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2005 Calendar of Events



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 25-26

Vintage Show in Chrysler Ontario

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 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

Spring is finally here and the weather is beautiful. Any pictures or stories from your riding season would be a great addition to the newsletter. Please forward to jennihouse@yahoo.com

Member Profiles

Mark Bornais

Bike: 2001 BMW R11502GS



Mark is a former police officer who works for the federal government in the new department of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness. Mark has been riding since he was 16 when he (without his parent's consent or knowledge) went out and bought a brand new Yamaha Seca 400. Those were the days when everyone who asked for it, was able to get a motorcycle endorsement on their licence without any training. This was the first time Mark had ever ridden a motorcycle and he made it home from the old Hurst Yamaha on Innes Road to Aylmer without any difficulties. First time driving a standard too!

Roly Duval

Bike: 1998 R1200C Ivory/blue masterfully cared for by J.McGrath /riding since 1994 graduate of OSC & ERC .First ride was 1990 K100 RS Pearl White (best bike).

Jack of all trade master of (one) none News editor by day(CJOH TV) Martial art instructor by night, X Ballroom Dancer, Level 2 Decoy (schutzhund sport) and owner of a 1971 (orig.owner) ALFA ROMEO silver Veloce 1750.

Member of BMW OA / BMW RA and of course OBMWC met a lot of interesting people through M/C clubs. Ottawa is by far the nest for the best. My best riding buddies are right here in my backyard and I say to you "thanks, I'm glad to have met you".

I enjoy riding, be it fair weather, I look forward to riding to events, Rallies, Meetings, Dinners, No place in particular rides ,alone or with friends as long as I can ride .My better half is not keen on MC, but enjoys the ALFA very much, I enjoy her very much, so I drive around a lot with her by my side.

A man with too many toys/hobbies.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday



June 4: Patti Griffin Dobson

Happy Anniversary



June 25: Marc St-Pierre and Susan Young

BMW Riders Association's 33rd International Rally

For those who are interested in attending the RA rally this year, here is a clip from the latest newsletter from the RA rally chair:



CELEBRATION RA: OCTOBER 6-9, 2005
THE CELEBRATION/CALSONIC ARENA, SHELBYVILLE, TN
N35 deg. 29.403, W086 deg. 26.780

Greetings all! I bet you thought I'd forgotten all about you, but never fear, it's time to get this thing started!

We've chosen a great site for the BMW Riders Association's 33rd International Rally. This site is not your traditional fairground, in fact if you've ever ridden through horse country, you will recognize the white fencing and meandering landscape.

You will need to download a map of the facility from:
www.calsonicarena.com/images/calsonicgroundsmat.jpg

Our hosting club is The BMW Club of Nashville and Polly Wright and Mike Gillespie have been working on this rally for months. If you are interested in helping out both before and during the rally, e-mail me at: rallyinfo@bmwra.org

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.

Fundraising: Ride for Dad

The motorcycle ride for dad press launch had a wonderful turnout. This popular charity ride is sponsored by Scotiabank, Marks Work Warehouse, Subway, the Police Association, the Ottawa Citizen, the New RO, Rona and Rogers to name but a few of the many sponsors. We heard from Gary Janz, whose inspiration led to this fundraiser, and his message was that “education, awareness, early detection means hope”. Max Keeping was another key speaker who feels that this ride helps men to talk about this sensitive issue, “don’t be afraid, yes there is hope...let’s stop dying from it”. We also had the opportunity to learn a little bit about how the funds raised help to fund innovative research here in Ottawa at the Centre for Cancer Therapeutics and the Ottawa Health Research Institute.

Since the inception of the Motorcycle Ride for Dad, three quarters of one million dollars has been raised. The ride has already expanded to Kingston, London and Kitchener and next year will continue to expand into Windsor, Hamilton and Barry Orillia. It takes 100 dedicated volunteers to make this ride the success that it is. The ride leaves from the Nortel/Carling site and at least seven Ottawa clubs will be represented. This is a great opportunity to enjoy a wonderful ride for a great cause.

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).

FOR SALE

1987 R100RS -Orange/Red with black leather tank cover, bags, new tires, 60,500 km and stored indoors for a number of years.

1994 K1100 RS - Black with Corbin seat, bags, new tires, 61,200 km and on the road now.

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Meeting Notes

Introductions

Byron Smith, co-chair and ride captain of the Ride for Dad was unable to attend. He will present the tokens of recognition to "Ride 'blockers'" at our next meeting.

Announcements

1. Bridges photo contest - as no one has been riding in the Carleton Place area/along the Mississippi River, the contest deadline will be extended. A second announcement will be sent out ASAP.
2. Ride for Dad volunteers - we are looking for a two-person team to install the Ride for Dad banner at the Lynx Stadium and again at the Lone Star Ranch. Please contact Don or Michel for more information.
3. Embroidered Club crests - we have a quote of CAD\$2.75 for an order of 250 crests. The executive committee will review the quote and decide.

Business

1. Regalia - Patti and Werner reported on their next steps. Members attending the meeting completed a survey form indicating their preferred choices of apparel type, size, colour and cost. The survey form will be available on the website. Watch for a separate notice. Our intention is to order to personal preferences and to request a deposit.
2. Canadian BMW Motorcycle Clubs, concept proposal - we have learned that the MOA, RA and the BMW Club Canada (a car only BMW umbrella association) discussed the merits/need for an umbrella BMW motorcycle association in Canada. These discussions took place at the International BMW Clubs meetings in Spartanburg GA last November. We were not consulted about the issue either by the MOA or RA, or the BMW Club Canada. We propose to survey Canadian BMW Motorcycle Clubs for their position on the issue. To this end, a discussion paper was drafted and reviewed by the executive committee and Don Faichney, the MOA Ambassador Liaison and Chair of the Trenton Rally. It will be circulated to the 13 Canadian BMW Motorcycle Clubs for input before being presented to the MOA by Don Faichney. If you are interested in knowing more, please ask.
3. Mike Friedle, the 2006 Rally co-chair and a departing member of the MOA Board is running for re-election to the Board. He is a very active and experienced member of the MOA. If you feel so inclined, he should be considered a good choice for re-election.
4. Experienced Rider Course - the Ottawa Safety Council offers an ERC to "club members" for CAD\$50.00 plus GST. Remember to tell the OSC office that you are a member of the BMW Motorcycle Club.
5. MOA Ambassador Liaison - Don Faichney will attend our next meeting in June to promote the "MOA International Rally" (July) in Lima Ohio and the "Back to Trenton Rally" (August) in Trenton Ontario