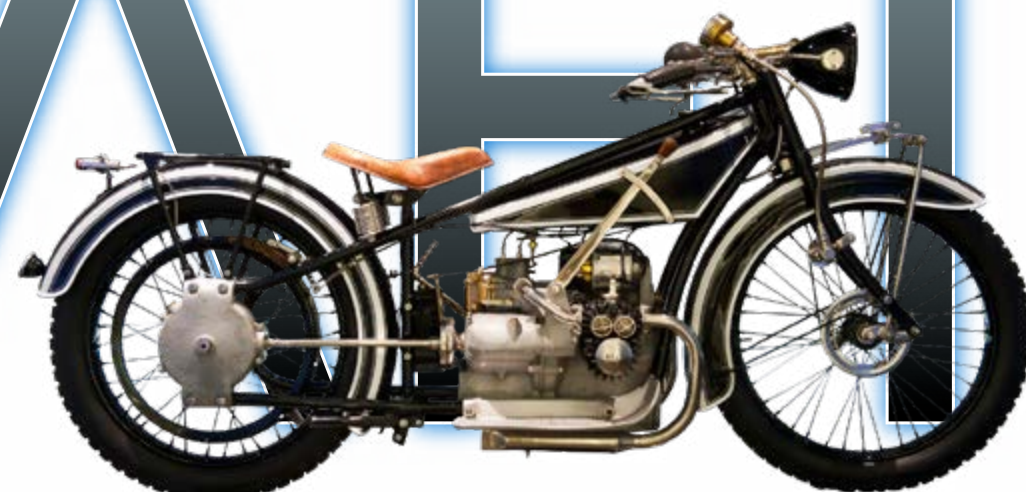


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Letter From the President
The New LOE BMW R Website
Breathe Cleaner. See Clearly. Ride Safer.

Keep Riding Until the Tires are Bald and the Tank Empty

THE LAST CROSS-COUNTRY TRIP I MADE WAS 15 YEARS AGO, TO MONTANA AND BACK with my pregnant wife (on her own K1200S), before David was born. Now David is 15 years old, and was gifted his Yiayia's SV650 to begin his motorcycling career.

My mission was to ride it back from Michigan in July. To say I was looking forward to a 1200 mile trip after years of mostly just commuting is an understatement. I was chomping at the bit, consuming maps and dreaming travel.

After a few days at Marina's house in

Highland, Michigan, making sure the bike was ready to travel I was on my way. It felt like hitting open road after being stuck in heavy traffic: the freedom was breathtaking.

The first day was spent twisting through southern Michigan into Illinois: tight little

roads with a lake every few miles and dense trees making canopies overhead. It was as different from New Mexico as I could imagine. Everything was damp and green, with rolling hills and little farms and roadside produce stands. The little bike held a steady pace and I drank in the scenery as it spooled by. My itinerary, such as it was, was to avoid the interstate and enjoy the little towns and
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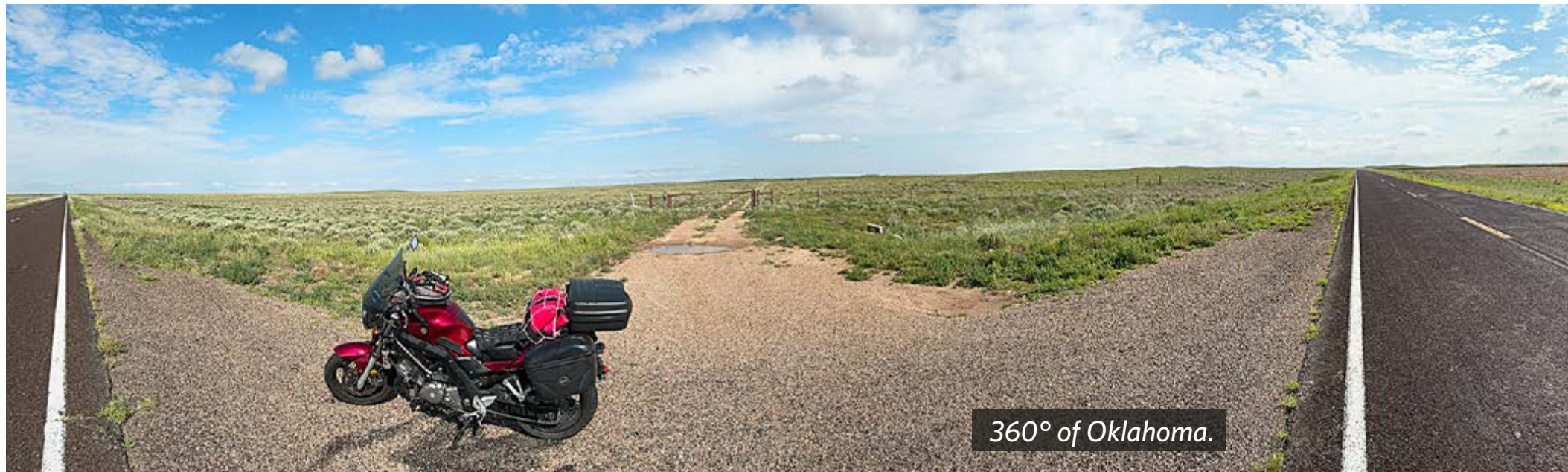


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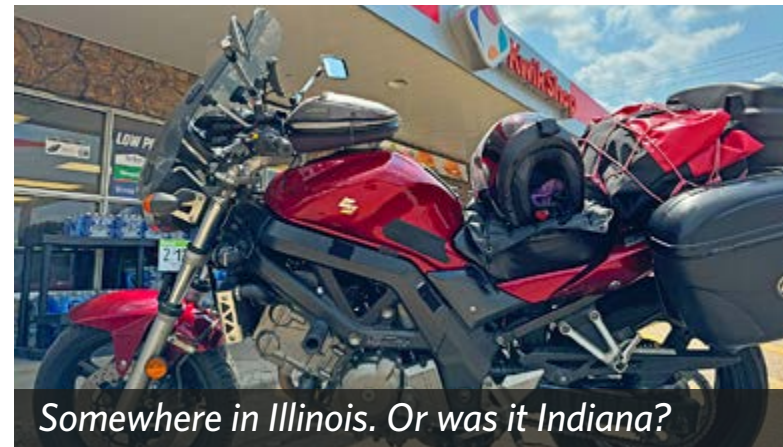
360° of Oklahoma.



Back in New Mexico, up near Raton.



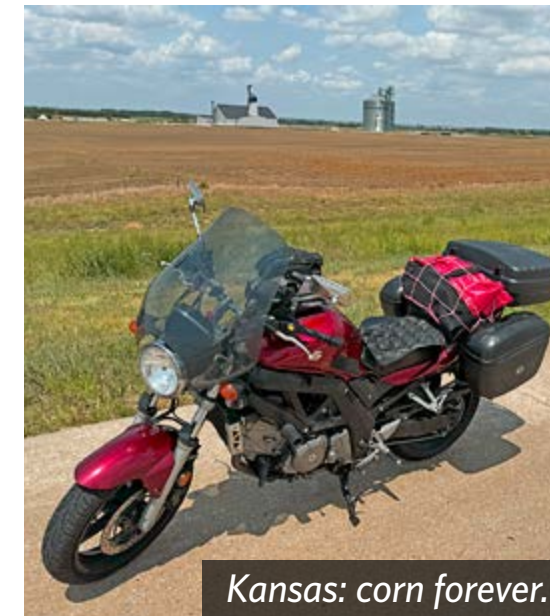
In Marina's garage, ready for the trip.



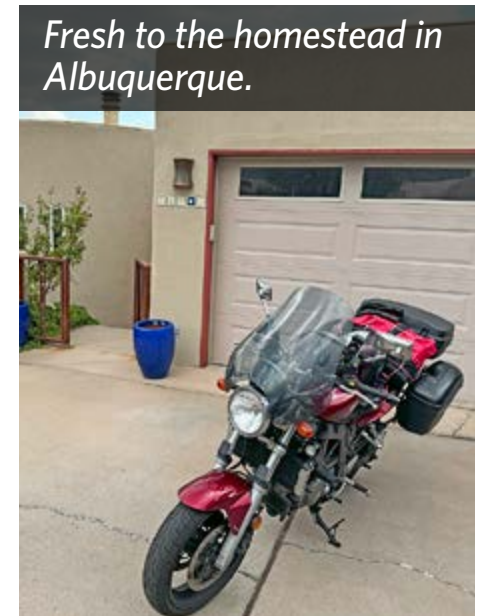
Somewhere in Illinois. Or was it Indiana?



First stop in western Michigan.
60 miles per gallon!



Kansas: corn forever.



Fresh to the homestead in Albuquerque.

roads throughout the Midwest.

Any time I approached a city I looked for little byways that skirted around it, and so made my way through Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and Kansas. On the second day, after leaving the verdant Michigan forests, Indiana and Illinois flattened out and the entire Midwest became made of corn. Hundreds and hundreds of miles of corn, as far as the eye could see to the flat horizon. Never wonder again why everything has corn in it, the corn was like sand on the seashore. Along with the corn was hundreds of miles of wind farms, a huge change since the last time I'd been through here. They were vast and impressive, diminishing into the distance. Quite a mechanical marvel, considering the huge size of each blade multiplied by thousands across the miles.

I accidentally ended up in a few small cities, which I instantly regretted. Topeka was only mildly annoying, but Wichita is one to avoid at all costs. I decided on IHOP for breakfast, which ended up being an hours-long torture of bumper to bumper traffic. Small city, indeed. Avoid the population centers, young Jedi, and it will be better for you.

The corn ended upon entering Oklahoma, replaced by - nothing. From the Okie border back to the house in Albuquerque, it was a zen landscape of emptiness. Even more than the brain emptying kingdom of corn, the Southwest became a meditation on the void. It was such a relief from day to day grind that I just wanted to keep going, to not stop until the tires were gone and the tank dry. I

loved it. I remembered how much I anticipated trips in the past, how enjoyable it is to just ride for riding's sake. To go and not stop until you have to. I had missed it so much.

The SV650 was a joy to travel with. Set up for touring, it was supremely comfortable and easily ate up the miles with no drama. My K1200R Sport is much more exciting, and I've done a fair amount of touring on it, but the Suzuki just did everything I asked of it. With a satisfying growl from the Yoshimura pipe, it always wanted more at the end of the day. I never expected a little bike to be so satisfying on a trip like this.

Now it's David's turn. So far he's only paddled it around the MSF practice range, but next year he will get serious. He and I will take some father-son motorcycle trips, and the bike will be his daily commuter to school. It's an exciting time for this teenager!

David Wilson, editor



The Suzuki's first trip (of many) to La Luz.

CLOUDCROFT!



by Gary Talda, pictures by Gary Talda, Lynda Garcia
Another great outing with BMW LOE club, with Kevin Henson, Jon Saperia and Dan Erhard.

Jon Saperia's ride home started eventfully. It was 60 in Cloudcroft so we bundled up - and promptly hit over 80 in Alamogordo! On the ride down, my "Low Oil Light" came on which is not unheard of for '16 R1200GS owners. But I then got a "Park Immediately" warning. Made it to

the Space Museum and checked the level - it was fine! While taking pics of the Space Chimp memorial I let it sit for 5 minutes without the keyfob near the bike. Started up and it ran fine.

Kevin Henson convinced to avoid the I-25 trudge. I looked at Google Maps and it was only a little bit longer time but obviously a better ride. To get home in time however required I ride from Carrizozo to home (170 miles) non-stop however which helped keep my speed down!



Where have you



been up to lately?

by Joel Meier: On November 9 Jerry McCarthy, Dermot Rafferty, and I joined with many other riders to visit the "Magical City" of Tapalpa with a temple built in 1650. With a gathering of the community, the Mexican affiliated Federation of BMW Motorcycle Clubs presented a bunch of new bicycles to the most outstanding school kids. It was a wonderful gesture of kindness from these club members.



by Amy Ballard

In case you live under a rock, or lack interest in motorsports (what?!), I am happy to announce that Jorge Martin is the 2024 MotoGP champion, securing his title last Sunday with an anti-climatic but solid, third place finish in the race. In other news, Pecco Bagnaia finished in second and Marc Marquez finished third place overall, securing Ducati domination in the premiere class.

I am looking forward to 2025, a season with lots of changes for teams and riders.

I thought I would wrap up this season with a trivia quiz for all you MotoGP geeks out there. The first person to complete the quiz correctly (all answers), and submit it to me at amyballard542@yahoo.com will receive a (small) prize. After this column I will be taking a break for a couple of months, but I'll be back with more MotoGP mania soon!

Quiz:

1. What is the top speed achieved in the premiere class in a MotoGP race (not qualifying)?
2. Where was this achieved?
3. Who holds the record?
4. When does Dorna's contract end for MotoGP management?
5. What was the last MotoGP premiere class race won by a motorcycle other than a Ducati?
6. Who is the current General Manager of Ducati Corse?
7. What will Simon Crafar's job be next year?
8. What is Pecco Bagnaia's racing number?
9. Which rider(s) missed the end of the 2024 season due to injury?
10. What team will the following riders be riding with for 2025?
 - a. Pedro Acosta
 - b. Miguel Olivera
 - c. Johann Zarco
 - d. Aleix Espargaro
 - e. Jack Miller
 - f. Alex Rins

Thanks for reading and see you soon!

LOE BMW R CALENDAR

GENERAL CALENDAR INFO

As always, while event information is posted in the Shaft, there may be last minute changes, which will be reflected on the [Message Board](#). If you cannot visit the [Message Board](#), the ride contact person can notify you of changes. Please note all rides are at the individual's own discretion and risk. These are destination rides so each person should "ride their own ride" while meeting up with others at the various destinations of the ride. Be sure you're aware of the route and bring your own maps/GPS to assist you. Exchanging cell phone numbers with other ride participants is recommended. If you decide to drop out of the ride at some point during the ride, notifying at least one other ride participant of your intention to drop out will help alleviate unnecessary confusion or concern for your whereabouts. All information will be posted to the Calendar page.

ON ANY SUNDAY

Some gather for Sunday breakfast at Milly's on Jefferson just North of San Antonio. Meet between 7 and 8 am.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 BRUNCH RENDEZVOUS

Check the Forum for details, a choice of routes for Albuquerque riders and be sure to RSVP.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 CHRISTMAS PARTY

11 am - 1 pm at Mario's Pizza, on Juan Tabo and Menaul (see the website to RSVP and for a Google map: https://loebmwr.org/?tribe_events=2024-annual-christmas-dinner). We will have a great menu of:

Appetizers: fried cheese, zucchini, toasted

ravioli and mushrooms, lightly breaded and fried. Served with marinara and ranch. Breadsticks, too!

Entrees:

Baked Lasagna: Layers of fresh pasta, seasoned ground beef, ricotta, pecorino and mozzarella cheeses

Spaghetti and meatballs: Pasta and meatballs with Italian sauce

Southwest Chicken: Grilled chicken, mushrooms and diced tomatoes tossed with penne pasta in green chile alfredo

Vegetarian and Supreme Pizza

Beverages: Coke • Diet Coke • Sprite • Dr Pepper Diet • Dr Pepper • Root Beer • Iced Tea • Lemonade. **Beer and other alcoholic beverages are available for purchase from Mario's staff.

Dessert: Cookies and brownies

We will also have presentations by the President and others during the dinner.

NOTE: The "FREE" label above denotes only that there are RSVP spots available.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21 SANDIA BMW WHEELS & COFFEE

They will have coffee and breakfast snacks between 9-10:30 am for us to enjoy before we go for a ride or whatever comes up.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12-14, 2025 40TH ANNUAL LOE BAVARIAN MOUNTAIN RALLY

Stay tuned for additional details about the clubs 40th Annual Bavarian Mountain Rally.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5 BRUNCH RENDEZVOUS

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 18 SANDIA BMW WHEELS & COFFEE

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NATIONAL EVENTS

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, JANUARY 17-19, 2025 BMWNEF WINTER RALLY LIVE OAK, FL

Join us in January and escape the winter blues in sunny and warm Florida! We'll have off-road training, seminars, vendors, guided and self-guided day rides, bonfires and camping, and of course dinners, rally T-shirts and door prizes for you!

Camp Weed is located at 11057 Camp Weed Pl, Live Oak FL 23060 and you can register quickly and easily by visiting bmwnef.org.

Please reserve your meals when registering; if you forget to do this, there's no guarantee you'll get fed!

Only certified service animals are allowed in buildings. All animals must be restrained. Please use motorcycle safety riding gear at all times when riding on the property. No refunds will be issued unless the rally is cancelled.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY, MARCH 27-30, 2025 CAMPOUT AT DEATH VALLEY DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK, CA

The BMW Club of Northern California Campout at Death Valley, Furnace Creek, Death Valley National Park, California. Contact tourcaptain@bmwnorcal.org

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, APRIL 4-6, 2025 HILL COUNTRY HANGOUT KERRVILLE, TX

Join the San Antonio BMW RA at

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NOTE CONCERNING THE CALENDAR

You are strongly encouraged to check the Message Board and the Calendar on the web site before any event, to be apprised of any last-minute changes. You'll also find impromptu rides posted, reviews and opinions on club activities as they happen.



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LOE BMW R CALENDAR

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Kerrville-Schreiner Park for a couple of days of beautiful springtime in the Texas Hill Country. The rally camping will be in the Fawn Hide-a-Way loop; dining hall and mini-cabins in the Midway Mini-Cabin loop and High Point area (as cabins reserve quickly, select yours on or about Jan.1).

Your rally fee of \$50 includes two nights tent camping,

Friday and Saturday night dinner, door prizes and awards. You will be situated in some of the best riding in central Texas, just minutes from Hwy 16 and the Three Sisters. Registration begins January 1. After March 25, registration is \$60 per person, paid on site by cash or check only.

Tent camping is included in the rally fee. Sites have tables, plenty of trees and there is water available nearby.

For an additional fee, there are a limited number of cabins available situated around rally central. Each cabin can accommodate four people, tables, chairs, electrical outlets, heating, and AC. Cabins are first-come, first-served.

RVs are *not* allowed in the rally camping area, sites are available in the park in nearby loops. Please contact the Park Office at (830) 257-7300 or email inquiries to kerrpark@kerrvilletx.gov.

Contact Michael Makowski, makowski.michael@gmail.com, (210) 488-6554.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, JUNE 19-21, 2025 BMW MOA NATIONAL RALLY LEBANON, TN

Rhythm and Rides Reunion! Go to <https://rally.bmwmoa.org> to get the latest updates on the planning progress. The info here will be updated as it becomes available.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, APRIL 25-27, 2025 MOA GETAWAY AT THE BREAKS BREAKS, VA

Bring your riding friends and experience some of the best motorcycle riding in the country. Breaks Interstate Park is

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located on the Kentucky/Virginia state border. It is known as the Grand Canyon of the South because it is the deepest gorge east of the Mississippi River. The event location is a natural rider's haven nestled in the heart of the Appalachian Mountains.

The \$149 event fee includes a Friday night welcome party and dinner, Saturday night dinner and awards, and door prizes.

Breaks Interstate Park will be the base of operations for the event. Lodging options are available on a first-come, first-served basis. All available lodging has been blocked out for our event guests. For reservations call the park directly at (276) 865-4413 and speak to the front desk. You will need to provide them with the event code BreaksBMW25 to book a room. If you visit the web page, the property will show sold out for the weekend, so please remember - *you must call!* This also applies to RV spots and tent camping as well.

Contact Fred Bramblett, fred@rides4funseries.com, (859) 653-9585.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Karl Zuercher, president@loebmwr.org

Hello Everyone,

10" of snow at my house earlier this month and you would have thought it was time to winterize and store the bike. I put mine on the battery charger because I had not ridden it in nearly two weeks. I shoveled some snow and chipped some ice, and when the sun came out I went for a putt.

It felt good after an abnormally long sabbatical out of the saddle. The bike seemed to hum contentedly, being able to stretch its legs as I rode. We have a distinct advantage over many parts of the country - for the most part, we can ride every month of the year. And I have made it a point to do so.

The riding season is certainly winding down, but it's never over. Heated gear, grips and seats keep us rolling, and as always, I'm looking forward to next year's destinations. "Ride a little every day," as a friend of mine always says.

We have many things in store for the Club in the coming months. Our new website will be live very soon. On it you will see we have plans for more social events, new places and events to attend, and new members to meet. Much of this you can hear about at the annual Christmas Party on December 7, and you will be getting some emails with instructions how to sign on to the new site. Jon Saperia has worked very hard to make it all happen. I think you are going to like the result.

We will be asking you in a survey about what kind of riding and events you would like to see happen. Come February, at the Progressive Breakfast, we hope to have some of the results of the survey to share with you.

We already have a good start on our 40th annual Bavarian Mountain Weekend next September; we want to make it special

"vacation" rally for you. You have until December 5th to sign up for the Christmas Party online. Hope to see you there.

Enjoy the holidays and be safe everyone!

THE NEW LOE BMW R WEBSITE

by Jon Saperia, webmaster@loebmwr.org

Hello Land of Enchantment BMW Riders,

In October we wrote about the challenges we have had with our existing website technology and the decision to move to a new platform for all our communication needs, ClubExpress. This note provide some additional background and outline activities over the remainder of the year.

The new site has a number of features we hope you will enjoy and that will, we hope, encourage members to login and participate.

- Payment processing for membership renewal and events is integrated with the system, only requires one login.
- Members can have their own photo albums
- A new Forum system that allows people to interact via the website or email
- A new mobil application to provide better access to and communication when you are on the road.
- A place to share information about our rides
- A survey facility so we can get feedback on any topic from club members
- A custom home page for members shown to members when the login. It provides quick access to commonly used areas of the website so you don't have to hunt through the system to find them.

WHAT'S TO EXPECT:

The week of December 16th you will receive an email from the new system asking you to login and set your new password.

- The site has a number of places with

help if you have questions from a Frequently Asked Questions Section, to ClubExpress produced videos on a number of topics built into the system.

- There is a telephone support number staffed by ClubExpress personnel if you have any difficulties, or you can send mail to webmaster@loebmwr.org.
- We will conduct a number of Zoom meetings that will introduce you to the site in January.



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GILZ CLEAN AIR TECHNOLOGY

Motorcycle riders often face unique environmental hazards that can jeopardize their safety and health. Exposure to exhaust can impair breathing and visibility, while dust and foggy visors obscure the road and dangers. Riding near wildfires or in areas with hazardous air quality introduces risks from smoke and airborne particulates, which can cause respiratory issues and reduce reaction times. These conditions demand heightened awareness, proper gear, and safety precautions to navigate the challenges of the open road.

THE GILZ HELMET AND AVIATOR KIT

Much like a vehicle's defrost system, the GILZ technology delivers a steady stream of filtered air across the rider's face, simultaneously defogging the visor and removing harmful particulates from the air.

GILZ LLC, a New Mexico-based startup, is at the forefront of innovation in personal safety gear. Its patent-pending Clean Helmet

system is integrated directly into the helmet shell, while the Aviator Kit offers an external add-on option for existing helmets.

A VISION BORN FROM EXPERIENCE

Founder Josh Kefauver conceived the idea after years of riding motorcycles in developing countries, where exposure to diesel exhaust and urban air pollution caused chronic respiratory issues. During those rides on his BMW 800 GS, he realized there were no helmets on the market with integrated air filtering capabilities. Determined to fill this gap, he began building a prototype in his Albuquerque garage.

Kefauver partnered with experts at Sandia National Laboratories' Aerosol Science Lab for proof-of-concept testing. The results? The GILZ system demonstrated 95% efficiency in filtering harmful particulates, proving its potential to not only enhance rider comfort but also protect health and safety.

To bring these innovations to riders worldwide, GILZ is preparing for a crowdfunding launch in early 2025 via Indiegogo.

JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Kefauver and his team are asking motorcycle enthusiasts to follow GILZ on LinkedIn, Facebook, and Instagram (@gilz_llc or #GILZ) for updates and to help spread the word.

Visit the GILZ Indiegogo pre-campaign page [here](#) and visit their YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@GILZLLC>

