

## **March 5, 2005 Meeting Notes**

We had 41 members in attendance at our March meeting at Cole Farms Restaurant.

### **President's Report:**

James Nice welcomed us all to the meeting. Knowing there was a police officer in our midst; he was sure to introduce all of us in the room as "John Smith" and confirmed that we have no outstanding wants or warrants.

### **VP Report:**

Jim Salisbury reminded us that he will be placing another order for the Hi-Viz Safety vests, and if you are interested in placing an order, contact Jim at [viceprez@bmwrsm.org](mailto:viceprez@bmwrsm.org) and let him know. Depending on size, member cost is around \$27 with the club contributing \$20 towards this cost as previously reported.

Also, Jim invited Officer Tim Libby to address the members at the meeting. Officer Libby is a motor officer for the Falmouth PD and has been riding for 37 years. During this time he has had four accidents, three of which were left turning cars, and one was a horse who did not respect his right of way. (You'll have to ask Officer Libby or Jim Salisbury about this one if you have a chance...) His talk encompassed motorcycling safety, some interesting anecdotes, and a lively discussion of various traffic laws.

Thanks Jim, we appreciated having Officer Libby at the meeting.

### **Membership Report:**

Mike Cocks had membership cards for those members who have paid their 2005 dues. If you have not yet paid, you can print out the form from the website and mail it to Mike, or pay online via Paypal directly from our website.

### **MBA degree:**

Don Lockhart gave out the majority of the awards for the Maine Backroads Anomaly Tour at our January holiday party. Unfortunately, our First Place winners Joel and Joan Hawkes were not at the party since they were on a riding vacation in South Africa. Don took the opportunity today to present Joel with the first place MBA Degree as well as a pair of commemorative shirts(Click [HERE](#) for Photo).

## **Rally Report:**

John Reimann reported that he has received 150 rally registrations to date ([Here for the latest list](#)). He has about 30 spots remaining, so if you would like to attend the rally get your completed registration form and payment to John as soon as you can. Once the rally is full, there can be no late additions since space is limited. Note, as of March 1<sup>st</sup>, the rally is now open to the public and the notice will be published in the BMW MOA Owner's News.

Regarding volunteers at the rally, John is still looking for three positions:

- A Ride Boss to plan and organize a few rides that weekend.
- Bob Collin is still looking for an assistant willing to take over Door Prizes
- Someone to handle Awards like oldest rider, longest distance, etc.

[Click HERE to volunteer](#)

## **Street Cycles**

Kate, the Service Manager at Street Cycles in Falmouth, attended our meeting once again. She mentioned that if you know you will need particular parts this Spring to be sure and call Ian in Parts early to make sure he has what you need in stock. [Parts@streetcycles.com](mailto:Parts@streetcycles.com)

Regarding Service, she mentioned that BMW recommends changing the brake fluid at least once every two years. She cautioned that if you decide to change your own brake fluid, be sure and have Street's check your work because the ABS computer is very sensitive and if it detects anything amiss you will not have ABS available to you when you need it.

Finally, she informed us that Darrin in Sales told her that April 1<sup>st</sup> is the official launch date of the new RT, ST and S models we've all been reading about. No guarantees, but hopefully they will have an example of each in the showroom.

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