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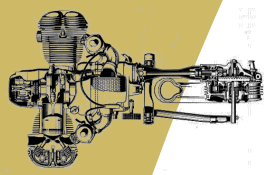
Newsletter
Pikes Peak BMW Riders

BMW Motorcycle Club
Pikes Peak Road Riders



PrezNotes... From our president Scott Hellzen

Focus Areas

- Membership registration and growth
- Fill openings for two event committee members
- Plan our events for 2022
- Get going on our regular meet-ups (see below)

First off, thanks to everyone who made our initial group meeting. As we reboot our PPBMWR group during the coming months we will be focusing on membership registration and growth, filling vacant office positions and planning our events for 2022.

Group Meetings

Monthly, 8:15 am
3rd Wed of the month
at The Buttermilk Eatery
13152 Bass Pro Drive

Link to Buttermilk Eatery

Next group meeting
Jan 16, 8:15 am

Between now and our January meeting, I ask everyone to think about these three areas.

First, if you've not yet done so, either mail in your registration dues or do so at our January meeting. We have mailing instructions later in this newsletter.

Sunday Breakfasts

Beginning Jan 23, 2022
Every Sunday (except Group Mtg Sunday) 8:30 am at The Coffee Cup Café, 251 Front Street, Monument

Group Rides often follow (weather permitting)

Next Meet-up
Jan 23, 8:30 am

Second, spread the word. Bring friends who ride or want to ride. We welcome all riders, not just BMW riders.

Third, be thinking about past events that you would like to see brought back in 2022. Also, bring up ideas for new events & rides.

We also need to decide when to schedule these events. For example, our annual camp out event has historically been the first week of June. This past meeting, we were invited to a campout event being organized by the Colorado BMW group. However, that event is also scheduled for the first week of June. Do we want to participate with them and if so, when would we schedule our event?

In January we will begin our regular get togethers.

On the 3rd Sunday of each month, we will have our group meeting beginning at 8:15am at the Buttermilk Eatery (13152 Bass Pro Drive).

On other Sunday mornings (beginning on Jan 23) we will meet for breakfast; 8:30am at the Coffee Cup in Monument.

Details on monthly Thursday Night Dinners are still in planning stages. Let us know of restaurants you think would work for us.

Related to Sunday meetings, we want to put together a Sunday ride calendar. If you have a favorite route how about leading it on a Sunday? We can then rotate leaders and see some new places. If needed, we can have breakfast closer to the starting point. It could be on road/off road or both for the same day. So, pick a Sunday and route and let us know.

Let me know your thinking on any of these topics at any time. Feel free to send me an email (hellzs01@yahoo.com), a text message (612-275-7759), a Facebook message or give me a call or drop by the shop to discuss. I will gather your input and share it with everyone.

I am excited that we are ramping back up.

Here's to a great 2022 for our Pikes Peak BMW Riders group!

BMW MOA News...

Celebrate 50 Years of the MOA

2022 MOA Rally is set for June 16-18 in Springfield, Missouri.

Registration opens Dec 1, 2021

Follow this link for more info: MOA Rally

Other MOA Events

Follow this link for MOA Events Calendar

Other MOA Web Links

can be found on page 5 of this newsletter.

2022 BMW MOA National Rally is set for June 16-19 in Springfield Missouri.

Ideas from various motorcycle on-line forums

Vice Grips

I use a pair of vice grips to pound in my tent stakes if needed instead of a hammer. The vice grip has a multitude of other uses compared to a hammer and they weigh less. ie. temporary foot peg, gear shift, handle bar , camera mount, tooth puller (just kidding) clamping anything etc. The vice grips pull the stakes easily as well.

Turn signals & lane changes

I have always felt comfortable when I see another vehicle using their blinkers a few seconds before they change lanes. So when I'm passing vehicles, I start with putting my blinker on first and then reset my hands on the handle bars. Only after my blinkers have been on and I've checked other traffic again, that I shift lanes. This gives other drivers a few seconds of notice, plus my arms and hands are in proper position for any emergency during the lane shift. Road surface changes vary quite a bit when changing lanes, so I'm always prepared.

Colorado GS Girls...

Connect with fellow dual sport female riders in Colorado for rides, campouts and general diggin' in the dirt and canyon carvin' kinda fun!

We are a women-centric group who also like to promote mentorship, education, and support. Welcome to your tribe.

Note: Facebook and Instagram links to Colorado GS Girls can be found on page 5 of this newsletter.

A Note from Susanna Parkhouse

Touring in the Swiss Alps

"Have an adventure to relate, riding tips, pictures, anything motorcycle related?

Send your newsletter submissions to Brent Berry"

berrybok@outlook.com

I am delighted to see the club waking up. It's been in quite a slumber – for the most part not of our own choosing. Hopefully, COVID is beginning to recede into the background, though it may never completely go away.

I have enjoyed being the Newsletter Editor for what seems a long time. I think at least 15 years or more qualifies as a "long time." I am happy to be turning the job over to Brent Berry. He is enthusiastic and willing to take on the job wholeheartedly. If you have a story or pictures you would like to share with the group, Brent is your man

One thing that happened to Matthew and me during the height of the pandemic was the absence of two six-week trips to Europe. We have bikes stored at Stefan Knopf's in Heidelberg, Germany.

In 2018 we traveled the Balkans and in 2019 we rode the Peloponnese (connected to Greece by a long bridge). In 2020 and 2021 we stayed home. As many of you know, we ride Airheads (R60 and R75) in Europe.

15 years ago, we shipped two R75s to Stefan's in Orlando (I do not advise riding from the Springs to Orlando in January). He put them in a container with many other bikes and off they went, across the ocean. We spent four months riding around Europe and North Africa, camping and hoteling it.

Then, Matthew got sick and we sold the bikes to an Australian as Matt did not think he would be able to make a trip like that again. Lo and behold, he recovered, and started looking for a couple of /5s to fix up and ship, once again, to Heidelberg (this time we trailered the bikes to El Paso. It still wasn't that warm and it did rain but it was bearable. In Louisiana I had boudin for the first time). We met Stefan in Orlando and loaded up the bikes.

Thus, the trips in 2018 and 2019. Thus, the absence of trips in 2020 and 2021. Our plan is to ride here and there in 2022 in the States, weather permitting, until September. We will then fly to Frankfurt, pick up the bikes and head out. Where is not clear yet. This will probably be the last trip. There is a guy in Denver, Francoise, who wants to buy the bikes. As his name indicates, he's French and has plans for the bikes.

As a pitch for the Newsletter, again – have an adventure to relate, riding tips, anything motorcycle related? Brent's your man.

Susanna Parkhouse
Secretary

2022 Registration Dues

Membership year is Jan 1 thru Dec 31. Full year dues are $20 for an individual and $25 for a household.

For new member applications follow this link to our web site JoinTheClub

Instructions for Paying Your Registration Dues

Cash is fine. If paying by check make check payable to: **Pikes Peak BMW Riders**

You can pay dues at group meetings or mail to

Pikes Peak BMW Riders
1129 West Pikes Peak Ave
Colorado Springs, CO 80904

2017 Club Picture, Pikes Peak BMW Road Riders

Postal Mailing Address
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As stated in our by-laws, our purpose is to provide for the social and educational advancement of our members, the dissemination of general and mechanical information concerning BMW motorcycles, events, the encouragement of sportsman-like conduct, courtesy, safety and the furtherance of public respect for all motorcycles and their riders.

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Introduction to… Scott, our new President

Scott & Ana Hellzen

Hello everyone I am Scott Hellzen the president of Pikes Peak BMW Riders Club. My wife, Ana, and I bought our first BMW in 2003 which was a 1998 RT. She enjoys riding on the back of the RT and we have put many miles on the three we have owned.

I have been a member of MOA since 2003 and member of various riding clubs, currently three years with this club.

I spent 21 years in the Air Force traveling the world. After retiring from there I found my niche 9 years ago, working for a BMW Dealership.

I have had numerous BMW's and now ride a '16 RT and '09 F800GS. I also bicycle and downhill ski when not riding.

I currently work at Colorado Springs Powersports where I enjoy working in the service department.

Web Links to Pertinent Area Organizations	
Organization	**Web Links**
Pikes Peak BMW Road Riders Assoc	*Our Pikes Peak BMW Riders Organization*
Web Site	Pikes Peak BMW Riders | Main Site
Facebook Group Page	Pikes Peak BMW Riders | Facebook
BMW MOA	*National BMW Motorcycle Owners Association*
Web Site	BMW MOA | Main Site
Forums	BMW MOA | Forums
Facebook Group Page	BMW MOA | Facebook
Colorado GS Girls	*Colorado group focused on Girls and GS Motorcycles*
Facebook Group Page	Colorado GS Girls | Facebook
Instagram Site	Colorado GS Girls | Instagram
Area BMW Dealers	*BMW Dealerships in the area*
Colorado Springs POWERSPORTS	Colorado Springs POWERSPORTS | Main Site 945 Motor City Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 809905 719-635-3004
BMW of Denver	BMW of Denver | Main Site 10350 E Easter Ave, Centennial, CO 801112 303-755-6400

Info about "Links"

Links In General: A link is a way of navigating to a location, either on the internet or within a document. When seen on a web page or within a compatible document (such as this newsletter) the link is presented as underlined text of a different color, usually blue. When using a computer mouse and your cursor hovers over a link, the cursor will usually change to a pointing finger, something like this.

At that time, you can click on the link and you will be diverted to the *linked* location either on the internet or within the document you are viewing. If you are *linked* to a site on the internet, your web browser will be opened (if not already opened) and you will then be surfing the web with your browser, beginning at the *linked* web site.

Facebook Links: There is nothing special about Facebook links. Basically, Facebook is just another web site on the internet. Facebook is known as a social media site. That is, it's functionality is geared toward social interactions among individuals, organizations and groups of people and/or organizations.

As an individual, when you join Facebook, you will be assigned your own *profile* where you can post comments that may be seen by others on Facebook. These comments may also include pictures, videos and links to other locations. Facebook also constructs a *news feed* unique for you, using Facebook algorithms to discern information you might be interested in based on who are your Facebook friends, what Facebook Groups you are a member of and what kinds of activities you undertake on Facebook.

Facebook Groups are meant to bring together individuals around a common topic or interest. Some groups are public, open to anyone on Facebook. Some groups are private, only open to and visible to Facebook members who are approved by a group administrator.

When you click on a link to a Facebook Group (see table above), one of two things will happen. (1) If your are a member of Facebook and if you are also logged into Facebook, you will simply be directed to the linked group's page on Facebook. (2) If you are not a member of Facebook or if you are a member who is not logged into Facebook, you will be taken to a web page where you can either log in (if already a member) or you can join Facebook (if not already a member).