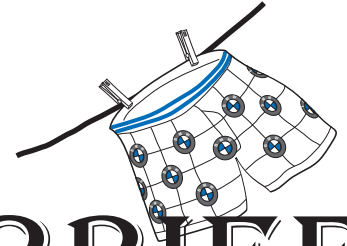


The Blackhawk

RIDERS' BRIEF



December 2008

Merry Christmas!

On behalf of all the officers of the Blackhawk Region BMW Association, MERRY CHRISTMAS, EVERYONE!!

Christmas Party

Per club tradition, we will be having a Christmas Party on Sunday, December 14, at the Wooden Nickel in Stillman Valley. See the Meeting Minutes for more information.

Next Monthly Meeting

Our next regular monthly meeting will be held January 15, at Aunt Mary's restaurant, in Rockford. Aunt Mary's is located just west of the intersection of Alpine Rd. and State St. If you wish to have supper with your fellow members and guests, get there around 6:30 p.m. Jeff will start the business meeting at about 7:30 p.m.

Club Web Site

FYI, Mike is our Webmaster, which means he's responsible for the look and feel of the site, and maintains it for us. Folks, are we lucky to have Mike volunteer for this or what?! My involvement comes in providing Mike with some of the content that goes on our Web pages. Please keep in mind that the Web site will be completed as Mike and I have time. This is an extremely busy time of year for Mike, and so we will work on the highest-priority parts first, namely the Flea Market/MotoExpo section. The other parts will be completed later, as time allows. Having said that, we invite you to visit YOUR Web site as often as you wish, to check on what's there, and share in its progress.)

Rolf's Mother

As I was finishing this issue, I received the sad news that Rolf Schoelkopf's mother had passed away on Monday, December 1. She died in Florida, where she and Rolf's father had been long-time residents. Mr. Schoelkopf preceded her in death. Even though she was getting on in years, she had been living independently and was not particularly ill. As a result, her passing came as a shock to Rolf, Shirley, and all their family. On behalf of our club, we extend our condolences, and have sent flowers as a sign of our sympathy.

Meeting Minutes

On Thursday, November 20, 2008 the meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. at Aunt Mary's restaurant in Rockford. President Jeff Sluiter thanked all officers and tour directors for deciding to serve.

Treasurer's Report

October expenses were \$570 for the steak fry and \$36 for the newsletter. Money taken in for October was from forty-three members paying dues at the steak fry including three new members: Mike, Marlisa and Susan. Six people paid for a calendar and eight t-shirts were sold. The balance in our account is \$xxx.xx.

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Next Month's Meeting: Sun, December 14

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Old Business

Flea Market Committee

Committees for our April 2009 Moto-Expo/Swapmeet may meet after New Years. They are going to try to determine the details about the club mailing by the Christmas party.

Christmas Party

The Christmas party is Sunday December 14, at 4:00 at the Wooden Nickel in Stillman Valley. We will have a buffet of chicken and carved-on-the-line roast beef, vegetable, soup, salad, and pudding. Cost of the meal is \$17 per person. The club is asking that members pay \$10 per person and the club will pick up the rest of the expense. Of course if you bring a guest who is not a member the cost is \$17 for them. The club is also buying \$50 worth of dessert items since Fritz does not have desserts at his place. There will be a voluntary gift exchange with gifts costing around \$10. Please label your gift either "male" or "female" so that one of us gals does not end up with a tire gauge. ☺

Please contact Gloria Misik and get your money to her asap. The date is fast approaching. (*Editor's Note:* This has been changed. Because Gloria will be out of the country the next couple of weeks, Becky Brauer was kind enough to fill in as the coordinator for the Christmas Party. Please give your payment to Becky on the day of the Christmas Party.)

Club Calendar

2009 Club Calendars will be made by Paul Misik. The calendar will cost about \$7 to produce. The club is asking that members pay \$3.50 – half the cost. Paul puts in about 40 hours producing this calendar and it always looks very professional. Contact he or Gloria if you want to order a calendar. Be sure to send Paul a picture of you and your bike for the calendar.

New Business

Chicago Motorcycle Show

On February 8, 2009 we will be leaving the parking lot of Forest City Plaza (In front of the old Media Play) at 8:30 a.m. for the motorcycle show at the Stephenson Convention Center. Cost to members is \$10 per person and non-members pay \$25. This fee includes transportation and a ticket to get into the show. Members must contact **and** pay Rolf by January 15, 2009. After that date he is opening up seats to non-members.

Club Web Site

Blackhawk BMW Club Website. Yes we have been talking about it for a few years and thanks to me accidentally spilling the beans at last night's meeting, you can check out the site that is under construction. The address is: blackhawkbmwclub.org

The site is being put together by Paul Misik and Mike Gunderson. They bought two years of service on a hosting site. There will be a lot of content including links to the flea market. You will be able to download the newsletter from the website, catch up on recent club news, and read the President's address. Check it out now and check it out often. You will be impressed.

(*Editor's Note:* See the article on our Web site, on page 1 of this issue of the Beemer Brief.)

The Spring banquet is not far away and Jerry Sandine has graciously volunteered to find a place and menu choices. Would any of you be willing to help Jerry with this? This is a lot of work for one person to do by him or herself. Please give Jerry a call.

Parts is Parts

Scott Herrmann is looking for a K12RS front shock. (*Editor's Note:* Call Scott at 815-229-0221 or email him at steelersfan@scottherrmann.com).

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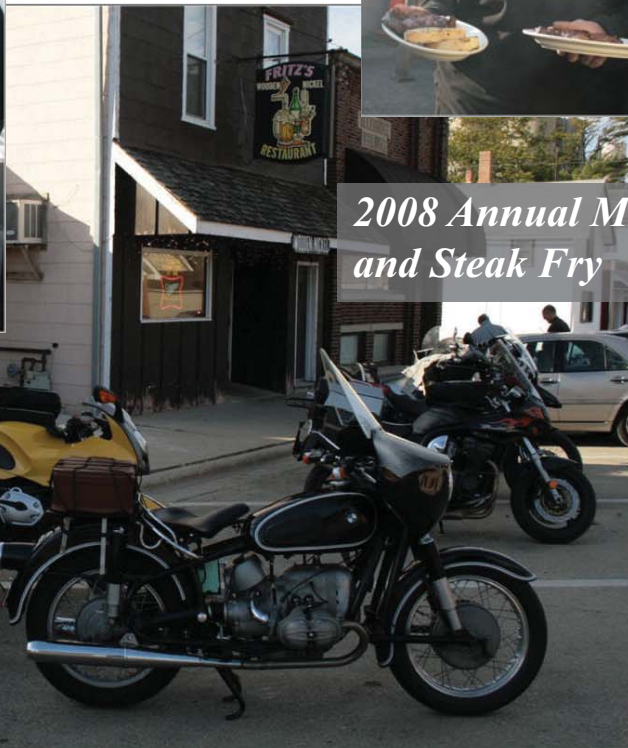
The next regular meeting is January 15th at Aunt Mary's.

Gary Pasch made a motion to adjourn and Dan Boone seconded it.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Ann Sluiter

Club Secretary



2008 Annual Meeting and Steak Fry



Our intrepid group ...

2008 MotoGP at Indy

*2nd place finisher,
American Nicky Hayden.*



*Race winner, and eventual
2008 World Champion,
Valentino Rossi.*



The winning pass ...



*Former GP star Randy
Mamola was giving rides ...*