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2005 Calendar of Events



May 2

Club meeting and "first" ride, (destination to be announced)

May 15

Club ride led by Michel Dozois – details to be announced

May 29

Ride for Dad – fundraiser for prostate cancer research - Members needed to volunteer as blockers and Nortel site hosts

June 6

Club meeting and ride to Merrickville, the park by the locks

June 6-11

23rd Annual Americade, Lake George, New York

June 18

Carp fair show and shine followed by club ride

June (tba)

Ride for Montfort Hospital

July 1st week

International BMW Motorrad Biker Meeting, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany

July 16

National Bicycle Races, Gatineau Park – volunteers needed to escort racers

July 21-24

BMW MOA "International" Rally, Lima, Ohio

August (tba)

Club Picnic

September 2-5

Finger Lakes BMW Rally, Watkins Glen, New York

SCMA 30th Annual Three Flags Classic, start Tijuana, Mexico, finish Calgary, Albert

September (tba)

Mac Peterson's brunch and ride

October 2

Club ride led by Michel Dozois – details to be announced

October 6-9

Annual BMW RA International Rally, Shelbyville, Tennessee

October (tba)

Ride around the Rideau

October (tba)

Aids Walk – awareness for aids crisis – volunteers needed to escort

November 7

Club "Annual General Meeting, Lindenhof Restaurant

Editor's Note

Welcome to Spring 2005. I am looking forward to getting to know the members and events during the upcoming season. I wish to thank everyone for their input and profiles. If you have any comments, suggestions or content for the next newsletter please send it to jennihouse@yahoo.com.

Member Profiles

Pierre Poirier

Bike: 1986 R80



I ride a 1986 R80 purchased in the summer of 2001 with 137,000 kms. I have since added approx. 20,000 kms. My first motorcycle was a brand new R60/7 purchased in 1977. I owned it for 7 years and did two separate trips with it, one to tour the Maritimes and another to Vancouver. A few years later I got married and with the usual kids and mortgage priorities, the bike had to go. Approx. 15 years passed before I could return to motorcycling. In 1998 I purchased a 1984 Honda V45 Sabre which I rode for three years until I saw this beautiful R80 in the Auto Trader. Soon after I joined our BMW club. It was the then president of the club, Michel Dozois, who informed me, to my delight, that his lovely wife Solange was a previous owner of my R80. Above is a photo taken by one of our club members, Jill Martin at one of her and Lori's great club picnics. The passenger is my dear wife of 20 years (as of 2005), Francilia. She is fearless, I never go fast enough for her. She came looking for me from the beautiful Caribbean island of St.Lucia. It has been a real pleasure being a member of our club which is practically a second family to me and an endless source of valuable information on BMW motorcycles and motorcycling in general.

Bryan Barker

Bike: 2002 R1150 GS



When I was a little guy of 6 or 7, before I knew anything about motorcycles, I had recurring dreams about making my bicycle go faster by twisting the handle bars – now I'll be 54 this year (still feels like 18 inside) – got my first bike at 16 –

I rode dirt, trial and sport bikes till 27, then got into British sport cars – a few years back I started seeing a lot of old guys on cruisers (not my style) – I hadn't ridden for 21 years when I bought the Beemer on a leap of faith (and glad I did) – I've been coast to coast by bike but not much south or abroad – live on a hobby farm with Chris, my cosmic mate, and couple of horses, couple dogs, couple of cats and a few chickens – self-employed and looking forward to getting a little more seat time – enjoy music, art, bicycling, camping, being around/in water, bon fires and having a brew on the porch!

Reviews

Any reviews of books, rides or events would be greatly appreciated.



Around the Americas on a Motorcycle
By: Werner Bausenhart

The choice to read this particular book was due to my husband's contagious motorcycle passion. I have had the pleasure of hearing Werner speak briefly at a BMW club meeting and he is a great storyteller, but I wondered, would his writing have the same flair? As you can tell, I was not sure what to expect when I turned the first page, but was delighted to discover that Werner spins a tale reminiscent of the storytellers of old. It is filled with bursts of literary delights, from references to Norse Gods to long forgotten poetry from my past ("The Cremation of Sam McGee"). After ten pages it is obvious to me that one review of all four books is both impossible and insufficient, so I will give you a taste of his first adventure. Werner's experiences are as vast as the countryside which he is exploring and I feel as though I am traveling on the back of his beloved steed. The characters are coming alive to this vicarious traveler as I am introduced to Erich (I can see the flecks of donut icing sprinkled on his beard) and the local Canadian history, as seen through the eyes of our two wheeled explorer, is so enjoyable that I will be greatly saddened when the journey turns south. One of the greatest joys in my life is planning each of my travel experiences around the "kitchiest" possible destinations, so seeing Santa's village at the North Pole would have been one of the stops that I would not have chosen to bypass. I take the job of vicarious companion very seriously, so even though it is 2:00 a.m. I cannot rest until my guide had stopped for the night.

After my late night I have awakened to find that I am extremely sore. Could it be from reading in an awkward position or has the journey become so real that I am beginning to feel the aching of my rear end due to the "bilstein bedspring" that Werner has been enduring? Today is going to be a personal treat. My obsession with ruins is about to be satiated. Not only are the ruins majestic (as seen through the descriptions and also the greatly appreciated picture), but I have also had to leap up to locate my dictionary. The joy of reading is not complete without having to open a dictionary at least once and "pusillanimous" is not in my mental dictionary. The journey is rapidly coming to an end and as I read the final chapters I am already feeling the loss of the road and the adventures that we have had together. "Florida has kissed us goodbye with a rather wet kiss" and the memories of the constant border taxes and delays are fading, leaving only memories of twisting roads and the kindness of complete strangers. If you are, a motorcycle enthusiast that needs a push to travel the world, the vicarious traveler that craves adventure through the eyes of another, simply wanting to curl up with beautiful scenery and colorful characters; this book is a must read. As for this couch traveler, I am afraid that I have contracted VATES, the vicarious mutation of ATES (it will all make sense once you have read the book), and am therefore forced to endure more sleepless nights as I turn the first page of the second book chronicling the continued adventures of our modern day explorer...

Challenges

Mississippi Bridge Challenge

Here's a little tour that should take an easy afternoon to complete. Take your camera, your map, and your GPS if you must, but be warned that neither maps nor GPS will likely have all you need to do this task. There are, by my count, no less than fourteen bridges (auto or railroad) over the Mississippi River between Jill & Lori's house just downriver from Carleton Place and the Ottawa River. Your challenge is to take a photo of each one, preferably with your bike in the frame. It might not be safe to stop on the bridges, though, so distant shots with the corner of your bike included will also count. There are also at least two pedestrian bridges accessing islands.

A prize at the next meeting for the most complete set of photos. In the event of a tie, I will look for a photo of the narrowest bridge you go under to get to the river locations.

David Makin
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Fundraising Ride

Rattle them Bones Ride and Drive '05

This is a fundraising event for chiropractic research. The ride leaves at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday June 4 from the Goodtime Center. All motor vehicles are welcome. For more information visit their website at: <http://www.RattleThemBones.com>.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday



May 10: Bryan Barker

Happy Anniversary



May '99

Patti Griffin-Dobson motorcycle licensed

Executives, Directors and Volunteers

Club Executives

President: Don Dobson

Vice President: Patti Griffin

Membership: John MacMillan

Treasurer: Larry Clements

Directors

Regalia: Werner Bausenhart

Member Relations: Andre Gareau

Directors cont'd

Member Relations: Ray Pelletier

Volunteers

Ride Captain: Michel Dozois

Ride for Dad "Liaison": Patti Griffin (currently performs this role by virtue of her role in delivering "host services" at the Nortel Campus)

Technical Tips

If you have any technical questions that you wish to see answered in future issues, please forward them. If you have any tips or tricks that you wish included, please contact me.

Buy, Sell and Trade

For Sale

SAFETIED and ready to go!

-BMW R1150 R

- a. Roadster 2002 model;
- b. Yellow & Ferro (Grey)Metallic two-tone
- c. Includes semi-integral antilock brakes ;
- d. unique model;
- e. 30,300km;
- f. professionally maintained;
- g. factory warranty until end of July 2005

-Hepco & Becker equipment:

- a. Journey hard bags;
- b. Carsh bars;
- c. Rear rack.

-BMW equipment:

- a. Touring windshield;
- b. GS hand guard;
- c. Heated grips;
- d. Aux 12v plug.

-Other equipment:

- a. Wolfman Explorer tank bag;
- b. Run-n-lites front and rear;
- c. headlight guard.

Yours for only \$12,900, fully equipt, and ready to go anywhere you care to ride it!

Please contact: mdozois@rogers.com

If you have any goods or services that you wish to advertise to buy, sell or trade please forward, along with an image (if necessary).



PREMIER CYCLE SERVICE

Jesse McGrath, BMW Specialist, Mobile
Service: <http://www.premiercycle.ca>

For Sale

1997 BMW F650

Yellow

53,000 KM

Custom made aluminium hard luggage, BMW tank bag, Hepco Becker crash bars, BMW heated grips and accessory plug, Acerbis hand guards, Hawker Odyssey dry cell battery, Wunderlich Ergo low seat, new brake pads, new chain and sprockets, new rear wheel bearings.

\$5250 Negotiable.

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