

BMWBMW General Membership Meeting 4/10/11

Held at On the Border Restaurant, Vienna VA

The meeting was convened at 11:00 AM by Tina Fraembs, President

- There were 33 members present, including the following first-time attendees: Howard and passenger Jane riding an RT; Justin riding a K1200GT; Shannon riding an F650GS; Bill & Janice each riding an F650GS; Matt & Chetna each (here again) riding an F650GS; and Angel riding an R1200RT.
- **Rally Update** Maria provided the Rally Update. All is going well and each Rally Lead is present for a Rally meeting after the general meeting. Each lead gave a status brief on his/her team.
 - **Tech Seminars – Greg** Seminars scheduled to date include:
 1. the use off the club’s GS-911 ECU reader, and
 2. Installation of auxiliary fuel tanks.
 - **Rally Set-Up – George** Always looking for more hands to help.
 - **Beer Garden – Dave**
 - **GS Ride** Chair identified
 - **Roadside Assistance – Drew** Provided by Battley’s Cycles
 - **Flea Market – Jodi & Wes** Specifics of this new service under discussion
 - **On-line registration** Active since April 1st
 - **Featured Speakers** Dawn & Paul Miller to discuss Nova Scotia tour
- **Treasurer’s Report** Ron gave his Treasurer’s Report. The club has \$17,205.72 in its checking account and \$1,766.02 in its PayPal account.
- **Membership Report** Kermit provided the membership report in Paul’s absence. Membership has increased by over 10% since the end of 2010.
- **Editor’s Report** Wes provided the newsletter report in Rick’s absence. Members are encouraged to submit articles and photos that they think would be of interest to the group at large. Tina mentioned that a wide variety of articles are desired and could include reports of new bikes, upcoming tours, new gear/devices, etc. Send contributions to: editor@bmwbmw.org

- **Government Affairs Report** David briefed that Virginia has a very active contingent of motorcycle interest groups. They have been able to get the VA legislature to enact legislation that effective July 1st permits MC riders to proceed with caution thru “stalled” red lights that do not register the presence of motorcycles.
- **Road Clean-Up** John discussed the club’s long-standing outreach program to keep a stretch of the VA highway system free of litter. He and Jodi have handled this activity for years and request that others assume the lead on this club service.
- **Dealer Open House** Local dealers have set dates for spring open houses as follow:
 - Morton’s 4/19 club coordinator Ron Plichta
 - Bob’s 4/30 club coordinator Scott Keimig & Rick Przybylski
- **Tech Days Update** Greg reported that the next Tech Day is May 7th at Rick’s (Rocketman) home. Specific info will be on the web site.
- Larry mentioned that the Pridmore CLASS street riding school will have two venues in the general area this year. In addition to VIR there will be sessions at Beaver Run Raceway near Pittsburg.
- Wes encouraged members to contribute articles to the Iron Butt Magazine, which is edited by club member Bill Shaw and copy edited by Wes. One does not need to be a member of the IBA to contribute articles.
- Door prizes were distributed to lucky members.
- The next club meeting is scheduled for May 14th at the Williamsport Park (MD). At its conclusion members can ride a mini-tour devised by Elsie that includes Potomac River Lock #4, Harpers Ferry and lunch in Shepardstown WV.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Keimig, Secretary