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# Riding Matters

MOA Charter #49

RA Charter #26



*There was a flash of bright light, and then Mr. Happy spoke to Santa*

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### December 10

Annual Holiday Gathering and Toys For Tots toy drive. Bring an unwrapped toy for a needy child and partake in a FREE pizza/salad buffet courtesy of BMWMOCM!

### January 9, 2010

Winter Banquet at DeGidio's  
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**Mileage Coordinator:**

Jack Weidenbach



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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](mailto:dsid@comcast.net)

## BMWMOCM – November 2009 Board Meeting

Present: Kevin Kocur, Lewis Marshall, Joel Howard, Jane Norman, Nina Boonacker, Tim Cusick, Pat Corrigan. George Spector and Charles Turner also attended.

The meeting was held at 7 p.m. on November 19 at Davanni's in Golden Valley.

### Treasurer's Report

Lewis Marshall provided the Treasurer's report:

- Club account: In the past month, we have received deposits totaling \$1350 and written checks totaling \$39.57. The balance is \$5137.11.
- Rally account: In the past month, we have not received any deposits. We wrote one check for \$300 (down-payment to Willie West). The balance is \$7808.69.

Total balance for both accounts: \$13,045.80.

### Elections

We held the 2010 board elections at the November 12 club meeting:

- *President*: Kevin Kocur was reelected
- *Vice President*: Nina Boonacker was reelected.
- *Board directors*: Tim Cusick reelected & George Spector elected to a new term.
- *Treasurer*: Lewie Marshall was reelected.
- *Recorder*: Joel Howard was reelected.

### 2010 Hiawatha Rally

The rally planning committee met on October 13, October 27, and November 16. We are finishing the combined flyer and registration form, which will be available on the club web site.

### Toys for Tots

The December 10 club meeting is our annual holiday get-together and Toys for Tots collection at Broadway Pizza. The club will pay for a buffet dinner (pizza, salad, coffee, and fountain pop).

Please bring one or more toys to donate to Toys for Tots. You can also donate cash, which the program uses to purchase gifts where they are needed most.

The board voted to donate \$200 from the club budget to Toys for Tots.

### 2010 Banquet

Here is information about the club banquet:

- Saturday January 9, 2010 at DeGidio's (West 7th Street in St. Paul).

- The cost is \$15 per person and covers a buffet dinner, coffee, and fountain drinks. There will be a cash bar.
- Kevin will post a registration form on the club web site. The deadline for mailing the form to Tim Cusick is January 2.
- Happy hour starts at 6 p.m. and dinner starts at 7.
- The board voted to spend \$300 on door prizes for the banquet. We will also solicit donated door prizes from local dealers.
- There will be a swap table for members to sell goods and apparel.
- There will be a slide show of photos from club members. If you have photos, please send them to Kevin Kocur by the end of December.

### Upcoming Meetings

We currently plan the following programs at our club meetings:

#### *February 11:*

Rich Fish has been contacted to do a presentation at Broadway Pizza on ice riding and racing.

#### *March 11:*

Camping seminar at Midwest Mountaineering.

#### *April 8:*

Meeting at Leo's South in Lakeville.

The board is interested in your feedback about what you like or don't like about the meetings. Please send your feedback or ideas to the club e-mail address:

[BMWMOCM@gmail.com](mailto:BMWMOCM@gmail.com)

### Other Business

- The Dairy Queen riding challenge is still going on until 12/31/2009. Contact Dave Porter if you have any questions.
- [As of 11/20, we have 105 households registered and 161 members total.](#)
- Dave Porter volunteered to be the Sunshine coordinator. Thanks to Marge Runnakko for taking care of this in the past.
- We need to find a newsletter editor: Jim Weidenbach plans to step down after three years. If you are interested, please contact Kevin Kocur.
- Kevin will have Helen, the new badge vendor, create a sample badge using the new, smaller size. After we determine that the size and fonts will work, members will be able to order name badges [for \\$8.](#)

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# Corrections

When the Strib or Pioneer Press make a mistake, they bury the correction in some out of the way corner of an inside page, below the fold. That's not the case with Riding Matters, however. We make our corrections up front where all can see.



## 1. Minnesota Mileage Award Moves to (Near) Michigan. Wisconsin, Actually.

Contrary to reports published here last month, Bob and Mary Beth Alexander live in Wisconsin - near, but not in, da UP. Since Bob was the winner of the mileage contest, with 23,547 miles, the Minnesota Mileage Trophy will reside in Wisconsin, not Michigan in 2010. This does not really do much to restore the loss of pride for Minnesotan based BMWMOCM members, though Wisconsin is at least closer to Minnesota.

## 2. Wayne Gerdes is a Trustworthy Man.

Your erstwhile Mileage Coordinator reported last month that Wayne Gerdes finished second in the mileage contest, with 21,388 miles. That was incorrect, but meant as a test of Wayne's character. I am happy to report that he passed the test with flying colors, sending me an e-mail within hours of the publication of the November issue, pointing out that his mileage total was incorrectly reported. (He also remarked on my geographic incompetence which had place Bob and Mary Beth in Michigan rather than in Wisconsin, but I'm not holding that against him.) Anyway, it seems that I had incorrectly entered Wayne's starting mileage in April which resulted in an inflated mileage total for the year.

Wayne's actual mileage for the year was a respectable 12,388 – good, but not in the top three, which leads to the following:

## 3. Karol Patzer Places Second in 2009 BMWMOCM Mileage Contest.

With 20,155 miles. Not third; **second!**

## **4. Marty Pegelow Places Third in 2009 Mileage Contest!**

With a total of 16,409 miles, Marty placed third in the 2009 standings. One can only imagine what Marty will do next year with a full summer of retirement coming up.

*I hope that this takes care of the Mileage Contest corrections for this year. If I had known that it would be so hard to get it right, I never would have volunteered in the first place!*

*Seriously, I want to thank Wayne for letting me know about my errors and giving me the chance to get this right. Also, it's nice to see Marty getting all those miles in!*

*Jack Weidenbach*

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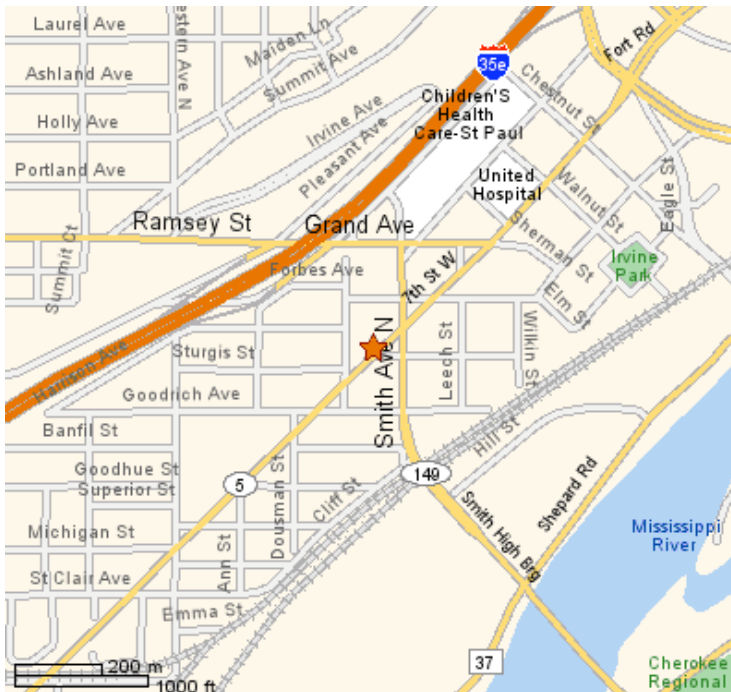
Saturday, January 9, 2010 @ 6:00 P.M.

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DeGidio's Restaurant & Bar is located near Downtown St. Paul.



There will be a social hour from 6:00 – 7:00. Buffet dinner will be served at 7:00. Buffet includes: salad, bread, pasta, Italian chicken, sausage and peppers, soft drinks, coffee, and dessert. A cash bar is available. The ceremony following dinner will include Mileage Contest awards, DQ tour awards, presentation of the Shaft Award and installation of the 2010 BMWMOCM board of directors. Members of the BMWMOCM get all this, and more, for the astoundingly cheap price of \$15! Like last year, expect a slide show of pictures from 2009.

Questions? Email us at [bmwmocm@gmail.com](mailto:bmwmocm@gmail.com)

Have pictures that you'd like to use for the show? [Contact Kevin](#)

NEW THIS YEAR: We're setting up extra tables for a Swap Meet. Remember that Multivario tank bag that Kocur swore he was going to get from you? His loss, your gain (ka-ching!) Expect everything from old /5 carb boots to Luftmeister auxiliary tanks.

## Banquet Reservation Form

POSTMARKED by January 2, 2010

Mail to:

Tim Cusick

1733 Englewood Avenue

St. Paul, MN 55104-1116

Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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*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 161 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.*