

Riding Matters

MOA Charter #49

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Doug Dokken lounging in luxury at the Shack Up Inn...

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December 11

Club Holiday Gathering
Please bring a toy or cash donation for Toys-for-Tots
Broadway Pizza
2025 West River Rd.
Minneapolis, MN 55411

January 11 @ 5 p.m - 10 p.m

BMWMOCM Winter Banquet
Reservation form due January 5, 2009

February 13 - 15

International Motorcycle Show
Minneapolis Convention Center
1301 Second Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55403

www.motorcycleshows.com

(Looks as if BMW won't be there)

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2009 Rally Chairs
Tim Cusick

Mileage Coordinator:

Curt Henry



Leaning
Towards
Joining?

Hey, we won't countersteer you wrong! The BMW Motorcycle Owners Club of Minnesota is a great resource. In the past, we have sponsored Experienced Rider Courses and Track Days at reduced club rates. Frequently, guest speakers at our monthly meetings present in depth information designed to make you a better rider. Best of all are the friendly and knowledgeable people who make up the club. Join us at our monthly meeting or contact one of the people listed above. Membership is only \$20 a year! The BMWMOCM Membership Coordinator is Don Sidler. He can be reached at 612-720-0231 or dsid@comcast.net

President's Message

Greg Anderson

NEW MEMBER

I am pleased to welcome **Dave Casey** to the club. Dave is new to BMW and picked up a 2000 R1100RT over the summer. He also attended one of our camping seminars at REI. Be sure to introduce yourself to Dave when you see him.

CLUB DUES WERE DUE

Club dues were due in October. I'm sure you're busy and haven't had a chance to renew. I know how that goes. The economy's a bit rough now and \$20 is hard to part with at any time. Look at the bright side. Gas is under two bucks a gallon again. A new administration is taking over. We're not asking for a bailout here. The BMWOCM gives back the dues to its membership in the form of door prizes and by subsidizing the August picnic, the buffet at the December gathering and part of the winter banquet. A membership renewal form is on the club's website. Send your completed form to membership coordinator Don Sidler today.

CLUB ELECTIONS

Now you did it. You elected Kevin Kocur president. Where was the opposition? I think they were intimidated and silenced by Kocur's vast political machine, his brilliant use of the internet and his disturbing connections within the media: the sidecar-leaning *Minnesota Motorcycle Monthly*. Conveniently dismissed were his long-standing ties to the radical group TeamStrange and its charismatic leader "Rev. Eddie". A recount was considered, but all the absentee ballots were used to line the kennels of the president-elect's attack greyhounds. The good news is Nina Boonacker is the new vice-president. She will bring calm and worldly experience to BMWOCM's leadership group. When the kool-aid is coursing through Capt'n Kocur's veins, Nina will steer the club away from dangerous reefs. Joining her in that mission are new board members Pat Corrigan and Rich Breu. Both Pat and Rich are more than ready for the task, and their hard work will be needed now more than ever.

Also joining the board as recorder is Joel Howard. He had the misfortune of coming to a board meeting where he was tied up and unanimously appointed recorder. Welcome, Joel, and thank you for stepping up and filling the boots of Jim Herne. Sorry about the rope burns.

Departing the board are Doug Dokken, Carrie Hanson and Bill Jones. Bill brought a lot of common sense and good ideas to the board meetings. Carrie, in addition to being a board member, was rally chair for last years very successful Hiawatha Rally She will now focus her talents elsewhere and tend to the care and feeding of her children, Devon and Ron. Doug Dokken has been president, past president or a board member for as long as I can remember. Stand down, Doug.

DECEMBER CLUB GATHERING

The club will furnish the pizza buffet at Broadway Station on December 11. All you need to do is pay your club dues and bring a toy or cash donation for the Toys-for-Tots program. Jeff Oden will again bring your donation to a drop-off site.

HISTORY TOUR WRAP UP

As soon as possible compile a list of sites you visited, put your photos on a CD (or print them out) and send everything to:

Jack Weidenbach
1752 Quie Lane
Northfield, MN 55057

Deadline is midnight December 31, 2008. Winners will be treated to fabulous prizes given out at the upcoming winter banquet.

WINTER BANQUET

Our annual winter banquet is Sunday January 11, 2009 at the Lake Elmo Inn Event Center. Cost is \$25 per attendee and your reservation form is due January 5, 2009. Also, send pictures of your riding adventures to webmeister/president-elect Kocur. We'll display them during the banquet, so no nudity, please.



BMW MOTORCYCLE OWNERS CLUB OF MINNESOTA

HOLIDAY BANQUET
Sunday, January 11, 2009
5:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Lake Elmo Inn Event Center
3712 Layton Avenue North
Lake Elmo, MN
641-779-5994

www.lakeelmoeventcenter.com



There will be a social hour from 5:00 – 6:00. Buffet dinner will be served from 6:00 to 7:30. Buffet includes: salad, rolls, carved rolls of beef, spam, Italian chicken, veggie, soft drinks, coffee, cake, gratuity and spam. The ceremony following dinner will include mileage contest awards, history tour awards, presentation of the shaft award and installation of the 2009 BMWOCM board of directors. Members of the BMWOCM get all this, and more, for the astoundingly cheap price of \$25.00.

Reservation Form
Due January 5, 2009

Mail to:
Tim Cusick
1733 Englewood Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55104

Attendees:

Attendees x \$25.00 = \$ _____

Please make checks payable to BMWOCM

BMWMOCM – November 2008 Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Present: Greg Anderson, Lewis Marshall, Kevin Kocur, Bill Jones, Tim Cusick, Carrie Hanson, Jim Murphey, Joel Howard, Nina Boonacker. Don Sidler, Doug Dokken

The meeting was held at 7 p.m. on November 20 at Davanni's in Golden Valley.

Treasurer's Report

Lewis provided the Treasurer's report:

Club account: \$680 in deposits, no payments, for a balance of \$5203.45.

Rally account: No deposits, made \$2300 in down payments for campground and band.

Balance is \$4167.34.

Total for both accounts: \$9370.79.

Club Elections

The elections for 2009 officers was held at the November 13 club meeting. The following officers were elected and were unopposed:

President: Kevin Kocur

Vice President: Nina Boonacker

Treasurer: Lewis Marshall

Board Member: Rich Breu

Board Member: Pat Corrigan

Joel Howard volunteered to be the recorder at the 11/20 board meeting and was elected by the board.

Club Administration

- Lewis has contacted the IRS and will fill out the paperwork required for the non-profit association status.
- We made down payments of \$2300 for the 2009 Hiawatha Rally (\$2000 to Money Creek Campground and \$300 to the Willie West band) . These down payments allowed us to bring the total club accounts under \$10,000, which had been recommended by club members to comply with IRS rules. However, one IRS contact that Lewis spoke to said there is not a \$10,000 ceiling on club account totals.
- The board voted to change the club fiscal year so it runs from January 1 to December 31. Club membership renewals will still run from October 1 to September 30 each year.
- The board authorized a payment of \$40 to Tim Cusick to pay for gas from the trip Tim and Jim Murphey took to Money Creek recently. They organized and repaired the club trailer and met with the campground owners.
- The board agreed that club meetings will continue at Broadway Pizza and board meetings will continue at Davanni's in Golden Valley until the new board convenes. The next club meeting will be February 12th at Broadway and the next board meeting will be February 19 at Davanni's.

Holiday Banquet

- Tim Cusick reported that the restaurant reservations are all set.
- The board authorized spending \$200 for door prizes. Bill Jones volunteered to take the lead in purchasing door prizes and other board members are contacting area vendors to solicit door prizes.
- If any members have photos to submit for the slide show, please send them to Kevin Kocur.

2009 Hiawatha Rally

- Since Jim Herne left the board and moved to Serbia, we still have an opening for a 2009 Rally co-chair. Tim Cusick, the existing co-chair, said it would not be a problem for him to coordinate the rally himself.
- Saturday night supper at the rally will be a barbequed pork and turkey dinner. The board authorized a down payment of \$250 to the caterer, Divine Swine.
- Money Creek will sell breakfast both Saturday and Sunday morning.

Meet to Eats

- The board wants to encourage members to organize Meet to Eat events in 2009. Any member can organize one of these events.

Membership Renewals

- Don Sidler reported that membership renewals are down in 2008 and the board discussed options for promoting renewals, such as only e-mailing the club newsletter available to current members. No decisions were made at this time.

2009 Club Officers

Kevin Kocur twofastdogs@aol.com (President and webmeister)

Nina Boonacker nboonacker@sbcglobal.net (Vice President)

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AROUND THE AREA - STUFF TO DO

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Last Call For History Tour Participants

If you visited any of the Minnesota History Tour sites over the past summer, this is your last chance to get your pictures and list of sites to me before the annual banquet. As you may recall, the official rules of the History Tour give all participants a chance to win. Simply sending in even one picture from the list of sites gets you into a drawing for a real prize, so dig out that camera and download your photos now.

All you have to do is put the photos on a CD or print them on whatever paper you choose to use and send them to me:

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The winners will be announced and awarded at the Winter Banquet (Sunday, January 11 – still time to sign up for that). Not attending the Winter Banquet? Don't worry, you'll still get your prize and it will be noted in a future newsletter. By the way, it hasn't snowed significantly as of the time I'm writing this, so you could take a ride and get a picture even now. Here's a link to the newsletters that describe the Tour and the list of sites:

<http://home.comcast.net/~jweid/2008/>

You'll want to review the April and May, 2008 issues.

MEMBER CLASSIFIEDS

Wanted:

Article for BMWMOCM newsletter. Unbelievable fame and fortune await those who submit an article for the newsletter. Receive national attention by writing of your travels and adventures. Enjoy your own 15 minutes of fame. Strut around at the next club meeting knowing that you're a published author. It's easy! Just send your article to the newsletter editor at: jweid@comcast.net

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IN NEED OF ENTRY LEVEL AUTHORS FOR CLUB NEWSLETTER

We are young (well, maybe not so much), energetic, and extremely motivated. We have integrity and REQUIRE that you do too. We are looking for people who can keep the pace going and keep our newsletter growing. We have immediate openings for people willing to write about their motorcycle travels. We provide the newsletter clay, what can you create with it? Contact the BMWMOCM newsletter editor today!

Business Opportunity

100% Recession Proof! Do You Earn \$800 a Day? Maybe you should think about writing an article for the BMWMOCM Newsletter! Get in on the January Issue before it fills up. Limited time opportunity. Act now while you still can remember where you rode last summer. Relive your favorite rides by writing an article for the newsletter. Unlimited potential for advancement.

He has a right to criticize, who has a heart to help.

Abraham Lincoln.

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California dreamin'
On such a winter's day."**

-Mamas and Papas, (California Dreamin')



BMWMOCM was established in 1971 to provide an opportunity for BMW riders and enthusiasts to ride together. It provided an "excuse" to gather and exchange ideas and share experiences. The common interest is BMW motorcycles, and the club has grown to approximately 250 members. The collection of motorcycles owned ranges from classic BMW's to the latest in technology. Members own and ride sidecar rigs, Airheads, Oilheads, and K's of all colors and engine displacement. BMWMOCM has organized and unorganized rides, spur of the moment and planned "meet to eats", and members enjoy the companionship of folks with similar interests.