

BMWRSM Monthly Meeting April 6, 2002

New Members

We had a great meeting with just over 40 people attending. We signed up a couple of new members at the meeting: Jim Nice, of Portland, who rides an R100, and Barry Barnard, also of Portland, who rides a Honda VFR750 (we'll work on him gang!). Welcome guys! VP Steve Garrett advised we have about 94-95 members right now. We still have a few 2001 members who have not paid this years dues yet, so we may break the 100 mark this year!

We were told it was Howard Fellers birthday so we all bid him Happy Birthday! Howard also informed us it was Dave Bliss's birthday as well, but Dave was celebrating it in a much warmer climate. Happy Birthday Dave! Bring us back some warmer weather! Joe "Swapshop" Saunders held another successful 50/50 raffle and Dan (NOT Don!) Lockhart won the pot and split \$46 with the club. Thanks to all of you for supporting this effort, we hope to occasionally use some of the kitty money to be able to raffle off riding goodies at a meeting.

New club stickers and pins on the way soon!

I told those present at the meeting that we've ordered (500) 3" reflective stickers with our new club logo on them. They should be in before the next meeting. Each member will receive 1 free as part of their membership benefits. We've also ordered 200 hat/lapel pins, 7/8" in size with the new logo on them. We should have those by rally time, and each member will also receive 1 pin as a membership benefit. We will be selling the extra pins and stickers at the rally and subsequently, on the website.

BMWRSM Website

Speaking of the website, Mike Cocks, our Webmaster discussed the following items: Members present were asked about the use of the Yahoo calendar link as opposed to the newer "Events list" posted on the website. Members voted by a show of hands to dump the yahoo calendar. Mike will remove it from the website soon. He also asked about how people were finding the new menu system on the site. Everyone seemed to be very pleased with the menus, and Mike encouraged anyone with suggestions for the site to write him at webmaster@bmwrsm.org. Mike also brought up a new topic of an offer by Duane Snow of Street Cycles who has offered to "sponsor" our website. This means he'd pay \$10/month towards our website costs. In return, we'll have a link to Street Cycles directly on our home page (we've had a link to Street's for years on our links page already). Street Cycles will also maintain links to our web page. The amount contributed will pay all our website management costs, as well as renewal of our domain name (www.bmwrsm.org) which is an annual fee.

Board of Directors

We have collected names of those interested in serving on a board of directors for the club. For the benefit of those not in attendance, we decided to list the names of those volunteering for the position. They are: Mike Cocks (Webmaster), Shawn Blair, Eric Davis (Newsletter Editor), Buck Avant, Jim Salisbury. The group decided that 4 directors was a good number, any they would work directly with the current club officers. If you will not be able to attend the May meeting when we will vote on the slate of directors, email me at prez@bmwrsm.org with the names of the 4 people out of the above group that you would like to cast your vote for.

2002 Rally – Bob Collin

Bob discussed the upcoming rally. All is progressing very well. We're trying to secure a ride to Dave Percival's on Saturday of the rally. If we can go to Dave's we'll probably need ride leaders

for 2-3 groups just for that destination. We'd also like to repeat the "Lighthouse Tour" of last year and need a leader for that as well. Contact Bob at rally@bmwrsm.org if you would like to volunteer to lead a ride or just help out in general at the rally. We also need a PA system... nothing fancy, just a basic microphone and a couple speakers drop me a line at prez@bmwrsm.org if you can help out on this.

Club History – Steve Garrett

Steve discussed "Chapter 1" of the club history. Steve has been working like a dog assembling all this information and it's now posted on the website for you to see. Steve received a hearty round of applause for all his efforts on this project. Also, thanks goes out to all those who have been "feeding" Steve lot's of good info, digging through their attics and basements to help put the puzzle pieces together. I think we'll have a wonderful record of the club's history when we're done and can work to keep future years well documented.

General announcements

ERC Course – 5/5 Full with waiting list email prez@bmwrsm.org if you want to be added to the waiting list

Mark these days on your calendars!!

- First annual Tri-State BBQ to be held in VT on 7/7/02. Get a dose of heartburn and meet some MOV and Granite State riders (and hopefully the Northern Maine club too!).
- We're also working out details for a potential weekend campout in Bar Harbor on August 17/18! Details coming soon, watch the events list

MOA National Rally in Trenton, Ont:

Any volunteers for registration help? The Granite State riders need help from Noon-4PM Thursday. Please write me at prez@bmwrsm.org ASAP if you can fill this shirt or any other time during the rally. (Let me know what times you'd like to volunteer for when writing as the MOA needs help during many other shifts too).

Saturday 4/13/02 starts the 2002 MOA mileage contest. We'll meet at 8:30AM at Street Cycles and club officers will be on hand to sign your mileage forms. And then possibly a ride after? (Wild & Wooly Swapmeet in MA or other ideas?)

Sorry this is rather long winded this month gang, but for those not in attendance it provides a good way to keep up on everything. Hope to see everyone next Saturday, 4/13/02 at Street Cycles at 8:30AM. And don't forget Track Day at Loudon on 4/24! Please write me with any errors, omissions, or corrections. Our next meeting is May 4th at Cole Farms, 9AM officially, but you can arrive anytime after 8:30.

Regards to all,

Don Lockhart
BMWRSM President