

*Engle Motors News Spring 2008*

**The longest winter in recorded history is finally behind us. (It only ended three weeks ago!) At last we can move on and talk about what is new here at our shop.**

**There is much to share with you about new employees, new motorcycle models, and perhaps most exciting of all, the first expansion of our building facility in over 30 years!**

**Construction is starting right now on a two story addition that will extend out into our back parking lot. The parts & clothing area will move into the upper portion while the service area will be expanded downstairs. The area currently displaying clothing will become the new BMW motorcycle showroom and the area currently showing both brands will be exclusively Triumph. There will be new signage outdoors & indoors.**

**We have added additional staff recently in anticipation of increased business in the years to come. In 1995, there were 5 full time employees; now there are 15. While everyone deserves mention, I mainly want to introduce you to our most recent people.**

**For many years our parts staff have written your service tickets; now this job is handled downstairs by our new Service Writer, Glenys McGhee. She comes to us from MMI (Motorcycle Mechanic Institute) in Phoenix, but is originally from the KC area.**

**Although they have been here awhile, I also want to introduce you to some of our other technicians working in the Service Department. Advanced Certified Technician Andy Cohen has been with us 13 months and comes to us from MMI. Andy is originally from KC. He and Certified Technician Shane McCulloch recently completed some advanced training at WyoTech in Daytona Beach, FL. Shane is from Sibley MO, and has worked with us for 27 months. Advanced Certified Technician Brett Leisten is from Colorado and attended MMI in Daytona Beach. He started with us 22 months ago. Jason Tate has been with us several years and comes from the KC area and became a Certified Technician in February 2008.**

**These young people are the future of Engle Motors. It is our hope to train them through the years and retain them as their skills grow. You can see their pictures by clicking on "Service Dept" on our homepage.**

**I have mentioned here our young people, but the Service Department is headed up by long-time stalwarts Mike Jones (Certified Tech, 38 years at Engle Motors) & Bob Kohlscheen (Master Certified Tech). Combined, these two have 70+ years of BMW experience.**

The Sales Department was recently expanded as well, when we hired Peter Bobowski this past February. Peter comes to us from Chicago BMW, with 10 years experience there as well as several years selling other brands. We felt fortunate to find someone with that much experience with BMW.

Besides our new building, and new employees, here are some new models being talked about:

The most anticipated new model by far is the arrival in August of the F800GS. Road tests have all been excellent, and this bike will further solidify BMW's position in the Dual Sport market.

Before the F800GS arrives however, we will receive the new vertical twin F650GS. Arriving in July, it is a street oriented bike with a dual sport look. Although marketed as a 650cc, its actual displacement is 800cc. It is a very similar platform to the F800GS.

Late in the fall we get yet another dual sport, the G450, single cylinder on/off road machine. Amazingly, that's not all! Late this year BMW will re-introduce the previous single cylinder F650GS only it will have a new designation, G650GS. It will come in a lowered version, as it did previously.

That leads in nicely to a very important trend at BMW; they have noticed that we are not all 6'2"! Four models are now available in lowered suspension and they come with low seats as well. Lowered versions of the R1200RT, F800ST, and R1200GS are now available. The R1200R is also available lowered, although we haven't this motorcycle yet.

Triumph only introduced two new models this year, based on existing platforms; the Street Triple, based on the 675cc Daytona and the Rocket III Touring, which really only shares the engine with previous Rockets. This summer however, Triumph is hosting a world dealer meeting in London during which they will unveil five new motorcycles. One of these will be an all-new engine platform and the speculation is that it is a 1600-1700cc cruiser to fill the gap between the 865cc twins and the 2300cc Rockets.

Lots of good stuff coming from both brands lately and in the near future. BMW is even poised to go World Superbike racing with a yet-to-be released 1000cc four. Look for it in 2010.

BMW is involved in racing right now in the US. The racer representing BMW is Nate Kern ([www.natekern.com](http://www.natekern.com)) and he stopped at our shop in late April. He was in town several days before competing at Heartland Park, Topeka on April 25, 26, & 27. We were able to offer some technical

assistance (Mike Jones & Brett Leisten) & moral support too. More than a few of us rode out to Topeka to watch him race on the 27<sup>th</sup>. He pulled several podiums including a First Place in Supertwins, an ASRA race. Check his blog under the news tab on his site. We were thrilled and delighted to have him here.

Keep in mind that to the greatest degree possible, we will endeavor to not let our building program interfere with our business as usual. Almost inevitably it will probably cause problems I haven't even thought of but if you will bear with us we will do our best to offer you a high level of service in every department.

Now let's get out there and ride! Don't forget the BMW rally this coming weekend, May 30, 31, & June 1. Details at [www.kcbmwmc.com](http://www.kcbmwmc.com).

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