

December 6th 2003 Meeting Notes

Season's Greetings everyone!

We had a good December meeting with 27 attending, which was good considering the forecast of a 1-2' snow storm which started during the meeting and lasted into Sunday evening! Here are some of the items we discussed:

Year end party !

Our year end party will be held at the Village Restaurant on * SUNDAY *, January 18th, 2004. Final time and details will be forthcoming in a note to all members as soon as I get them from Sharon Collin, who did an excellent job of getting info from 3 places for us to choose from. The meal will be about \$18 per person and we'll meet there sometime in the late afternoon, have a 1 hour social time, then have dinner and a Yankee swap. Couples may bring 2 gifts for the Yankee swap if you want to draw a gift each. Again, more details as soon as I get them from Sharon. Checks made payable to BMWRSM can be sent to Sharon and you can bring them to the 1/3/04 meeting. Deadline for reservations is 1/10/04 and your money must be in hand by that date if you want to attend.

Membership - VP Steve Garrett

Steve said we already had about 77 members paid for 2004!! Thanks to all of you who have paid your dues and reminder to others, please fill out the online form or pay direct online with your credit card via our Paypal link.

2004 Rally Committee - Steve Garrett, John Reimann, Pete Beliveau, James Nice

Steve has been working on the MOA and RA ads for the 04 rally. John Reimann is handling registration for 04 and advises that registration opens 3/1/04 and applications received before 3/1/04 WILL BE RETURNED UNOPENED. We sell out every year folks, the last 3-4 years we've sold out on 3/1. We're trying to be fair to all and post the rules ahead. Also, BMWRSM WILL NOT sponsor "early arrivals" this year as we have in the past. This has been abused increasingly the last few years and we'll lose our spot at Hermit Island if we continue the way we have. So, if you want to arrive early, you'll be directed to the Hermit Island staff and will have to pay the going rate for sites (ranged from \$29-38 in 03). Early arrivals will not be registered until Friday morning. A policy of NO DAY PASSES will be instituted due to the problems we had with rally crashers last year. Price for rally and twin lobsters will be \$55 this year (we lost money on lobsters last year).

2004 officer nominations

We had a few people throw their hats into the ring for 2004 officer positions. It's not too late to be considered. We still need a nominee for Secretary (which consists mostly of documenting meeting minutes for regular meetings and board meetings). Here's what we have so far:

Elected positions

President - James Nice
Vice President - Jim Salisbury
Treasurer - Sandy Bliss
Secretary - your name here!

Non elected positions

Ride Boss - Don Lockhart
Webmaster - Mike Cocks (Don Lockhart Asst Webmaster)
Newsletter Editor - Dave Stone
Jim Salisbury's vacated director position - Don Lockhart

2004 Rides

We talked about some options for 2004 rides. I wanted people to think about a location we could invite the NH & VT riders to come to Maine this year for the Tri-State luncheon ride. Somewhere with plenty of parking and that could accommodate 75-150 riders over the course of 2-3 hours. We also talked about a RAT program (Road anomaly Tour) for 04. This would be an event for folks to complete at their own pace. More details forthcoming. Bob Collin brought in some brochures from 2 places in the Carolinas that are MC only campground. Email Bob for details if interested. Bob also mentioned 2 possible rides for 04. A weekend campout at a farm in CT, and a 400 mile day ride (probably 1st weekend in May) ending at a BBQ at Bob's house. More details when I get them from Bob.

New bikes and toys

Sharon Collin has been learning to ride on her new Honda Rebel! You go girl!
Joe Saunders bought a nice 2000 BMW Z3! Congrats Joe! When do we get rides?

3rd Saturday breakfasts

Starting in January, we'll try to schedule some 3rd Saturday of the month breakfasts. Some of us have been meeting Saturdays for breakfast and thought it would be good to invite anyone interested to join. These will be very informal, non-business meetings. Location will vary. Watch the events list on the website.

Raffle drawing

A sealed copy of BMW's 80th anniversary celebration was the prize this month and was won by Buck Avant. I bought one of these and it's a great DVD with interviews of Jean Pierre Goy, BMW Stuntman, Dave Robb, BMW Chief designer, and Fred Jacobs, BMW Head Historian. This copy was donated to the club by GearHeads Productions. Check their website when you can order a copy for \$19.95 <http://www.gearheaddvds.com/>

A copy of the BMW RSM club CD with 2001-2002 photos was won by member Bob Humphreys.

Next meeting is January 3, 2004, 9:00 AM at Cole Farms. I wish you all the best for this holiday season, and best wishes for a happy and healthy new year filled with fun rides!

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