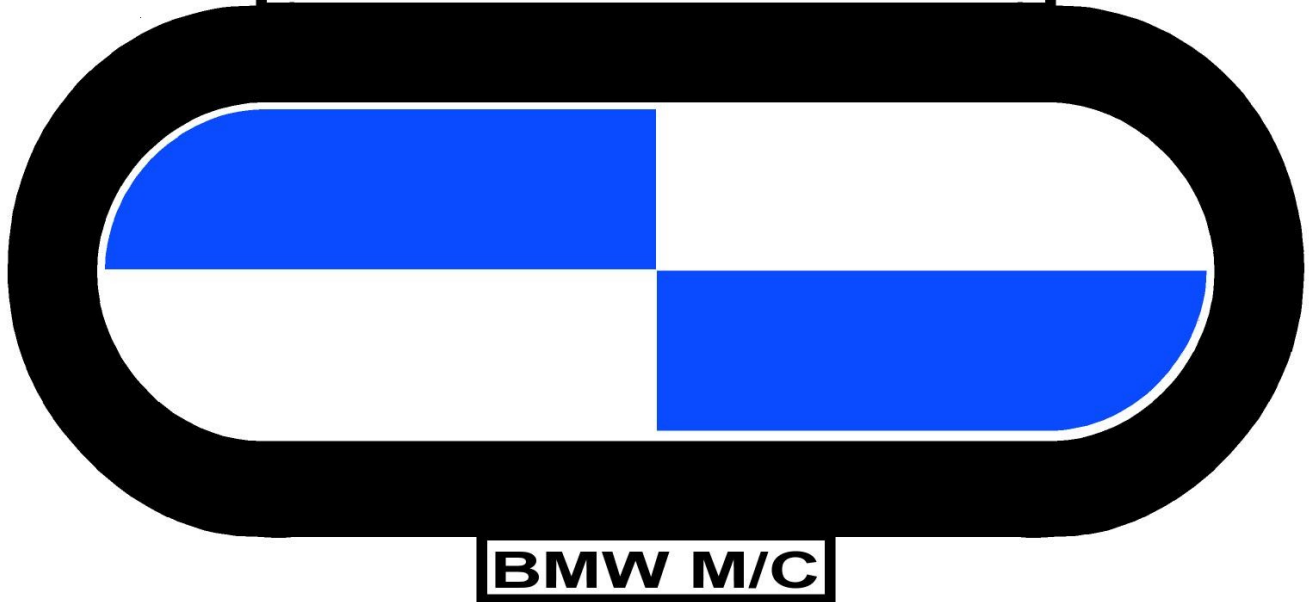


SPRINGFIELD MILERS



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May 2008

UPCOMING EVENTS (** = Points Event)

MILER EVENTS

May 3-10th **Overturf Powersports Open House** – Door prizes, giveaways. Register to win a Suzuki. 40% off most gear.

May 6 **Two Wheel Tuesday** – 6:00pm Fieldhouse. Live music, food, beverage. Hosted by Milers to raise awareness of motorcycling in a good light or as JB says "Motorcycle fun for the masses". Dealers present, bike contests, give-aways. Second Tuesday of each month all summer long. 6:00pm at Field House on Sangamon Ave. Only \$3 to enter the beer garden. Live bands, this month Black Magic Johnson, if there is rain the band will move inside. Dollar domestic beers (that is their every day price). Motorcycle dealers showing their stuff. Be sure to tell your friends and pass out those flyers. The concrete parking area will be for motorcycles only.

MILER PROGRESSIVE GARAGE RIDE – Postponed due to Mother's Day weekend. Future date to be posted, possibly September time frame.

May 10 **12th ANNUAL LIVE TO RIDE...RIDE SO OTHERS MIGHT LIVE – Ride for the Cure Motorcycle Parade** - Peoria, IL. Meet at Overturf by 9am for sign up and departure at 10am. Kicks off at 12 noon at Expo Gardens in Peoria.

** May 14 **MILER MONTHLY MEETING** – 7:30pm at Bahan's, 214 North East Street, Jacksonville. Meet at the Shamrock Tavern and depart at 7pm for the ride to Bahan's. If you can not meet at the Shamrock and you leaving from Springfield take the first Jacksonville exit off of I72, Business Route 172 (also Rt 104), turn right (north) onto Clay Ave, then after 11 or 12 blocks turn left (west) onto Douglas Ave, go one block to East Street and turn left (south) and Bahan's is on the corner of East and Court Streets. Or you can check your GPS or 2D map.

May 23 **Activities Meeting** – 7:30pm at Ellis' You're Out Inn at 10th and Ash streets. Owner does his best to make sure we always have hot bartender, preferably female.

RACING EVENTS

May 17 **White City Hillclimb** – White City IL Cahokia Creek Dirt Riders

** May 24-25 **Springfield TT and Mile** – Saturday and Sunday. Receive a free ticket to the TT for helping to set up the safety Air Fence on the mile track. Receive a free ticket to the Mile if you help take down the Air Fence after the Mile has finished. The Milers will be setup at turn three for the mile. More to come.

June 6-8 **Road America Superbike** – Elkhart Lake WI. www.roadamerica.com

June 28 **Lima Half-Mile** – Lima OH at the Allen County Fairgrounds

Aug 1-3 **Mid-Ohio Superbike** – Lexington OH. www.midoohio.com

Aug 17 **Peoria TT** – Peoria IL at Peoria Race Park

Sept 12-14 **Red Bull Indianapolis GP** – Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Order your tickets at <http://www.indianapolismotorspeedway.com> or call (800) 822-INDY between 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The best deal is a three-day General Admission Ticket for \$75.00, which gets you in and out for all three days (practice, qualifications and race day). If you want reserve they are \$100, \$125 and \$150 for only the day of the race (the 14th). We maybe able to do a club ride on the track. Jim Snell has locked in a place for campers and tents just one and a half blocks from the Speedway. It is also only about five miles to the Mile track at the Fairgrounds, but it is a fairly straight ride.

Sept 13 **Indianapolis Mile** – Indiana State Fairgrounds. Saturday, the day before the Moto GP. Gates open at 4pm and racing at 7pm. There is also practice on Thursday and a Vintage race on Friday. There has always been a problem trying to see the racers go by the front straight because they ride so close to the wall. So this year they are going to "tear up the track" along the front straight, beside the outside wall, to move the racers to the middle of the track. Hopefully we will be able to see them as they go by the Start/Finish line.

RALLY EVENTS

June 12-15 **32nd Iowa Rally** – Marengo IA at the Iowa County Fairgrounds, sponsored by Pure Stodge Touring Association #30. At the same time on June 13-14 Gina's BMW will also be having another Open House with a special presentation by Simon and Lisa Thomas of www.2ridetheworld.com. They are traveling around the world on a R1100GS and a F650GS. Gina told me that they would be there both days and also at the Iowa Rally. Be sure to check out the web site.

June 14 – **Mods vs. Rockers** – Delilah's 2771 N. Lincoln Ave, Chicago. "Notorious Rivals Hell Bent For Trouble...With a Thirst For Hot Bikes and Fast Women" Milers depart Sat am from Springfield, ride up for the fun back on Sunday. Bike show, costume contest, Motorcycle Film Festival, Ride with

the Mods and Rockers, Fish and Chips, Live PsychoBilly and Brew Ha-Ha after party. Post your travel details with other milers on the net.

July 17-20 **BMW MOA 2008 International Rally** – Gillette, WY. at the CAM-PLEX Multi_Event Facilities. Coordinates 44 degrees 16.802N, 105 degrees 26.731 W. Start planning now for the great cross-country Miler tank scorcher. More details at www.bmwmoa.org/rally/rally08 and at www.cam-plex.com/event-bmw-moa-int-rally.htm. Two rallies in the area are the Black Hill Stampede (July13-15) before the MOA rally and the Top of the Rockies Rally (July 24-27) after the MOA rally. More details to come.

** Oct 10-12 **Falling Leaf Rally** – Potosi, MO. Fire jumping to the max. Watch us steal all the firewood after dark. Come watch Steve U. trip and pancake into our neighbor's tents. More to come.

Oct 15-19 **XII International Rally of BMW Motorcycles** – in Guadalajara and Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Sponsored by Club Motorrad Guadalajara A.C. This is unique because there will be two days Guadalajara and the other two days in Puerto Vallarta. The travel between the two will be on paved jungle roads. The stay in Puerto Vallarta is in a world-class beach resort. Entry fee \$275 and limit of 600 entries. For more details check out www.bmwmotorradgdl.com.mx/english%20info.html and Heard on the Road section of BMW ON.

FOR SALE

2001 MuZ Skorpion 660. Bought new in 2003. Less than 2000 miles. New rear tire. Great shape – kept in heated/AC shop. \$2000. Bob Walbert 529-3130.

1992 V-max Widowmaker. Low miles Rocketship straight to Hell. Yellow - like the stains in your shorts the first time you hit the v-boost in second gear. Get it out of my shed before I buy it. \$2500. Wade 280-0790 wadeebert@sbcglobal.net

2005 URAL Gear-up – Green Camo, Locking drive shaft, reverse, Avon Tires, bench seat, deep oil sump, seat and tire covers, extra fuel can. 900km, like new, always garaged, never off road (unlike his son's rodeo riding beat-to-shit Ural). Bernie Armbruster 217-622-3606, armbruster@springnet1.com.

I HAVE RIDDEN MY MOTORCYCLE TO WORK TODAY BECAUSE:

- Riding to work is fun
- Riding to work reduces traffic and parking congestion
- Riding to work uses less fuel than an automobile
- Riding to work leaves me alert and energized
- Riding to work results in less pollution than commuting in a larger vehicle
- Riding to work is less destructive to road surfaces, bridges, ect.
- Riding to work gets me to work (and back home) faster
- Riding to work demonstrates motorcycling as a social good

www.ridetowork.org - Ride to work day is the third Wednesday in July

TWO STATE HIGH SPEED CRIME SPREE WRAP-UP – editor

Well, a few close calls passing with one car in the ditch, one flat tire, one smoked tire, one smoked clutch, one ID left at Hussein Pumping, one close call riding a Ducati at 4am with no helmet to meet strippers getting off work at Dennys (cop amazingly let this miler go free), but all in all no major casualties. One hell of a weekend, and for all those milers who missed the 3rd Annual Cape Run, you

have no idea the fun you are missing. This year we grew from 8-9 milers to 17 milers. The turn out at McDonald's on Toronto Road Friday was outstanding. We had a nice run down to Dreamland Palace for another fantastic Bavarian lunch. Then we were off blasting down the bluff roads on the Illinois side, with a stop at Modoc, then cross over at Chester when the skies opened up. Plan change with quick route into the Cape through some scenic roads, and check-in at the Townhouse Inn. Apparently their was some show at the local gay caberet. All our neighbors were in for the show, or attending – because it was a total freak show (just ask Chris Martin who actually got to see the rehearsal in the parking lot).



Macs kick off

photo: Editor



Dreamland Palace!

Photo: Editor



Labonte's and Tom at the Kiddy Table

photo:Editor



Modoc Stop

photo: Editor



JB loved this sign!

Photo: Sgro



Great Greek Dinner

photo: Sgro

Friday we ate again at the ever fabulous California Juice Bar, with a first class gourmet dinner. Then we were off to downtown Cape to rock it out with the locals. The cross river expeditionary force to Hussein Pumping took off late, with one casualty left behind to fend for his own way back home.



Making friends with the locals photo: Sgro



Bellm's bike Dirty?

Photo: Editor



Cooling off Cajun Dinner with drinks photo: Sgro



Free Breakfast at Cape BMW, tired souls photo: Sgro

Early am came sooner than we thought, and Paul Labonte didn't quite make it out of bed Saturday till the sun almost was down. We had a most gracious welcome at the Cape BMW Dealership, with a fully catered breakfast. Then off to tear up the twisties. Finally by noon I felt like I didn't have to puke in my helmet. A little rain in am, but right before we pulled into the Winery it was time to light it up. Winery stop was awesome, and definitely a must stop for next year. Steve Sgro linked up with us after trying to get Chris's Ducati running (water in fuel perhaps, and smoked clutch kept him at the Townhouse for the show). Then all of us off on great route back to the Cape. Pre-glow at Farah's then off for spicy Creole dinner at Broussards and another night of fun (but not so late).



BMW shop for brunch photo: Sgro



What a waste of a GS photo: Editor



Taking the Edge off photo: Sgro



Great Lunch stop photo: Editor



Bummer for Chip photo: Editor



Graveyard stop along "C" coming home photo: Sgro

Sunday everyone broke up on various schedules and had sunny beautiful rides back home to wrap up a fantastic weekend. I know Steve Sgro and I tore it up along C coming back, what a road. Thanks JB and Farah again for another unforgettable Miler weekend. Riders in attendance this year Jim Snell, JB Norris, Bob Walbert, Mike Howie, Jim Streubing, Mike Labonte, Paul Labonte, Bernie Armbruster, Hellar Armbruster, Tom Bellm, Chris Martin, Steve Sgro, Tom Hosteny, Steve Unversagt (on Friday with formal escort to MO), Steve Degler, Don Corrigan, Jay Wavering, and Jim Oliver. Hopefully I didn't forget anybody. Hope to see more Milers next year! You won't forget it.

WWII CUSHMAN – editor

A friend of mine and fellow WWII reenactor, Ryan McAffrey, can do amazing things with a welder. He has restored a 1950s ¾ Ton Weapons Carrier to like new condition and made a flame thrower, bazooka, and 60 mm mortar replicas from scrap metal. His latest creation is a completely restored 1942 Airborne Cushman. He restored this from the frame up. He sent a picture to the Cushman museum and they said it is one of the best they have seen so far restored. I told him he needs a miler sticker on it somewhere. Thing has 5hp engine and gets up to about 50 mph. Stag ride contender I say. The actually dropped these things from parachutes, or flew them in on gliders during WWII. Over 4500 of them were built delivered to the Airborne. Originals today are going for \$5-6 thousand dollars. Think I could hang this off my GS to take to rallies?



As found

photo: Editor



Completely finished unit photo: Editor

NEW MILER VOTED IN

One new member was voted in at the April meeting.

Ron Havens, sponsored by Steve Unverzagt, has been riding since 1963. Among the three bikes he listed, one of them is a 2001 BMW 1150 GS. Ron lives in Springfield and works as a consultant.

We also had one new member to join after the meeting. Sano Mahnee, sponsored by Phong Bouavong, has been riding since 2003. Sano rides a 2003 Honda CBR954 and lives in Springfield. Yes, we know this is out of the ordinary, but Jim Snell, Jim Struebing and I talked Sano into joining so we accepted his money (what we won't do for money) and said that he could be voted in at the next meeting. Because of his job Sano has not been able to make our meetings, but ever since last year Sano has showed up after the meetings to socialize with the Milers.

Welcome to the Milers, Eric and Sano!

We also had two previous Milers to re-join our ranks, Merle King and Jimmy Snell.

Welcome back Merle and Jimmy!

Ray White

NEW BMW S1000RR SUPERBIKE – Courtesy Chris Barnes



TWO WHEEL TUESDAY

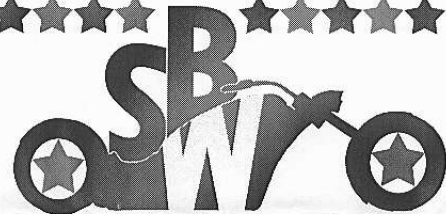
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- May 1- Halfway There- New Berlin 7 - 9
- May 2- American Tap- Taylorville 8 - 10
- May 3- Four Seasons- Springfield 5 - 7
- May 8- Third Base- Springfield 7 - 9
- May 9- Rocky's- Auburn 8 - 10
- May 10- Ted's Tavern- Petersburg 5 - 7
- May 17- Kookoo's Nest- Springfield 5 - 7

- **A 2hr Bikini Contest hosted by WYMG**
 - **Prizes for participants**
 - **GRAND PRIZE of \$500**
- **Ask the bar your choose for an entry**



Donate to the Roger Hayden's Lost Digit Memorial Fund, photo after initial surgery before he had them cut the boneless thing off.

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Miler of the Month – “Farah do you have a spare clutch?”