

March 2003 Meeting Notes.

Greetings fellow riders!

Well, it was a little cool (14F) at 7:45AM heading out to the meeting, but with 6 miles on the odometer and 14 day plates still on my new GT, I couldn't let it sit in the garage!! Fred Parker was the only other rider to show up on 2 wheels on his R100. It was very pleasant riding after the meeting... a balmy 40F so the heated vest went into the sidebag for the ride home and the other heated accessories were not needed.

About 38 people attended March the meeting. New member Neal Crosson was there. Neal just bought John Reimann's rebuilt R80RT. VP Steve Garrett informed us we were up to about 94 paid members as of March 1st (for 2003).

Duane Snow from Street Cycles was also at the meeting and presented member Dave Stone with his 100,000 mile award (picture on website). Congratulations Dave!!! Duane also mentioned that he has contracted with a stunt riding group called "Star Boyz" who will be doing stunt riding demos at Street Cycles on May 17th... yes that's DURING the rally weekend, so it looks like that will be worth organizing a ride to Street Cycles! (I'll volunteer for that!) Star Boyz did some of the stunt riding in the recent "Biker Boyz" movie according to Duane.

Speaking of Dave Stone... Dave has stepped up to the plate and volunteered to be newsletter for the club. Dave hopes to publish his first issue on 3/21. Please consider writing a review of your bike, a favorite piece of equipment, story on a favorite ride, or event you attended. You can submit articles to Dave by clicking on the newsletter link from the "Contact Us" pull down box on our home page, or by writing to him at news@bmwrsm.org

Webmaster Mike Cocks talked about the website. He has put the "Club Store" back online. So anyone wanting to order pins (current club pins or some older rally ones available) or the reflective club stickers can do so online via credit card (Paypal). Mike has also put up a snazzy new front end on the site to aid in navigating it. Looks great Mike! Thanks for all your hard work.

Rally Chair Bob Collin was on the road (Bob was actually visiting with member Dave Swisher in VA on his way to Daytona) but Sharon Collin was at the meeting to take any last minute rally applications. According to Sharon (and my conversations with Bob before he left), the rally is once again SOLD OUT. Bob had enough applications already in hand from non members to fill the vacancies and have a waiting list of about 30. Jim Salisbury was able to confirm with Dave Percival that we could visit his BMW Museum on Saturday of the rally for one of our rides we'll offer. Hopefully, we'll have a better day this year than the 32F temps with a rain & snow mix for our ride up there from the rally last year.

Dick Roy, Field Rep with the AMA was our guest speaker and spoke about the benefits of being an AMA member. Discounts on insurance rates with many carriers, discounts for MSF riding classes, and discounts at AMA events were some excellent reasons to consider joining. A monthly magazine, **American Motorcyclist** also comes with membership. You can join online or get more info at <http://www.ama-cycle.org/index.asp>

Club shirts have been ordered for those who already placed orders. Ordering is now closed on this order. We may order more turtlenecks another time. We are also looking into (by popular demand) a navy polo/golf type shirt with either "BMWRSM" or "BMW Riders of Southern Maine" on the left breast. Pete Beliveau will get pricing info and we'll probably start taking orders at the April meeting for anyone interested.

Club nametags: A few of you who couldn't make the meeting emailed me, and we took orders at the meeting for club nametags. **LAST CALL for this order!!!** If I don't hear from you by 3/5, the order is going in and you're on your own. I'll also need a check to BMWRSM for \$6/each for any last minute orderers (add \$2 if you need them sent to you by mail). EMAIL ME ASAP if you want one.

Joe Saunders ran the 50/50 raffle which was won by Mary Migliore at was about \$21 each.

Next meeting is 4/5/03 at Cole Farms. For April's meeting, I'm asking folks to bring in their favorite new gadget, or something cool they've recently acquired (motorcycle related of course!). We'll have an informal "Show & tell" where members can give others a first hand look at items that they might be considering purchasing and talk with someone who has them. This can be clothing, electronics or any bike related accessory, store bought, or home made! (And no, I WON'T be offering demo rides on my new GT! - someone already asked at the meeting!) Seriously though... please think about bringing in 1-2 items to show others. I think it will be fun and informative.

MOA Mileage kickoff is 4/12/03, 9AM at Street Cycles. If weather is good, we can do a short ride after and then John Reimann will be hosting a "light Tech Day" at his home in Cumberland. We'll be able to do oil changes and take care of your waste oil, check tire pressures, and other light work, also bike washing and detailing. John will be grilling some burgers and dogs and have soft drinks available. An RSVP is requested by emailing me at prez@bmwrsm.org so we can have an approximate count for food. I'll send directions to John's house prior to the meeting to all those who RSVP.

T minus 19 days until spring!

Regards,

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