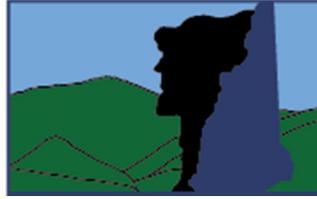

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Granite State Riders



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The Newsletter of the Granite State BMW Riders

An independent club based in New Hampshire for people who are interested in BMW motorcycles. You don't have to own a BMW or be a resident of New Hampshire to join us, but expect to be surrounded by people who own and enjoy BMW motorcycles !

It has been a pretty good year for BMW motorcycles!



MCN 2017 Retro Motorcycle of the Year, R Nine T Urban G/S



MCN 2017 Tourer Motorcycle of the Year, R1200 RT

November 2017

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President's Desk

Where does the time go?! I cannot believe we are coming up on November already. Some of my time keeps getting sucked up by work and I'm getting tired of it. But it is inspiring me to give pretty serious thought to taking a long riding trip next summer. It's been a few years and I'll actually have enough vacation time to take a decent amount of time off.

Our Board meeting on Oct. 21 was busy and we got a lot done. One of the things that came to light is that there are quite a few folks who have not yet renewed their memberships. Please get this done because we LIKE you!

Chris Benda reported that the Treasury is healthy at \$4,417.19 as of October 21, 2017.

At this meeting we came up with aggressive plans to increase advertising for our rally (which, by the way, is September 14-16, 2018). We have already gotten the contract from Purity Spring with pricing and we are ready to move ahead with it. This is so we can get our rally info and prices out there early so people can plan ahead. We have usually waited until our spring Board meeting to do all this but this hasn't really been working and Purity Spring is very much behind our efforts to have our rally attendance go up. Because of some regional advertising from the MOA this year we did see an uptick in attendance at this year's rally. (We also made money! Not much, but a little which is encouraging.)

We also got plans under way for our annual Winter Bash. It will be held again at the **Red Blazer in Concord. It is on Sunday, January 28, 2018, from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM.** Elsewhere in the newsletter there is further info and a registration form for the Bash. Registration is due to Harry Pendexter no later than January 10, 2018. We will be having a Yankee Swap which is always entertaining (keep to a \$10 to \$15 price range please). Mr. T is still missing.... Hmmmmm. Come in out of the cold and join us for the Bash! (This is the weekend in between the regular NFL season/playoffs and Superbowl weekend so there is no reason to not come and enjoy the good food and good company.)

We have also decided to get going again with club shirts (many thanks to Vince for getting this going!). Contact Vince at gsmwr@outlook.com for details.

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At the Oct. 21 meeting we had nominations/volunteering for Board positions. Mike Fugere received only one nomination prior to the meeting and it was for someone who is no longer a club member. In response to there being no nominations, almost the entire Board volunteered to remain in their respective positions for another year and Ron accepted a nomination to also stay in his role as a Director. Such were the nominations. The **elections** of Club Officers and Directors will occur at our next meeting. Nominations/volunteering are as follows:

Louise Bendix – President for another year.

Jim Herrick – Vice-President for another year.

Vince Chase – Secretary for another year.

Chris Benda – Treasurer for another year.

Harry Pendexter – Director for another year.

Chuck Otto – Director for another year.

Ron Beckley – Director for another year.

The next Board meeting is Saturday, November 18, 2017, at Chen Yang Li in Bow, NH. Lunch starts at Noon, meeting starts at approximately 1:00 p.m.

This month our club has our regular monthly Meet and Eats:

Saturday, November 4th - First Saturday Breakfast at Parker's Maple Barn in Mason at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, November 12th - Second Sunday Brunch at Sunset Grill in West Campton at 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, November 15th - Third Wednesday Dinner at Locals Restaurant & Pub, 15 Lafayette Rd., No. Hampton at 6:00 p.m.
(603) 379-2729
GPS: N42° 59.956 W070° 48.757.

Stay warm!

Louise

2018 Rally Countdown Begins...

The 2018 GSBMWR rally is only about

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days away!

Details will be coming in the newsletter this winter—so stay tuned and save the dates (September 14-16, 2018) !!

Tales From the Roadside—GPS

After many years of using paper maps in the map pocket of my tankbag, I finally joined the 21st century and purchased a **Garmin Zumo 395LM**. I was attracted to the unit because of its reportedly “motorcycle friendly” route planning and because we had generally good experiences with our Garmin Nuvi in the family car. The 395LM comes with a suction cup kit for car use as well as some ball-mount hardware for mounting on most motorcycles, but unfortunately the included motorcycle hardware didn’t work so well for my Kawasaki or my R65LS. I’ve ordered more hardware from GPS City and will give a follow up review soon.

Overall, the unit acquires satellites well and the display is clear, bright, and visible in all but the brightest light. Voice directions have decent volume, and the map graphics are pretty good. Touch controls work fine with my summer riding gloves. It will pair with various Bluetooth devices, but I haven’t done much with that feature yet. Where I encounter some aggravation is generally in the area of software settings—both default values, as well as software behavior I wish could be controlled better. Whoever decided the default setting for turning off the display after 2 minutes of running, making it appear the unit has shutoff, was a dufus, IMO. Fortunately it can be set to “Never” and works better that way. Certain warnings can be disabled, but others cannot, and they cover up the “Street XYZ just ahead” message to tell me that there is a school somewhere within a 1/2 mile radius. These things are irritating, but I can tolerate them.

I also welcome hearing from other club members who have experience with this, or similar products. If you have a motorcycle related product review (good or bad) that you’d like to share with the club, contact me and we’ll work out the details!

GSBMWR Annual Bash

(Rain, Snow, Sleet, or Shine)

When: **Sunday, January 28, 2018**

Where: **The Red Blazer in Concord, NH**, 72 Manchester Street,
Concord, NH at Exit 13 on Rte. 93

Directions: <http://www.theredblazer.com/directions.php>

Time: **1:00 to 5:00 PM in the Blazer Room**

Cost: **\$20.00 per person. What a bargain! Cash Bar**

The Annual Bash is when we greet, and say “hello,” to our newly elected officers and board members. Also, it’s the time where we all get together to talk about our riding season and speculate about what to do in the next riding season.

Whatever the reason, come and join us! We’ll have great food, friends, acquaintances, and even the usual **Yankee Swap** that so many of us enjoy. Yes, the **Yankee Swap** sure does make for some laughs. So find a gift. A silly gift is good and so is something motorcycle related from one of our advertisers, as is a bottled beverage. Use your imagination. How much should you spend for a gift? \$10 to \$15 is a good guide.

DETAILS: Food will be a Buffet consisting of: Appetizers, entrees, side dishes, dessert. Bring a guest if you like!

Registration Info

Member name: _____
\$20.00

Guest name: _____
\$20.00

Total \$ _____

To register mail a check made out to GSBMW to:
Harry Pendexter
PO Box 557
Center Conway, NH 03813

Write “BASH” on the check memo. Register no later than **January 10, 2017**.

Or you can send Harry an email at harryp@roadrunner.com

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Notes From Cyberspace

For those of you who would like to find gasoline without the added ethanol, Wayne Davis shared this website where you can look up pure gas in your area-unfortunately none are near me. <https://www.pure-gas.org/>

And, a smart-phone app that could help in an emergency first aid situation: www.redcross.org/news/article/Red-Cross-First-Aid-App-Can-Help-Save-Lives

Want more than 2-wheel stability but don't want to lose the motorcycle-leaning ability? Yamaha's radical new Niken may be what you need! <https://www.autoblog.com/2017/10/26/yamaha-niken-leaning-three-wheeled-motorcycle/>



In an effort to improve the "front page" appeal of the Granite Beemer, we are trying out a bit of a new look. Feel free to let me know if you like it, or not, or other suggestions you may have.

As always, if you have newsletter feedback, article ideas or club-related information that you would like to share with the group, please contact the editor at : mafugere@tds.net

Jim Pidgeon

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GSBMWR Membership Form

Membership runs from 6/1 to 5/31. If you join after January 1st, membership does not expire until the following year.

Date: _____ New Member _____ Renewal _____

GSBMWR No. _____ Information/Address change: Yes No

I want to join/renew for 1 year (\$20.00) or 3 years (\$55.00)

Associate member for 1 year (\$10.00) or 3 years (\$30.00)

Member's Name: _____

Associate's Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

BMWRA # _____ BMWMOA # _____ AMA# _____

Other Clubs: _____

Year/Model Bike(s): _____

Do you want to be in the club directory? Yes ___ No ___

Mail completed form and check payable to GSBMWR to:

GSBMWR

PO Box 169

Winchester, NH 03470

For office use only:

Amount Rec'd: _____ Entered in DB _____ Card/decal sent _____

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