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## 2005 Calendar of Events



### October 2

Club ride led by Michel Dozois – details to be announced

### October 6-9

Annual BMW RA International Rally, Shelbyville, Tennessee

### October (tba)

Aids Walk – awareness for aids crisis – volunteers needed to escort

### November 7

Club "Annual General Meeting, Lindenhof Restaurant

### October (tba)

Ride around the Rideau

## Member Profile

### Sean and Teresa Eckford

Bikes: 1998 F650 and 1993 R1100RS

Sean and Teresa live in Kanata where Teresa is a writer, researcher and book reviewer who's working on getting her first novel published. Sean works with CBC radio as a newsreader/editor. They also own a small business that imports and distributes scientific instruments.

Started riding:

Sean: As a kid back in BC, in about 1979.

Teresa: Planning to get her ticket this year.

## Buy, Sell and Trade

*If you have any goods or services that you wish to advertise to buy, sell or trade please forward, along with an image (if necessary).*



2005 F650 GS (Yellow) with ABS, BMW cases, engine guard and extended windscreen. Only 2,600 km. Maintained at Motor Sports World. Asking \$9,000. Still under warranty (transferable). Or would trade for an R1200GS.

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## Member News

Due to the high demand of expert BMW technicians, Jesse McGrath will be returning to Melbourne, Australia on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Jesse will be returning to his duties as Master Technician at Southbank Motorcycles.

On May 1<sup>st</sup> 2006, Jesse looks forward to returning to Ottawa and continuing to serve the BMW community through his company, Premier Cycle Service.

He wishes to thank all Ottawa area BMW owners for a great season.

## Executives, Directors and Volunteers

### Club Executives

President: Don Dobson  
Vice President: Patti Griffin  
Membership: John MacMillan  
Treasurer: Larry Clements

### Directors

Regalia: Werner Bausenhart  
Member Relations: Andre Gareau

### Directors cont'd

Member Relations: Ray Pelletier

### Volunteers

Ride Captain: Michel Dozois  
Ride for Dad "Liaison": Patti Griffin (currently performs this role by virtue of her role in delivering "host services" at the Nortel Campus)

## Reviews

*Any reviews of books, rides or events*



*would be greatly appreciated.*

## In Memory

BMW MOA President Larry "Hawk" Hawthorne passes.

The BMW MOA Family expresses its deepest condolences to the Hawthorne Family. Below is Hawk's obituary that was written by family members. (Published in the Decatur Herald & Review on 9/11/2005. )



"Larry 'Hawk' Hawthorne passed away at 4:50 A.M. Saturday, September 10, 2005 in his home. Funeral services celebrating his life will be held at 10:30 A.M. Tuesday, September 13, 2005 in Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home. Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 Monday in the funeral home. Interment with the "Flight Home" ceremony will in Graceland Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Multicultural Genealogical Center, P.O., Box 125, Chesterhill, OH., 43728. Condolences may be sent to the family in care of [www.gracelandfairlawn.com](http://www.gracelandfairlawn.com).

Larry was born on May 22, 1949 in Decatur, the son of Howard and Mary Hawthorne. He was a 1967 graduate of Lakeview High School. He graduated from Southern Illinois Carbondale in 1974. Larry worked at A.E. Staley from 1974-1992. After leaving Staley he worked with Prudential Insurance until 1988 at which time he went as an Independent Agent working with the First Financial Group. He married Sharon K. Duff in Decatur on May 5th, 1979. He has one step-son- James Duff of Dallas, TX.

One love of Larry's life was riding BMW motorcycles. He has been awarded his 200,000 mile award and was reaching his 300,000 mile award when malignant melanoma took his life. Larry has been a member of BMW Motorcycles Owners of America for 30 years. He was touring editor for BMW Owners News from the late 70's until the mid 80's. He has been a BMW Ambassador since April 1990. Larry was elected to the BMWMDA Board of Directors in 2001. In 2003 he was elected president of BMW Motorcycles Owners of America. He held that position until September 2005.

Surviving are his wife, Sharon Hawthorne, mother- Mary Hawthorne of Decatur, sisters- Karen and her husband Darryll Kelly of Mt. Zion and Phyllis Radley of Decatur, many nieces, nephews and a host of friends. He was preceded in death by his father Howard, brother Ed and sister Donna Hyde.

So many roads, So little time."

### **MOA Board of Directors Meeting**

Greetings BMW Motorcycle Club of Ottawa,

Just a brief note to let you and your members know about the MOA Board of Directors meeting at the site of the 2006 MOA Rally in VT taking place in October. Please share this information in your newsletter and/or monthly club meeting.

There will be a site walkabout tour of the Champlain Valley Exposition Center in Essex Junction, VT (just east of Burlington) at 0900 on Saturday, 15 Oct, 2005. All interested MOA members are invited to attend the site visit and stay for the BoD open meeting session to follow.

Your input and suggestions for the 06 Rally will be appreciated. Hope to see at least a few club representatives there.

Michael Friedle  
BMW MOA Ambassador  
BMW MOA Board of Directors  
BMW MOA International Rally co-Chair 99, 03, 06

## Werner Bausenhardt's Travels

After exactly one month and some 12,000 km I've arrived in Manaus, Brazil, and booked myself on an Amazon cruiser (hammock class) to Belem, for a well-deserved holiday. From Belem it will be on another Amazonian to Macapa, then north into the Guyanas, and more adventures. Hope you're having a good time at the Finger Lakes. Will be thinking of you.

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Wow!!! What a ride.

It started off easy. The road to Linden is in excellent condition, and no critters roaming about. Since I had no idea what lay ahead, I decided to stay overnight in Linden and tackle the dirt at 6.00 next morning. Excellent gravel, 30 feet wide, washboard, but otherwise good. I asked a trucker where to buy gas in Mabura Hill. He steered me to Peter and Ruth's place on Mile 58. They sell gas from a barrel, provide simple meals, and allow you to sling your hammock in one of their gazebos overnight. This is an alternative to Linden.

From Mabura Hill on the road narrows. Still good gravel, but then sections of loose and deep sand. Aim for a track, left or right, and step on it. Speed will get you through. Think Sahara. We are now in dense jungle. The ferry over the Kurupukari river sails on demand. They don't charge for motorcycles, but they don't sail for motorcycles. You have to wait until a car or truck makes it worthwhile. In my case 2 hours later a truck released me from my misery. The road continues in fair shape on the other side of the river. Now for the first time we have wet spots. Soon big puddles from forest to forest. There is no escape. You gotta plow through. But first walk it, over on the left, back on the right, to find out what is under the dirty water. Wet feet are a side-effect. But better than giving the bike a drink.

At Annai is a good place to stay overnight, about 120 km from the ferry. The owner of the Lodge sells gas. Tank up. Still some 140 km to go to Lethem.

I thought that from now on it would be easy street. Never, ever think that! It was the worst section of the whole ride. The road runs through savannah, with virtually no drainage. There is still water all around, and on the road huge mud wallow, where the big trucks have done their thing. I hate mud. Almost went over several times, made a nice side-landing in the slushy stuff once. Got the bike up alright. Of course noone in sight to help. Saw only one vehicle all morning. It continues bad right into Lethem, even the bit of pavement they put down in town was lousy.

Hunting immigration and customs. Finally found the guy next to the policeman in the police station. He signed me out. The policeman signed my customs document, since the customs guy could not be found.

Now to another ferry, over the Takutu. Again on demand. It was a barge pushed by two guys in boats with outboard motors. Over to Brazil. Immigration signs me in. Then customs. But they have skipped out early for lunch. Come back at 14.00. The man thought that only two days in Brazil would not warrant making out another document. So he let me go. I don't like this. But hang in there. The truth will be told tomorrow at the Venezuelan border of Santa-Helena. At least the road to Boa Vista, 118 km, was excellent.

So here ends the Amazon-Guyanas Loop. In retrospect, I'm glad I did it counterclockwise, rather

than the other way. This mud at the beginning would have freaked me out. One bit of advice: Do it! But don't do it in the Rainy Season.

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In Boa Vista both ends of the loop meet. At first I wanted to ride through the Guyanas in a clockwise direction, but for various reasons I decided do ride the Amazonas first, and do the loop in a counterclockwise direction. If coming from the south, you would enter the loop at Belem, and take a boat to Macapa. If continuing south beyond Belem, e.g. going to Ushuaia, you would skip the Boa Vista-Manaus-Belem ride entirely. Similarly when riding north after Boa Vista.

Timing is of the essence. Apart from the 7 to 8 days spent on the river, there are 6 ferry crossings, and some ferries operate only once or twice a day, others on demand. But they don't care much for motorcyclists. So be prepared to wait. Also note that customs in these latitudes usually is closed Saturdays and Sundays. I entered French Guyane at St.-Georges de l'Oiapoque on a Monday, and left Guyana at Lethem again on a Monday, 8 days later. So, it is better to spend more time in Fr. Guyana, or Suriname, than being stuck at an awful place like Oiapoque or Lethem for two days.

Difficulties: The worst section is between Annai and Lethem (140km): mud. (I took me from 6.00 to 11.00 to do it, and I'm no good in mud). Other than that no great difficulties. Regular enduro tires will be adequate (I had Michelin Anakees, not by choice).

Security: No problem, except for Georgetown. Be careful there. It was a great trip. I would do it again, even in retrospect. In regards to safety: There are several signs on the landing site of Oiapoque, Brazil, warning arrivals in French and Portugese, that "AIDS knows no boundaries, wear a condom." I tried. But after wearing the thing continuously for 4 days and nights in that heat, I noticed a significant change in both size and texture. So I went to another shop and bought one 100% cotton, and loosely knitted. I'm almost back to normal now.

One more remark: If you liked my reports, go to the Books section of HU, and find four of my books about riding on all 6 continents, written in a similar style. My nom de plume is Werner Bausenhardt, now on a 12,000km commute back home to Canada.

### **Ride for Dad-Rendezvous Ride '05**

Hi everyone..hope you all had a great summer. It's now time for our fall Rendezvous/Appreciation Ride. So please get the word out to our Ride Crews and friends to come and join us.

Where: Meet for Breakfast at Biggs Restaurant-St.Laurent & Cyrville Rd (two blocks north of the 417)

When: Saturday October 1st, 0900 hrs. to eat..rollout at 10:00 sharp.

Ride: A quick tour through town and on to the BuckHorn for a beer/coffee, before an easy ride back. Depending on your speed should be back by 3:30 or so.

So spread the word... and see you then.

Rainday cancellation will be decided by Fridays' weather report...and e-mailed out.

Byron (Smith)