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Call For Nominations

BMWBMW Member Of The Year

To recognize a member of the club who, in the past year, has done the most to benefit the club and the motorcycling community. The current members of the Board of Directors are ineligible. Nominations are to be submitted to the Chairman of the Nominations and Elections Committee (Wes Fleming at wes13@mac.com) not later than 1 October.

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View from the Saddle - Mike Enloe

For all of you who complained about the cold last January, I sure hope you have been enjoying the past few weeks. The fairly mild summer disappeared and the heat arrived with a vengeance. It has made my commute a bit less fun but I'd still rather ride than cage it. Mesh gear makes rides on hot days so much more bearable than in years past when the only other option was sweating or shedding the gear and risking it. Don't forget to really focus on hydration while you are out in this heat. Dehydration will cause loss of focus, fatigue, and increases the risk of heat exhaustion/stroke. WebMD is a great source to refresh your knowledge of the signs and treatment of dehydration and heat exhaustion/stroke.

Speaking of being hot under the collar: some recent legislation has many Virginia riders steamed. During its 2007 Session, the General Assembly of Virginia passed House Bill 3202 (Chapter 896), which was designed to provide additional funds to address various transportation needs in the Commonwealth. The legislation creates "civil remedial fees" to be assessed against Virginia residents convicted of certain motor vehicle-related or driving crimes. These civil remedial fees do not apply to traffic infractions. Traffic infractions are violations of the law which are "not deemed to be criminal in nature."

Less serious motor vehicle violations involving speeding are often traffic infractions and are not subject to the civil remedial fees. However, an offense of speeding which is fast enough can constitute reckless driving, which is a Class 1 misdemeanor, and is subject to the civil remedial fees.

Here is a list of some offenses that are subject to these new civil penalties:

- Reckless driving (more than 20mph over posted or too fast for conditions)
- Riding without a motorcycle endorsement on the license
- Riding two vehicles abreast in same lane (this covers lane splitting / filtering)
- Racing (also aiding and abetting racing)
- Driving while intoxicated

There are some important things to note with this law:

- These fees are steep: \$900 to \$3000 and are in addition to the penalty assessed by the court.
- The court MUST assess the entire civil remedial fee. These civil remedial fees cannot be suspended or reduced.
- The civil remedial fee is only applicable to Virginia "residents" convicted of these crimes.

Whether you agree with this new law or not, until either the courts strike it down or the legislature overturns it, these penalties are now the law of the land so watch yourself on the roads of the Commonwealth.

To end on a happier note, on September 29th, several BMWBMW members will be providing moto support for the Nation's Triathlon. We'll be transporting officials and photographers covering the race. There is room for a few more. Please let me know if you are interested.

That's all for now. Ride safe, ride often and always ride to work.

-mikeout

Disclaimer: The above information was taken from the Virginia Courts web site. Nothing above should be construed as legal advice and I encourage all members, particularly Virginia residents, to read and understand the law themselves.

Election Committee Report - Wes Fleming

As of this writing on 9 August, no member has contacted the Elections Committee to express interest in any of the open positions. We're hopeful that some members will discuss the open positions with us in person at the next couple of meetings. The open and so far uncontested positions are President, Vice President, and Government Affairs Chair.

The President is responsible for the agenda of and hosts the majority of our meetings, including the monthly general membership meetings, the holiday party, and both the Square Route Rally and Oktoberfest. The President is also the club's spokesperson when a single voice is needed to represent the position or needs of the club as a whole. We also expect the President to be up-to-date on state and federal regulations that affect the motorcycling world and, along with the other board members and committee chairs, working to be sure the best interests of the club are voiced in those areas.

The Vice President, in addition to filling in for the President if need be, is responsible for organizing the yearly Election Committee and serves as the chair of the Rally Committee. As Rally Chair, the VP organizes all aspects of the annual Square Route Rally and submits a post-rally report to the Board.

The Government Affairs committee chair is responsible for keeping the membership up to date on legislation that affects the motorcycling community. Anyone interested in this position need not wait for the election; committee chair positions are appointed by the Board of Directors and can be filled at any time.

For more information about any of these positions, contact any of the members of the Elections Committee, listed below, or see the descriptions in the bylaws at <http://www.bmwbmw.org> (click "Club Information", then "By-Laws").

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Reflective Material - George Falcon

"...the man who really counts in the world is the doer, not the mere critic - the man who actually does the work, even if roughly and imperfectly, not the man who only talks or writes about how it ought to be done." -- T. Roosevelt, 1891.

Last month I wrote here: "BMWBMW needs talented, hardworking, selfless people with positive attitudes to volunteer their time and efforts now to keeping the club running smoothly through the last quarter of 2007 and throughout 2008. Please step forward now and pitch in to lead (or serve on) a committee."

After hearing of no volunteers for a while, in a message dated 22 August to the BoD and Elections Committee, I announced my candidacy for president of BMWBMW. If elected to the office of president, I'm willing to serve as both chairman of the newsletter committee and president until such time as a suitable replacement can be found for me as chairman of the newsletter committee.

Ed and Barb Phelps still deserve the thanks of our members for the planning and execution of our annual Oktoberfest. This event will be held October 5 - 7 at Camp West-Mar. It's smaller and more intimate than the Square Route Rally, and permits a more relaxed environment.

I think that one of the best ways to support a volunteer's efforts is through one's own participation in the events they've planned.

My significant other, Lona, and I have, in past years, brought reasonable quantities of fresh beer, ale, or stout from the Frederick Brewing Company to Oktoberfest on the way to West-Mar. One can vote with your wallet in this election... oatmeal stout? India Pale Ale?

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Secretary's Report - Jody Douglas

Board of Directors Meeting - August 12, 2007

The meeting was held at 3437 Carlin Springs Road, Falls Church, VA. Present: Mike Enloe, President, Elsie Smith, Treasurer, Don Catterton, Membership Chair, Jody Douglas, Secretary, and John Douglas, Member.

Nominating Committee – Mike reported that the Committee Chair, Wes Fleming, has spoken to several members recently and was putting together a slate of officers to be presented to the Board. Some members had expressed interest in the vacant Government Affairs position as well.

Secretary's Report – Jody would like to work with Chris Uttenweiler, the Webmaster, to ensure that the current minutes are posted on the website, and to complete adding the older minutes.

Webmaster Issues – Elsie suggested that the ad rates should be posted on the website as well, and Don would like to make it clear that members must opt out of the on-line BTS if they want a paper copy mailed to their homes. Mike will contact Chris to arrange some time to work on these issues.

Treasurer's Report – Elsie reported \$1,078.25 in expenses in July, and a balance of \$16,954.42 in the bank. She has delivered the inventory of sale goods to Christine Bauer, the new Sales Chair, and received the log-in information for Café Press that she requested.

Inventory – Mike reported that the Club has in stock the gray mock turtleneck, long-sleeved shirt, along with some older rally shirts, stickers, badges and pins. Christine Bauer will sell some items at meetings and events, and Don will get decals and pins from Christine for new and renewing members. Elsie suggested that patches and pins be accounted for through Membership to reduce the Club's reportable income.

Membership Report – Don reported that the number of members requesting paper BTSs rose from 14% to 19% this month. Currently the club has sufficient funds to cover the cost; if that changed the club could institute a small charge to cover the cost of mailing. The few members who do not renew and who indicate a reason generally cite dissatisfaction with forum conflicts or a preference for different club events. However, membership is currently 490, and has remained stable. Elsie suggested a brief spreadsheet showing the numbers of full and associate members in January of the last three years would reflect any dramatic changes.

Upcoming Events Notification – The Board discussed having Wes Fleming list upcoming events in the blanket e-mail that is sent to announce the BTS each month.

BTS Changes – George Falcon will be asked to move the events schedule to the back page of the BTS, where it is more easily located, and to add the month and year to the front page.

Secretary's Report - Jody Douglas (cont'd.)

Board of Directors Meeting - August 12, 2007 (cont'd.)

Upgrading Software – Elsie noted that George Falcon would like to upgrade the Publisher software currently used for the BTS. The approximate cost is \$160. After proper motion and second, the Board voted unanimously to authorize George to upgrade the software. Elsie will notify George, and ask him to forward licensing information to Jody and herself.

Nation's Triathlon Support – Mike has solicited assistance for motor support for the Triathlon to be run on September 29 in Washington, D.C. He has 9 volunteers so far, and Elsie suggested several other members who have been involved in such activities in the past for Mike to contact.

Holiday Party and Oktoberfest – Mike will check on the status of the arrangements for these two events. He has spoken with the woman who provides the soft drink machine, and it will be available for Oktoberfest.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

General Membership Meeting - August 12, 2007

The meeting was held at REI, 3509 Carlin Springs Road, Falls Church, VA.

Treasurer's Report – Elsie Smith reported expenses of \$1,078.25 and a checkbook balance of \$16,954.42 in July.

Membership Report – Don Catterton reported 490 current members, with several new members signing up at the recent open house at Bob's BMW.

Manning Pick's Accident – Don also reported that BMWBMW member Manning Pick had been hurt after leaving Bob's BMW when his bike collided with a cement truck. He is currently hospitalized in serious condition. Members can log onto www.caringbridge.org/visit/mick for updates regarding his condition.

Newsletter Report – In George Falcon's absence, Bob Steele, Assistant Editor, encouraged members to submit a profile for publication, and to send comments regarding the newsletter to George Falcon.

Meetings & Events – In Tina Fraembs' absence, Nancy Oswald outlined several upcoming events, including the Finger Lakes Rally in Watkins Glen, N.Y., August 31 to September 3, the Sherando Lake Rally (Blue Ridge Parkway near Waynesboro, VA), August 31 to September 2, and the club picnic at Summit Point, W.V. on September 9. Members should pay \$10 today to Nancy (or mail \$10 to Tina Fraembs by August 15) for the lunch, and expect to pay \$10 at the gate for admission. [Ed. note: Tina Fraembs reported in an email to me August 21st that she will "...make exceptions for those that still want to come IF they let me know ahead of time."]

The Virginia Breakfast Ride that usually meets at the Town & Country Restaurant has been temporarily suspended as the restaurant is under repair.

Oktoberfest is coming up on October 5, 6 and 7 with the General Membership Meeting held at the Cozy Restaurant in Thurmont, MD on the 7th. Morton's BMW Oktoberfest is October 13, and BMWBMW club meetings are scheduled for October 14, November 11 and December 9.

The Iron Butt Rally will be run later this month and BMWBMW members Don Catterton and Chris Sakala are both competing. Members will be able to track Don's progress through Startracks.com (BMWBMW2 is password), and can see Nancy to volunteer to assist with the ride.

Rides – Ed Phelps reported that the QIT is well underway, and riders have until November 11 to submit their photos to Ed. He is organizing a Virginia poker run for September 9 (starting at the Town & Country if it is open), and a Maryland poker run in October. Ed mentioned that the Motocross of Nations is being run in the U.S. this year for the first time in 20 years, at Budd's Creek in Maryland. The three best riders from each country will compete on September 22 and 23. Ed will ask Tina to add it to the Events forum on the website.

Secretary's Report - Jody Douglas (cont'd.)

General Membership Meeting - August 12, 2007 (cont'd.)

Tech Day – Members reported a large turn-out for the recent Tech Day at Jed Hargrave's farm. Members changed tires and did brake work and other repairs in Jed's barn and garage. Others fished, engaged in target practice, visited, and enjoyed a good lunch.

Sales – Mike announced the Christine Bauer, who is not present today, will be handling sales for the club, and will have shirts, patches, decals and pins at the meetings. Email Christine if you need any of these items.

Nominating Committee – Mike reported that Wes Fleming and his committee are still seeking nominees for President and Vice President, and that there is some interest in the Government Affairs position.

Nation's Triathlon – Mike has 8 volunteers to provide motor support currently and needs a few more volunteers to carry officials or photographers around. He will organize a meeting for volunteers on September 29 to discuss duties. He will inquire whether volunteers would need to bring an extra helmet or gear.

Ride for Kids – Henry Winokur asked for riders for the Baltimore Washington Ride for Kids that will be held on September 23 in Columbia, Maryland. The cost is \$35, includes lunch, and benefits the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. See Henry for more information.

ERC – There is an ERC scheduled on September 1 in Montgomery County, MD., and one at Northern Virginia Community College in Sterling, VA. on August 19.

Motorcyclistcafe.com – Elsie Smith suggested that members visit this interesting forum.

Land Speed Record – Another member reported that the motorcycle land speed record was broken recently at the Bonneville Salt Flats by a streamliner reaching over 350 mph.

Motorcycle Travel Network – The network was discussed. Those who join provide lodging and breakfast, and when traveling, can stay with other members for a nominal cost.

REI's presentation – A staff member from REI described many of the items he considered useful for motorcycle travel, including camp stoves, water purifiers, emergency blankets, sleeping bags and pads, infrared perimeter detector, light-weight tents, etc. The presentation was very well received, with lots of questions and comments.

Paul Brown's recent trip – Paul Brown spoke briefly about his 3-month bike trip through the U.S. and Canada. Mike encouraged members to see Paul's ride report on the BMWBMW message forum.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12 PM.

Tech Day at Jed Hargrave's - Bob Steele

Approximately 30 riders showed up for the Sunday event at Jed's farm near Thurmont. Jed has great accommodations, including a three bay door garage, helping hands to work on motorcycles, open green space, club members to jaw with (Jim Snitker even made an appearance), and great roads nearby for the ride to and fro. Thanks, Jed, for hosting another great Tech Day!



Two Bits – Bob Steele

Remember to Take Your Medicine

It seems that whenever you become comfortable, and maybe even a bit complacent, life can bite you in the ass from unexpected places. That just about sums up my year thus far!

I had great plans and expectations for the year. Work was steady and growing. I had plans to ride to the MOA rally in Wisconsin and then ride West for an extended MC trip that would take me through the Dakota Badlands and then into the Rocky Mountains to ride through mountain passes at 10,000 feet above sea level. Several riding buddies had expressed interest in going on the tour. I'd spent many hours mapping out riding options and researching places to visit along the way, including Mt. Rushmore. This was going to be one memory-filled summer.

Memory-filled it was, just not of the motorcycle touring kind. The unraveling of events started with a request for taking on more (extra) work which required traveling all over the country throughout June. With the added stress and considerable air travel, I found myself laying sick as a dog in a hotel bed in Tucson, Arizona. I'd always wanted to visit Tucson, but this trip fell way short of what I had in mind. By the time I'd felt better and caught up on the "extra work", my full-time gig took a downward spiral, to the point shall we say, that it was time to "stick a fork in it". This led to the jettison of the July motorcycling tour, with a job search taking its place.

Hey, sorry for the bummer story thus far, but there is a good ending, so please stay with me. Anyway, I hunker down in my home office doing a job search – networking, internet searches, updating and rewriting resumes and cover letters. Over the course of a month, I rarely got out. I took a few short motorcycle rides, mostly to my cabin in the woods in WV, to get away from the hustle bustle of Northern VA - people who are always in a rush, but are sitting tensely in a traffic jam. Strange view looking in from the outside!

Then Bob Ryan, the TV weather forecaster, changed the

course of events. Saturday's forecast called for a sunny day, temperatures in the low 80s, and low humidity. One call to Pat O'C (Horn Toad) and an early Saturday morning ride through the Passage Creek area was quickly planned. We met in Culpeper and then rode Route 522, which has some great views when heading North to Berryville. We went over the Skyline Drive via Route 211 and got into the sweepers since there was very little traffic. The Dave Mathews Band came along for the ride. I listened to several tracks from the "Before These Crowded Streets" CD, certainly upbeat and the music mixed well with the winding road.

We then took Route 340 into Luray and picked up Route 675 heading West. Being that the skies were blue and clean, we were greeted with wide open views of the Blue Ridge Mountains, extending both to the South and North. We took Fork Valley Road (Route 678) North through the George Washington National Forest. This is a winding two lane road that is in good condition, save for occasional gravel spots at farm entrances. Again, great views of the Blue Ridge in the background and a rambling mountain stream and farm land in the foreground. Sheryl Crow has now joined the ride with a few tracks from the "Best Of" CD. Sweet! We stop at the Passage Creek Park for a break and to share in a high five.

After getting some lunch, we did the ride in the reverse direction. I was joined by an old friend on this leg of the ride, Mr. Stevie Wonder. I came away with a renewed appreciation for his considerable talent. I'd take him with me anywhere, anytime. We rode back to Culpeper to hang out for a few minutes to talk about the ride and life's challenges, before heading back to the real world.

Before the ride I hadn't realized that I was in need of a fix because I had the blinders on. The combination of great roads, mountain views, hanging with a good friend, a perfectly running GS between the legs, and uplifting music – it's just what the doctor ordered. With renewed optimism and being in a better place, I hope going forward that I won't forget to "take the medicine". And if you've forgotten, well, Passage Creek is right in your back yard and the medicine will be dished out a little bit at a time over 200 plus miles.

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Prospective Member Profile - George Falcon

Dieter, der Motomutt, and his people

Lynne Dean is Dieter's chauffeuse. A 2007 graduate of the MSF BRC, she pilots a BMW F650CS. It's a light, nimble, dependable, easy-to-ride bike she considers perfect for the task of touring with her pup's luxurious carrier attached. Besides being an avid motorcyclist, Lynne is a Senior Vice President in the Washington, DC office of NAPS (North American Precis Syndicate), a New York City-based firm that distributes feature stories on behalf of Fortune 500 companies, non-profit organizations, institutions and associations to thousands of newspapers and broadcast outlets nationwide. Lynne can be contacted at lynne@motomutt.net.

Craig Roberts is Lynne's husband and accompanies Lynne and Dieter on their adventures. He's been in the saddle for 40 years and currently rides a BMW K75S. Despite -

or perhaps because of - his long experience, Craig's a big believer in the MSF's educational offerings and completes the ERC periodically. Craig rides to his office each day. He works as the Public Affairs Director of The Arc of Montgomery County (Maryland), the largest non-profit in the country supporting persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Craig can be contacted at craig@motomutt.net.





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David W. Johnson

There aren't any on the race track, either. Join us for Track Day at VIR on October 1. Call or visit to sign up now!

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Crab Feast at “IAMBOB”'s - George Falcon

After the July BMWBMW General Membership Meeting at Bob's BMW in Jessup, MD., a couple dozen BMWBMW members who had participated in some of the online message forum areas available to all BMWBMW members at our website (<http://www.bmwbmw.org>) traveled a couple of hours South to rural Dameron, MD. at the invitation of “IAMBOB”, a member who has a lovely home there.

The weather that day was uncharacteristically reasonable in both temperature and humidity, and traveling by motorcycle was ideal. Those of us who took on the trip to Southern Maryland were treated to comfortable seats under two large tents erected for this event, and a couple of bushels of freshly cooked blue crabs, accompanied by freshly grilled hamburgers and hot dogs. There were at least half a dozen large coolers filled with ice cold beverages, and fresh fruit, including chilled watermelon, for dessert.

Meetings and Events chairperson Tina Fraembs demonstrated (right) an effective technique for lifting motorcycles upright once they'd fallen over.



Crab Feast at “IAMBOB”’s - (cont’d.)

Our host and others demonstrated the use of powerful compound bows on unsuspecting straw targets.

Safety Committee chairman James Monroe and Jim Bade were busy in the garage assisting James’ fiancée, Joelle Glaser, who was not the least bit hesitant to dive in to work on her own motorcycle. After the work was done, she was kind enough to show (right) those in the garage what stylish motorcycle mechanics will wear in 2008.

Even the children attending the event seemed to get into the BMW spirit, as evidenced by the chalk drawings (below) on the asphalt outside Bob’s garage.





(Above) BMWBMW Membership Committee Chair Don Catterton at the August General Membership Meeting at REI in Northern Virginia.

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(Left) A photo of the 2.5 gallon auxiliary fuel tank which helped BMWBMW Membership Committee Chair Don Catterton finish 50th (out of 72 finishing) in this year's Iron Butt Rally. This was Don's first attempt at the legendary Iron Butt Rally, which is held every other year.

Bob's BMW Service Manager Josh Neff Gives Notice - George Falcon

I learned during a visit to Bob's BMW Wednesday the 22nd of August of Josh Neff's decision to leave his position at Bob's to work as a contractor to the federal government.

Mr. Neff had earned over his 12 years at Bob's the respect of a great many BMW motorcycle owners in the mid-Atlantic region. His decision will create a vacancy that would be challenging for any dealership owner to fill.

I feel confident in saying that the majority of members of our club wish Josh all the best.

The following message is brought to you as a public service.

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(Left) A GS custom-painted with BMW "M" colors. This bike belongs to a local rider recently returned from civilian service with the federal government in Afghanistan. He finally has the opportunity to exercise his stable of BMWs. Painted wheels match the theme of the rest of the bike. It's quite a head-turner.

It's almost time for Oktoberfest!

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Bob's BMW

10720 Guilford Rd., Jessup, MD. 20794. 301-497-8949. From I-95 take Exit 38-A East. Go about one mile and exit onto U.S. 1 North. Go to the first traffic light and turn right onto Guilford Rd. Bob's is less than one mile on the right.

Camp West-Mar, Sabillasville, MD.

From U.S. Rt. 15 North of Frederick, MD., take the exit at Thurmont marked Rt. 77 (West). Follow it West for 7 mi., and turn left onto Brown Rd. Proceed about 0.4 mile and turn left into Camp West-Mar at the sign.

Lap's Quality Cycle

3021 Colvin St., Alexandria, VA. 22314. 703-461-9404. From I-395, take Duke Street East to a right turn at Roth St. Make another right onto Colvin St. Lap's is a few doors down. From Old Town Alexandria, take Duke St. West to a left on Roth, then same as above.

Morton's BMW

5099A Jefferson Davis Hwy., Fredericksburg, VA. 22408. 540-891-9844. From I-95 South, take exit 126 to a traffic light at U.S. 1. Turn left (North) on U.S. 1, go one mile to the light at Courthouse Rd./Rt. 208. Make a left onto Courthouse Rd., then right at the next light into the parking lot at Morton's.

Speed's Cycle

5820 Washington Blvd., Elkridge, MD. 21075. 410-379-0106. Take I-95 North to Route 100 East. Take first exit to Route 1 North. Go about 3 miles. We are on the left just before Levering Avenue.

Meetings & Events

Sept. 7 - 8 - 21st So Long Summer Sidecar Campout, Muscatatuck County Park, IN. Hoosier Hacks. f.hunteman@sbcglobal.net.

Sept. 7 - 9 - Beemers in the Bluegrass Mini-Rally, Frankfort, KY. Bluegrass Beemers. Contact Roy Rowlett (859) 223-5459 or by email at Kr4mo@yahoo.com.

Sept. 7 - 9 - 37th Wisconsin Dells Rally, Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells, WI. Wisconsin BMW Motorcycle Club. <http://www.wiscbmwclub.com>.

Sept. 9 - BMWBMW Annual Picnic, also BMWBMW BoD and GMM, Summit Point Raceway, WV. 0830-1700 hrs. Location and directions through <http://www.summitpoint-raceway.com>. Please contact Tina Fraembs immediately if you're interested in attending. \$10 in advance AND \$10 at the gate.

Sept. 14 - 16 - 25th Green Mountain Rally - Camp Silver Towers (Ripton, VT) - BMW Motorcycle Owners of Vermont. Registration limited to 250, by 8 Sept. bob@tinmouth.net / ridgerunnervt@yahoo.com / mmfar-rington1@juno.com.

Sept. 22 - Bikers for Tykes, Battley Cycles, Gaithersburg, MD. Concert by The Marsh Brothers Band, for NIH Children's Charities and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington. <http://www.bikersfortykes.org>

Sept. 21 - 23 - 3rd Annual Rally in the Poconos - Honesdale, PA. Black Diamond Beemers. <http://www.blackdiamondbeemers.com>

Sept. 22 - 23 - Motocross of Nations to be held at Budd's Creek, MD. Email Rides Committee chairman Ed Phelps (rides@bmwBMW.org) for details.

Sept. 23 - Baltimore / Washington Ride For Kids - Columbia, MD. PBTfUS. Rain or shine. Sears parking lot, The Mall in Columbia, 10300 Little Patuxent Pkwy. 21044. Registration 0730-0915 hrs., \$35 min. donation. <http://www.pbtfus.org/rideforkids/calendar/2007/baltimorewashington07.html>. Police escorted ride starts at 9:30 a.m. and ends about 11:15 a.m. Free coffee, donuts, and light lunch. Award presentations follow. Volunteers needed for parking (must be a rider and attend parking meeting on 9/22), registration (must attend training) set up, clean up, awards table, etc. If interested in being a day-of volunteer, use <http://www.balt-wash-rfk.org/database/hosted/rfk.nsf/pages/Volunteers>



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Oct. 5 - 7 - BMWBMW Oktoberfest - Camp West-Mar, West of Thurmont, MD.

Oct. 7 - BMWBMW BoD meeting - Camp West-Mar, Sabillasville, MD. 9:30 a.m. General Membership Meeting at the Cozy in Thurmont, MD. at 11 a.m.

Oct. 6 - Oktoberfest at Bob's BMW, Columbia / Jessup, MD.

Oct. 5 - 7 - 33rd Return to Shiloh Rally. Savannah, TN. BMW RAMS. <http://www.bmwrams.com>

Oct. 5 - 7 - North of the Border Rally (formerly Colonial VA Rally), Anne Road, VA. BMW Motorcycle Club of Hampton Roads. <http://www.bmwchr.org>.

Oct. 5 - 7 - 25th Anniversary Last Chance Rally, Shirley, N.J. New Sweden BMW Riders. <http://www.lastchancerally.com>.

October 13 - Oktoberfest at Morton's BMW, Fredericksburg, VA.

October 13 - The VOID III Rally <http://www.rallythevoid.org>

October 13 - Bikers for Tykes, GEICO HQ, 4608 Willard Ave., Chevy Chase, MD. Concert performances by The Marsh Brothers Band and The Fabulous Thunderbirds, for NIH Children's Charities and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington. <http://www.bikersfortykes.org>.

Oct. 19 - 21 - 37th South Central BMW Owners Reunion - Gathering of Friends, Smithville, TX. BMW Club of Houston. <http://www.bmwclub.org>.

Oct. 26 - 28 - 21st Tarheel Traveler Halloween Camp-out, near Aberdeen, N.C. BMW NC Tarheel Travelers. <http://www.tarheelbmw.org>.

Nov. 2 - 4 - 28th Hot Springs Ramble, Gulpha Gorge Campground. Wilderness Rally Beemers. <http://www.geocities.com/hsrally>.

Nov. 9 - 11 - 7th Cajun Swamp Scooters Rally, near Lafayette, LA. Swamp Scooters. <http://www.swapscooters.net>.

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Sept. 8 - 9 ASRA Thunderbike at Summit Point, WV. (also BMWBMW's picnic, Sept. Board of Directors meeting, and general membership meeting) (see next page)

Oct. 19 - 20 MOTO-ST 8 Hr. at Daytona Int'l Speedway, Daytona, FL.

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BMWBMW Annual Club Picnic Sunday September 9



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Includes discount Sunday admission to Summit Point Raceway, parade lap on the track, picnic lunch and refreshments, door prizes. A tent will be set up trackside at turn 9 for BMWBMW members and their guests only. There is a grandstand next to the tent.

Admission \$10 in advance to Tina, pay track admission \$10 at the gate
(Kids 12 and under get free admission to the track)

Please call Tina at (703) 835-2847 immediately if you have not yet made reservations with her. You may still be able to attend!

Number attending : _____ x \$10 each = total \$ _____

Names and phone number: _____

Volunteers needed for race day!

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Breakfast Rides

Informal gatherings of BMWBMW members (and sometimes non-members) who meet for breakfast and ride afterward. Not all members participate in the rides, and many members like to show up just for the breakfast. Show up early, look for tables with motorcyclists, and don't be shy about introducing yourself. To get more information, or to volunteer to lead a ride, contact Rides Committee chair Ed Phelps. Schedules are not fixed in stone, nor will a ride take place if there is a club meeting or other major event scheduled on that day. Consult the club message forums for late-breaking changes or announcements. <http://www.bmwbmw.org/forum>

Baltimore Breakfast Ride 1st Sunday, 8 a.m.

Old Country Buffet, 2033 E. Joppa Rd., Parkville, MD. 21234. (410) 882-3155. Satyr Hill Shopping Center at Satyr Hill and Joppa Rds., across from the Home Depot at I-695 & Perring Pkwy. Request info. and /or an email reminder a week before the breakfast from Jim Pellenbarg at (410) 256-0970, or email Jim at jpellenbarg@juno.com.

Maryland Breakfast Ride 3rd Sunday, 10 a.m.

The Cozy Restaurant, 103 Frederick Rd., Thurmont, MD. 21788. (301) 271-7373. Go North on I-270 to Frederick, MD., continuing to go North on U.S. 15. Take the Md. Rt. 806 exit. Turn right at stop sign, then left at traffic light to head North on Rt. 806 (Frederick Rd.). The restaurant is 1/4 mile on your left. If you miss the Rt. 806 exit, take the Md. Rt. 77 exit, take a left onto Md. Rt. 77, go past Altamont and Howard, and take a right at the light at Water to go South on Md. Rt. 806 to the restaurant, which will be on your right.

Virginia Breakfast Ride 4th Sunday, 9 a.m.

The restaurant hosting this ride sustained fire damage, and is closed, so the Virginia Breakfast Ride is suspended.

Rides To Eat (RTEs)

RTEs are informal gatherings of BMWBMW members who meet for dinner. These gatherings are regularly scheduled for the first and third week of each month and are planned and announced on the club's website message forums.

Typically, the Virginia RTE is the first Wednesday and the Maryland RTE is the third Thursday. The restaurants vary, as do the days. Impromptu RTEs are always popping up. Interested? Check out the message boards Events section and look for Ride-To-Eat or RTE.

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