

## August Meeting Notes. 2002

We had a very good turnout for our August meeting and Blood Drive, which was held at the American Red Cross on Forest Avenue in Portland. BMWRSM members donated about 20 pints of blood! Those who weren't able to donate helped out by cooking pancakes & sausage, or registration, or serving breakfast to those who had just given blood. We had over 25 people show up which was great. It was a very warm day and muggy too. Pictures posted [HERE](#). Bob & Jamie Greenbaum, BMWRSM members from Mass came up and joined us and helped the Red Cross with their donations! They also rode to the Euro Rally and Dave Percival's with the group after leaving the Red Cross. Thanks for coming! We're glad you could make it! My sincere thanks to everyone who came in to the Red Cross and supported the cause. You really made the club shine and helped support a very worthy cause!

Brian Scoczenski was there on his gorgeous new K1200RS (pictures on the members new bikes page). Bob Collin was riding his new acquisition, a pretty blue R75/5... Very nice Bob! And Howard Feller was back in the saddle of his R1100RS, which was great to see! Jim Nice was trying out a new Corbin seat and a new Garmin GPS V on the ride! Fred Parker, our resident videographer, showed me his "Crash Cam" (named for how it's mounted on his crash bar... not what he films with it!) It's a tiny camera that gives a really nice wide-angle shot and plugs into his regular video camera in his tank bag. Nice setup Fred! Mike Cocks, our Webmaster, was sporting some fancy looking PIAA driving lights on his R1100RS (area residents have been phoning in false low flying aircraft reports at night since Mike got these....) Photos of all [HERE](#).

I had to leave from the Red Cross and head to Augusta to watch my daughter compete in the high jump at the Junior Olympics (Her 1st big meet and she came in 6th in the state!). Steve Garrett & Jim Salisbury lead two groups up to Sunday River to the Euro Rally and then on to Dave Percival's, where my brother and I caught up with the groups after leaving the track meet. Thanks to Steve & Jim for leading! And thanks as always to Dave Percival who is always a wonderful host. We are very lucky to have such a treasure in our back yard!

The highlight of my day (NOT) was hitting a good-sized bird at a much faster speed than I care to admit to... It came in just under the headlight and hit the forks and an explosion of feathers shot up through the fairing like someone had smashed a feather pillow over my helmet! Of course, I couldn't be outdone by my sister, who managed to catch a bird in her spokes at speed coming back from the MOA rally in Canada. Of course, brother Dan has us both beat with a couple of groundhogs and a squirrel or two. We're going to have to start painting little emblems on the fairings like the WWII pilots did!

That's all for now... Check the [RIDE BOARD & EVENTS CALENDAR](#) online for upcoming rides and rallies! There's still lot's of riding season left! Please email me with any errors or omissions. Ride Safe!

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