

BMWRSM Meeting Minutes: April 2, 2005

It was a rainy morning for our April meeting, and the light rain was just a precursor for the deluge that was to come for rest of the weekend. We had 46 members in attendance with two motorcycles and one sidecar willing to brave the rain.

Unfortunately, due to the weather, our fearless leader James Nice was called away to work and was not able to come to the meeting. In his absence, our Vice President Jim Salisbury conducted the meeting.

VP Report:

Jim informed the membership that the 2005 MOA Mileage Contest will begin on April 9th. In order to get your mileage form signed, some club officers will be at Street Cycles from 9-11am. Duane, the owner of Streets, can also sign the form.

The MOA recently published the results of the 2004 Mileage Contest, and Jim wanted to recognize a couple members of our club. Bob Collin was the top rider in Maine, and was also the 22nd male finisher nationally. Irene Boettcher was the top female rider for the state of Maine.

Treasurer Report:

Sandy Bliss reported that as of the meeting, the club had funds totaling \$13,058. She reminded us that this number includes several thousand dollars in rally receipts.

Jim Salisbury made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Bob Collin seconded and it was approved by a show of hands.

Membership Report:

Mike Cocks has recently cleaned up the old 2004 membership list and updated it with those members who have paid dues for 2005. If you have not paid your 2005 membership fees, your name was removed from the email list. If you are not receiving emails from the club, and you have paid dues, please contact Mike at webmaster@bmwrsm.org.

Rally Report:

John Reimann was not able to attend the meeting and asked Bob Collin to discuss the rally. The 2005 DownEast Rally is not yet sold out, but it's close. John is still looking for volunteers in a few key areas, including meal prep and door prizes.

Bob mentioned that Cycle Gadgets has been a major supporter of our rally, and encouraged us to check out their website for motorcycling products.

Ed Perry is taking care of sourcing t-shirts, hats, and pins for the rally. He brought up the idea of whether to get a bucket style hat or the ball cap like last year. Due to cost and sizing issues, it was decided to stay with the ball cap style. Also, we are going to continue with the long sleeved heavy t-shirts like last year as well.

MSF Experienced RiderCourse:

Shawn Blair has arranged another ERC to be held June 11th. Registrations for the class will be first-come, first-served based on Shawn receiving a check in advance for the course. Details are on the website.

MEME BBQ:

One of our members informed us that he believes the Maine European Motorcycle Enthusiasts will be having a BBQ the first weekend in May. Check their website for details. www.eurobikemaine.org

Black Fly Rally:

Fred Burgess, a club member who runs the Black Fly Rally, mentioned that it will be held during Memorial Day weekend this year. It is designed to be a rolling rally and a mystery tour with an expected 1300 miles. If you are interested, contact Fred at blackfly@regentone.com

Street Cycles

Kate, the Service Manager from Street Cycles informed us that Street Cycles will be having an Open House on April 22-23 and to stop by and check out the new bikes on the sales floor. They have examples of the K1200S, R1200RT, and the R1200ST.

While we were talking about Streets, Sharon Collin also mentioned that they have women's motorcycle clothing in stock in many styles and sizes.

50/50 Raffle

The \$23 pot was won by Ken Gaudin. That should be enough for a tank or two of gas.

Next Meeting:

Saturday, May 7th at 9:00am, Cole Farms Restaurant in Gray. (Arrive anytime after 8:30, and please park in the northern parking lot.)

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