



BMW RIDERS OF WESTERN COLORADO

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Send in your BMW Riders Club renewal today and order a name-tag!

BMW Club Events!!

• March Club Events

- March 4, 2010 Thursday Club social meet at 6 pm at Famous Dave's Bar-B-Que 2440 Hwy 6 & 50 Grand Junction for bench racing, camaraderie, and dinner
- March 20, 2010 Saturday **Business Meeting** Everyone is welcome to meet at 10:00 a.m. at **Grand Junction BMW 2747 Crossroads Blvd. Grand Junction** for a business meeting and a tech session on the BMW Rally II Jacket.
- March 20, 2010 Saturday after the business meeting Terry Toner will lead a ride to **Moab** for lunch
- March 28, 2010 Sunday Brad Hoy will lead a ride to **In n Out Burger 350 East University PKWY Orem UT** meet at 8 am at **GJ BMW**

• April Club Events

- April 17, 2010 Saturday **Business Meeting** Everyone is welcome to meet at 9:00 a.m. at **Grand Junction BMW 2747 Crossroads Blvd. Grand Junction** for a business meeting and the presentation of the MSF course "Seasoned Rider - Aging Awareness".

• May Club Events

- May 15, 2010 Saturday **Business Meeting** Everyone is welcome to meet at 9:00 a.m. at **Grand Junction BMW 2747 Crossroads Blvd. Grand Junction** for a business meeting and other upcoming activities

Attention Riders!!

Go to BMW.Riders.net on our website and register. You will be able to post messages to all other members and even chat if others are online.

To enter the members area use the username:
bmwclub and password: **letmein**



Interested in Vintage Motorcycles?

Joe Branson introduced Rick Barnes to the members gathered for the March 20 business meeting. Rick is a vintage motorcycle enthusiast who started by restoring a 1974 Yamaha. A vintage motorcycle is 25 years or older. Rick and other vintage owners got together last year for a one day rally at Gateway Canyons Resort as a fundraiser for health programs for School District 51. Over 60 vintage motorcycles were displayed including a 1949 Vincent, Nortons, Triumphs, and BMW's. They have expanded the rally this year to two days, May 22-23, 2010 at Gateway Canyons and the rally will support the West Slope Honor Flight. Money raised will allow WW II veterans to travel to Washington DC to see the WWII Memorial. Cumulus Broadcasting is partnering with the Vintage Association to advertise and promote the rally. Vintage motorcycle registration is on-site on Saturday. Activities will include vintage displays, a swap meet, bands, and peoples choice awards, with riders traveling the roads of Western Colorado on Sunday. The group meets the third Saturday of the month at a coffee shop and then head out on a ride. They also gather at the Sonic Drive In on North Avenue on Thursday evenings. For information or to join the group go to: <http://www.westerncovintage.com/>

Comments, Ideas, Input?

At the bottom of the Club Renewal Form members were asked for their suggestions. A compilation of responses follows: Several members thought that Saturday meetings were a good idea. Members should be encouraged to join the COHVCO (Colorado Off Highway Vehicle Coalition), Follow this link: <http://cohvco.com>

Drop the mailed newsletter, email only!

Want hard copy of newsletter.

Consider club meeting on weekend at destination site (Ridgway, Gunnison, Carbondale).

Organize a group ride to National MOA Rally July 15-18, 2010 in Redmond Oregon.

**Minutes of the February 20, 2010 Business Meeting
BMW Riders of Western Colorado**

President Brad Hoy called the meeting to order at Grand Junction BMW following the presentation of Rick Barnes, a vintage motorcycle enthusiast at 10:20 a.m.

Treasurer Monte Potter presented his report confirming our satisfactory Bank balance. Secretary Jeff Smith reported that the club has 96 members, but that only 26 members have renewed to date. He will include the Renewal/Application form in the February Newsletter and will highlight the Club Nametag offer included with the renewal form. So far six members have requested pins. Jeff also checked with the Free Press about adding our meetings to their Community Calendar. They need a contact phone number for the club. President Brad Hoy volunteered his phone number for this purpose.

Rally Master Terry Toner spoke about a visit he and President Brad Hoy had with Les at the Delta County Fairgrounds. The fairgrounds was successful with their application to Great Outdoors Colorado for funding to construct a new shower/restroom facility and the new facility should be finished before our rally. The fairgrounds has also added 19 contiguous acres along the North Fork of the Gunnison river to the fairgrounds this year. Terry also mentioned Grand Junction BMW Harley Davidson sponsorship of the radio podcast Sidestand Up and the possibility that this year's rally could be much larger than previous rallies and the club should think about limiting attendance. Terry would also like to accept payment through PayPal on our website. Aleta Peterson helped last year with registration and remarked that many attendees complained that the rally pins say Cedaredge not Hotchkiss and that no rally T-shirts were available. Terry remarked that this year a new T-shirt is planned and will be available to riders visiting Grand Junction BMW. Brad Hoy has made contact with neighboring BMW clubs including the Beehive Beemers, the BMW Club of Colorado, and the BMW Rimriders of Arizona and will visit their meetings to discuss our rally and to donate a free entry. Vice President Mary Hughes mentioned that the BMW Riders of Mississippi's Dogwood Trail rally will happen again this year on April 9-11, 2010. We will exchange a rally entry with them as a door prize at our rally. Our club has also exchanged rally entries with the Land of Enchantment BMW Riders of Albuquerque in the past.

2010 BMW Riders of Western Colorado Ride Contest

Brad Hoy outlined the rules for this year's State Highway point contest. Riders will accumulate points for pictures of their motorcycles with a road sign identifying a Colorado STATE HIGHWAY by number. For example a picture of your bike with a sign for Colorado State Highway 141 would yield 141 points. In addition taking a picture of your motorcycle at all four corners of the State of Colorado will receive 4000 points. The club members accumulating the highest point totals by November 1, 2010 will win a gift certificate to Grand Junction BMW. Gift certificates will be awarded for 1st \$100, 2nd \$75 and 3rd \$50. Get your road maps out and remember only State highways count and you have to park your bike at the Four Corners Monument to get credit for it. Thanks go to George Barnes for the idea.

Rides:

Monte Potter discussed his planned dual sport ride, the route will pass through Collbran over Muddy Pass, Kebler Pass to Crested Butte, Jack's Canyon cutoff to Talyor reservoir, turning south to Tincup. The group will camp near Waunita Hot Springs and the following day ride to Lake City over Los Pinos and Cochetopa passes then over Engineer pass to Animas forks and then over Corkscrew gulch to Ironton and back to Grand Junction. Monte envisions this ride happening in August. Brad Hoy volunteered the use of his 5th wheel trailer for showers at the campsite.

Joe Branson is planning a GS ride. Brad is planning an over 300 mile ride and Terry is planning an under 300 mile ride for March activities.

Club Member Joe Branson is also a member of the BMW Motorcycle Club of Colorado. Joe reported that they have been following the progress of a criminal vehicular homicide case that killed motorcyclist Elizabeth Majors last April. Elizabeth was stopped by a flagger in a construction zone when her motorcycle was rear ended by a drunk driver. The driver has plead guilty to Vehicular Assault and driving while impaired. It appears that the plea agreement has reduced the charges originally filed against the drunk driver. Joe asked our club to support the BMW Motorcycle Club of Colorado and write a letter to the judge in the case weighing in on the side of the vulnerable motorcyclist. The plea deal is final but sentencing is up to the judge. Jeff will write a letter expressing the Club's support for a significant sentence. Sam Klobberdanz had 75 club patches made. The club authorized Monte to reimburse Sam for the Patches. The patches are available to members for \$1 each. Brad Hoy handed out poker chips with numbers on them at the beginning of the meeting. One poker chip if you drive a car to the meeting and two if you ride a motorcycle. A drawing was held for a variety of prizes and everyone came away a winner. Eric from Tucker Rocky conducted a short informative seminar on Arai helmets and offered a quantity discount to members if they bought a helmet before the end of February. The club met the discount threshold so talk to Sam soon if you want one of these great helmets.

The business meeting was adjourned at 11:45. Respectfully Submitted, Jeff Smith Secretary/Editor



**Application/Renewal for Membership
and
Name Tag Order Form
BMW Riders of Western Colorado, MOA #270 RA #319**

Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Motorcycles: _____

MOA/RA Number: _____

Other Associate members in family: _____

Receive newsletter by email only? Yes: ____ No: ____

Dues are \$15.00 annually payable in January of each year.

Make check payable to BMW Riders of Western Colorado.

Club Nametags!!

Member Nametags are available to Club Members for \$5.00. Please complete this form and include payment for pins desired and "options" with your renewal. Nametags will include the club logo and the member's name and office if an officer.

Name on Pin: _____ Title: _____

Add \$1 for Clutch Back (double stronger pin)

Add \$2 for Magnetic Back

Name on Associates Pin: _____

Add \$1 for Clutch Back (double stronger pin)

Add \$2 for Magnetic Back

Total included \$15 renewal + \$5 for each Pin + Options= _____

Club Meetings

Proposals include meeting on Saturday Mornings at Grand Junction BMW followed by a ride, and holding meetings in Basalt or Ridgway next summer. What works for you? What ideas can you bring to the club? What weekday evening is best for a social? Thursday has been mentioned.

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Return to: BMW Riders of Western Colorado PO Box 3271, Grand Junction CO 81502

**"Accelerate" The Colorado Rider News includes a story of an Adventurous Argentinean!**Check it out at: <http://www.bmwgj.com/>**This month's "Accelerate" Specials**

Included with the newsworthy and interesting articles found in Grand Junction BMW's February newsletter "Accelerate" are great deals on BMW Motorcycles, winter discounts that include 10% off all parts and accessories, a huge discount on service, and 50% off all Nolan N102 helmets in stock. In addition, Grand Junction BMW is now offering "we won't be beat" pricing on tires. Bring in your best price and they will beat it. Details in "Accelerate".

Follow the link: <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs049/1102890109308/archive/1102894458664.html> to get the details and a coupon.

Why Check the Road Report OR Is everyone ready for Spring?

The high passes of Colorado are full of snow; and roads are slippery all over the State, be careful of **gravel and magnesium chloride!** Watch the weather and check the road report before you head out on the bike. Check for weather, construction delays and closures on state websites. Our own www.bmwriders.net includes a link to Colorado road construction projects, and more information, including **road conditions** is available at www.cotrip.org. Other nearby States can be checked while planning a trip to minimize delays and torn up roads. Utah construction can be checked at www.dot.state.ut.org/construction, New Mexico at www.nmshtd.state.nm.us and Wyoming at <http://wyoroad.info/>. **Ride safe and slow down for slick roads and the Cone Zones!**

Members send your email address and get the newsletter in color!

To save on copying and postage costs members are encouraged to opt out of the mailed newsletter. Please send the Club Editor an email at rjspoa@yahoo.com including your email and I will remove your name from the newsletter mailing list. You will continue to receive club correspondence by email. We are spending more than \$50/ month on printing and mailing.

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