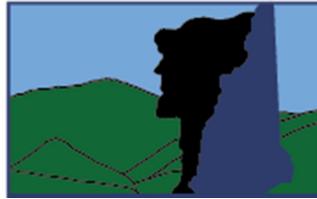

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The Newsletter of the Granite State BMW Riders

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 !



Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa, and
Happy New Year!

December 2018

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President's Desk

And another year has flown by! Everything seems to go faster the older I get. Usually I get my bike into winter storage before the first snow. This year that didn't happen so I had to get a lot of snow clearing done so that my bike could get from the garage to the van. I am always bummed when I say good-bye to my sweet toy. I will be ecstatic to see her in the spring. On the up side, I now have room to sling bags of pellets around so I have fired up the pellet stove to keep the room that has my plants in it warm. Keeps me warm, too. I read a lot in that room during the winter months

We have made plans for our annual **Winter Bash**. It will be held at the Red Blazer in Concord. It is on **Sunday, January 27, 2019, from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM**. There is a new price for the Bash – it is now \$15.00 per person – which is a reduction in the price. Harry Pendexter is our Host and your Registration should be sent to him. Elsewhere in the newsletter there is further info and a registration form for the Bash. We will be having a Yankee Swap which is always entertaining (keep to a \$10 to \$15 price range, please). Come inside, 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 every reason to come and enjoy the good food and good company.

Elections for the Board have shaken out this way:

Vince Chase – President / Secretary

Jim Herrick - Vice-President

Chris Benda - Treasurer

Harry Pendexter - Director

Chuck Otto - Director

Louise Bendix - Director

Please support Vince as he takes on the role of being our President as well as our Secretary. He volunteered to take on the position of President in addition to Secretary because he believes that we have a good club and wants to see it be healthy and happy. The role of "herding cats" is not easy, so play nicely!

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November still has two of our regular monthly Meet and Eats:

Saturday, December 1st - First Saturday Breakfast at Parker's Maple Barn in Mason at 9:00 a.m. (weather permitting, snow or ice calls it off). This is the last one for this year. It will return in March or April depending on the weather.

Sunday, November 9th - Second Sunday Brunch at Sunset Grill in West Campton at 11:00 a.m.

This will be my last monthly note for the newsletter. It's been a privilege to be the club's President for the past 4 years and to be Secretary for the 4 years prior to that. I've learned a lot about myself in each of these positions. I've also learned what a great group of people my fellow members are in the last 8 years and I wouldn't trade it for anything. There have been ups and downs but I have been constantly reminded that the club is full of good, intelligent people who share my enthusiasm for riding a motorcycle... especially a BMW motorcycle. I can be contacted at

rapunzelbmw@yahoo.com. To be very honest, I am looking forward to being "just a member".

Have a great holiday season! Stay warm and dry!

Louise

Tales From the Roadside

The fairly moist fall riding season this year definitely put a damper on my 2-wheeled fun the past few months, but let's hope that winter just comes in early and leaves early in the Spring! In the meantime, we can get the fluids changed, bikes cleaned up and adjusted, battery tenders hooked up, and stuff some copper or brass scouring pads into the air intakes to keep the darn critters from packing everything full of seeds.

One item that I was planning to get for fall riding was a 12V heated jacket liner, with connectors for heated gloves, from this company: <https://voltheat.com/collections/heated-jackets/products/12-volt-jacket-liner>

Unfortunately these were out of stock for quite a while (now in stock again), so I ended up getting a 7V heated base-layer shirt - thinking it could be useful for other activities off the bike as well. It uses small adjustable, rechargeable lithium batteries to heat panels on the back of the

nothing for your arms&hands. Still, keeping the core warm will probably work fine when I am plowing snow on the tractor, ice fishing, or working on the bikes in the cold garage. This base-layer shirt is made of a heavy spandex-type material and is made to fit somewhat snug over a light t-shirt. The sizing is fairly close to true, or perhaps slightly under-sized, but it is also kinda stretchy. Here is a link to what I have now:

<https://voltheat.com/collections/heated-mid-layers/products/tactical-7v-heated-base-layer>

I may still order the 12V jacket liner and gloves so I have them for the early spring riding season—I will write up a report if I do.

Back in October, I was stopped by a policeman for having an inoperative tail light on the old R100/7. The brake light filament still worked, but the wimpy taillight/license plate light filament was broken, leaving me completely invisible to traffic from behind in the October darkness unless I was braking. I got a replacement bulb the next morning, but decided I didn't want my safety relying on a \$2 bulb and its hair-thin single tungsten filament. I already had upgraded the R65LS with an all-LED (Beacon-2) tail light and Omega Diode Board from Motorrad-Elektrik and have been totally pleased with them, so I ordered an all LED Beacon-1 taillight replacement from the same folks (fits 70-78 BMW Airheads with 1 taillight bulb).

Installation was a snap, finished in about 10 minutes, and now my old taillight blazes brightly with dozens of bright LEDs on the old airhead. I HIGHLY recommend this upgrade to any airhead riders.

<http://www.motoelekt.com/lighting.htm>

I admit that I am still flirting with getting an ADV-type bike-though that would likely mean having to give up my trusty old Kawasaki Concours to make room in the garage. If I take the plunge, I'm still not sure if it would be a "minimalist" Royal Enfield Himalayan, or a fancy new Moto Guzzi 850TT, or a BMW F850/750GS - they all have their pros & cons, for certain! How about YOU? Is Santa planning to bring you something new in gear or bikes for the 2019 riding season? If so, let me know about it, and consider sharing your experience with the rest of the gang!

GSBMWR Annual Bash

(Rain, Snow, Sleet, or Shine)

When: **Sunday, January 27, 2019**

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: **\$15.00 per person. On sale for Limited Time. 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. 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, and **Chocolate Mousse** for dessert.

. Bring a guest if you like (spouse, SO, or a friend)

Member name: _____
\$15.00

Guest name: _____
\$15.00

Total \$ _____

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

Write “BASH” on the check memo.

Register no later than **January 10, 2019**.

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

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Notes From Cyberspace

Still need Holiday Gift Ideas? Rider Magazine has a guide that may help:

<http://read.uberflip.com/i/1054385-holiday-buyers-guide-2018>

Readers of the newsletter know that one of my BMWs is a 1982 Hans Muth-designed 1982 R65LS. For 2020, Suzuki has already unveiled its revival of their 1980s Hans-Muth styled bike, the Suzuki Katana—looks pretty sweet! How about it, BMW-Motorrad?

<https://www.motorcyclistonline.com/2020-suzuki-katana-first-look-review>

Barrington Motor Works has started a YouTube channel with informational videos on their work and on vintage BMW air-heads: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFmoJw_KJMVZfWbAkBcqyOw



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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: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

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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:

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