

BMWRSM Meeting Minutes: December 3, 2005

There were 40 members in attendance at the December meeting. It was a brisk sunny day, but there were three sidecar rigs ready to deliver Coats for Kids and a few other members on bikes.

President's Report:

As is customary, James Nice started our round of introductions. Once again it was nice to see some new faces in the crowd.

James mentioned that if anyone would like to nominate another member for an officer position, or if you are interested in an officer position yourself, please let the Board of Directors know. We will be having elections at the January 2006 meeting.

James reported that last month's run to Whitehorse Press was very successful and thanked Jim Salisbury for arranging the event. We are going to do this again at our DownEast Rally in May.

One of our members, Todd Thompson, wrote a book called "Rain Riding Techniques" which can be purchased at www.rainriding.com or in select bookstores for \$14.95.

Our Holiday Party will be held at the Village Café in Portland on January 29, 2006. Sharon Collin is once again the point person for this event and is making the arrangements. A couple items of interest are that the club is going to pay half of the cost for members, and we are going to have door prizes rather than a Yankee Swap. Details will be posted on the web regarding food choices, cost, and how to RSVP to Sharon.

VP/Safety Officer Report:

Jim Salisbury handed out a sheet with diagrams showing universal motorcycle hand signals which are useful in a group ride. He also referred to an excellent guide to Group Riding Techniques which can be found on the AMA website on their Rider Resources page.

Treasurer's Report:

Sandy Bliss reported that the club treasury is currently at \$9648.97.

Rally Report:

John Reimann handed around a signup sheet for volunteers to help out at the rally. Again, one notable position needed is someone to coordinate the door prizes since Bob Collin is going to discontinue this role.

We are going to try to pre-sell rally t-shirts this year. There will most likely be a form on the website to use to preorder. John is working out the details.

On Saturday during the rally we will take a ride to the Phippsburg Fire and Rescue to present our annual donation to their department. They are the local rescue service for our rally and we like to give back a little bit.

Membership/Webmaster Report:

Mike Cocks reminded us that he is collecting dues for 2006. So far, he has 44 members paid to date. Dues are to be paid by January 1, and you can either pay Mike directly at a meeting, mail in your dues along with your form, or pay via PayPal on our website. Dues are still \$20 for a family membership.

Ride Boss Report:

Don Lockhart had the final results of the Maine Backroads Anomaly tour. Steve Garrett was the winner with 145 Post Offices visited and 291 points. See all of the final results posted on our website.

Street Cycles:

Katie from Street Cycles was at our meeting and she discussed a little bit about winter storage tips and mentioned that Street's has Stabil and Battery Tenders in stock. She also mentioned that some of the newer bikes require a special battery tender that will not damage the electronics. If you have a newer bike, check with her to confirm which one you might need.

There was an open house at Street Cycles on December 3 with discounts for in-stock items and drawings for gift bags. Unfortunately, I was not one of the lucky winners...

Coats for Kids:

Today was the kickoff of the Coats for Kids campaign. Thanks go to Dave Manchester for suggesting the club take part in this charity and for coordinating the event. We had three sidecar rigs on hand to deliver the coats to the drop off and they were accompanied by a few other intrepid riders on this brisk winter day.

Next meeting:

James Nice suggested that we do a show-and-tell at our next meeting. Bring along any items of motorcycling interest that you would like to share.

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