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Do you not, like me, find it wondrous strange how reluctant some of our most fondly cherished ideas are to melt away and die, even though these ideas are exposed to the warm light of Common Sense and Sound Reason?

One of these good ideas came to me with the advent of January's last week-end, when I decided that my month-long state of being snowbound would come to an end and that I would attend the Club breakfast at the Chequered Flag on Sunday, 1st February.

This idea was probably born on Friday, 30th January when the afternoon sunlight was strong enough to make a small but definite reduction in the sizeable hump on snow behind the Ural with sidecar, which could not proceed in a forward direction as it was parked facing the wall of our house. I should explain how the hump of snow was generated. After a few heavy snowfalls, we (I) became concerned that the accumulation on our deck might conceivably have an adverse effect on the structural integrity of the deck. Accordingly we (she) set to work to clear the deck by dumping the snow over the railing thereby forming a 4 foot high mound which imprisoned the Ural. Over time, the elements did reduce the mound to not much more than 18 inches in depth, but it gained a consistency that if not that of granite was not far from being like pretty solid sandstone.

Anyway on the aforementioned last Friday of the month I decided that it would indeed be possible to move that snow hump out of the way, and to attend the breakfast. Thus motivated, I did some arduous work and on Saturday rode out to join my friends at the coffee shop in Ganges. It felt really good to be on the road for the first time since well before Christmas. Clear skies pm Saturday night led to the not unreasonable expectation that Sunday would be similarly clear and bright.

It was not. Sunday Club meetings give me a choice of getting up in the dark to catch a 0750 ferry from Fulford, or 0900 departure from Vesuvius Bay to go over the Malahat to the meeting. I elected to get up later and go by Vesuvius, knowing that I wouldn't get there in time for the start of breakfast but I could have a cup of coffee with you good people and maybe remind you once more that our deadline for the March issue has had to be advanced (for this issue only) to the 13th of February. I also had thought to have some discussion as to whether or not we should solicit some paid advertising in the Reader from Durell at Vancouver Island BMW and maybe from some of the other motorcycle shops. Continued....

SAT. MAR 7TH , BREAKFAST CHEQUERED FLAG 9:30 AM

Far from sunshine and warm weather, the radio mentioned something about snow flurries at higher levels. This was corroborated by checking weather forecasts and road conditions on the web and I know from experience that some of these forecasts of flurries culminate in deposits of 12 to 18 inches on the driveway, not to mention the mile of road leading down to Salt Spring's main highway. Notwithstanding (see previous remark concerning the strength of cherished ideas) I was aboard the Vesuvius ferry where I encountered a couple of friends that were also afflicted with the inability to see the clear light of reason, so that instead of staying warm and dry at home they were setting out to check out some hiking trails at the far end of Cowichan Lake in what now appeared to be truly miserable conditions.

So I rode up the hill out of Crofton, trying to ignore the appearance by the roadside of some malevolent looking patches of grey sleet. After filling the too-small Ural tank at the Petrocan in Duncan, I went by way of the Cowichan Bay road to emerge, cold but still determined, on the Trans Canada just south of Duncan. It was not until that point that the Club breakfast idea was suddenly overwhelmed by the much stronger idea of a very warm bathtub in the comfort of home. So maybe I'll see you at the April meeting.

Best Regards, **Brian Radford**

MEMBER'S SHARING LIBRARY

By Librarian Bob Leitch

The intent of this program is to take advantage of the resources that we as members collectively have. The program aims to see what personal books, tools, and information members have and are willing to lend to other members. The Club Librarian will maintain a list of books/DVDs/tools etc that members are willing to share. The Librarian will also act the coordinator to pass contact info back and forth. This will maintain members' privacy.

Procedure

The Librarian will canvas members in February and July to see what books/DVDs/tools/etc they have and are willing to lend to other club members.

Members who are willing to share material send can send what information they can (title, tool name, author, ISBN, edition, dates) to the Librarian.

The Librarian will prepare a list of these books/DVDs/tools/ etc, which will be provided to members and posted on the web site.

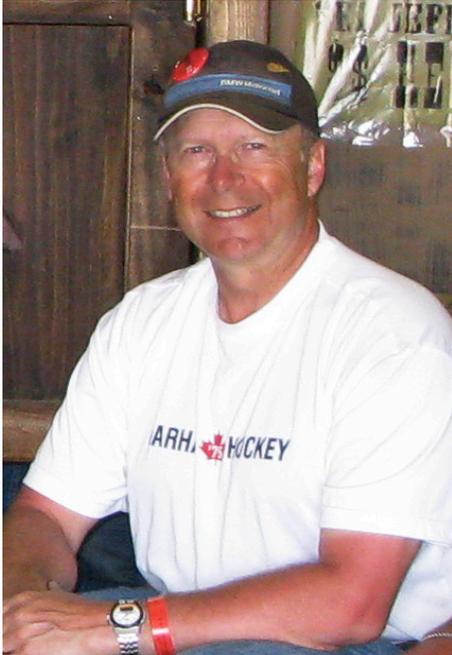
When a member wants to borrow a book/DVD/tool, they send the Librarian an email (or call) and he then passes the prospective borrower's contact info on to the owner of the book/DVD.

The owner contacts the prospective borrower and they arrange transfer, duration, and return details.

If a member is looking for a particular title that is not on the list, he/she can query the Librarian and the Librarian will canvas the members to see if anyone has a copy. If one is located, the Librarian will pass contact info and the prospective borrower and the owner will work out the details.

For example, here are the items I have:

BMW K1200RS, GT & LT 1998-2005	Clymer		ISBN 0-89287- 992-0
Repair Manual K1200LT (CD)		BMW Motorrad	
Destination Highways BC		Brian Bosworth/ Michael Sanders	
BMW OA Owners News	2005 - Present		
Cycle Canada	2005 - Present		

BOB LEITCH BIOGRAPHYby **John S. Marczyk**

Bob Leitch was born in Edmonton, a fine city with rich cultural diversity, fine riverine landscapes and of course, West Edmonton Mall.

Bob is married to Janette, and has two sons James, 26, and Cameron, 23. Their home is located in North Saanich.

Retired from the Canadian Forces after a 35-year long career, Bob reflected on the many posts he called home: St. Jean (PQ), Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina) and Ottawa are but a few. Bob also hung his hat in Alert, North of 60, Holberg on Vancouver Island, Kingston Ontario, and Beausejour Manitoba.

Bob's riding adventures began on a 50cc Suzuki at the age of 16. That enthusiasm carried on through the 1960's until it was time to become a responsible family man. Once his two boys came along, Bob hung up his motorcycle keys. This motorcycle hiatus, with roots at a genetic level and manifesting itself as a strong paternal sensibility, seems to be a reoccurring theme for BMW Riders of Vancouver Island (BMWRVI) members.

The most outstanding ride Bob recalls took place on the saddle of his new BMW K1200 with Janette, while touring Newfoundland. They set out together from Ottawa taking in many historical sites along the way such as Louisbourg in Nova Scotia, enjoying wonderful maritime landscapes and a wide array of road types and conditions. Newfoundland stands out as an awe inspiring place for Bob, generating recollections of the smell of the fresh Atlantic sea air, varied weather patterns from the coast to the interior plateau, gorgeous country sides, and of course, Gros Morne.

Bob's dream ride entails a long trip over interesting roads that challenge and provide great scenery. There must be nifty places to visit and good camaraderie along the way. Places that come to mind are the Alps, our own West Coast, and Australia.

Not seeing an idle retired life very appealing after a lifetime of globe trotting, and calling many places home, Bob is presently a telecommunications consultant.

Bob has been with our club for three years, is keen to catch up on those postponed riding years. "There are many roads to ride", claims Bob. "Riding them with friends makes the sport special."

TWO MESSAGES**From Brian Davies**

2009 Dues Are Due. Last call for 15 dollars. The March newsletter will be the last for those not paid up!!

For those members who enjoy receiving their newsletter by email - - Please Please Please keep me up to date with your email address changes. I had 6 bounce back to me this month.

ROADS I HAVE RIDDENby **Vince Martorino****LETS RIDE SOUTH 2008 Day3**

We left Sandpoint, south across a mile long bridge with a lake on each side, very picturesque. Now heading to Coeur d'Alene on hwy 95 a road which is relatively flat with sweeping turns leading past many hay farms. Next out of Coeur d'Alene across the bridge along the lake turned right at Palouse on hwy 6 where the farms became large grain farms and the roads added foothills with tighter turns. Now looking for the Snake River Canyon, somewhere a wrong turn and we ended up in Almota in eastern Washington. So in the end we rode half a day on winding dead end road down to the lower Granite Dam to where there was a very picturesque campsite and marina, well worth the trip. So back out through all the switch backs with their great views back to the corner we had turned right and now turned left down Rattle Snake Canyon to the Snake River Canyon. We rode next to the waterway through Clarkston and further on to Asotin. Now on hwy 129 we headed out of the canyon via more switch backs than I'd seen on any one stretch carved into the hillside up to the plateau area of 4,693 ft. and past an interesting town sign on to Enterprise for the night. OD 89285.



Grain fields near Palouse



Lower Granite Dam

2009 BEEMER CLUB BULK TYRE ORDERBy **Bill Wallace**

Once again I will be canvassing members for their interest in ordering tires for the upcoming riding season. For new members, this tire order has been an annual event for the past several years. It is really quite simple for a member to receive at least a 30 % discount off retail, plus have the mounting and balancing free for each tire. If you are interested please call me at home in the evening (652-0214) with the brand and model of tire with the size information and I will be able to get a quote for you. There is no obligation to buy a tire if you are not satisfied with the price, however if you accept the quote the rest of the club members will expect you to honour the price as a collective group. We are buying tires as a group under quoted prices, if someone cancels then the price of the tires could be jeopardized.

Finally all tires purchased are 2009 fresh new tires direct from the factory. It makes sense to purchase tires this time of the year as you will get those special tires for your Beemer. Whereas, if you wait until the summer to buy a tire at a higher price, you may have to wait for a tire shipment or have to accept another brand of model of tire when your tire is destroyed by a nail. It's up to you on how you approach this, but eventually you will need tires. Keep the rubber side down and have a fantastic riding season for 2009.

WANTED

I am in the process of changing the shims on my K75's valves and was hoping one of the club members (or known of someone) out there would have the hook depressor lever for pressing the valve shim down so it can be removed. I already have the spacer tool to hold down the follower. If you have any information that would be helpful towards this maintenance. plse give me a call @ 652 - 0214. **Bill**



TWO UPCOMING EVENTS

Fri 13 Feb

Fund raising dance with live band:

The Soul Shakers.

7pm Esquimalt Legion

Tickets \$20 at the door

Tickets \$15 pre order at 250-882-7653

More info at: <http://www.vicr.ca:80/>

Sun 22 Feb

1st Annual Victoria Motorcycle Swap Meet

10am Luxton Hall

1040 Marwood Langford BC

Admission \$5.00

Seller Space \$50 with admission proceeds to

BCCOM Contact: Dan at 250-743-6611

FROM THE NEW "CLOTH MOTH"

Conrad Moller

"As noted in the last issue of the Beemer Reader I recently took over the duties of club haberdasher from Brian Davies.

Our racks and cupboards are bare of club regalia and clothing and before I restock I would like to know from the membership if they were happy with the current designs and what they would like to see stocked.

Any member with suggestions or other input before I the talk to our supplier about it.

My email address as published in the last issue was no longer valid. My new email address is conrad@jacktar.ca "

CONCERNING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT

from Bob Leach

1. We need to select a date that does not conflict with ongoing rallies.
2. We need a rendezvous place i.e. pub, hall etc. Any thoughts???
3. Time of event--night or day, weekend what day?
4. Commemorative t-shirts and/or sweatshirts.
5. Public relations with other clubs, newspaper articles, Cad. biker etc.
6. Someone mentioned redoing the club patch.
7. A one time donation to a suitable charity.
8. A ride of some significance i.e. overnighter, when, where, how long?
9. Dealer and BMW of Canada involvement.
10. Any other thoughts?

These are just some ideas that Don Robertson and I would like to throw out to the members for feedback. They can use my email address - jkrleach@shaw.ca

THIS LIST ENABLES YOU TO: submit articles or ideas for future issues of Beemer Reader, pay your dues of \$15, order club clothing, and borrow books and DVD's.

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CLUB RIDE SCHEDULE 2009

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Date	Event	Location	Type	Organizer
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 Sunday	Ride for Dad	Victoria	Charity Event	Bob Leitch
Jun 7 Sunday	Monthly Gathering	Pioneer House	Breakfast	Volunteer needed
Jun 20 - 21 Saturday/Sunday	Camp-n-Ride	Gold River	Road	Tom Thornton
Jun 18 - 21 Thursday/Sunday	Chief Joseph Rally	John Day, Oregon	Rally	Volunteer needed
Jul 4 Saturday	Monthly Gathering	Dakota Restaurant	Breakfast	Volunteer needed
Jul 16 - 19 Thursday/Sunday	BMW OA National Rally	Johnson City, Tennessee	Rally	Volunteer needed
Jul 19 Sunday	Monthly Ride	Port Renfrew	Road	Volunteer needed
Jul 23 - 26 Thursday/Sunday	Cascade Rendezvous	Republic, Washington	Rally	Klaus Kreye
Aug 9 Sunday	Monthly Gathering	Salt Spring Island	Breakfast	Brian Radford