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CLUB OFFICERS:

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Scott Gibson

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Steve Garrett

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Club website:

www.bmwrsms.org



DATES TO REMEMBER:



February 2, Next Meeting

Cole's Farm 9:00 AM, Election of Officers

February 10th, Club Party at DiMillo's Restaurant,
5:00 PM

February 14, Valentine's Day, (All Day)

March 8, BMWRSMS meeting w/ Speaker

May 16 to 19th, Hermit Island BMWRSMS Rally

May 31, Maine 400 Endurance Rally

July 17 to 20 BMW MOA 2008 International Rally,
Gillette, Wyoming

Our club meeting was held at Cole's Farm on Saturday January 5th. With twenty-eight members in attendance. This, the first meeting of the New Year, provided some interesting views into the forthcoming meetings.

We had two new members join the club :

Clayton Meserve of Saco, rides a K1200S, blue in color and he is the original owner of a 1983 R100. Clayton has done a considerable amount of long distance riding and during the past summer visited 28 states. He is also a member of the 100,000 mile BMW of America riders group.

Tim Sheehan of Brunswick, rides a 1991 K75/2. Riding since he was 12 with a brief respite for raising a family, Tim returned to riding and refreshed his ability with the Motorcycle Safety Foundation riding course.

Welcome to you both, we will look forward to riding with you.

In addition to our new members, we were pleased to have a "family" atmosphere, at the meeting. Sharon and Bob Collin were accompanied by their grandson Kendell, "KJ", who would make an excellent active member.

Also in attendance were Stephanie and Paul Medeiros, with their daughter Samantha. Paul won the 50/50 drawing delighting Samantha. Since, this was his second consecutive 50/50 win, the Director's have been asked to look into the matter!

Joe Saunders introduced an entirely new feature, in this writers memory, “**Coats for Codgers**”. Joe hopes that this will compete with the successful “**Coats for Kids**” program of last December. However, to some it looked like a thinly veiled attempt to clean out his closet, or get rid of an unwanted Christmas gift. Joe presented his Land’s End “new” winter jacket offering to sell it at an extremely reasonable price. In the ensuing rush to buy by several members, Dave Manchester emerged as the winner and made a nice donation to the club. Thank you Dave, and Joe...keep looking around the house!!!

Bob Collin and Shawn Blair announced that the **Maine 400 Endurance Rally** will be held on Saturday, May 31. Asked for a rain date, Bob pronounced that nothing short of a hurricane would stop the Rally and even that might not slow it down. We heard that several very difficult and well hidden stops are in the works. If we discover additional information on the locations, we’ll waste no time in putting it into print for all to see! You will find the full Rally story at www.maine400.com

It seems that two of our more durable members, Chris Jordan and Mike Lydon, rode to Old Orchard Beach on their sidecars to participate in the New Year’s Day jump into the Atlantic. They greatly enjoyed viewing the plungers. Great job guys. On a side note, Jim Salisbury saw them go by his house, knew where they were going, but couldn’t find his bathing suit in time.

Member Profile: Scott Gibson

Scott, a five year BMWRSM member, presently serves as our secretary. He has moved to Maine *three* separate times; and is now completing the building of his latest home, in Waterboro, with his wife Susan.

They have 3 grown children. One of whom lives in Maine, Ben, who recently bought a F650 and toured the Gaspé Peninsula with Scott and several others.

Favorite biking activities for Scott and Susan are touring and camping because of the freedom and independence it offers. Non-biking favorites are backpacking and snowshoeing. Scott rides a Suzuki V-strom as well as a R90/6 bought from Joe Saunders, it is a fair weather bike.



Susan and a partner have a landscaping business and she is also a real estate appraiser. Scott is a freelance writer and editor. He has had articles in Fine Woodworking and fine Homebuilding as well as other publications. In the spring, a book titled *Green From the Ground Up*, that Scott co-authored is due out on the bookshelves. A very timely subject, that we will be looking forward to reading.

Mike Lydon hopes to have a speaker, Jim Bryan, who lives in Beijing, China, for the March 9th meeting. Jim will be in the country for a few weeks and will be an interesting speaker as he traveled around the world twice by motorcycle. Please note that this the **SECOND** week of March.

The following are several websites for more information on Jim and his travels.

<http://www.changjiangunlimited.com/Jim-lom-Beijing.htm>>

<http://www.advrider.com/forums/showthread.php?t=64938&highlight=Trans-Eurasia>>

<http://www.motoport.nl/R/sjaak/media/Jim.wmv>>

**It's time to renew your membership ! See Bob Collin at the meeting or send your \$20 to: Bob Collin
29 Carriage Road
Cumberland Foreside, ME 04110**

Hermit Island Rally: We are still in need of a *Door Prize organizer*. Please step forward if you can do it. Steve Garrett can answer the particulars of the position.

MORE RALLY: At the director's meeting, following our regular meeting, it was voted upon and approved to increase the Rally Fee to \$50. It is hoped that the price for lobsters will remain the same as 2007.

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