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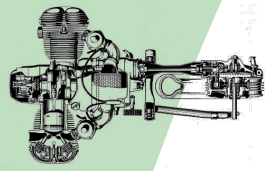
Newsletter
Pikes Peak BMW Riders

BMW Motorcycle Club
Pikes Peak Road Riders



Monthly Group Mtg
3rd Sunday of each month, 8:15am at The Buttermilk Eatery 13152 Bass Pro Drive, COS (map)

Next group meeting
April 17, 8:15 am

Monthly Dinner Out
2nd Thurs of each month, meet-up at 6:30pm

Next Dinner Out
April 14, 6:30pm
Edelweiss German Restaurant, 34 East Ramona Avenue, COS (map)

Click to -> RSVP

Sunday Meetups
Breakfast meetups every Sunday (except Group Mtg Sunday) 8:30am, at The Coffee Cup Café, 251 Front Street, Monument (map)

Group Rides often follow (weather permitting)

Next Meet-up
March 27, 8:30 am

PrezNotes... From our president Scott Hellzen

Hello everyone, the weather is getting better and that means more people trying to get out. Be safe and aware because the cars are not used to us yet.

We have been looking at a September campout, Tim is working on a spring camp out and also a picnic this spring. If you have any input please let us know.

Otherwise the Thursday night dinners have been good and so have the Sunday meetings. We can use some ideas for summer rides.

~Scott

Our google group...

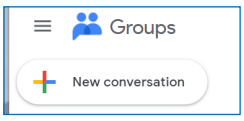
What is google groups? The main idea of this tool is to be a place where people can interact with others that share the same interests.

According to google, it's a tool where *"you can send an email to everyone in a group with one address or invite a group to an event. You can also create an online forum to discuss topics of interest to the group"*.

What can we do with Google Groups? There are two main features available to our google group.

Email list—a google group is essentially a list of email addresses for people who share a common interest. Our group is comprised of all active club members. Our group's common email address is pikespeakbmwriders@googlegroups.com. An email sent to this address will be forwarded to everyone in our group.

Discussion Board—It's the first reason why google groups was created... a web forum where the group members can interact with conversation threads. Any member of our group can start a new conversation from the group's web interface by clicking the *New conversation button* as shown here.

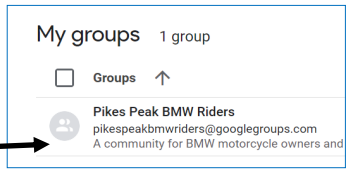


Any time a new conversation takes place, group members may be sent an email notification, depending on each member's personal settings. By default, everyone's settings are such that each member will get an email anytime a new conversation takes place. The various settings available to you as a group member will be a topic for a future newsletter.

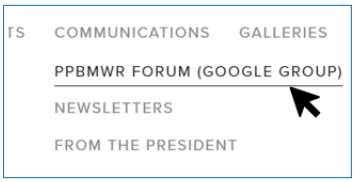
Because our club's website is not capable of implementing a discussion forum, previous webmasters attempted to overcome this by setting-up a google group for our club. We are considering moving to another web system that will support a forum, but for now, we have endeavored to synch up our google group with our current active membership in order to facilitate us using the discussion board and email capabilities of google groups.

Am I required to have a gmail account to use google groups?
No. You must have a *google account* if you want to log into the group's web interface, but it's fine to use your preferred *email address* (aol, outlook, hotmail, iCloud, etc). You don't have to create a separate *gmail address*. Stated another way, you are not required to have a *gmail address*, in which case you still need a *google account* that is linked to the *email address* you want to use.

How do I access our google group's web interface?
With your web browser, you may navigate to https://groups.google.com/my-groups where you will be shown a list of all google groups you are a member of. If your google account is linked to the same email address as exists in our google group, you should see our group in that list. Select the group **Pikes Peak BMW Riders** and you will be directed to the web interface for our google group.



So that you don't have to remember the google groups' web address, we've added a navigation link on our website. From our site's menu, select *COMMUNICATIONS/PPBMWR FORUM (GOOGLE GROUP)* as shown here and you will be directed to the google groups' web interface as described above.



Note: Apologies for all this internet tech-speak. Doesn't have much to do with riding does it? I've seen comments in several forums indicating that there can be bugs when new group members try to access a google group they've previously been assigned to by a group admin. So, if you attempt to access our group's web interface and it does not work for you, send an email to Brent Berry and we will work together to try to get you going.

Survey Results…

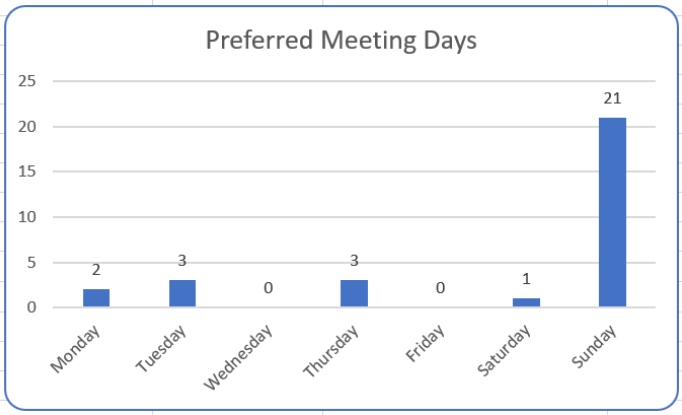
We recently conducted an online survey regarding when to hold our monthly club meetings.

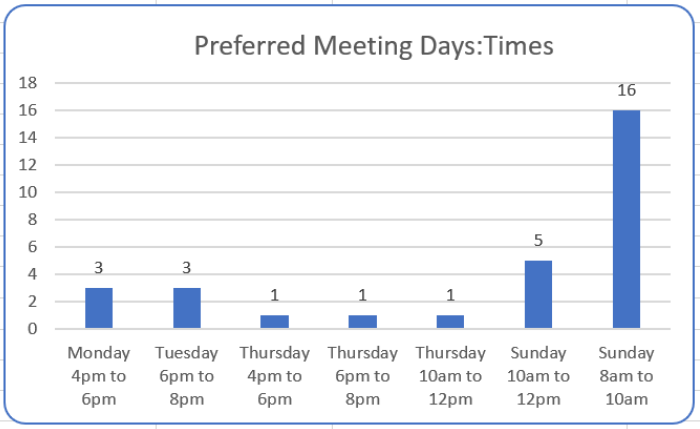
With thanks to those who participated, we can report that the results indicate our current meeting day and time is the best, all things considered.

We will continue to meet at 8:15am on the third Sunday of each month.

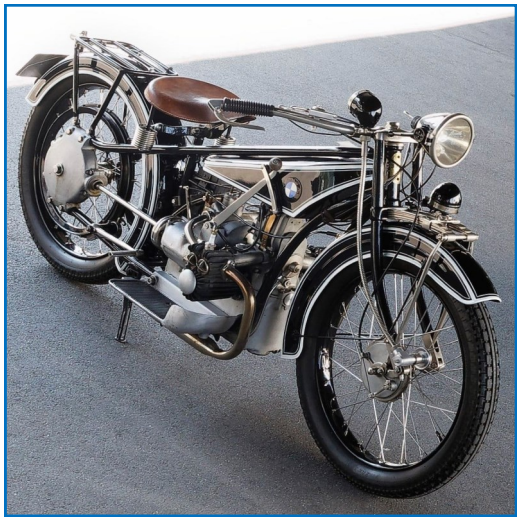
Results are summarized in graph form here. If you want to see the detailed results contact Brent Berry.

Number of survey participants = 30





A Bit of History....



1918: WWI is over and Germany sets about licking its wounds. Production of aero engines is promptly prohibited, robbing the recently established Bayerische Motoren Werke AG of its only product line. New ideas are required. The logical place to start is with engines, given the ready supply of production facilities and skilled workers.

Having provided impressive evidence of his engineering skill with the IIIa aero engine, next up for Max Fritz was a new motorcycle engine. Max moved a large drawing board into the guest room of his house opposite the plant site and went to work. In December 1922, he revealed his new design. Its signature feature was a *boxer* engine, whereby its cylinders lay horizontally to the direction of travel. For generations of riders ever since, BMW motorcycles and boxer engines have been inextricably linked. Fritz favored a robust cardan-shaft drive over a chain or belt, and bolted the gearbox directly to the engine.

The result was a refreshingly harmonious motorcycle, one which was immediately well received. It was unveiled to the public as *The touring bike from Bayerische Motoren Werke,* but known in-house as the R 32.

Ideas from various motorcycle forums

Check the weather and know your limits

Then check again

To be a safe rider, we need to plan. It takes time to plan a safe ride, and concessions are often made by cautious motorcyclists. Last year, I spent a week riding from Denver to Las Vegas in October. And it was lightly snowing. I was wearing rain gear and ski gloves and I wasn't afraid of some light snow. I had spent three months planning for this ride, using the REVER app to plan the route, and Dark Sky to check the weather. But the weather changed daily. So, I needed to re-plan and reroute. Every day. Before bed each night I'd review the forecast, and plan the route. I'd repeat this in the morning. Rain and snow can move in quickly, and if we properly anticipate them, we can make safe decisions. Need to cancel a hotel? It's worth it. Have to catch a later flight? It's worth it. The small financial impact of these choices can save your life.

Remember, you're invisible: ride defensively

Do you know what the most common phrase a driver says after a collision with a motorcyclist? *"I didn't even see him."* Drivers are trained to see other cars, not bikes. And because of our narrow profile, we often find ourselves in an auto's blind spot. The best way to ride is defensively. Pretend nobody sees you. Do your best to predict driver behavior (or at least expect the worst). Don't stop looking, thinking, scanning your mirrors, and being alert. We are frequently invisible.

To Rise or Not To Rise

Thanks to PPBMWR member Chris Dorsett who submitted this informative youtube video on what you need to know about motorcycle handlebar risers for your ADV bike

click/tap here to -> view video

Introduction to… Theresa, our Treasurer

My name is Theresa Henderson and I am the new treasurer for the Pikes Peak BMW Road Riders Club here in Colorado Springs.

I was born in North Dakota and went to college in Helena, MT where I met my husband, Dean at Mr. Lucky's. We have been married 42 years and have had many adventures along the way. We moved to Colorado Springs in 1986 from Montana with our two young children for a job with the phone company. Our kids are grown and we now have three grandsons to fill our days. I love my 'Grandma time' and will travel to spend time with them whenever I can.

Theresa & Dean
Moab 2018

Dean introduced me to the motorcycle world early in our relationship. We enjoy all types of motorcycling and have been involved with motocross, supercross, enduros, road riding and touring. I have been asked why I don't ride my own bike, well quite frankly, I enjoy all that I see and experience without having to worry about paying attention. I have a very good rider in front of me and with me being 'a pillion rider', we compliment each other really well. We have owned many brands of motorcycles and reminisce about our trips and all the wonderful people we have met along the way.

Dean & I are retired now, and enjoy riding our 2018 BMW K1600 B on day trips, long weekend getaways and have become 'rally rats' as we travel around the country meeting old and new friends. We are looking forward to the warmer weather and getting a few more motorcycle miles on the bike.

March dinner night at Rudy's Country Store & Bar-B-Q
Great food, great folks and a great time

2017 Club Picture, Pikes Peak BMW Road Riders

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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