

BMWRSM Meeting Minutes: February 5, 2005

We had 31 members in attendance at our February meeting at Cole Farms Restaurant. It felt like a spring day with temperatures in the mid 40s, although I have a feeling Old Man Winter is not through with us yet...

President's Report

James Nice made it through the entire meeting without getting called away for work like last month. In keeping with the tradition of a recent current event, James presented to the members his State of the Club Address. His comments were as follows:

First off, I would like to mention that we had a fine Holiday Party at the Village Café last week, and I would like to thank Sharon Collin for her work in planning the event, and Jim Salisbury for running the Yankee Swap.

At the party, we voted to retain the current slate of club Officers and Directors for another year.

Our club is in good shape. Membership is at an all time high, and membership is really the heart and soul of any club, and as a result, I would have to say that our club definitely has heart and soul.

We run one of the best Rallies in the country at one of the best oceanfront spots in which to have a rally.

We are a club that is trying to be socially responsible to the motorcycling community as well as to the community at large by giving to various charities and promoting a positive image of motorcycling.

We are sponsoring a Motorcycle Safety Foundation course for our members, and our Vice President, Jim Salisbury, is running our Hi-Viz safety vest program.

We have a great award winning website, and Mike Cocks, our webmaster does a great job with it.

We had a fantastic club picnic last summer at Mount Blue State Park, and hope to have another similar picnic this summer. Thanks again, Jim.

The Maine Backroads Anomaly Tour was a big success last year, and was a great excuse to get out there and ride! Those of us who participated had a great time, and would recommend doing it again this year. Thanks go to Don Lockhart and his daughter Sarah for administering the event last year.

Overall, we have a great club made up of great members! I am looking forward to an excellent riding season this year, some new adventures on the road, and I hope to see you all at the Rally this year.

VP Report

Jim Salisbury had the first shipment of the Hi-Viz Safety vests that he had ordered for the club. Jim is planning on making another order in April or May, so let him know if you would like one. As mentioned previously, the club will pay \$20 towards the cost of the vest with a limit of two per household and an overall cap of 50 vests.

Jim also mentioned that he and Paul Emerson will be traveling to Americade this summer and that if you are interested or have any questions, contact Jim at vicepres@bmwrsm.org.

Also, Jim is working on having a motor officer from the Falmouth P.D. attend an upcoming meeting to make a presentation on motorcycle safety. He is shooting for the next meeting if scheduling allows.

Treasurer's Report

Sandy was not at the meeting, but she asked James Nice to let us know that the Phippsburg Fire Dept. sent the club a nice Thank You note for our recent donation.

Rally Report

John Reimann reported that he has received 25 rally registrations to date. The last day for club member registration is February 28, after which registration is open to the public and we expect to sell out as always.

The registration form and rules are posted on the website. Please fill out the form completely and return it to John.

There are many volunteer positions still needing to be filled. John passed around a sign-up sheet at the meeting, and there is a list of positions on the website as well.

Bob Collin stated that while he will handle the door prizes this year, he is looking for an apprentice to work with him and handle this position next year.

Street Cycles

Kate, the Service Manager at Street Cycles in Falmouth, was at the meeting. She mentioned that the service calendar is starting to get booked up and encouraged us to contact her to schedule Spring service as soon as possible. Also, she said a lot of BMW owners have not yet completed recall or technical bulletin work, and if you supply her with your VIN, she will be glad to check her

records to see if there is any outstanding work to be done for your bike.

Show and Tell

Eric Davis presented a small portable 12V heating pad element that can be used to keep hands, feet, or any other body part warm in cold weather riding. If you would like more details, let me know and I can put you in touch with Eric.

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