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FROM THE PREZ

What have you gotten me into was my first thought after discovering by an E-mail that I was

now the President of BMW RSM. It does not pay to miss a holiday party--even if you are taking a son back to college. However, I will do my best for the following reasons:

- 1) I enjoy the community of BMW riders and especially our comradeship within the BMW Riders of Southern Maine. What a great group.
- 2) You gain the most from any organization by being involved.
- 3) Any excuse to ride is a GOOD in the Socratic sense. That includes riding to eat, work, shop, tour, travel to friends, escape from the everyday issues we all experience or just go for the simple pleasure of the ride.

Seriously, I realize that the BMW RSM has a history of support from many of you. This is our club and it will be only as successful as we wish to make it. Therefore, I will do my part. I do have a few goals for our club:

Increase our membership

Increase involvement from our members.

Translation--Let us spread the club tasks around to new and older members. Step one we need support for Eric with our newsletter.

Rides after breakfast or rides to breakfast sites in other parts of the state.

Anyone know of a good restaurant;

DownEast, western Maine or southern Maine.

Join other clubs from Maine/NH/Mass or Vermont on a day rides for Ice Cream or Bean Hole Beans; etc? Any one willing to set up our first excursion.

Please, if any of you have an idea for a club goal send it to me.

I'm sure Bob Collins needs more volunteers for the rally. Start with volunteering for a great rally at Hermit Island. If you have not volunteered it is a fun time and the only way to enjoy our rally.

Steve G

FROM THE VEEP

Usually I am uncomfortable writing about myself, and his time is no exception.

I am a dislocated, disenfranchised, and disoriented BMW rider and owner. My special love is long distance cross-country motorcycle touring. I dream about completing the Iron Butt. I have attended a lot of rallies, and one would think that I would know how to run one, but I'm still learning. That's why need all the help I can get. **So this is a beleaguered requested to anybody who's interested in becoming an assistant rally chair please apply.** I started riding in my teens, but didn't own a BMW until 1989, when I bought an R80RT. I took that bike cross-country twice. and crossed the country twice on my K11LT. Larry Foley introduced me to the BMW Riders of Southern Maine, and got me to my first DownEast Rally. I have forgiven him. I am married to Sharon and live in Falmouth. I am a private practice psychotherapist, with an office in Portland. I have special rates for anyone who still rides a Harley.

Bob

FROM THE TREAS/SEC

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FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR

This newsletter belongs to you, the members. **Have you read that before????** I need your help in having enough information to even try to fill up both sides of a sheet of paper. My friend, The Redneck is not able to do it all each and every month. He doesn't even know anything about bikes (why do you think the topic is barely touched on). I know that some of you have been places and had a good time doing it. Why not put a few words together and let the rest of hear about it.
Tom and Patty went touring last Summer when they left Fredericton. Jeff did an escort service through part of the state of Maine. I keep hearing the rumor that Howard has something in the works, but it never seems to get here. BTW, how are the 'special shorts' working out...and the article in BMWON was really fine.
There, I've said it in a different manner this time, so please take it to heart and send something in to me Without additional information, the newz will be unable to be issued on a monthly basis and will come out only when there is enough info to print. Use the addy's on the front page, but remember I only have Word 6 if it is an attachment.

FROM THE RALLY CHAIR

For all of you who haven't got all the information yet:

May 19 - 21
DownEast Rally 2000
BMW Riders of Southern Maine #183

Hermit Island Campground, Phippsburg, Maine.
Two nights camping, Private camp sites, Friday night chowders by the roaring fireplace, Saturday morning full breakfast, Sunday morning continental breakfast, Hot

showers (sort of), and a Heated hall. Start the rally year in Maine, where the ocean meets the land. Hermit Island is 20 miles southeast of Bath, Maine. Maps for self lead tours available to local sites.
Rally fees: \$30.00 (Without Saturday night meal), Optional Saturday night double lobster dinner for an additional fee of \$13.00, (Single lobster \$8.00) (pot luck dinner \$5.00). The complete package (Rally & double lobster) is \$43.00 per person. Pre-registration only, which must include rally fee, because numbers are limited. No Registrations will be accepted after May 5, 2000. Last year we had many more applicants than we had space, so please register early. If you got shut out last year, you have my apology. Contact Rally Chair, Bob Collin
(207) 781-8095 (E-Mail RGPC@AOL.COM) for information or to register write to Bob Collin, 23 Route One, Falmouth, Maine 04105.

Name
Phone # ()
Address
E-mail
Passenger(s) name
Camping: Yes ____ No ____
Rally fee \$30.00 X ____ = \$
Saturday evening meal option:
Double Lobster \$13.00 X ____ = \$
Single Lobster \$ 8.00 X ____ =
\$ Pot Luck \$ 5.00 X ____ =
\$ Total \$ _____

FROM THE PAST PREZ

First, the PARTY:

The eagerly anticipated BMWRSM holiday party was held in the evening on January 22, 2000 at the palatial new digs of our own Dave and Sandy Bliss in Steep Falls. Jim Salisbury, Howard Feller, the Morrisons, the McCallums, Eric Davis, the Collins (featuring Miss Collin), the Gilpatrics, the Foleys, Fred Burgess and Irene Boettcher, and the Perrys braved temperatures that later dipped into the sub-teens (read "FIFTEEN BELOW") to nosh on crudites, layered salad, beans, shrimp cocktail, chicken, and casseroles. Some of us even

drank BEER, and one member (an unidentified bearded gentleman... he knows who he is) offered samples of home-brewed "seiser," which sounds akin to cider, but packs a somewhat more gratifying punch to the ribs. We spent the evening catching up and took the grand house tour, which included the garage, with a motorcycle-only parking area, complete with warning sign. I was left with a sort of deja-vu feeling much as I had at the Wards' last fall. Such lovely homes, in such a pristine development... hardy har har here comes the scooter trash, there goes the neighborhood! Fortunately, as we all know, BMW people make the BEST neighbors.

It was great to see the Foleys and the Perrys, upon whom other-than-motorcycle obligations have weighed heavily of late, and to meet Miss Collin, whose graduation from college last year precluded Bob and Sharon's attendance at our rally. Hey, you only graduate college once, right? After enjoying much-too-big pieces of delicious cake, we gathered in the living room for the Yankee Gift Swap. After several careful reviews of the rules (I swear it sounds simple, but I need a refresher every year!!!) the attractively wrapped treasures were duly picked, swapped, reswapped, and ultimately claimed. As in previous years, one or two items seemed to attract the most attention. Good Egg Howard Feller received the much sought after heart-print motif boxer shorts, after several futile attempts to redirect ownership elsewhere. He even modeled them for us... "briefly"... for the camera. We're going to put that on the website, I hope. Howard, you were good enough to take a shot of us, it is the least we can do in return.

The usual club officer commandeering occurred in a mystifyingly typical fashion, as Steve Garrett, the former Vice Prez, was nominated in his absence to be our new President, and Bob Collin accepted the office of Vice Prez, knowing full well that he is now a sitting duck for the next round. I am always amazed at how smoothly everything goes in the absence of the principal parties!

All in all, the weather and the flu took their toll, as the Wards and the Halls were unable to join us as planned, but fear not, there is always NEXT YEAR and another 365 or so days to find that perfect Yankee Gift item

that will haunt some BMWRSM member well into the new millennium.

Year End Wrap Up:

We have a club website, <http://www.geocities.com/bmwrsm/> and are planning to continue posting our newsletter on the <http://www.geocities.com/bmwrsm/news>, which is NOT a published site and cannot be reached through search engines. /News is for members only, and available only by typing in the address. This website is courtesy of member Fred Olsen, who will be attempting to train a few others in the art of Webmastering (oh, be my slave!) after the breakfast meeting this very March 4th after the breakfast meeting, probably at Fred and Irene's in Greene. We should attach a masthead of contact information (club officers and board members names and phone numbers or e-mail addresses) to the /news site for members to be able to reach us. If you are an officer/board member and for security reasons DO NOT wish to be listed, or wish to list with e-mail address only, we need to hear from you!

We have an official club e-mail address (bmwrsm@yahoo.com) for official correspondence and for club business. PLEASE, be circumspect, and keep the communications brief and pertaining directly to club business. Matters such as address changes, requests for membership information or applications, rally inquiries, .would be good examples. This is not a forum for jokes and chain spam, and not a substitute for a newsletter. Please refrain from using the "reply to all" as several of our members have e-mail only through their employers, and we DO NOT WANT TO JEOPARDIZE ACCESS TO THIS PRIVILEGE by abusing it. If you wish to have someone's e-mail address for personal use, either ask them or e-mail the club and we will forward the request to the member for his/her response. We are looking for a volunteer to be the e-mail wrangler, someone to read the mail, forward to the appropriate parties, or to answer briefly if needed. Mostly it has been membership and rally info inquiries and maintenance of the e-address book. All this electronica is still not a substitute for a hard copy newsletter.

Many members are not on the web, and we don't wish to foster a two-tier membership system that excludes those who rely on the postal system. Big thanks to Steve Garrett, who has taken over responsibility for our membership list, and to our editor, Eric Davis and his friend, who is still trying to extract submissions. Now we just need COPY! No submissions, no newsletter. It is just that simple.

I'd personally like to continue the midweek ice cream rides as my pet project (hey, you go with what you know, right?) and John Mesick, BMWRS member and the new Head Granite Head (Congratulations, John! the Granite State Club continues to draft the best presidents) has expressed renewed interest in the Old Fart Bean Supper ride. Fred Burgess is already working on this year's Black Fly Memorial Day Weekend gypsy tour. Bob Collin, our new Veep, is chairing the Downeast Rally May 19-21 this year. As usual, **Volunteers, volunteers, volunteers!** It is almost upon us again. Rob Nye, Prez of the Yankee Beemers has been in touch about this year's Pemi campout, held during Loudon Bike week, they're moving to a new location and looking to the New England clubs (yes, that means US, too) to help out, details to follow. I understand that they're aiming to make this more like the famous Space Coast club Daytona bash at Bulow Campground, more of a regional Riders' Association event.

Thanks for a very interesting two years as the Prez, it served as a great object lesson as to why I make a better Indian than a chief. See you back in the ranks, and go get 'em, Steve!

REDNECK RAMBLIN'S

Ramblin's is just a mixture of unrelated ideas and thoughts that might be of interest or not. Doesn't really matter if it is real, but just think about it, or not.

Money can buy a house, but not a home. Money can buy a bed, but not sleep. Money can buy a clock, but not time. Money can buy a book, but not knowledge. Money can

buy food, but not an appetite. Money can buy position, but not respect. Money can buy blood, but not life. Money can buy medicine, but not health. Money can buy sex, but not love. Money can buy insurance, but not safety. You see, money is not Therefore, if you have too much money, please send it to me, immediately. The European Union commissioners have announced that agreement has been reached to adopt English as the preferred language for European communications, rather than German, which was the other possibility. As part of the negotiations, Her Majesty's Government conceded that English spelling had some room for improvement and has accepted a five-year phased plan for what will be known as EuroEnglish (Euro for short). In the first year, 's' will be used instead of the soft 'c'. Certainly, sivil servants will resieve this news with joy. Also, the hard 'c' will be replaced with 'k.' Not only will this klear up konfusion, but typewriters kan have one less letter. There will be growing publik enthusiasm in the sekond year, when the troublesome 'ph' will be replaced by 'f'. This will make words like 'fotograf' 20 per sent shorter. In the third year, publik akseptanse of the new spelling kan be expekted to reach the stage where more komplikated changes are possible. Governments will enkourage the removal of double letters, which have always ben a deterrent to akurate speling. Also, al wil agre that the horrible mes of silent 'e's in the languag is disgrasful, and they would go. By the fourth year, peopl wil be reseptiv to steps such as replasing 'th' by 'z' and 'w' by 'v'. During ze fifz year, ze unesesary 'o' kan be dropd from vords kontaining 'ou', and similar changes vud of kors; be aplid to ozer kombinations of leters. After zis fifz yer, ve vil hav a reli sensibl riten styl. Zer vil b no mor trubls or difikultis and evrivun vil find it ezi tu understand ech ozer. Ze drem vil finali kum tru. As far a going on bean supper rides, why do we need to bring along old farts, aren't we going to get new ones at the supper? But, if anyone want only the old ones, they can ride at the back with the loud pipes doing their thing. Till next time, keep the rubber side down.

Redneck

**NEXT BREAKFAST
MEETING IS ON APRIL
FOOLS DAY ???**

April 1, 2000 at the
Downeast Restaurant,
Yarmouth.

0900 AM

Bring your appetite

See You there

Steve

PS: If you have not
completed your renewal
membership form or want
to volunteer a friend
complete the attached
form.