

## **BMWRSM Meeting Minutes: April 3, 2004**

We had 46 members at our April meeting. The majority in attendance still arrived with four wheels under them, but there was a fair showing of bikes this time around (click [HERE](#) for Photos). Soon all in attendance will be on two wheels! Next month. Right?

Our club President James Nice conducted the meeting and we discussed the following topics:

### **Rally Report:**

While the 2004 DownEast Rally is sold out, we have 12 people on the waiting list. John Reimann indicated that at past rallies we had approximately that number of "no-shows". John made a motion to allow those 12 to come to the rally and the motion was carried by a show of hands. John is no longer accepting applications, and anyone who needs to cancel will need to find their own alternate at this point.

John reminded us that he is always looking for volunteers to assist at the rally, especially for clean up duties, so any and all help will be welcome.

Bob Collin commented that we are up to 65 door prizes including a very nice leather jacket. Last year's rally had 135 door prizes, and the goal is to reach at least 125 this year.

Don Lockhart is still looking for ride leaders to take groups up to Dave Percival's museum, and Fred Parker has offered to lead an informal GS ride if there is any interest.

### **BMW MOA 2004 Mileage signup and Light Tech Day:**

This coming Saturday, April 10 is the first day of the 2004 Annual Mileage contest for the BMW MOA. Club Officers will be at Street Cycles between 9-10am to sign your mileage form found in the April BMW ON magazine.

John Reimann has invited club members to his house for a light tech day and a cookout. He will have hot dogs and hamburgers on hand for those who would like to attend. If you plan on attending, and/or need directions, please contact John at [rally@bmwrsm.org](mailto:rally@bmwrsm.org) so he can get a head count.

### **Webmaster/Membership Report:**

Mike Cocks reported that the club website is taking 2000 hits per month which is a decent amount of activity. As far as membership, we currently have 132 family memberships, which consists of 150 licensed riders, 21 of which are women riders.

### **Experienced Rider Course:**

Shawn Blair has confirmed the ERC with the MSF. It will be held on Sunday June 6 at the Augusta Civic Center from 10-5. There are 12 slots available to club members. This year the ERC is newly revised and will consist of a full day of rider training and no classroom time. Details and registration information can be found on our website. (Details)

### **Ride Boss Report:**

Don Lockhart has put together a fun idea for a ride contest this year called the Maine Backroad Anomalies tour. The contest will run from May 1 thru October 31 and consists of riders logging a photo of themselves and their bikes at various predetermined sites. These photos will earn points in the contest and fun awards will be given at the end of the season. Don handed out a draft copy of his idea but the sites and details are still being finalized.

Don also mentioned some other potential rides being planned for this season:

- Cabot Trail ride, TBD
- Ted Hall and Don are discussing locations for the annual Tri-State BBQ ride, which will potentially be in June or July.
- Tom Raynor may again offer the club his place in Bar Harbor in September for a weekend camping ride.
- We will once again be doing some weeknight ice cream rides this summer.

### **MOA Elections:**

Club Member Rob Nye, the BMW MOA Secretary rode up from Dartmouth, Mass for our meeting. He addressed the room and encouraged us to participate in the MOA National Elections and make our voices heard. Last year, only 5% of the MOA membership participated in the elections.

Rob is also a candidate for Secretary in the 2004 Elections and asked for our vote and to support him as the only national board member from New England.

### **July/August Meetings:**

Cole Farms restaurant does not provide the club a meeting room during the peak summer months of July and August, so we must find alternate meeting locations. Steve Garrett has once again invited the club to meet at his house in Brunswick for the July meeting, and Bob Collin has made arrangements for a club Blood Drive/Meeting at the American Red Cross center in Portland for our August meeting.

### **Black Fly Rally:**

Fred Burgess made an announcement that the Black Fly rally will be held over Memorial Day weekend and will consist of about 1300 miles. This is a riding rally and pre-registration and deposits will be required. Details to follow.

**Show-and-Tell:**

A few members brought some items to the meeting for a Show-and-Tell. Some of the items discussed included an adhesive headlight protector, eyeglasses, tire repair and pumps, and a lightweight camp stove.

I think that's it for now. I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting at Cole Farms Restaurant on Saturday, May 1 at 9am.

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