

## June 2002 meeting minutes

About 40 people showed up on a beautiful spring morning with hardly a cloud in the sky and very comfortable riding temps. Joe Saunders ran a 50/50 raffle and John Reimann was the winner of the pot.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE ON JULY & AUGUST MEETINGS - PLEASE TAKE NOTE !!!**

As we experienced with Down East Restaurant, Cole Farms is also at their busiest time during these two months, so we will be having our meetings for these 2 months elsewhere as follows:

**July 6 – 9AM at Steve Garrett’s home in Brunswick.** If you need directions email Steve at [vicepres@bmwrsm.org](mailto:vicepres@bmwrsm.org) , or I can meet a southern group at Street Cycles and ride up from there if you’re interested (email me at [pres@bmwrsm.org](mailto:pres@bmwrsm.org) ).

**August 3 – Any time from 7AM-9AM at the American Red Cross, Forest Ave, Portland** (Behind the Great Lost Bear Restaurant). We will be donating blood if willing/able and receiving a free pancake breakfast and a free t-shirt for our efforts. Details available on the web site. See my notes below on our guest speaker at June meeting.

We’ll be back at Cole Farms at the usual time in September.

#### **Website:**

Mike Cocks talked briefly on the website, and mentioned he’ll be working with Ted Hall, President of the MOV (VT) club to create a public distribution list to disseminate event info, for sale items and other useful BMW related stuff amongst New England BMW riders who have VOLUNTARILY subscribed to the list. Mike will be sending a note to all with more details once they are finalized and the list is ready. This will be a great medium for reaching out across New England for BMW riders. Mike has also added a members "new bike" page. Got a new toy? Send a picture or two to Mike. We're also kicking around a "Members Photo" page with a picture of you and your favorite ride with perhaps a brief description (suggestion of Shawn Blair).

#### **Guest Speaker:**

Lisa Parker (yep, Bill’s daughter) from the American Red Cross had gotten in touch with me and had asked about the possibility of our club holding a meeting at her facility to donate blood and get a free breakfast. As it happened, I was looking for places for us to go in July and August! Lisa said that after 9/11/01 everyone rushed in to donate blood, but since the coverage died down, so have the donations and they are very much in need of blood donations. I think we, as a club, have tried in the past to support public benefit drives of many kinds, and here is another way we can help as a group. It was overwhelmingly decided after hearing Lisa’s plea, we would hold our August meeting at the Red Cross on Forest Ave in Portland. Participants will receive FREE pancake breakfast and a free T-shirt. They will open

by 7AM for any early birds (they can only process 6-8 at a time, so staggering it will be helpful... arrive early if you can). Once we all have completed and had some breakfast, we'll head out 25 to head up to the Euro Rally, then on to Dave Percival's BMW museum. It ought to be a fun day! Please make every effort to support this worthy cause... even if you can't do the ride after. They need our support badly.

### **Hermit Island Rally:**

Bob Collin was not able to make the meeting with his Rally wrap up, but I want to tell you all, I've gotten some very nice emails, and heard nothing but positive comments from folks at the rally, thanking us for our hospitality, complimenting the excellent food, and just plain saying they had a wonderful time. I want to thank everyone who pitched in through so many various ways to make it such a great success. Many hands make light work, and we had no shortage of volunteers from the club, and outside the club from other clubs and individuals. Thank you all, it was a wonderful time in spite of a rather damp Saturday! 60 photos have been posted on our website in case you hadn't seen them. Howard Feller, who had an unfortunate accident a few days prior to the rally and consequently couldn't make it, wanted to thank everyone from the rally who signed his get well card. Speedy recovery Howard!

### **Other important notes:**

- Last call for [volunteers](#) for the MOA rally in Trenton. Email me ASAP if interested. also see [REMINDERS](#) on our web site.
- Make sure you've saved 7/7/02 for the 1st Annual Tri-state BMW luncheon BBQ! See events list and ride board for details.
- The Weekend in Bar Harbor IS ON! We will head up early Saturday and return Sunday. Camping will be free courtesy of member Tom Raynor (on his 20+ acre property). Toilet/shower facilities will be \$3/person per day (\$6/single or \$12/couple for the weekend) More details coming soon. Tom has offered a Lobster bake for about \$12/each for Sat night. To attend this you MUST RSVP to me at [prez@bmwrsm.org](mailto:prez@bmwrsm.org) include # of people attending and if you want to do the lobster bake. Please RSVP before 8/1 for planning purposes.

### **Milestones noted:**

- Dan DeSena – 20th Anniversary 5/29
- Don & Jane Lockhart – 20th Anniversary 6/5 (and she bought me a new K1100RS! <grin>)
- Jim & Sara Salisbury 20th anniversary – 6/19
- Jim Toulouse – XX Anniversary of 20th birthday! And a shiny new K1200RS to show for it!

Congrats to all!

FYI, as of the June meeting we were at 105 members for 2002! Steve thought that must be a record.

We had a nice ride after the meeting. About 20 of us went to Quaker Ridge in Casco for a Kodak moment, then on to a little ice cream parlor in Harrison (probably doubled their daily business!). The group split up a bit from there with some heading to the coast via Norway and others went up to Errol NH and points north. It was a phenomenal day for riding... perfect temps and conditions.

As always, you can contact me with any errors, omissions, or comments at [prez@bmwrsm.org](mailto:prez@bmwrsm.org)

Regards,  
Don Lockhart  
President, BMW Riders of Southern Maine

## General announcements

### 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!).

### 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](mailto: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).

Our 3" reflective stickers are in and look great (1 free for each member, additional available at \$3/ea), and I have our new club pins. These will also be available (1 free to each member, additional for \$4/ea). The free pin will be a one time event, but the stickers will be 1 a year upon registration or renewal. If you are a paid 2002 member and can't get to a meeting, you may send me a self addressed stamped envelope to 65 Crossing Brook Rd, Cumberland, ME 04021, and I'll send you yours via the mail. Stickers and Pins are for sale on the website via MC/VISA