

January 2003 Meeting Notes

Well, even with the meeting being put off a week due to the big blizzard, we still had great attendance at last Saturday's meeting with about 29 people braving the cold weather. Thanks to all for your flexibility in scheduling. I think the postponement was a good call after looking out the window that Saturday morning!

Notes on dues:

2003 dues (still just \$15) are now due! VP Steve Garrett says we've already gotten about 75 registrations for 2003! Thanks!! Don't forget you can pay by credit card on our website or print and mail by going postal.

Rally dues - rally registration is now OPEN for members (non-members can send in to be held till March 1, 1st come 1st served by postal mark). Don't delay as Bob is CERTAIN we'll sell out on March 1 as soon as he opens the pending non-member registrations on that date.

"Holiday" party: The deadline for party registration passed on Saturday at noon. We have about 39 registered. If you didn't make it but wanted to, call or write me ASAP and we'll see what we can do.

2003 Hermit Island Rally News

Rally Chair Bob Collin want to hold a rally staff planning meeting at his new home in Cumberland on 2/7. If you are coordinating a meal, ride or event, please make every effort to attend.

ERC Class:

BOD member Shawn Blair will be coordinating an ERC class this year. You can drop shawn a note via the link on the officers page on the website to let him know you're interested so he can keep you posted on details as they filter in. No firm date yet, but he's asking for early May.

NH Motorcycle show in February:

I heard from a guy at work of a show at UNH in NH so I did some research. It looks like it's geared to cruisers and sport bikes... Here are details from a local radio station website:

WHEN: Feb. 22-23, 2003. 10a-5p Sat., 10a-4p Sun.

WHERE: Whittemore Center Arena, UNH Campus - Durham, NH

ADMISSION: \$10.00 for adults, children under 10 FREE

EXTRA: The first 4000 paid attendees will receive a FREE WHEB Motor-Psycho Madness T-Shirt!

PARTICIPANTS INCLUDE: Area Motorcycle Dealers, Accessories Dealers, Clothing Retailers, Financial Institutions, Insurance Companies, and many more

Details at: <http://www.wheb.com/motorcycle.html>

BMWRSM 2003Events list:

We're continuously updating the events list for 2003. If you hear of events that other members might be interested in or have a good idea or plans for a ride, let us know. We will be repeating some of our "new events" from 2002, such as the Tri-state luncheon with NH & VT clubs (perhaps a different venue this year?) and the Bar Harbor weekend (perhaps in Sept this year?), and the late fall ride with the GNBWVR club. For our July or August meeting we may do a early breakfast ride, then ride somewhere and come back to someone's house for a cookout. Also, John Reimann volunteered his place for a bike wash, oil changes and light tech day on opening day of the BMW MOA mileage contest. John would demonstrate his master grill chef techniques for a cookout to cap the event (he grills a mean steak folks and looks good in an apron too!!). Details coming once we have the firm date in mid April.

BMWRSM Photo CD for 2002 (and some 2001):

We're putting together a photo CD of club events in 2002 with some from 2001 also (Hermit Island rally from BOTH years!). I hope to be able to give a preview to those of you attending the holiday party this Saturday. CD's will be \$7 (additional \$3 for S&H if you need it mailed). More details when they're ready to ship, but there should be well over 750 photos included!!!

50/50 Raffle:

Joe "Swap Shop" Saunders ran the raffle and \$40 was split between the club and Don Kent.

Member Tip:

BMWRSM Member James Nice wanted to pass on a good place he found to buy new and used camping gear. It's called Maine Mountain Works and it's located on 311 Marginal Way in Portland. James got a great deal on a like new sleeping bag there and said they had deals on tents and other backpack type equipment too. They have a website at: <http://www.gearmeup.com/> Thanks for sharing the tip, James!

Notes from BMWRSM Board of Directors meeting, 12/14/02:

We had a meeting with the following board members present: Shawn Blair, Sandy Bliss (and Dave too), Mike Cocks, Buck Avant, Steve Garrett, and myself. Here's a brief version of what we discussed:

Newsletter: Do we want to try and keep it going? I got an email from Eric saying he was ready to give someone else a chance. Is anyone interested in trying to put one out, perhaps even quarterly? If nothing else, we have meeting minutes from each meeting, and the events list that would be very relevant to those who can't make meetings and perhaps don't have internet access (yes, there are

several who don't). If you're interested, write me at prez@bmwrsm.org I'll be happy to assist if need be.

Dues: The board voted unanimously to raise dues to \$20 PER HOUSEHOLD for 2004. The per household was a new variation on the old "family membership". Basically all living under 1 roof would qualify, but for new memberships, only 1 pin and sticker would be given (this is the main reason for the dues increase), and only 1 newsletter (if applicable).

Community affairs:

The board voted to review finances in June of each year, and if we were having a good year, and could maintain a balance over \$3000, we could allocate up to \$500 for 1-2 charities to be decided by the board. We also want to encourage members continue to participate in other community support and charity events such as the March of Dimes ride and Red Cross Blood drive among other worth events. We will try to continue the Red Cross Blood drive this summer too.

Insurance:

We are looking into an overall liability insurance policy for the club via sources recommended by the BMWMOA.

2003 Officers

We haven't had any suckers.... er volunteers come forward for any of the glamorous, high paying positions. It's not too late! <grin> The Board of Directors will be recommending the 2002 slate of officers continue in 2003. This will be voted on as is customary at the holiday party, Saturday 1/18/03. If there is anyone interested in Newsletter editor (or any other position), please contact me ASAP and prior to 1/18/03.

Well, that's it for now. Looking forward to seeing many of you at the party this Saturday! Next meeting is 2/1/2003, 9AM at Cole Farms.

Best regards,

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