

Meeting Notes for February 2, 2002

We had a great meeting at Cole Farms in Gray, which was voted as our new meeting place by the 37 people in attendance. They put on a nice buffet for \$6.50 including gratuity, and it was ready at 9AM. We actually had someone ride their bike to the meeting. I can't remember his name, but he and his wife have been rally attendees in the past. He was riding his wife's Silver Wing Honda with sidecar and studded tires! (Photos Available) His riding pants were almost solid white (from salt from the knee down!! Now that's HARD CORE!

History Committee

We heard from Steve Garrett on the History Committee, which has made some good progress this past month. Steve had with him an old album of club photos which was really interesting! He also reported on membership which has been going very well with several new members. Sandy Bliss reported on the club's treasury, which is in good shape to soon begin purchasing for this years rally.

Rally Report

Bob Collin gave a report on the rally, which was close to half full after being open 1 month to members only. We have had some folks "from away" joining the club as members and signing up for the rally. This was kicked around a while and deemed to be OK for now with a note that it could become problematic in future years, and if so we'd have to examine ways to ensure our local club members got a good shot at being able to register "early". (Sign Up Here)

Website Report

Mike Cocks talked about the club website, reporting that a few days after the January meeting, our online registration process was complete, and that members and perspective members may now join online with a MasterCard or Visa via PayPal, a secure online payment system. I personally tried it and renewed for 2003 online in less than 60 seconds. For those skeptics among us, I have been in the Information Technology field for almost 15 years, and this online payment via a secure link (look for a padlock in the lower right hand corner of your browser) is extremely safe compared to giving your card to a \$6.50/hour gas station attendant which many do willingly several times a week! Enough on that. Members were also asked to provide any dates for interesting events for the coming year so we can compile a list for the website and hopefully start filling the ride board too. If you know of an event, send it to Mike (our Webmaster) at webmaster@bmwrsm.org please include any email addresses or website links if applicable. If you have an interesting photograph that could serve as the "Photo Of The Month" please contact Mike.

Other

We discussed the possibility of holding a Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) Experienced Rider's Course (ERC). Several people raised their hands as being interested. If you are interested, please write me at prez@bmwrsm.org as I will create a mailing list of those interested and try to nail down a date. The class would likely be all day on a Sunday, most likely in Old Orchard Beach, and cost is \$75 up front (Read: back out at the last minute and you loose \$75).

Bob Griffin announced that after the meeting he was going to Street Cycles to pick up a brand new R1150RT... A giant round of applause ensued! Congrats Bob!
(Photos Available)

After the business meeting was over, we showed a video of the 2002 MOA rally site in Trenton, Ontario. It was a "chamber of commerce" type video but was specific to the MOA rally. It looks like there will be lots of fun roads to explore and some very interesting sites to see. I'm sure we'll be having many folks ride up there this year. Please let us know your plans as we may be able to list a few different riding groups to the rally on the ride board. Fred Parker also showed his very professional video of his trip to Redmond last summer with his father Bill, his Uncle, and Dave Stone (when they could find him!). Fred had done some more editing since we saw this at the Christmas party and it looks excellent Fred. Thanks for bringing it in again and sharing with us! **Outstanding job!**

New Logo

And last, but not least... Mike has posted a "survey" type poll for selecting a club logo which is on our website now (Vote Here). Please take a minute and go through the choices and make your selections. I'd like to close the voting by 2/25 and make the selection final so I can have your membership cards and name badges for meetings ready for the March meeting.

As always, my electronic door is open by writing me at prez@bmwrsm.org

Hopefully we'll have an early spring and we can ride next month!

Regards,
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