



DECEMBER 1982

To those who couldn't make our October 31st meeting, and rides on November 7th and 21st, and to prospective members, we bring you up-to-date on what has happened so far.

On October 31, 1982, thirty-two BMW riders got together at Carnichael Park to discuss the formation of a local BMW Riders Club. Jim Gundros and Earl Mattingly presented their ideas on the type of club they thought would be suitable to most. You in turn gave us good ideas and suggestions, enough so that we think we know the kind of club you want.

PURPOSE OF CLUB

Promote friendship among BMW Riders.

Enjoy the company of other members on rides, other activities, and social functions.

Provide and share information about BMW Motorcycles and related subjects.

OBJECTIVES

Stay loose; don't organize too tightly. Have a minimum of rules. No parliamentary procedure at meetings; keep everything informal and on a friendly basis.

Publish a newsletter to collect and communicate any information of benefit to the members.

Club Directors should strive to lead and orient the Club to the desires of the majority of members, even if radical changes are proposed to these objectives.

Club Directors should call business meetings only when necessary for the benefit of the Club. Meetings should never be the focal point of the Club. Expressed in another manner, the Club should not exist for the purpose of having meetings.

CLUB DIRECTORS

Jim and I had hoped that some of you would assume leadership so we could participate in passive roles. You unanimously suggested we continue our efforts, therefore we will consider ourselves as Club Directors.

RIDE MASTER

Jim Babcock was recommended as Ride Master. Jim has been on every paved road and most of the dirt ones in Northern and Central California. Traveling has been a hobby as well as part of his profession. He is the author of "There's A Little Spot I Know," published in the Sacramento Bee Travel Section on Sundays.

There will be many times when Jim can't make it to our rides because of travels in connection with his work. And like Jim says, "Give everyone the opportunity to lead us on a ride". Most of us have several roads that are our favorites. On the questionnaire enclosed, give us the routing and mileage of your favorite trips. You will most likely be asked to lead us on a trip sometime. Midway through the ride, it would be desirable to stop at a town, park or similar place for rest rooms, stretching, munchies and conversation.

Jim needs help in this area and if you are so inclined to help plan trips and lead us on rides, please contact him.

TREASURER

Carl Freitag has offered to help us with the Newsletter and to handle the finances. When Carl retired he did some interesting travel abroad and took a lot of pictures. He does handyman work during the week. Funds collected from the Newsletter questionnaire and from sponsors will be turned over to Carl to deposit in a commercial Checking Account. He will disburse these for printing and mailing costs of this and subsequent Newsletters. The signature card will have the name of a Club Director in addition to that of Carl. Each check must be signed by a Director. An accounting of funds and transactions will be read periodically at a meeting.

TERM OF POSITIONS

You recommended a term of three months. The changeover permits the work to be shared among the members and not left to the same individuals. However, an incumbent may choose to be a candidate for a subsequent term.

CLUB NAME

Don't take the logo on the first page seriously. This is a temporary term until you choose a name for the club and permits us to establish a bank account. We will tabulate the names given us on the questionnaire and if there is a clear choice, then we have an official name for the Club. If not, a show of hands could decide on a name chosen from those submitted. It is important that you attend the December 12th meeting.

Consideration: Club membership is not limited to geographical boundaries. We expect to draw members from Nevada as well as Northern and Central California.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

This newsletter is being mailed to 145 BMW Owners so far. Your names were provided to us from Joe Sarkes's Motorcycles and J & J Precision Cycle Works service records. Some contacts were from the BMWMOA Anonymous Book, while other were given to us by BMW riders that know you. Some of you were stopped on the street, service stations, cycle shops, restaurants and were asked if you were interested in a club. If you encounter a BMW rider that is interested, get his name and phone number to us.

This first Newsletter will have a Questionnaire to be filled out and returned with a contribution of \$5.00 to become a member and be placed on the Membership Roster. Membership includes your spouse. This money will be used to pay for the printing and mailing of Newsletters. A Club Roster will be printed and Membership Cards issued to show you are a member of this Club. The card will get you a discount of 10% at J & J Precision Cycle works. we will try for discounts at other firms and keep you posted.

A list of member's names, addresses, and phone numbers will be included with a future Newsletter. Hopefully, this will help us get to know each other sooner, and will acquaint you with other members living in your area. If you prefer not to have your name on this list, please indicate same on the questionnaire.

MEETINGS

Meetings will be held at a coffee shop in conjunction with breakfast or coffee prior to a scheduled ride. These meetings will be short informal discussions, should you or the directors wish to discuss anything. They would be used mostly to get opinions, ideas, and feedback. The meeting will terminate when it is time to ride. The more important matters that concern Club policy would be contained in the next Newsletter to obtain all members' opinions.

RIDES

During the winter, group rides are scheduled on the 2nd and 4th Sundays starting in December. Departure time will be at 10:00 A.M., so come early and enjoy a leisurely breakfast and have time for conversation before we ride. Please gas up previously. Bring your map to get the route from the Ridemaster. He will choose spots along the route to pause for regrouping. This enables each rider to set their own pace. Until further notice, we will meet at SAMBO'S on Arden at morse, west of watt Avenue.

DUES

We hope to have a Club with a no-dues policy. However, we will be assessed a few bucks periodically to defray the cost of printing and mailing the Newsletter. We will solicit advertising sponsors to help defray most of the cost. Our sponsors that are into BMW's will be Honorary Members.

THE NEWSLETTER

One person can put out a Newsletter with minimal information, but would it be worth the expense? I would like to see a Newsletter that contains really worthwhile information, and be so interesting that you anticipate each issue. So please - contribute input on any subject that you think would help others in the Club. These subjects may include, but are not limited to:

Service tips	Items wanted & 4-Sale	Good & Bad Accessories
Touring tips	safety Tips	activities of other Clubs
A good joke	wearing apparel	we may be interested in -
Good camping recipes	(Motorcycle)	Rallies, Poker Runs, Etc.
Maintenance tips	Good & bad exper- iences	Bloopers

TELEPHONE COMMITTEE

When the Roster has been established, we will have a telephone committee for the purpose of providing a method of fast communications from Club Directors to members. There may be occasions when interesting non-scheduled events come up or when scheduled events must be changed or cancelled and we need to get the information to you quickly. Club Directors will contact the telephone committee, which in turn contact you. Each person on the committee will be responsible for a certain number of persons from a list assigned within a non-toll call area. All toll calls will be made by one person to

TIPS AND A BLOOPER

Jim Gundros likes purchasing Hypoid Gear Lubricant in a quart jug. Using a measuring container (cc) a baby bottle is good, he puts 200 cc in the differential, 150 cc in the shaft drive and the balance in the tranny. It comes out just right with no left-overs.

k Pete Wilbert likes using a synthetic additive gas treatment in his R100/7. It is called AMSOIL PI, and comes in a 16 oz. container. Use 1 oz. of PI to 7 gallons of gasoline. Pete has been using this product for over a year. He says it controls spark detonation (ping) so well that he buys the cheapest leaded regular gas available. AMSOIL is available at most auto supply stores.

Pete also uses the AMSOIL synthetic hypoid lube 80-90 weight in the differential, shaft drive and tranny. He noticed a big improvement in the smoothness of the drive train and shifting, especially in cold weather.

On the November 7th ride, Rick Blake showed us his battery box modification. He cut and welded pieces to enlarge it to hold the Sears Garden and Utility Battery, reverse terminal type. This battery has a high amperage rating and costs less than \$50.00. This may be a worthwhile tip for those who operate radios, CB's and other accessories. An excellent quality box for the Sears battery is available from Walus Engineering.

He also eliminated the rubber bands that hold the side panel covers on each side of the battery bike frame. They were replaced with a coiled spring he enclosed in a plastic tube. The spring looks like an old-time screen door spring.

BLOOPER

When quoted a price of \$100.00 plus for a factory replacement battery, I scouted around for something less expensive. I found a 25 ampere rating Taiwan made battery for \$49.00. Feeling good about this big saving, I commenced removing the old battery. I could not get it out the logical way from the top. I didn't know about breaking the frame. Maybe removing the engine upper covers would provide access. It did, and while working the new battery over the engine to the battery case, both terminals touched metal and began welding to the metal. I grabbed the new battery and yanked hard to break it loose. The battery came loose all right; flew across the garage and broke in pieces when it landed with electrolyte flowing in all directions. How do you tell a merchant that you just dropped and broke the new battery without appearing like a klutz? I sheepishly purchased another \$49.00 battery for my R75/7 and cried in my beer later. MORAL: Tape terminals before removing and installing batteries in close quarters. If anyone has a good procedure for battery removal, let us know what works well for you.

NOTE: Be cautioned that certain tips may or may not have merit. These tips are experiences from individuals that work for them. They are not Dealer, Shop or Club endorsed and presented here as potential aids to better maintainance and motoring.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH SIMILAR CLUBS

Since a lot of us are members of other motorcycle organizations, we considered publishing information here about their activities which may be of interest:

2nd ANNUAL SIERRA-CASCADE Winter Rally--Black Forest Lodge, 10 miles west of Chester on Hiway 36, January 8 and 9, 1983. CAMPING IN THE SNOW Contact Ossies in Chico 916-345-4462, The Sidecar Shoppe, Sacramento, 361-3990--Jim Sutocky, Folsom, 916-985-2187.

These are BMW Riders with sidecars. However, 2 wheel BMW's participate also. It's described as a weekend of fun in the snow. Motel or lodge accomodations available.

ITEMS WANTED AND FOR SALE

For Sale: Bates Ride-Off stand (like new). Bell Helmets--open face with visors, matching BMW dark red, 1 extra large, 1 small, good condition. Shoei helmet, full face, white, extra large, needs liner work. Also misc. other helmets. BMW luggage rack, with back rest for 1977 R100/RS and RT. Mirrors, larger than stock, chrome stems and back. Windshield for Luftmeister Fairing, plus more. Call Don Beech

For Sale: 1964 R60/2 with 1974 Valorex sidecar, Windjammer fairing, Shoei bags, Denfield luggage rack, air horns, good tires, \$2,500.00 Firm. Also have another rig for \$4,000.00. Call Abe Low, 916-386-0930 or 381-6454 916-366-0650

For Sale: 1959 BMW R50/2 completely restored. Many of the parts used in restoration were new. Many accessories. Must see to appreciate. Less than 1,200 miles on restoration. Asking \$5,000.00. Call Rick, 916-481-1867

For Sale: 1976 BMW R75/6. Windjammer, luggage rack, excellent condition, low mileage. May be seen at J & J. 916-488-0593.

For Sale: 1965 BMW R60/2. Good running condition, solo and dual seats, \$1,200.00. Mark 916-367-3122

For Sale: Steib Sidecar S-501. \$2,300.00. URAL sidecar, \$1,200.00, both in excellent condition. 916-361-3990, evenings.

For Sale: HODAKA Ace 90. Clean, runs well, complete and street legal. Has extra trail sprocket. Have bumper mount carriers to fit motor home or pickup. \$190.00
Carl Freitag 481-5951

WANTED: To borrow a ^{BMWRA} Blue Book for a short time. Will care for and return. Call Earl Mattingly, 916-723-3791

MISCELLANY

Patronize our sponsors whenever you can. When in their place of business, thank them and let them know you appreciate their sponsorship.

If you have trouble understanding any of this, call Earl. You just can't expect a Maintenance Mechanic to be a journalist too! By the way, if anyone has literary talent (or not) and would like to crack at the Newsletter, please call. We will work with you and provide input. Others are available to do the typing, printing and mailing. We need someone who can write and communicate effectively. You will be able and encouraged to gather information and write articles.

The questionnaire is designed to give us an indication of your interests; to provide feedback to set rides and schedules; identify the members and more importantly, help provide informative articles to be shared with the other members. The questionnaire is also your application for membership. Please return it promptly. Also, come to the coffee/breakfasts on the 2nd and 4th Sundays, even if you can't ride that day, and get to know each other. Give us your ideas, opinions and criticism. Remember, several heads are better than one or two.

SEE YOU AT SAMBO'S

Jim Gundros

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