

BMWRSM monthly meeting March 2, 2002

We started our meeting by observing a moment of silence in remembrance of our friend and fellow club member Tom Hazzard, who passed away on 2/21/02. We will miss you Tom.

We had 37 people at our meeting again this month and many rode their bikes! My wife gave me a major scowl when I suggested riding mine since I was trying to recover from near bronchitis and was on anti-biotics... so I drove the cage. Next month for sure! The facility at Cole Farms worked out very nicely again and we also now have an agreement with them for those who may not want a full breakfast, you may have muffin/bagel and coffee and juice for \$3.00 (gratuity included). Joe "Swapshop" Saunders held a 50/50 raffle for the club and Cindy Esklund split a \$42 pot with the club. Those current members present were presented with 2002 membership cards, which displayed our new club logo. We'll be mailing membership cards to those not at the meeting soon. Steve Garrett reported that 2002 paid membership was at about 85 as of the March meeting. I think that's probably a record.

New Logo! Our new club logo was picked via a pole on the website and won by a minimum 2:1 margin over the other choices. Thanks to Karen Cocks (who was present and celebrating her birthday!) for her efforts in designing it, and to Webmaster Mike for coordinating and tallying the pole results! Speaking of celebrating, congrats to Mike and April Kearney on the birth of their son John Edward in early February. Mike has been furiously searching the web for car seats that will fit on his R1100R and was considering wallpapering the baby's room with a collage of BMW bike posters to help instill brand loyalty at an early age.

2002 Hermit Island Rally: Bob Collin advised that registration for the rally closed on 3/1/02 due to being sold out. He had a large stack of applications on 3/1 and with the BMWRSM member registrations already on hand, the rally was full! Bob is still looking for any volunteers... email him at rally@bmwrsm.org if interested. He also mentioned that the shirt for this years rally will be a steel gray, mock-T with a special logo for the rally on it. Cost was not exact yet, but around \$20-22. If you are interest and will want to purchase one, you can let Bob know quantity and size (especially if in the XL+ sizes). Buck Avant will be the overall ride coordinator for the rally this year. If you'd like to lead a ride for our rally guests, contact Buck at Earl9@aol.com

BMWRSM Web: Have a good look around and checkout the new "facelift" Mike has given it using the new logo and other improvements. We have added an Events page which will give you an "at a glance" idea of what's coming up regionally in the world of motorcycling, touring, and other events worthy of a good ride. Many thanks to Mike for all his efforts on our website. I think we have a website to be very proud of! Don't be afraid to shoot Mike a note at webmaster@bmwrsm.org and let him know if you have suggestions or comments. If you know of an upcoming event this year that might be of interest to other members, please write me at prez@bmwrsm.org with info such as phone numbers and website links and we'll get

them posted. Speaking of events and rides, Jim Salisbury our resident "RideBoss" has posted a ride to Americade in June on the ride board. If you're going to Americade you may want to check his itinerary and drop him an email. Also mentioned was the 3rd annual European Motorcycle meet at Sunday River in Bethel will be August 3rd and 4th this year. Mark your calendar as this event also coincides with open house both days at Dave Percival's private BMW museum (almost 100 BMW's!)... If you haven't seen this yet, this is ABSOLUTELY a DO NOT MISS tour! More details in early summer on this, but hold the date NOW.

ERC Class Update: As of 3/3/02, 17 riders have expressed an interest in taking an ERC course this spring. I DO NOT have a definite date yet from the course manager, but she has sent me 3 potential dates, which are; 4/21, 4/28, and 5/12. I told her we'd prefer the April dates as the 5/12 is the weekend before our rally. If you are interested, please send me a note at prez@bmwrsm.org. The class can only take 12, but I'm sure once we have a firm date, some people may have prior obligations. Names will be submitted in the order they were received, but if we can't fit everyone, we'll have some alternate dates from other classes the MSF staff will be teaching this spring.

History Committee: Steve Garrett reported good progress on the History Committee. He has received materials from Ed Perry, Margaret Rancourt, and other early club members which is helping put the puzzle pieces together. Next year will be the 15th anniversary of the club, and it will be great to have the previous history well documented as we celebrate that milestone. A reminder if you have info that may be of use to this effort, please write Steve at viceprez@bmwrsm.org. Thanks Steve for all your hard work on this!

Board of Directors nominees wanted : After looking over the bylaws that Steve was able to dig up, it brought to light that we have not had a "working" Board of Directors for some time. While Board sounds very formal, I think we should think of this as a "Steering committee" which will meet periodically with the club officers and help shape the club's future events and standing in the local community. We would like people who are sincerely interested in actively participating (read: not just a title on paper). It would be great to get 1-2 of our longer standing members as well as some newer ones. If you would be interested in a position, please contact me via prez@bmwrsm.org or give me a call any evening before 9PM. We'll bring up the names at the April meeting and decide collectively as a group how to proceed.

That's about it for now... please write me with any errors, omissions, or corrections. Our next meeting is April 6th at Cole Farms, 9AM officially, but you can arrive anytime after 8:30.

Regards,
Don Lockhart