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## Upcoming Rides/Events

### •Saturday Casual Rides

Usually there is a weekly option to ride, meet, or enjoy one another's company. The meeting spot is on Saturdays at Sam's #3 (corner of Havana & Parket Rd.) for breakfast. During the summer months the meet time is usually 8:00 am and during the winter months it is usually 9:00 am for breakfast and then 10:00 am for the ride departing from BMW of Denver just a few blocks away.

### •St. Patrick's Day Ride-March 14

Ride to the St. Patrick's Day parade with the Colorado Beemers Club to either Denver or Colorado Springs depending on the weather. Meeting place is the Red Rocks Grill in Morrison, departing at 9:00 am (come early for breakfast).

If the destination is Colorado Springs, lunch will be at the **Mucky Duck Restaurant** in Green Mountain Falls. For more information contact Gray Buckley at (720) 963-9641 or via email at [graybuckley@msualum.com](mailto:graybuckley@msualum.com).

### •MotoGear Open House-March 28

One of our club sponsors will hold their annual open house for all of the BMW motorcycle clubs in the area. This is the perfect event to outfit yourself for the upcoming riding season by taking advantage of the preseason pricing and sale. All club members will get their usual discount as well as other club specials. They carry a full line of many manufacturers that you do not see at the dealerships, including Tourmaster, Sidi, Olympia, and First Gear. Free food and beverages throughout the day from 10am to 5 pm.

If you want to ride together to their store, departure will be from BMW Denver at 10 am. Come support one of our best club sponsors in their new location at 5405 West 56th Ave., Unit A, Arvada, CO. (303) 456-4757

## February Club Meeting By John Walt

The February 2009 RMBRC membership meeting was once again held at the Windsor Gardens Restaurant. Turnout for the meeting was again very good as the bar area was almost full to capacity. The club recognized current member Gordon Fox for his participation in the 31st Annual 2009 Colorado Motorcycle Show and Swap Meet. Gordon's entry received 1st Place in his category at the event. Congratulations to Gordon!

The first presentation of the meeting was provided by John and Craig of Clearview Shields, located in nearby Pine Junction, Colorado. Clearview Shields locally manufactures quality shields for BMW, Harley Davidson, Honda, Kawasaki, Luftmeister, Moto Guzzi, Suzuki, Triumph, Victory and Yamaha motorcycles. Clearview Shields are tailor made to fit your height, designed for the most comfortable and quiet ride and offer the best optical clarity in the industry. Clearview Shields are located at 480 Sioux Trail, #50, Pine Junction, CO. You can also check out a completed list of makes and models on their website at [www.clearviewshields.com](http://www.clearviewshields.com).

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The second presentation of the evening was given by our Treasurer Tom Doggett and Kathy Hamlin of H & R Block. Tom & Kathy provided us with an overview of the recently changed tax laws, and some very good suggestions in regards to filing our income taxes.

## Memorial Day Ride to Moab, UT By Pere Wickes

Moab ride, May 23rd to 25th, optional 26th and 27th.

Ride Leaving from Denver BMW at 8 AM on the 23rd. We will be going direct to Moab, UT, via Rifle Falls. Take your camera on this trip and plenty of film/memory chips for incredible photo stops. First day about 389 Miles. You have a choice of accommodations in Moab. I've blocked 5 motel rooms for the 23rd and 24th at the Redstone Inn, 535 S. Main St., Moab Utah. [www.moabredstone.com](http://www.moabredstone.com) 800-772-1972, is the only one I could find under \$100 per room per night. Most other motels are way over \$100 for that weekend, or are already booked. Tell them you are with the Rocky Mountain BMW Club.

I've also blocked 5 cabins at the Slick rock Campground. Kay and I will be at the 6th cabin. We will need bedding, pillow etc. with reservations made by website only.: [www.slickrockcampground.com](http://www.slickrockcampground.com) They don't open until May 1st, so reserve by website before then as other campgrounds were full.

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Delicate Arch, Arches National Park

**2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

With the start of a new year, it is time to announce the 2009 RMBRC

**Board of Directors:**

President:	Dave Fiack	president@rmbrc.org
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Club Membership information is available online at [www.rmbrc.org](http://www.rmbrc.org) or contact Dan Kearney at (303) 582-3384

**CLUB STORE**

We are now stocked with many items for sale from our Club Store. We are in need of a volunteer to help keep items in stock and bring them to any meetings or events for sale to members and non members. Contact Ed Padalinski (720)384-5855 or Chris Spanos, Sr. (303) 340-1317 for items and/or to volunteer for our 1st Club Store Chairperson.

- Club Polo Shirts \$25.00**
- Club Decals \$3.00**
- Club Pins \$5.00**
- Club Hats \$16.00**

**Club Activities:**

-All Monthly Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at the Windsor Gardens Restaurant 597 S Clinton St. in Denver (unless otherwise noted). The Meetings begin at 7pm and food is served from 5pm to 630pm.

-Please note that the next meeting will be held at the WindsorGardens Restaurant on Thursday, March 5, 2009.

***-All Monthly Board Meetings are held the last Thursday of the month at 700pm in the Main Conference Room at the Parker Library. All members are welcome to attend!***

**DVD Club Library**

We are going to make another attempt at having DVD's available to members to check out/return at our monthly meetings. Any member who has a motorcycle related DVD that they would like to lend to other members should bring it to monthly membership meeting. Rick Valdez will be the Head Librarian responsible to see that the DVD's are tracked. DVD's will be lent out for a month (till the next membership meeting), and stern discipline will be handed out to members who do not return the DVD's on time. We'll put a list of the DVD's available to check out on our web site.

**Do not forget the Monthly Raffle. Last months winners received several very nice gifts as donated from our many fine sponsors. It could be your chance to win next month, but you must be present to win!!**

**CLASSIFIED ADS** TO PLACE YOUR AD CONTACT [EDITOR@RMBRC.ORG](mailto:EDITOR@RMBRC.ORG)

**WANTED: Permanent Part Time Sales Associate**

24 hours/week, flexible hours, fun environment NO sales experience necessary BUT an experienced rider is preferred. Please contact Mary or Ed at **MotoGear Outlet at (303) 456-4757**

## RMBRC CLUB SPONSORS

RMBRC would once again like to thank the generosity and continued support of our club sponsors. Please understand that many of the activities of your club would not be possible without the financial support from these fine organizations. Let's ensure that we thank them by purchasing their goods and services.

Don't forget, one of the benefits of membership in the Rocky Mountain BMW Riders Club are the member discounts at BMW of Denver and MotoGear Outlet.



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## Memorial Day Ride to Moab, UT By Pere Wickes (Cont'd)

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Take the hint: Reserve early.

Sunday the 24th will be spent touring the Moab area, other parks, finishing with a sunset view of the famous Arch, hike or drive. The hike is 1.5 miles up a rock path, (yes up) and is worth the 40 min hike. The Drive photo will show the rest of us behind the Arch. Incredible photo shoot.

Monday the 25th, those of you who wish, can head home, or continue on the rally for a total of about 1,800 miles. We vacation/retired people will be going South and West as seen in the Ride Book. More detail to follow later. I'll be pre running the route beginning of May and will have more detailed updates. Plan is to travel about 300 miles per day, with motel and camping available each night when possible. Lost of photo stops.

When you decide to go, let me know so I'll be able to estimate the facilities needed. I will be gone most of April on a FL, PA trip.



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## MOTOGEAR OUTLET EXTENDS HOURS

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***ATTENTION!***  
**ARE YOU AN EARLY BIRD?**

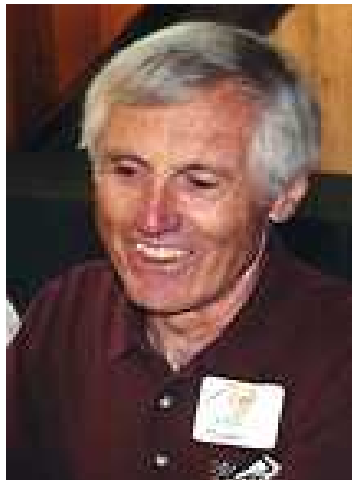


**BEGINNING**  
***SATURDAY MARCH 7***

**MOTOGEAR OUTLET WILL BE**  
**OPENING AT 7:30AM EVERY FIRST**  
**SATURDAY OF THE MONTH.**

***WAKE UP AND GET YOU HANDS ON SOME SPECIAL EARLY***  
***MORNING DEALS!***  
**COFFEE, FOOD AND DEALS WORTH WAKING**  
**UP FOR!**

## March Meeting Special Event-Bill Brokaw



RMBRC is proud and excited to announce our guest speaker for March 5<sup>th</sup> is 2001 AMA Hall of Fame inductee BILL BROKAW. He and his late wife, Anna have toured from the Arctic Circle to dual sport riding in Mexico. Anna was inducted into the Sturgis Motorcycle Hall of Fame in 2004 for her racing accomplishments. She was an expert flat track racer in her 40's, competing against men and was quite successful. When she was in her 60's she was among the competitors in the Pikes Pike International Hill Climb. She remains the only woman to race a motorcycle in the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb. They were a truly adventurous family.

Bill has an exciting program of original black and white 16mm films from the late 20's and early 30's. These are original historical films that are not available anywhere else in the world. His presentation will include hill climbs, speed trials, ice soccer, gypsy tours, board track racing, and stunts. Motorcycling has changed a lot over the years but our urge to compete on two wheels, and ride for excitement has not. Don't miss this presentation.

### Toy of the Month

#### Race to Dakar and Long Way Down DVDs/Books

If you're a fan of the **Long Way Round** video series by Ewan McGregor and Charlie Boorman, there are two sequels that you'll find equally appealing. After the **Long Way Round** adventure, Charlie organized a team of three riders to participate in the 2006 Dakar Rally. The resulting seven-part series is riveting and action-packed. **Long Way Down** was conceived in 2007 as another opportunity for the crew to participate in an epic journey. Traveling from John O'Groats, Scotland to Cape Town, South Africa, the team of McGregor, Boorman and their film/production crew immerse themselves in the culture and environs of Africa. The documentaries are educational and the photography is stunning.

DVDs and books are both available at [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com). Information on **Race to Dakar** can be found at [www.racetodakar.com/html/rtd.html](http://www.racetodakar.com/html/rtd.html), while the **Long Way Down** site can be seen at [www.longwaydown.com](http://www.longwaydown.com)



## Spring Time Tune Ups

Now is the time we should all be thinking of getting our rides in tip-top riding condition, with warm weather and extended daylight hours soon upon us. The RMBRC suggests you contact BMW of Denver, or Foothills BMW NOW, to schedule your yearly tune up needs. Both dealerships are offering discounts on parts and labor, along with free pickup at your place of residence!!!!

You can also take advantage of short wait times and quick turnaround for the job to be completed!

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## STREET STRATEGY-TURN LANE TERROR BY KEN CONDON

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Commuting home requires you to share the road with all types of drivers. You understand that motorcycles can be difficult to see in traffic, so you give surrounding drivers plenty of space to change lanes. You are particularly cautious about riding in drivers' blind spots.

Your turn is coming up at the next intersection, which features a dedicated right-hand turning lane with a traffic light at a four-way crossroad. You are following a blue SUV who is approaching a line of cars that are stopped for the light. The SUV slows while remaining in the travel lane as he approaches the intersection. You assume he is going to stop in line with the other cars, so you signal, roll off the throttle and move right into the turning lane. You plan to maintain your current speed as you proceed past the stopped cars on your left to the stop line.

When you are just about to the SUV's rear bumper, the driver swerves directly in front of you, only inches away from your front tire! You grab the front brake and swerve to the right, but the combination of brake force and side force from swerving causes your front tire to skid and you crash hard onto the road surface. The SUV driver never notices your fall and continues on. You manage to get up and raise your bike. Damage includes a bent shifter, clutch lever and handlebar. It's clear your ride is over.

You were smart to allow extra space for unexpected maneuvers from careless drivers. But, you did not anticipate the probability that the SUV would make a lane change and rode into the SUV driver's blind spot at the precise moment when he was most likely to change lanes.

It is difficult to anticipate when a driver is going to make a last-second maneuver, but it's important to know that is it a possibility. To reduce the risk of a collision, you should have delayed passing the SUV until you were sure it was going to stop in the travel lane behind the other cars. Also, it's smart to ride as far to the right as possible to allow a buffer of space in case the driver makes the lane change. The best riders know that precise timing and lane placement can mean the difference between a collision and a near miss.

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## OVERALL VEHICLE DEATHS DOWN, MOTORCYCLE DEATHS UP AS REPORTED BY THE NHTSA

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Last year, the overall number of traffic deaths dropped to its lowest level in 14 years, according to NHTSA's Traffic Safety Annual Assessment. That happy news was tempered by the statistic on motorcycle deaths; rider fatalities totaled 5154, up 6.6% despite the overall 5.7% drop.

The number of injuries also dropped, down 4.7% to about 2.2 million. However, there was a significant increase in injuries among motorcyclists-103,000 versus 88,000 in 2006, a 17% increase.