

BMWOCM NEWSLETTER



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Editor's Notes

Some business to take care of this month. First, if you have not renewed your club membership for next year, the January newsletter will be your last issue. If you have not yet renewed, we are asking club members who are online if they would prefer to receive their newsletter that way, instead of via snail mail. Please indicate on the renewal form. (If you have already renewed and wish to receive the online version only, please e-mail Steffan, Dale or myself.) Anyone with e-mail who wishes to get the newsletter the old-fashioned way may certainly do so. I still prefer to get a newspaper delivered every day.

There is no club meeting in December, while the club banquet will be the meeting for January. In February, we will hold the general meeting at a new location, the Motor Oil Coffee Bar, located in the Trackstar complex in south Minneapolis. Exact details will be given in the next newsletter.

Thanks to all members who contributed to the newsletter this year, and for the kind words of support. Have a safe and happy holiday.

Steffan Fay is our new web master. Please visit our club web site at www.bmwocm.com to get the latest info on club events. Contact Steffan at sfay@odbs.com.

It's time to renew your 2001 club membership! Please make use of the renewal form in this newsletter.

President's Column

Civics Quiz: How is the BMWOCM better than the entire United States? Answer: It's November 24 as I write this and WE know who our next president is! Seriously, we can look forward to another great riding year, with Molly Gilbert as our new club president, as well as new club officers and board members. I suggest that the best way to get to know everyone is to be sure to take part in our **annual club awards banquet**. The date this year is Saturday, January 20. The place is City View Banquet Center at the Lost Spur Country Club on Highway 13 in Eagan. The instructions for reservations can be found elsewhere in this newsletter, or check our web page. We will have the introduction and installation of the new club officers, mileage awards, and some other exciting

events. By the way, if you know of a club member that you think deserves a special award for service to the club, or a “very special” award to recognize his or her activities this past riding season, please call Karol Patzer, Jerry Dubrall or me ASAP. And reserve your space at the banquet soon!

Finally, our membership renewals have been coming in very steadily, but you should renew soon for 2001 so you don't miss anything! If you worked two or more shifts at the last Hiawatha Rally, your membership is courtesy of the club, but please send in a copy of the form for our records anyway. Please send me an e-mail or call me if you are not sure your membership is covered. My address is dkmcpeterson@aol.com and my phone is 651-739-4623. I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season, and I hope to see all of you at our party on January 20th.

The **voice line** number is **612-534-7433**. Call the voice line to get up-to-date info about club events.

EVENTS CALENDAR

There is no club meeting in December.

Sat., Jan. 20th : Winter Banquet, Lost Spur Country Club, Eagan, MN.

Jan. 26th-28th : Cycle World Motorcycle Show, Minneapolis Convention Center.

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Deadline for newsletter submissions is the **21st** of the month – I mean it! Call or e-mail me at blbakker@isd.net.

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Sunshine Coordinator is Rosie Rudebeck. Whenever a club member is hospitalized or loses a loved one, please call Rosie so she can send them a card from the club. 612-757-6586

Secretary's Report

The November meeting of the BMWMOCM was called to order by President Dale Peterson at 7:34p.m. at Lake Como Pavilion. There were 43 people present and Austin the dog, who was asked to leave (because of his affinities towards Harleys?) Guests were Gary Tome, R90S & R60/5; Rick Kottke, R100T & 600/5; and Sandy Miller. Treasurer's report--\$137.46 in the operating fund and \$4,809.12 in the rally fund. It is time for membership renewal—send yours in! The swap table had only some bags and a few bikes for sale. Some members made the BMW Owners News in a photo—there goes their 15 minutes of fame. The entire field of new officers were elected by slate (should have been at the meeting to find out what that means) and were elated to know that Florida will not be holding up the results. The banquet will be Jan. 20th; money is due by the 12th. Ride reports: Jerry attended the Metropolitan Hitching Post Ride; Nate was at the Falling Leaf Rally and Larry went to Spring Green where the Alphabet Ride was put on by Lotus Tours. Everybody enjoyed their respective rides—which probably indicates that if you were to go on most rides, you'll probably have a good time. So go. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Pat O'Keefe

After the meeting Bob Nordland, a Robbinsdale police officer, explained the use of the laser gun. He went over many of the aspects regarding its use and how it is not the infallible piece of machinery that some suppose it to be. You should have been at the meeting to see and hear him. And then Dave Porter shared his long awaited Harley Convert-O-Matic. What can one say after seeing it? What kind a mind would conceive of such a thing? We should watch Dave more closely—if nothing else for our own protection. You should have been at the meeting to see it.

Fall Round-Up 2000

by Lisa Kinney

Picture yourself viewing 10 to 12 inches of snow in your front yard in the U.P of Michigan. You are sipping a home brew of some concoction that keeps you warm, happy and somewhat drowsy. The drowsiness is OK, because your motorcycle is safely parked in the garage and you have nowhere to travel today. You also have the luxury of lethargy on this day, because you realize that an event which has been in the planning for 6 months was completed without a hitch the very weekend before the snow started to fall. This is NO DREAM. This is my REALITY, living in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

We, in fact, did receive 10 to 12 inches of snow, one week to the day after the BMWMOCM Fall Round-up 2000 was completed with great success. Just six days before the snow fell, we had enjoyed temperatures in the 70's, with bright sunshine and the peak of the Fall Colors. It just so happened that we had the foresight to invite 20 of our friends from Minnesota to join us for a day to ride 350 miles, to Copper Harbor and back, at the tip of the Keweenaw Peninsula, on the very weekend the "weather gods" decided to smile on us. It is no secret that our weather in the UP of Michigan can change every 5 minutes or so. We realized in planning this event, that only the hearty souls of our club need attend, as the weather could turn nasty at any moment. Despite our warnings to bring the warmest "gear" you own, and to be prepared for the worst, we actually had the most enjoyable weather

of the season.

Statistically, we had 20 bikes: 22 attendees, with 4 females, 16 males and 2 co-pilots. During the event, we took over the entire Travelers Motel, in Bessemer MI (just east of Ironwood, MI). Some of the "must see" places we visited were: Porcupine Mountains State Park, Eagle Harbor MI and the Poorrock Abbey (for Peanut Butter and Jelly bars), Brockway Mountain Drive and Copper Harbor at the tip of the Keweenaw Peninsula. We had an unbelievably enjoyable lunch in Copper Harbor at the Harbor Haus, with an incredible view of Lake Superior. Coming home on M-43, we had a breathtaking view of the fall colors, while traveling through the forest on a twisty road in the bright sunshine. It just was spectacular! We are told that the colors in the UP are ranked #2 in beauty, just behind those seen in Vermont.

I really can tell you nothing additional, but that the Fall Round-up should be on your calendar for 2001. Please make your plans early (by the deadline announced for the event), and your effort will be rewarded.

A Message from Bob Cox

As Past President, I served on the board this year and want to thank all the officers for a fine job. Also all others who volunteered their time to make the club even better. We have out grown our present meeting place and want all club members to keep the eyes open for a new one. The context of the meetings has been great but we need more room. Tell the new board members what to look at/for .

We are planning another bus trip to Aerostich, the Polaris factory, or S&S Mfg. in Viola, WI . Remember that the last Aerostich trip was sold out. Talk to anyone who went, we had a great time. The motorcycle show is in January this year, so the trip will be in February about the time when we'll all need a dose of vitamin C.

BMWMOCM 2001 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Name (please type or print) _____

Mailing address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone # (for roster) _____ E-mail _____

Do you wish to receive the newsletter by **e-mail only**? _____

Membership Categories:

_____ **Regular** : be of legal driving age and own a BMW motorcycle or a member of your immediate household owns a BMW motorcycle.

_____ **Associate** : be of legal driving age but does not own a BMW motorcycle. (Associate members must be sponsored by two current Regular members.)

Sponsor #1 signature _____

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Names of other household members (legal driving age only) :

Please read and sign the following :

I understand that the BMW Motorcycle Owners Club of Minnesota, Inc. (BMWMOCM) does NOT assume responsibility for any aspect of my safety and that if I participate in any sanctioned event, I do so voluntarily on my own assessment of my ability, road/site conditions, and all facilities and conditions, assuming all risk; and I release and hold the BMWMOCM harmless for any injury or loss to my person or property that may result therefrom.

Signature _____ Date _____

Dues : \$20 per year per household.

Please mail the completed application and fee to:
BMW Motorcycle Owners Club of Minnesota
155 Faye St.
St. Paul, MN 55119



Holiday/Installation Party

Join us for an evening of festivities to celebrate the holidays and welcome our new club officers

When: Saturday, January 20, 2001
Time: 6:00 PM Social Hour/Cash
Bar 7:00 PM Dinner

Program: Immediately following dinner
Place: City View Banquet Center
Lost Spur Country Club
2750 Sibley Memorial Hwy 13
Eagan, MN
Cost: \$22.00 Includes meal, tax and gratuity
All dinners include house salad, baked potato, fresh vegetable, rolls w/butter,
coffee, tea or milk

Member Name: _____

of Guests: _____ Guest Name: _____

Guest Name: _____

Please check meal choices:

Aged Top Sirloin Steak

Boneless Breaded Breast of Chicken w/Basil Cream Sauce

] Broiled Canadian Walleye Pike Fillet

Total \$ enclosed: _____

Please mail check and form to: Karol Patzer, P. O. Box 21187, Eagan, MN 55121-0187

Any questions: Call Karol or Jerry @ 651-452-6901

SPACE IS LIMITED!!! DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: JANUARY 10, 2001

For Sale : **1993 R100 GS/PD**. This adventure touring bike has 13K and comes with BMW factory bags. Fall sale price, \$5995. Also, a Honda Trail 110, dual range, very clean, \$995. Trades accepted. Also for sale, a micro fiche reader and BMW parts micro fiche for R1100, GS 100, R100, \$40. Bob Cox @651.489.6467.

For Sale : **1980 R100**, 52K, runs good, a little rough around the edges, S seat and cowl. \$2,000. Steve at 218.638.2911, or shunruh@yahoo.com.

For Sale : **1999 K1200LT**, gray, 11,600 miles, in excellent condition, one owner. \$11,500. Call Dave Wagner at 952.937.1414.

For Sale : Leather jacket, black, size 40-42, black, insulated, nylon lining , \$110; Aerostich Triple Digit rain covers for gloves, size L, new, \$33; Aerostich Ultrasuede Triangle, new, blue, \$20; Radar detector ear piece, \$3 ; System 2 helmet screw, \$3; cargo net, \$2; battery cover shock cord, \$1. Darrell Penning at 952.445.7343 (evenings) or penninqd@rytway.com.

Wanted : 1969 or older BMW motorcycles (/2), parts, workshop manuals. Also wanted, a large gas tank for '55 to '69 /2 bikes – finders fee paid. Also Honda mini-bikes and Rokon Trailblazers. Bob Cox at 651.489.6467.

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