

Riding Matters

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Washing the GS...

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July 9 @ 7:00 p.m.

Club Meeting

Midwest Mountaineering

309 Cedar Ave South

Minneapolis, MN 55454

612 -339-3433

<http://www.midwestmtn.com/>

Free parking in the city lot behind Midwest Mountaineering if you ARRIVE AFTER 6.

Stroll over to one of the many restaurants in the West Bank area, or bring a picnic lunch to enjoy in the private meeting room. At 7, we will have the club meeting followed by a Motorcycle Camping Seminar by the club's own Dave Samborski.

We hope to have everything wrapped up by 8, so you still have an hour left to shop for that "must have" camping accessory

August 29

BMWMOCM Ride to

Grand Marais

See notice on page 8 of the newsletter.

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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

BMWMOCM – JUNE 2009 Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Present:

Kevin Kocur, Nina Boonacker, Lewis Marshall, Tim Cusick, Jim Murphy, Jane Norman

Excused:

Joel Howard, Pat Corrigan

The meeting was held at 7 p.m. on June 18, 2009 at Davani's in Golden Valley.

Treasurer's Report

Lewis provided the Treasurer's report:

- Club account: No activity. The balance is \$3015.82.
- Rally account: Deposits: \$11,713.00, Disbursements: \$5148.38 and balance is \$9375.16. * waiting for two invoices to pay
- Total balance for both accounts: \$12,390.98.

2009/2010 Hiawatha Rally

We discussed the following rally status:

- Paid Money Creek Haven campground with cash (have receipt) from this years event and paid a deposit of \$678.00 for 2010 (have receipt).
- 2010 rally co chairs: Tim Cusick, Jane (Jill) Norman and Nina Boonacker who will meet as a committee with others invited in July and August.
- Thursday night campers that are not part of the rally organizer need to pay Money Creek directly, the club did pay for early campers this year.
- 2010 rally Registration co-chairs: Joel Howard and Tom Nolan.
- Need for next year is help with early AM coffee volunteers and a water (drinking) hose to reach the coffee area.
- There is need for a tool box to be kept with the trailer that will have (2+) trauma shears for wristbands and (2+) side-cutters for all the zip tie usage.
- Tim Cusick will contract Willie West for 2010 as soon as possible
- More then a fourth of the patches have been sold and the rally co-chairs will look into decals for next year.
- The rally co-chairs will talk about the option for the steak dinner with Money Creek Haven

Upcoming Meetings

The July 9th, 2009 club meeting will be held at Midwest Mountaineering. Club member - Dave S. will provide a motorcycle camping 101 seminar. Be sure to arrive in the parking behind the store after 6 p.m. for FREE parking. Food will not be provided, club members talked about a meet to eat prior to the meeting in the West Bank area.

The August 13th, 2009 club meeting is the annual picnic at Afton Park and the club is providing the cook out.

Other Business

Discussion of sponsoring the Austin Vince seminar, August 3rd at Normandale with Women on Wheels. Tabled for further information gathering.

Reminder: Lewis Marshall is organizing the annual ride to Grand Marais, which will be Saturday August 29 and Sunday August 30. The group will leave at 9 a.m. on the 29th from the Denny's restaurant at I-94 and Century Avenue.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL SEASON

The Ice Cream Social season is in full swing, so Annette and I decided to go to Rock Elm for supper. There are four events at the Rock Elm United Methodist Church this year and more in Plum City. A schedule is included at the end of this report.

We met at Culvers in Redwing for salad. We needed a light lunch to compensate for the supper we expected to eat. After our (late) lunch we crossed the river and took the direct route (through Pepin) to Rock Elm.

Here is a map of our route to and from Rock Elm.



Of course this was a demanding route on a hot day, so we stopped at the Laura Ingalls Wilder historic site on CC to see the latest additions and have a nap. With only one more stop to share a Granola bar we were able to make it to Rock Elm by 5 p.m.

Serving nominally starts at 5 p.m., but if they are ready and people are there they start. They end when they are out of food or people stop showing up, usually around 7 p.m.

If there is a big line you will be given a numbered ticket and asked to wait in the (air conditioned) sanctuary. They are pretty efficient so the wait will not be a long one.



The first thing to check out is the menu.



One scoop of ice cream was the dish circled above heaped with ice cream.



The cake and pie selection looks like this.

Just past this counter beef sandwiches and four flavors of home-made ice cream were served. Various beverages are available.

You can eat in the air conditioned church basement or sit at the shaded tables outside.

If you are still hungry, ice cream cones and bulk ice cream are also available.

Remaining Thursdays at Rock Elm are:

July 9

July 23

August 6

At the Plum City United Methodist Church Wednesdays:

July 15

August 19

And a Saturday: *September 19*

All are at about 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

These towns are really small and the churches are easy to find. Do yourself a favor and make it to one of these events.

AROUND THE AREA - STUFF TO DO

Rider's Workshop

Jim Ford, founder of *The Rider's Workshop*, made an appearance at the April 9 BMWMOCM meeting at Leo's South. He presented information about his Workshops and developing a smooth riding style at our meeting. In the April, 2009 issue of Motorcycle Consumer News, Jim's Rider's Workshop was noted as one of only two "excellent on road programs for experienced riders" available in the U.S. An article about *The Rider's Workshop* experience was also in the June 12, 2009 *New York Times* ©*Automobile* section.

Jim plans to conduct a series of upper Midwest Rider's Workshops in early September, 2009. The location will again be the Wisconsin Coulee country but the routes and roads will be new for this year. That's appropriate, since part of Jim's interest is in encouraging people to find "new" roads that are mainly used only by the local inhabitants. You can learn more about Jim and the Rider's Workshop at: <http://ridersworkshop.com/contact.html>

If you are interested in adding new dimensions to your enjoyment of motorcycling, the Rider's Workshop is a great place to start.

BMWMOCM Annual Ride to & Camp-out at Grand Marais, MN

I have reserved a spot for our BMW club at the Grand Marais city campground Saturday night August 29, 2009. The cost for one night camping is \$11.00 payable to Lewie Marshall.

We will be leaving Denny's on Century Av. and Hwy 94 Sat. 9:00 a.m. We'll ride to Duluth for a stop at Aerostich and lunch. After lunch we will continue on to Grand Marais for the night. Dinner at the Angry Trout restaurant. We have enjoyed sitting around a campfire at the campground telling stories and sometimes seeing the Aurora Borealis. The next morning we will ride up the gunflint trail to the Trail Center restaurant for breakfast. From there we can choose our own way home as a group or choose your own route. Maybe spending an extra day in Grand Marais.

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*People are more violently opposed to fur than leather
because it's safer to harass rich women than motorcycle gangs.
Alexei Sayle*



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 200 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.