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2005 Calendar of Events



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 13

Club Picnic at Jill and Lori's (Carleton)

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

The summer weather is upon us and many members have graciously forwarded content for our summer edition. I wish to thank members for their content donations (and for the fact that they downsized and zipped their images, which is helpful for those of us still confined to dial up internet access). Any pictures or stories from your summer riding season would be a great addition to the newsletter. Please forward to jennihouse@yahoo.com

Member Profiles

Mark St-Pierre

Bikes: 1986 BMW K100RS, 1968 BMW R69S



Metrology Technician at CMC Electronics in Montreal. Born in Trenton, Ontario. Lived in the Saguenay region of Quebec from 1969 to 1976, attended University of New Brunswick in Engineering 1976 to 1980. (Didn't graduate.)

Been living in the Montreal region since 1980.

Married since 1988 to Susan Young. (Eloped to our wedding in Toronto on K100RS.) No kids, one 18 lb Maine Coon cat. Started riding in July 1979. Bought a 1972 Honda CB350 in Saint John, NB while working at summer job with NB Power. Due to my lack of experience, the bike turned out to be piece of crap, I but was still keen on getting another bike after leaving University. Bought a 1979 Yamaha XS650 in 1980.

Relevant Motorcycling Experience:

-Built and raced a 1968 Norton 750 Atlas in Vintage Motorcycle races at Shannonville, Mosport, and Sanair in 1990-1991. In 1991 got second place in Vintage Open Class (Racing Motto: Winning Through Attrition!)

-Rode Norton Atlas and BMW R69S at Vintage Sprints at Christie near Hamilton ON in 1992 to 1994.

-Participated in Ducati Owner's Club Track Weekend at Graton, Michigan in 1995

-Toured with Susan either as passenger or on her own bike through 38 States & 9 provinces to date

-Perform all my own maintenance whenever possible; recently rebuilt 1968 R69S

-Wrote articles for Ottawa BMW Club newsletter in 1990's under the Marc & Susan banner; various Tech articles on K-bike maintenance

-We do NOT own a car; I haven't had one since 1985; Susan hasn't owned one since 1987.

Patty Griffin-Dobson

Bike: 2003 BMW F650GS Metallic Blue

Married with two kids and two step-kids. Work for a Crown Corporation as their Director of Human Resources.

Riding: Got my license in May 1999. Bought my own bike (a 1985 Honda Shadow 500) in summer 2002. Got my new BMW August 1, 2003 and started riding more seriously. Did a 12,000 km trip to the BMWMOA rally in Spokane Washington in July 2004. Went out via the Dakotas and Colorado, went on to Vancouver and returned through Canada.

Both my kids have taken the Learn to Ride course. My daughter has a bike too.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday



July 11: Ed

July 12: Marc St-Pierre

August 9: Sean Eckford

Happy Anniversary



July 1979: Marc St-Pierre started riding

Aug. 2003: Patty Griffin-Dobson bought BMW

Buy, Sell and Trade

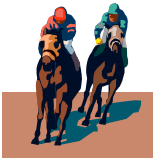
If you have any goods or services that you wish to advertise to buy, sell or trade please forward, along with an image (if necessary).



2000 R 1200 CA bronze, 45,000 kms., very well maintained, ABS, complete aeroflow system, hard cases, 12v accessory plug, Corbin seat with backrest, engine guards, (will include original seat and backrest and optional tall windscreen if wanted) \$10,500

Contact: Robert Godin (roblyngodin@sympatico.ca)

Events



Hot nights at the races

Rideau Carleton Raceway is starting a Hot Nights at the Races night on Sunday night starting July 10th until Aug 28th ... The concept is to invite Cruiser, Harley's or Sports bike owners plus custom, classic or muscle car owners to our VIP Trackside, Tarmac...to show their stuff. We have our BBQ patio specials outside or owners could make your dining room reservations if they choice to do so. The races start at 6:30 so all cars / bikes would need to be trackside by 6:15

Ride to work day

Motorcycle and Scooter Ride to Work Day is Wednesday, July 20, 2005. This year's fourteenth annual motorcycle and scooter commuting demonstration will increase the number of riders on the road, according to Ride to Work, a non-profit advocacy organization. "Riding to work on this day shows the positive value of motorcycles and scooters for transportation. For more information visit <http://www.ridetowork.org>.

Rally

Trenton Rally August 5 - 7

Many of you will recall the MOA International Rally of 2002, held for the first time in Canada at Trenton, Ontario. The Loonie-Tic Riders of Quinte West maintain the tradition of this rally, held this year August 5 - 7. This is a fairly small social rally compared to larger events like Finger Lakes, with a good mix of long distance and local riders. Last year the long - distance rider came from Belgium, riding eastern Europe, Russia and even visiting North Korea on the way! This year we will feature older BMWs. BMW MOA Ambassador "Vech" Vechorik of Sturgis Mississippi is coming to the Return to Trenton Rally with 6 Vintage bikes. This could be a blast. Could be the 1924 will be among them! The well - known airhead parts supplier and pre - 69 specialist BenchMark Works Canada will be organizing a special display of vintage machines and a good turnout is expected.

For the full details of the event, check out <http://www.geocities.com/lrbmwr/>

I am rally chair for registration. If anyone would like to help staff the registration desk, please let me know!

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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.

Reviews

Any reviews of books, rides or events



would be greatly appreciated.

Ride Pictures: Oxford Mills

Photographs courtesy of Eric Brackenbury.



Ride Summary: Manotick

(Excerpts from Don's email)

Well, we had a great day for a "ride" today.

Not too hot. Not too cold. No r...a...i...n.

Eight bikes and ten souls met at the Tim's in Manotick. We left at about 09h30 headed south towards Kemptville, then east - more or less. We stopped for lunch in Casselman - Chinese buffet, just to maintain an old Club tradition of chinese food in the Franco-Ontarien sector of eastern Ontario.

We had a relatively leisurely ride with a few surprisingly interested "sweepers" and a taste of chunky pavement. We ended up in Hawksbury for a rest stop and (figuratively) ran into Louise Menard. The "gang" followed the really old Highway 17 route along the Ottawa River, through l'Original and past some beautiful waterfront homes. The road was in good condition and pleasantly technical.

We did about 300 kms from Manotick to Orleans and were home just after 3.

Ride Summary: Carp Farmers Market

Photographs courtesy of Eric Brackenbury.



(Excerpts from Don's email)

We were about 15+ people at the Carp Farmers Market...

Ride to lunch. We had a really nice ride to Palmer Rapids. A bit long i.e. my personal round trip was about 410 kms - but the temperature was just right and we were in good company. The planned route, which started in Carp and ended in Almonte, was 370 kms.

We stopped in Calabogie first to see who actually followed the leader. We discovered that Tony Street, who rode up from Montreal on his new R1200GS (with 370 kms on it), had been busy talking and wasn't with us. I even stopped outside of the Fair Grounds to count heads before taking off. I learned later, that when he realized that we had left, he dashed out of the Fair Grounds, spotted Hank Finestone heading south, and gave chase. Only to discover that he was going home. The ride actually started out in a northerly direction. So he made up his own ride.

We started with seven bikes and eight people. John Racine turned-around in Calabogie. The rest of us continued on through the twisties of the Black Donald Road to Griffith past the Scottish Inn up to Palmer Rapids.

We arrived in Palmer Rapids precisely at noon. We were expected at the restaurant Michel had scouted out, but had almost given up on us - I hadn't called to confirm our numbers. The staff were friendly. The food was hot and the service was quick. And, I'd go back anytime.

Dave Shestalo had to be back for a 4 o'clock shift so he didn't waste any time on the return trip. I hope he made it. We ended the "ride" in Almonte, at Tim Horton's (where else?) at 16h00. Ray & Ginette, Larry and I headed down the 417 and Eric and John MacMillan followed the Old Carp Road. I was home by 17h20-ish.



Fundraising Summary: Ride for Dad

Photograph courtesy of Mike Downey.
Please visit <http://academic.algonquincollege.com/staff/downeym/RideforDad2005/>



(Excerpts from Don's email)

Thank you for your assistance with "blocking" along Wellington Street on Saturday. To paraphrase what Mike Downey said this morning, "Isn't it fun to ride through downtown Ottawa at breakneck speeds with a police escort?"

Trish and Jean, you are off the hook. Next years Blocker Coordinator is an RCMP Officer who has worked with us along Wellington Street for years. I met him in Oxford Mills today and explained your "incident". It's in the right hands, now.

The 2005 "Ride" score was:

- 26 BMW Club members were "working" the Ride
- unknown number of Club members in the Ride
- approximately 1300 registrations
- approximately 1050 bikes
- \$275,000 in donations (as reported by the Citizen)

Very good results for one days work. As you realize, the Ride wouldn't happen without "volunteers". And, you made a difference.

Photographs courtesy of Eric Brackenbury.

