

Big Sioux Rider – January 2010

As Big Sioux Rider Secretary for 2010, I'm not doing formal meeting minutes, but I am trying to send out a less than formal summary regularly. There were a lot of things going on and being discussed at the January meeting. Hopefully I haven't missed anything. I'll also add a few more details which have become apparent since then. If you have items to add for next month, email me at: brion.hase@gmail.com.



Jones'n Party: As tradition holds, there will be no February meeting, but rather the Martin's are throwing their Annual Jones'n Party on Saturday, February 27th. All club members and their guests are welcome. Its pot luck, so club members, their guests, and the usual suspects are to bring dishes and treats. Party runs from 6 to 9 PM. Steve can be contacted at stevem@siouxlan.net or (712) 239-7170.

Shonley Campout: Doug and Nancy Rae Shonley are planning a campout on July 10th for the club at their estate on Hwy 14 between Deadwood and Sturgis. This will be on the way to the National BMW MOA rally in Bend Oregon (July 14-17). You can also skip the national and visit the Shonleys for a weekend with friends and riding in the Black Hills. The Shonley's are trying to gauge the interest, so if you interested, please contact Doug and Nancy Rae at douglas@shonley.com or (605) 347-5006 prior to June 1st.

Ma & Pa's Grand Eatery Tour: The club is working out all the details its own Grand Tour but here is what we have so far.

Purpose of the tour is:

1. Give folks a good reason to go out and ride some new places.
2. Get folks to try some of local cuisine while out riding.
3. Build a database of Ma & Pa stops to go out riding too.
4. Raise some money for charity.

Cost will be \$10/rider or passenger. Half the money raised will go to Opportunities Unlimited, the rest will be split up among the participants (1st, 2nd and 3rd place, and then maybe some "special" awards). Placing will be determined by total points.

Rules:

1. You are only allowed to one restaurant per village, town, city or hamlet.
2. Each restaurant must be a local, one-of-a-kind Ma & Pa type restaurant. If Ma & Pa own two restaurants by the same name, that's a chain and it cannot be counted. For example, there is a Minnerva's both in Sioux Falls and Sioux City, so that a chain.
3. You get one point for a photo of the restaurant with the restaurant's sign and you bike both being clearly visible. You have to upload the photo onto a website which we will provide and give the city and state to get credit. If you can't upload the photo, find or bribe someone who can do it for you. We'll provide the website this spring.
4. You get one point for ordering something to eat at the restaurant, and then filling out a survey about the restaurant on our website later. The survey will be very simple (less than 10 questions). We'll have a printable version you can take copies of with you on the road.

5. The content will begin the April 15th and end on October 15th. You on your honor not to start before then.

Trivia: President Stan had some trivia questions at the meeting from www.mytravelguide.com. Steve Martin had the closest answer all three questions and won all the prizes.

1. How many restaurants are there in Iowa? Answer 2,826
2. How many restaurants are there in Nebraska? Answer 1,699
3. How many restaurants are there in South Dakota? Answer 831

Moving. VP Susie and spouse Steve announced they are moving in a couple months to a new home in South Sioux City.

S1000RR. Bak BMW has received an S1000RR and its on the floor. Get down and see it before it's gone.

Other Notes:

International Motorcycle Show - Feb. 5-7. BMW will not be there this year, but many other vendors will be. It's a great place to get ideas, see new stuff, and get sizing for new gear.

Autobahn Annual club meeting has been rescheduled due to a snow storm to Feb 27th at Tail Gators in Brandon, SD. Contact Chad Gillen (bmwr1150r@sio.midco.net) for details.

Bak BMW's Spring Open House will be March 27th. Let's hope the weather improves by then. <http://www.bakbmw.com/>

The Big Sioux Riders Mother's Day Campout Below the Dam... is below Ft. Randall Dam on May 8-9 this year. Book your cabins now: <http://tinyurl.com/yjp6sfj> - The campground name is "Randall Creek Recreation Area", we'll be camping near Cabins A & B.

The Flatlanders BMW Club in Omaha is running a Nebraska State Park Tour this year. There are 8 state parks in Nebraska which you have to visit. If you're interested, contact Tom Schleff (Tom@PRConline.com).

The Blitz to Branson is April 23-24 this year. There are several people from the club going again this year. This is probably one of the best times of the year to ride Arkansas and Southern Missouri. The weather is generally mild and there is little traffic and you can even drop in the Dick and Janice Edwards at their new home in Arkansas this year. Details on the BMWMOA.org forum (search Branson Blitz) or contact me.

The BMW MOA National will be at Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center in Redmond, Oregon July 15th-18th. If you want to volunteer, get a hold of Tom and see what is going on. If you are getting a hotel room, you better book it soon (<http://tinyurl.com/ycdkc57>).

The BMWRA Rally has been announced. It will be at Green Mountain Energy Park in Pownal, VT (<http://tinyurl.com/yc7xgjn>) July 29th - Aug 1st.

The Glacier Lake Motorcycle Club in Watertown, SD is taking signups for the 2010 Titanic Grand Tour. The AMA also adopted this event as their National Grand Tour last week as well. Being Siouxlanders, we may have a small advantage over some other folks this year. You need

towns which end with "burg", "berg", and "ton" (being how one iceberg sank thousands of tons of Titanic). Signup here: <http://www.glmc.org/grand-tour.html>

The GLMC is taking applications for the 2010 Bonzai Road Rally. This is a 12 hour rally out of Winona, MN. It's a great ride and a lot of fun, just don't let them trick you into running up to a fire tower like they did to me last year (640 steps to the tower, plus a second bonus 200 more steps up the tower itself). Details here: <http://www.glmc.org/bonzai.html>

The GLMC has announced they are running the MAC BBG Poker Run this year. It starts and ends in Watertown, SD. They are going for the world record and the record is currently 20 riders. The ride date is Labor Day weekend, September 5th. This is not your average type of poker run. I'll post more details later.

For those who are technology challenged or opposed (i.e. Luddites), the Minnesota Long Distance Riders are running the "Unplugged Rally" again this year on September 11th. This is a twelve hour treasure hunt without a GPS, auxiliary fuel, or a computer. They are rumored to be planning lots of border crossing and photo stops at government buildings this year with BBQ at the end. This rally may have been designed with Steve Martin in mind.