

Riding Matters

MOA Charter #49

RA Charter #26



One of Jim Ford's "Invisible Roads" in Virginia

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, June 8

Join your club members for a King Burger.

Time: 1400 (2:00 p.m.)

Kings Place
14460 240th St (Hwy 61)
Hastings, MN
651/437-1418

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June 12 @ 7:00 p.m.

Club Meeting
Broadway Pizza
2025 West River Rd.
Minneapolis, MN 55411

June 19 @ 7:00 p.m.

BMWOCM Board Meeting
Davanni's in Golden Valley
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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

2008 RIDE FOR KIDS®

This year's Ride for Kids® will be held on Sunday, July 20. It begins and ends at East Century College, 3300 Century Ave North, White Bear Lake, MN. This is a fund raiser for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. You can expect to join hundreds of other motorcyclists for a ride through scenic Washington County. You'll have a great time while raising funds for the PBTF's medical research and family support programs. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. and closes at 10:15. The police-escorted ride starts at 10:30 a.m. sharp, rain or shine. The ride loops back to the college. After a light lunch, participants will enjoy a Celebration of Life program that features interviews with young brain tumor survivors—the Ride for Kids® "stars" of the day. Award presentations to top fundraisers and distribution of premiums will follow. The minimum donation to ride is \$35, but the more money you raise, the more premiums you earn. For each \$300 you raise, your name will be entered into a drawing for a brand-new Honda motorcycle. For more information, see www.pbtfus.org, or email club member George Doughty at pddought@aol.com.

MOON MOTORSPORTS AFTER HOURS

Just for the BMWMOCM, Moon Motorsports will be giving an after-hours, behind-the-scenes look at their new facility. You'll get to see the shop and checkout the additions to their display of BMW clothing. They will even provide snacks and refreshments. The date is Tuesday, June 10. Start time is 6:00 PM. Checkout their upgraded website www.moonmotorsports.com for location.

p.s. I know a great Mexican restaurant where we can eat after the tour.

BMW DEMO FLEET

The BMW Motorcycle Demo truck is penciled in to be at Moon on Saturday, July 12. That's the weekend before the BMWMOA rally. More details to come.

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome the following new members to our club.

Scott Losey – Edina

Bob Adamek - Prior Lake

David DeRusha - St Paul

Nicholas & Morgan Miller - Minneapolis

BMWMOCM – May 2008 Board Meeting

Present: Greg Anderson, Doug Dokken, Carrie Hanson, Lewis Marshall, Tim Cusick, Jim Herne, Jim Murphy

The Meeting was held at 7pm on May 15th at the REI store in Bloomington

Lewis provided the Treasurer's report:

- Club account: \$80.00 in deposits, no payments, for a balance of \$3,143.49
- Rally account: \$557.00 in deposits, no payments, for a balance of \$6,003.92
- Total for both club accounts: \$9,147.41

Old Business:

1. Accident Scene Management seminar:

Jim Murphy reported that 16 people participated in the ASM seminar held on May 3rd at the Hennepin County Public Library. Each participant paid \$20 for the seminar, giving the club an income of \$320. The seminar cost the club \$400, resulting in a loss of \$80 on this event.

2. Experienced Rider Course:

Lewis reported that 9 people have signed up and paid for the upcoming ERC which will be held at the Hennepin Technical College in Brooklyn Park on June 7th. There are 3 openings still left on the seminar, and Lewis is confident that these slots will be taken before the course begins.

3. Hiawatha Rally Report:

Carrie Hansen provided an update on the status of preparations for the Hiawatha Rally which will take place on May 30th to June 1st at Money Creek, Minnesota. Specific items that were reported on are as follows:

- Pancake Breakfast: Money Creek has recovered some of the kitchen equipment from the old restaurant and they will be able to offer rally participants a pancake breakfast in the pavilion on Saturday morning. The breakfast will be held between 7am and 10am, and the cost of the breakfast is not included in the rally fee.
- Rally Insurance: Carrie reported that she has not finalized the insurance coverage for the rally yet, but she will do so in the coming week. In past years the club has provided \$1M in coverage for the rally, but this year the coverage will be increased to \$2M. The cost of this insurance policy will be \$370. As was the case last year, the insurance will cover the GS ride as well, and this coverage adds 10% to the policy premium.
- Prizes for Field Events: The board discussed the issue of prizes for the winners of the field events, and agreed that as in the past winners will be awarded coupons for redemption at the various vendors at the rally, or ice cream cones. In most cases the winners would receive rally T-shirts.

- Door Prize Tickets: Carrie asked if the club still had a supply of door prize tickets and Greg reported that he had a large roll from the Holiday Banquet. He will get it to Carrie and that should be enough for each participant to get their door prize ticket.
- Status of Volunteer sign-up: Carrie reported that volunteer sign-up is doing well and she is confident that there will be enough volunteers available to cover all the activities that need volunteer participation.
- Rally Schedule Copies: Carrie inquired about where to have copies of the rally schedule photocopied and Lewis said that his son has a discount coupon for one of the major chains that would give us a good price on photocopies. Lewis will work with Carrie in the coming week to insure that the copies are made at a good price.

Their being no new business and needing to prepare for the Motorcycle Camping Seminar, the board voted to adjourn the meeting at about 7:40pm.

4. Grand Marais Camping Trip:

Lewis reminded the board that he has made the arrangements for the Grand Marais camping trip which will take place on August 16th and 17th. Lewis has reserved enough camp space for anyone that wishes to participate. The cost of the camping will be \$5/participant, and all other costs (meals, etc) will be each member's responsibility.

5. Meet-to-Eat at Yaruso's:

Bob Cox has arranged for the next Meet-to-Eat which will be held at Yaruso's in St. Paul on Thursday May 22nd at 6:45pm. Yaruso's is St. Paul's oldest family owned Italian restaurant, having been in business since 1933. Bob claims there is plenty of off-street parking and there is also an outdoor terrace area that we can use – weather permitting!

RIDING THE WAVE

by Jack Weidenbach

Waving at other motorcyclists has long been encouraged by the motorcycle press. The line is usually that all motorcyclists share a common bond, choosing the rewards and risks of two wheeled travel over the bland drone of driving a car and that we should recognize this by waving to one another whenever possible.

I had tried to follow this sage advice until I read an article by Larry Grodsky a few years ago arguing that it just isn't safe to be waving at every passing motorcycle regardless of the circumstances. Grodsky, as I recall, noted that paying attention to the road just might be more important than making sure that no wave goes unreturned. If you think about that a little bit, it's so obvious that you have to wonder why anyone tries to perpetuate the practice. That said, I personally still find it hard to ignore even the most stupid of wavers and that's probably why the practice irritates me so much.

In addition to the obvious safety issues (and I've resolved not to go into a rant about the frantically waving, ape hanger equipped, cruiser riders with their feet-up-in-the-stirrups-medical-exam-position out for their third ride of the season and barely in control – AND, THE S.O.B. JUST LEFT A BAR!!!) there is the practical issue that on a nice day one can encounter a lot of motorcycles. If you happen to be passing through an area where cruiser bikes congregate, it is likely that you will encounter clump after clump of these folks out for a Sunday ride, each one waving at you like you're someone special. If you wave back at everyone, you might as well go buy a scooter so you can ignore shifting. When you don't wave back, you're labeled as an elitist BMW snob. Short of adopting the Dave Porter foam hand on a stick solution, you just can't win.

There are some situations when we all welcome a wave from a passing bike. A remote road, no traffic, bike goes by – sure, wave and acknowledge one another. That's not a stupid wave, at least not in my book. However, waving at a bike coming the other way during rush hour traffic on the freeway isn't in that category, nor is meeting another bike on Wisconsin 35 between Nelson and Pepin. So, why do I sometimes feel compelled to return a wave in those circumstances? Is there a support group for people who are trying to break the habit? Some penance to be done after returning a stupid wave? Are there any others who suffer from this Stupid Wave Return Syndrome, or am I the only one?

AROUND THE AREA - STUFF TO DO

Saturday June 7, 2008

The BMWMOCM has arranged an **Experienced Riders Class** for up to twelve participants at the Hennepin Technical College range in Brooklyn Park, Minn. The address is: 9000 Brooklyn Boulevard.

The cost is \$30. per rider. Contact Lewie for information on class openings.

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June 18, 19, 20 & 21, 2008

2008 Crow Creek Longriders Ride

“Wokakije Un Wicakiksuyapi”

A motorcycle ride to commemorate the forced movement of Dakota and Winnebago people in June of 1863. Takes place June 18th through June 21st, 2008, from Saint Paul, MN to Fort Thompson, SD

This is the Third Annual Commemorative Ride honoring the memory of the Dakota and Ho-Chunk Nations who were forcibly removed from Fort Snelling in Minnesota to Crow Creek, South Dakota after the conclusion of the Dakota Conflict of 1862.

Ride begins at Historic Fort Snelling at the confluence of the Minnesota and Mississippi Rivers at Saint Paul, MN. The motorcycle ride route follows the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers with overnight stops at Davenport, Iowa @ 358 miles; Big Lake State Park just North of Saint Joseph, Missouri @ 350 miles; and Fort Randall Pow Wow grounds, South Dakota @ 350 miles. The ride ends at Crow Creek, South Dakota @ 125 miles on the fourth day.

All riders are welcomed regardless of Ethnicity, political preference or National origin. That includes all makes and models of motorcycles as well.

Call Terry (612)242-5677

crowcreeklongriders@gmail.com

AROUND THE AREA - STUFF TO DO

You're invited to the Antique Motorcycle Show

The Viking Chapter of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America (AMCA) invites your Club to ride out to our national meet being held at the * Minnesota State Fairgrounds*

June 13th 14th and 15th. Friday and Saturday, 8 AM to 6 PM. Sunday 8 AM to 2 PM.

For 27 years our meet was held at Farmington, Minnesota, but last year we moved our event to a larger venue that's more centrally located. We will continue our great swap meet (you may find a great project motorcycle or parts and tools for an existing project.). The field games are always good for a laugh. Camping is also available next to the event area.

MIDWEST'S LARGEST DISPLAY OF ANTIQUE MOTORCYCLES

Last year our membership displayed more than 150 antique motorcycles from around the world and across all decades of the twentieth century. Our goal is to top that this year. There will be bikes that you've never seen and bikes that you thought you'd never see again. Remember that Triumph Bonneville that your brother had? What about that old Knucklehead that Dad used to ride? Or the Indian Chief that Grandpa bought when he got back from the war? There are so many great memories in the old bikes; the bike display is a definite MUST SEE.

RAIN OR SHINE INDOOR BIKE SHOW

The meet is centered inside the 100 year old progress Building (right next to the water tower). This wonderful, 100 year old structure has lots of natural light and plenty of space to walk through

the display of bikes, exhibits, memorabilia, and vendors.

MOTORCYCLE SALES CORRAL

Any bike, any year, sell it in the bike Corral for 10 bucks. Who knows what gems you're going to find (or get rid of!)

OLD BIKE RIDE

Join in on a ride with the antique motorcycles, held both Friday and Saturday.

We hope you can make it out to our meet. Entrance fee is only five bucks; take the whole club down to the fair for a great destination for a June ride. There will be plenty of parking and food on site.

For more information, visit our web Site:

www.vikingmc.org

AROUND THE AREA - STUFF TO DO



June 12-15, 2008

The 30th Annual USCA National Rally – “The Lake Effect” will take place near Duluth, MN. More details can be found on the USCA website at “Rally Headquarters”. Duluth is a great place for a rally and we have a really nice venue. The Buffalo Valley Campground is located about 13 miles west of the heart of Duluth. We’ll have plenty to see and do with guided and self-guided rides, tours of the Aerostich factory and plenty of opportunities for visiting historic sites and beautiful natural features. We’ve got speakers lined up and a professionally run children’s program.

If you want to come early and learn to become a certified sidecar instructor, there is a S/TEP Instructor’s Preparation Course being offered before the rally, June 6 - 12. If you’re interested in taking a basic S/TEP sidecar training course instead of the instructor course, that is being offered on June 11 - 12, right at the beginning of the rally. There is limited space available in these courses so if you are interested, contact us soon!

The rally grounds are nicely shaded and there is a restaurant on the grounds. The bath facility is modern and clean. We have most of the campground to ourselves [the owners asked to keep a few RV spots to accommodate their regular cli-

ents]. We’re fortunate this year to have a large functions building that can seat over 200 for dinner. We’ll have activities rain or shine.

The preregistration rally fees are:

- Adult USCA Member \$30, non-members \$40
- Adolescent members age 10 - 18 \$15, non-members \$25
- Children 9 and younger are free
- After preregistration closes and at the gate all rates are \$5 more.

What do I get for the money?

- Tent camping on June 12-14 [departing on the 15th] is part of the deal. We’ve listened to our RV driving members and we’ve arranged a discount rate for campers that takes the tent fees into account. RVs can have a water and electric site [pull throughs available] for an additional \$15 per night.
- Rally Pin
- You get the usual activities and fellowship – tours, seminars, campfires, sidecar games, shopping junkets, door prizes and awards.
- We’ll feed you burgers and brats on Friday evening, a pancake breakfast on Saturday morning and a catered dinner Saturday evening. Sunday morning we’ve got a local Duluth sidecarist, Rev. Bill Ferg to do a special worship service with live music.

There may be some optional tours that require paid admission [i.e. to an historic mansion or a tourist attraction]. Admissions are the responsibility of the individual. USCA member rates extend to all members of a family. For more details see www.sidecar.com or contact Al Olme at al@alolme.com or 612/759-4666.

MEMBER CLASSIFIEDS

For Rent:

Going to the July Rally? Think about spending a night or two at "Lost Trails". This cabin is a short ride from Deadwood at Terry Peak - a cool 7,000 feet above sea level. Motels are \$100.00 and you wake up looking at a parking lot. Here you will be on a deck looking out at the pines. It rents for \$300 per night and sleeps 10. We offer two guides for a memorable motorcycle trip in the hills. You will eat and see sites that have taken us 30 years in the hills to find.. off the tourist paths. This service is \$150 per day for two guides.

Contact Member Bob Cox at bbcox@q.com or call 651.762.2831

Please visit this site: <http://www.blackhillslodgingandcabins.com/lostrails.html>

Lostrails is done in a buffalo theme throughout the lodge. This lodge has plenty of room for larger groups with 2 bedrooms and a loft bedroom. There is a family room on the lower level of the lodge and a living room on the main level. The deck on Lostrails is a great place to entertain because of the size. There is a Hot tub and grill for your outdoor entertaining. This lodge is perfect for skiing, snowmobiling, hunting, fishing, golfing, hiking trips and is a great Sturgis Rally Rental. Located on Terry Peak just outside of Lead/Deadwood and not far from Spearfish Canyon, Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, Mt. Rushmore and other Black Hills attraction.

Classified Ads are free for BMWMOCM members. The ad can run as long as you desire. There is, however, one qualification to the time an ad can run. You must tell me if you want the ad repeated, otherwise I will assume the item is sold and the ad will terminate. Please let me know a few days before the first of the month that you want the ad repeated.

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Lake Crystal, MN 56055
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Lakeville, MN
952-435-5371
www.leosouth.com

Aerostich Riderwarehouse

Advanced Technology Riders Clothing
800-222-1984
www.aerostich.com

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For all your needed accessories
4300 Nicollet Ave
Minneapolis, MN
612-825-9774
www.midwestcycle.com/

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Flow porting, valve grinding, polishing, boring
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Anoka, MN 55304
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Hopkins, MN 55343
952-933-9649
www.hponline.com/

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Vintage Motorcycle Restoration & Repair Services
14301-1/2 West 62nd Street
Eden Prairie, MN 55346
612-729-1670
www.restorationwerks.com

Left over from the April Fool's edition...

Wanted to buy:

Used driveshaft for F650. I have a big trip coming up and don't want to worry about lubing a chain. Willing to pay up to \$125.

Please call Uno Notting at 952.221.9999



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 220 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.



BMW Riders Association's 36th International Rally



RA n da UP

Michigan Technological University

Houghton, Michigan

47° 06.565 N 88° 32.809 W

Located in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan along Lake Superior

Saturday Night Pasty Dinner
 Experienced Rider Class
 Yoopers Concert (Friday night tickets discounted for Rally goers)
 Guided Dual-Sport Rides
 Seminars & Speakers
 Nightly Entertainment

Black Eagle Shop
 Camping with shower facilities
 Scenic roads in every direction
 Beer tent
 Vendors
 And much more!

Have a question? Contact: rallyinfo@bmwra.org

REGISTER ON-LINE AT: www.BMWRA.org/rally

RA n DA UP, June 19-22, 2008

Separate forms must be completed for each rider

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	Rider Information:	Passenger Info:	Lodging Plans:	ECR Course*
Last Name:			(check or circle one)	(indicate 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice)
First Name:			MTU Camping	Thursday: _____
Address:			MTU Dry RV Camping	Friday: _____
City:			MTU Dorm	Saturday: _____
State/Zip Code:			Nearby hotel/motel	*Classes will be filled on a first come basis
Telephone No.:			Away Camping	
Email Address:			Other:	
Male/Female:				
Age:				12 per class: 36 maximum
Vehicle Information:		Registration Information:		
(check or circle one)	Make:	Adults: \$30 pre-registered; \$35 at the gate	No. of Adults	___ x \$30 = ___
Motorcycle Solo	Model:	Youth: \$15 pre-registered; \$18 at the gate	No. of Youth	___ x \$15 = ___
Motorcycle 2-Up		Children 10 and under: free	ERC Course	___ x \$35 = ___
Side Car Solo	Year:	Saturday Night Pasty Dinner: \$5.00 each	Pasty Dinners	___ x \$5 = ___
Side Car 2-Up			TOTAL =	_____
Auto/Van/Truck				
RV Camping Rig				
Other:				
BMW RA Chartered Club No. or Name:		Pre-registration must be received by June 1, 2008		
		Send form and payment to:		
		2008 Rally Registration		
		3018 37th Street		
		Two Rivers, WI 54241		
		Check or Money Order Payable to: BMW RA		
		(U.S. Funds Only)		



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