

BMWRSM Meeting Minutes: June 5, 2004

We had 44 people in attendance for our June meeting, including 5 new members welcomed into our club. It was a great riding day with the expected assortment of bikes in the parking lot, including a Chang Jiang sidecar rig which is a copy of a WWII era BMW motorcycle.

Our esteemed El Presidente, James Nice, once again conducted our meeting as follows:

VP Report:

Jim Salisbury took a few minutes to discuss the virtues of wearing a safety vest to enhance our visibility to other motorists, and he encouraged the membership to consider adding a safety vest to our riding gear.

Rally Report:

Unfortunately, our Rally Chairman was not able to attend the meeting, so a detailed report and DownEast Rally wrap-up will need to wait for a future meeting.

However, on behalf of the chairman, both Jim Salisbury and Don Lockhart thanked everyone for pitching in and helping at the rally. Jim noted that there were many members who helped out with all the necessary work making things run smoothly. Don said he heard many positive comments from the rally goers complimenting us on a great rally in spite of the rainy weather.

The Board and the membership had previously agreed that we would donate the proceeds from the 50/50 raffle to Phippsburg Fire and Rescue. This year our proceeds were \$219, and the Board also discussed using club funds to increase our donation to a total of \$500. Don Lockhart made a motion to do just that and the motion was carried by a show of hands.

Treasurer's Report:

Sandy Bliss reported that after all revenues and expenses were accounted for, the club made a profit of \$1,308 from the Rally!

The current balance in the club account is \$10,606.86

Webmaster/Membership Report:

Mike Cocks reported that we now have 147 family memberships consisting of 169 licensed riders. We also welcomed some new members at the meeting, so our numbers are steadily growing.

Mike also mentioned that the remaining 2004 Rally shirts are available for sale on the website for \$22 +shipping.

Ride Boss Report:

Don Lockhart brought up the idea of doing some midweek evening ice cream rides. The plan would be to rotate the locations in order to allow more riders to participate after work. If you have any destination suggestions, please contact Don at rideboss@bmwrsm.org.

Don also discussed the Maine Backroads Anomaly Tour that he is running this year. He has only received a handful of photo submissions and asked that if you are participating to please send him photos periodically and not wait until the end of the riding season. It would make things a lot easier on Don to organize the results.

Track Day:

James Nice relayed that the track in Tamworth, NH will not be ready to host the track day that Darrin at Street Cycles was organizing. Darrin is currently working on setting up an alternative location, so stay tuned if you are interested.

Summer meetings:

Due to the summer tourist season, Cole Farms has asked that we host our monthly meeting at an alternative location for July and August. Steve Garrett has graciously agreed to host the July meeting at his house in Brunswick. Directions will be posted on the web prior to July 3rd.

The August meeting will be held at the Red Cross in Portland and we will combine our meeting with a blood drive like we did a couple years ago.

Next Meeting:

Saturday, July 3 at the home of Steve Garrett in Brunswick. We'll see you then!

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