

## **BMWRSM Meeting Minutes: May 1, 2004**

Finally, Spring has sprung! It was a nice warm day for our May meeting and the majority of members arrived on two wheels. There were 52 attendees at the meeting and over 40 motorcycles in the parking lot. We welcomed a few new members to our club as well.

James Nice, club president, once again conducted the meeting and these were the topics of discussion:

### **Rally Report:**

John Reimann mentioned that he will be holding a meeting about a week before the 2004 DownEast rally to discuss final arrangements. The date and time is to be determined and will be posted on the web, but all are welcome to attend.

We have 190 people registered for the rally, and while we expect a few no-shows, we are at capacity and registration for the rally is closed.

In order to keep tabs on the motorcycles that are part of the rally, we will be using lobster tags which will be required to be attached to your bike. On a similar note, we will be using meal tickets to keep track of who ordered what for the Saturday dinner.

Rally Rides: Don Lockhart, Ride Boss, mentioned that we have a few organized rides put together, the most popular being a ride to Dave Percival's BMW museum. While a few members have agreed to be either a ride leader or chaser, he still could use some more volunteers, so let Don know if you would like to help him out.

Door Prizes: Bob Collin reported that we are now in the 80's for door prizes, which is lower than his goal, so if you have anything to donate, or can arrange something, get in touch with Bob.

Joe Saunders is running the swap shop and he reminded us to empty out our garages and bring lots of stuff to the rally to sell.

We passed around an example of the rally hat for this year and all were impressed with the design and the quality. Kudos to Ed Perry for doing such a great job with the rally hat!

John will be bringing a trailer to the rally on Thursday May 20, so if there is something you would like him to bring, get in touch with John.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Sandy Bliss reported that the club account is now just over \$10,000. Much of that is due to rally registrations, and we expect to spend a good portion of that to run our rally.

**Webmaster/Membership Report:**

Mike Cocks reported that we are currently at 140 family memberships which includes about 160 licensed riders. Mike was handing out a few sign up sheets at the meeting, so we expect that number to grow.

**Experienced Rider Course:**

Shawn Blair reminded us that the ERC will be held on Sunday, June 6 at the Augusta Civic Center. As of the meeting, he only had 5 riders signed up. He encouraged us to sign up for the course, since the MSF was kind enough to set this date aside for our club and they need 12 riders to fill the course. If we don't fill it with BMW RSM members, the MSF will open it up to the general public for that day. If you are interested in taking the course, please send your registration form and payment to Shawn. Details are on our website.

**Ride Boss Report:**

Don Lockhart announced the start of the Maine Backroads Anomaly Tour. The contest runs from May 1 thru October 31 and consists of riders earning points by logging a photo of themselves in front of various predetermined locations. The idea is just to have a fun excuse to get out and ride this season! The MBA Tour rules and sites can be found on our website in a printable PDF format.

**Thank You:**

Eric Davis delivered a letter to James Nice from the Maine Handicapped Skiing organization. James read a portion of the "thank you" letter to the membership for our recent donation to their cause.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, June 6 at Cole Farms Restaurant in Gray. Hope to see you there!

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