

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
June/July 2007

As I write this I am sitting on my back porch overlooking a pond. I see Canadian geese and ducks swimming. Turtle- heads are sticking up above the surface of the water all over the pond. There are kids playing in the park and I can hear the sounds of kids and teenagers having fun in the swimming pool a half block away. Adults and kids are fishing around the pond. What a paradise! I am probably the luckiest guy in the world and very happy to be alive on this fine day. It's been a crazy couple of months. First there was my surgery on May 29 then the next couple of weeks are kind of a blur (I'm doing great now). Sometime late in June the hard drive on our computer crashed and we just got it back up and running the first part of July.

There is lots of excitement in the BMW world also as the National Rally starts July 12, the Top of the Rockies on July 19, and then the Cascade Country Rendezvous on July 26. There are many more as well. One that I will try to make is the 32nd Annual Sherando Lake Rally August 31- September 2nd at the Sherando Lake National Recreation Area twelve miles south of Waynesboro. Virginia. This is a beautiful area! I guess my point is-- we sure have a lot of choices.

On the local scene, August is usually pretty hot here and I am not aware of any rides planned for this month. The 1st Motorcycle Summit sponsored by the LA Highway Safety Commission is on August 4 from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Holiday Select in Baton Rouge. This could be important for us as riders and I for one would like to have some input. Contact Jannie Markey if you would like to attend. Also, we will be having a joint meeting with the Mississippi BMW group in Natchez on September 8 (this will take the place of our regular meeting for September). I am planning on spending the night Saturday the 8th in Natchez and going to dinner with friends from the club at King's Tavern, a fine restaurant located in a building well over a hundred years old that is reported to be haunted. It has been the subject of numerous articles in magazines and featured on many TV shows. It also has great steaks.

On a personal note, Julie has her R1200C and I my R1200RT for sale. We both have BMW F650GS's now and so far are very happy with them. They handle great and you can't beat the gas mileage. Another thing I like is you can load them like pack mules and there always seems to be extra room to add more.

Well anyway what a great and interesting life. Have a great summer!
'Til I see you some more.

The Luckiest Grand Poobah in the World,
Roy