



# THE BEEMER READER

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## EDITOR'S SCRIBBLINGS OF 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2008 by Brian Radford

The November issue should have been printed on some substance more pleasing to the palate than paper. I am having to eat my nasty words concerning the November weather, which actually featured several excellent riding days. So I wish we had used sheets of Belgian chocolate or something other than plain paper. About 1/2 the membership turned out for the AGM which is not at all bad. Thanks are due, and duly rendered, to Klaus, Bob & Peter at the 'executive' table for a good year with some interesting rides and other motorcycle-related activities. We must also thank Bill for organizing the abundance of tasty Chinese food for our dinner. Furthermore I am hereby humbly acknowledging the kind words from many of the members at the meeting to Marjie & myself for our efforts with the Beemer Reader for the past year. The BMW RVI will soon celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, so there was some discussion at the AGM but no conclusions as to how we should mark the occasion. Your ideas are hereby solicited. Further to this see Chris Jones' article.

Although not December at the time of writing, it is time to wish one and all a Merry Christmas and a great year of riding in 2009. It is also time to pay your membership dues of \$15.00 which you can do by writing a cheque payable to BMW RVI and sending it to treasurer Peter Juergensen at the address shown elsewhere in this issue. I will be paying mine at the annual club salute to the 'The Rest of Canada' at Island View Beach at high noon on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2009 once again hosted by Bob Leitch, to whose home at 2986 Barrett Dr. in North Saanich we will trek after enjoying our share of balmy but not quite tropical breezes at Island View.

Recent new members include: Jack Clarke from Nanaimo, former member, Catherine Hobbs of Cobble Hill signed up again, Phil McKenzie Michael & Polawski both from Victoria and if I've missed any others I'm sorry and put it down to my advanced years.

As always your contributions to these pages are very welcome and you should not be reticent about your ability to put a paragraph together or to spell according to Webster. That is why you have an editor. So send it in and I will screw it up. That is what I am paid to do. See you at Island View.

**SUN. DEC 7<sup>TH</sup>, BREAKFAST CHEQUERED FLAG 9:30**

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Hello Brian,

Thank you for sending out the November issue of the Beemer Reader. I must say I quite enjoy your 'soup sandwich' and the monthly newsletter that finds its way into my inbox every four weeks or so. Being a new member of the club and only making it out to the Salt Spring breakfast so far I enjoy (with a little envy) hearing about what other riders are doing and what is going on within the club. We really are trying to make it out to more events and our minds are at the Saturday breakfasts and rides while our bodies are at soccer games with our kids!

Not only are we new members of the Vancouver Island BMW Riders Club, but we are also new to motorcycle touring. Our first trip was down to Monterey, California with our kids this past spring. We had an incredible trip and I've attached a couple of pictures. The learning curve for us was steep and we had quite a few lessons on riding with kids, where not to stay, what roads we should have been better prepared for, how to get really cheap parking in San Francisco and how to have a lot of fun!

Thank you for the time and effort you put into the newsletters, we appreciate being kept in the loop. We will try and make it out for the AGM!!

Cheers,

**Rhea Cavelti**



## ISLE OF VASHON TT

by Horst Unger

Perhaps the best known, or most prestigious event in the motorcycling world is the Isle of Man TT, or Tourist Trophy. It is almost twice as old as the Sturgis Rally, and with its racing pedigree surpasses the Paris-Dakar race as well.

Not as well known but infinitely more accessible to Pacific Northwest residents is the Isle of Vashon TT, a tongue-in-cheek named event, but a very serious event nonetheless, put on at the end of each summer by the VME (Vintage Motorcycling Enthusiasts) Club of Seattle.

The location is of course the normally peaceful Vashon Island between Seattle and Port Orchard, and can be accessed from Victoria by Coho ferry and then a smaller WA State ferry that gets you there. This year it was held Sunday, September 7th and close to 500 attendees were seen motoring off the ferries and enjoying a fabulous sunny day, with many vintage bikes in attendance but also many newer models to the chagrin of the purists.

Nonetheless, lots to see and do, Vashon itself is a fine destination and the roads are interesting if not too long. The local pub was also serving a breakfast buffet to the hungry bikers who came from near and far to partake of the event. Next years dates ? ... the VME keeps that a closely guarded secret but the Sunday after the September long weekend would be a very good bet :)



## **AN UPDATE**

**By Tom Thornton**

I was sorry to miss every BMWRVI event since the fire, most especially the AGM as I feel the club leadership and the members are owed an explanation for my absence and the stale website. We had actually just returned for a months sojourn to SE Australia.

Here is a bit of an up date.

It is now 9 months plus since the fire we are now told that we should be able to move into the house before the end of Jan 09.

As you might imagine we are pretty fed up with what seems like camping and are anxious to set up home again. Which means a giant shopping spree in the New Year which is not fun either.

I lost both of my big box computers due to smoke and water damage hence I have not been able to work on the club web pages.

Over the next week or so I will reinstall the software and to see if I can access the site to doing some overdue maintenance.

I have not addressed the big issue, the remnants of the bike. I will review this when we get resettled.

## **CLUB HISTORY**

**By Chris Jones**

The club was initiated on Oct 11. 1990. So, our anniversary will be in two years – Oct. 2010.

At the General Meeting, Nov 23, I suggested the date was next year. I was wrong.

Perhaps it is not too early to start planning place, time, events, commemorative T-shirts, etc.

Let's start putting a committee together now anyway. We have plenty of time to get input from all members as to how they would like to celebrate. I believe two have already consented to serve.

While I was searching my archives I thought I would share this tidbit:

Newsletter Editors:

Lawrence Keating 1990 and 91

Chris Jones 1992 –1994

Sally Harvey 1995-Apr 2000

James McFadyen May 2000 – 2001

Chris Jones 2002 –Apr 2005

Richard Gravel May 2005 – Dec 2005

Chris Jones 2006

Brian Radford 2007 -

We used to publish “profiles” of members. We haven't done that since 1995.

I believe someone has volunteered to take that on. Look for members photo and info in the newsletter soon.

(Ed. Note: How about a series of guest editorials from past editors?)

## **A NOTE FROM THE NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTOR**

**By Brian Davies**

It was brought up at the AGM that members were receiving the newsletter by email and post and some members did not wish the hard copy. I feel that a member's dues entitles that person to a mailed out copy of the newsletter. If a member is receiving a copy of the newsletter by email and does not want a mailed out version then please email me ([hekngon@uniserve.com](mailto:hekngon@uniserve.com)) and let me know. I will remove your name from that list.

Thank you.

## FROM THE "CLOTH MOTH" (Brian Davies)

Just to let everyone know that at the AGM I stated that I no longer wished to be involved with the Clothing co-ordination of the club. This has more to do with my current geographic location than anything else!! I do hope a member will step up and volunteer as we will be celebrating our 20th Anniversary in 2010 so we have an opportunity to do something special. If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email. I would be delighted to pass on experience and info.

"Brian Davies" <hekngon@uniserve.com>

## DO YOU KNOW A CLUB MEMBER WHO HAS A DRIVEWAY?

I need to change the bearings in the steering head of my bike but I have NO place to do it (I could go up to my parents in Cow Bay but I'm afraid of needing some little part or tool in the midst of the operation and being that far out).

Is there anyone you know of who has a space where I could have my bike apart for about two days (one day apart and running around to store, and one day reassembling?). I'm kinda slow.

Thanks.

**Bryce Finley** If you can facilitate this request please contact Bryce Finley at: [brycefinley@yahoo.com](mailto:brycefinley@yahoo.com)

## RE: TYRES

Last year's bulk order was a success so **Bill Wallace** is coordinating another order for 2009. So if you are replacing tyres you might consider holding off until February and contacting Bill before February with the details of your requirements. 250-652-0214 [k75rt@telus.net](mailto:k75rt@telus.net)

## FOR SALE:

1986 BMW K75C Good condition & well maintained, always garaged inside. "Fire Engine" red, no oxidation, 56,000Km. Needs a rear tyre. Presently running Michelin Macadams (Good choice-Ed.)

Accessories include clock, fog light, luggage rack, bike cover and some tools. Price \$4500 but open to offers.

**Jack Clarke** at (250) 755-1378 in Nanaimo

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**CLUB RIDE SCHEDULE 2009**[www.bmwrvi.org](http://www.bmwrvi.org) [bmwrvi@shaw.ca](mailto:bmwrvi@shaw.ca)

Date	Event	Location	Type	Organizer
Dec 7 Sunday	Monthly Gathering	Chequered Flag	Breakfast	Klaus Kreye
Jan 1 Thursday	TROC	Islandview Beach	Other	Bob Leitch
Jan 10 Saturday	Monthly Gathering	Chequered Flag	Breakfast	Klaus Kreye
Jan 22 – 25 TBConfirmed	Motorcycle Show	Vancouver	Show	Volunteer needed
Feb 1 Sunday	Monthly Gathering	Chequered Flag	Breakfast	Klaus Kreye
Feb 14 Saturday	Pot Luck	TBD	Other	Volunteer needed
Mar 7 Saturday	Monthly Gathering	Chequered Flag	Breakfast	Klaus Kreye
Apr 5 Sunday	Monthly Gathering	Blue Peter	Breakfast	Colleen Barnes
Apr 18 Saturday	Brigantine Run	Maple Bay	Road	Volunteer needed
May 2 Saturday	Monthly Gathering	Olympic View Golf Course	Breakfast	Volunteer needed
May 16 Saturday	Monthly Ride	Saltaire Pub	Road	Don Robertson
May 22 - 24 TBConfirmed	49er Rally	Auburn, California	Rally	Volunteer needed
May 24 TBConfirmed	Ride for Dad	Victoria	Charity Event	Bob Leitch
Jun 6 Sunday	Monthly Gathering	Pioneer House	Breakfast	Volunteer needed
Jun 20 – 21 Saturday/Sunday	Camp-n-Ride	Gold River	Road	Tom Thornton
Jun 19 - 21 TBConfirmed	Chief Joseph Rally	John Day, Oregon	Rally	Volunteer needed
Jul 4 Saturday	Monthly Gathering	Dakota Restaurant	Breakfast	Volunteer needed
Jul 16 - 19 TBConfirmed	BMWOA National Rally	Tennessee	Rally	Volunteer needed
Jul 19 Sunday	Monthly Ride	Port Renfrew	Road	Volunteer needed
Jul 24 - 27 TBConfirmed	Cascade Rendezvous	Republic, Washington	Rally	Klaus Kreye
Aug 9 Sunday	Monthly Gathering	Salt Spring Island	Breakfast	Brian Radford

If you would like to volunteer or have comments/recommendations, please contact **Bob Leitch**, [bleitch@telus.net](mailto:bleitch@telus.net)