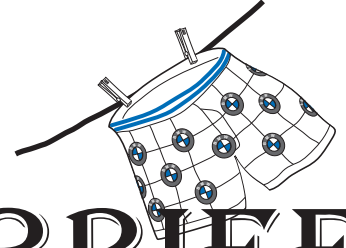


The Blackhawk

RIDERS' BRIEF



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January 2009

January Meeting

The first regular monthly meeting of 2009 will be held Thursday, 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.

Happy New Year!

All the officers of the Blackhawk Region BMW Association hope that you and your family had a wonderful Christmas, and wish you the best in 2009!

Christmas Party

On Sunday, December 14, we had our traditional Christmas Party at the Wooden Nickel in Stillman Valley. 35 people attended, including 29 members and their six guests. We had a buffet of carved-on-the-line roast beef, chicken, vegetable, soup, salad, and pudding. The cost for members was \$10, while non-members paid \$17, which was the actual cost of the meal. An assortment of dessert items were provided by the club.

As for activities, Connie Bradley conducted a hilarious game where she asked everyone a series of questions, and then used the answers to build a story. I've suddenly got a case of brain fade, so I can't recall the name of this kind of game, but it really loosened everybody up. Now, you all know the sort of characters who make up our club, so you can only imagine the weird story that resulted. Needless to say, it was strange, funny, astonishing, and maybe even a bit crude, in a fun sort of way. It was a big hit.

The game was followed by our traditional voluntary gift exchange. In past years we somehow had more ladies' gifts than we had ladies, or was it more guys' gifts than guys? In any case, you will be pleased to know that this year we didn't have any such mis-matches! Everyone walked away with something useful, or interesting, or just plain old unique!

Chicago Motorcycle Show

Thursday, January 15, the day of our next meeting, is the deadline for members looking for preferential seating for the club trip to the Chicato Motorcycle Show. Call Rolf before then (815-943-5650), or make your reservation at the January 15 meeting. After that date he will be opening up seats to non-members.

We will be making this trip on Sunday, February 8. The bus will leave at 8:30 a.m. from the parking lot of Forest City Plaza in Rockford (In front of the old Media Play, which is now a Toys R Us/Babies R Us) 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. It's a good deal, as the ticket alone is \$13 apiece, and that doesn't count the cost of parking, fuel, tolls, etc.

Next Month's Meeting: Thu, January 15

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Club Web Site

(www.blackhawkbmwclub.org)

I hope you've had a chance to visit our club's Web site and follow its progress. Since I last wrote about it in the December newsletter, Mike Gunderson, our Webmaster, has upgraded the banner and loaded new info onto the various pages on our site. There are now photos from the Steak Fry and the Old World Wisconsin ride, Jeff's address is now on the President's Corner page, the December newsletter is posted, and some interesting links are listed on the Cool Links page. Above all that, Mike has added a Club Calendar page, where we have started to list coming events for 2009. On that page you can also view and download our 2009 calendar, either in black and white, or in color. For those of you who've always wanted a color calendar, you can copy this file to your computer and then have it printed at Kinko's or elsewhere.

I'd like to thank Mike for the time he put into the Web site, in spite of the busy holiday season. As I said in last month's newsletter, please keep in mind that the Web site

will be completed as Mike and I have time. We will work on the highest-priority parts first, namely the Flea Market/MotoExpo section, and the other parts will be completed later, as time allows.

So, come visit YOUR Web site often, to check on what's there, and share in its progress.

2009 Calendar

If you haven't purchased your copy of the 2009 calendar yet, I have a number of them available. We sold out of the first batch of 30 copies pretty quickly, and I ordered an additional 20. As of this writing I have 15 left. You can purchase one at the January 15 meeting, or call me to make other arrangements.

Looking ahead to next year's (2010) calendar, I will be offering the printing of a color version as an option, along with the inexpensive black and white one, in case anyone is interested. I will have more details towards the end of this year, but it looks like we can get them printed for about \$16 apiece.

Flea Market/MotoExpo Committee

Our Flea Market/MotoExpo Committee met on January 10 to begin planning for our April 2009 event. The discussion was led by Earve Brauer, our committee chair, and many good ideas were tossed about. Earve will have a report at the January 15 meeting.

Spring Banquet

Jerry Sandine is working on the Spring banquet, looking for a place and menu choices. If any of you are willing to help Jerry, please give him a call at 815-970-2047 (cell).

Parts is Parts

I believe Scott Herrmann is still looking for a K12RS front shock. If you have one for sale, call Scott at 815-229-0221 or email him at steelersfan@scottherrmann.com.

Meeting Minutes

There are no meeting minutes in this issue of the newsletter because per tradition, we did not have a business meeting at the Christmas Party, our December gathering.





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