



BMW RIDERS OF WESTERN COLORADO Inc.

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BMW Club Events!!

Renew your membership in the club, application is on page 3

Send in your renewal, do it now.

• February Club Events

- February 2, 2012 Thursday **Club social** meet at 6 pm at **Los Reyes** 811 South 7th Street in Grand Junction for bench racing, camaraderie, and dinner
- February 18, 2012 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.

• March Club Events

- March 1, 2012 Thursday **Club social** meet at 6 pm at **Johnny Carino's** 2480 Hwy 6 & 50 in Grand Junction for bench racing, camaraderie, and dinner
- March 17, 2012 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.
- Its time to Ride!
- Who has a ride planned in March? Tell Brad, Kerry, Monte or Jeff.

• April Club Events

- April 5, 2012 Thursday **Club social** meet at 6 pm at a **location to be determined** for bench racing, camaraderie, and dinner
- April 21, 2012 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.

Other Rallies/Events

April 13-15, 2012 20th Dogwood Trail Rally Newton Mississippi Info: <http://www.bmwriddersofmississippi.org/>

June 14-17, 2012 BMW Riders Association National Rally at Copper Mountain Info: <http://www.bmwra.org/d/node/19>

July 19-22, 2012 BMW Motorcycle Owners of America National Rally at Sedalia Missouri Info: <http://www.bmwmoa.org/rally12>

Are you going to ride the Big Hat Rally?

Read about it in this month's minutes.

BMW Riders of Western Colorado on Facebook!!

Join our Club Facebook page, (you have to be a member of Facebook). Check it out: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/BMW-Riders-of-Western-Colorado/256767474377500> Use Facebook to organize rides, post pictures of your adventures to share with the members.

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**



**Minutes of the January 21, 2012 Business Meeting
of the
BMW Riders of Western Colorado**

President Brad Hoy called the meeting to order at 10:00. There were 15 members present. Scott Lindsey owner of Grand Junction Harley Davidson/BMW/KTM introduced Mike Oliver, Mike replaces Tracy Tubbs as the BMW sales manager. Mike rides both dirt and road bikes and has been in the power-sports business in the Valley for many years. Tracy is moving to Phoenix to be closer to his elderly parents. Stop in and say hello to Mike.

Brad unveiled the Club ride contest for 2012. The Big Hat Rally will consist of three rounds. Round 1 will require riders to ride to and photograph their motorcycle at various historical markers around the state. Locations will be given in Latitude and Longitude only. Round 2 will require riders to ride to locations selected by club members. Club members should submit a photograph of a location in Colorado and riders will photograph their bike there. Send your photographs to Brad for inclusion in the rally. Round 3 will ask riders to ride and document their favorite rides. Members should submit their proposed rides to Brad to be included in the rally. The Big Hat Rally will be open to all riders including the H.O.G. club. The winner will receive a set of tires. Wow what a contest!

Secretary Jeff Smith reported that the club has 43 members and 27 members are also members of the BMW Motorcycle Owners of America. Jeff has renewed both the club charters with the MOA and Riders Association. He has been in contact with Bob Alexander of the BMW Riders Association about their National Rally to be held at Copper Mountain June 14-17, 2012. The members decided to hold their June 16 meeting at the RA rally in Copper Mountain. There will be camping available at the rally site as well as hotels. Jeff has emailed Tina Doggett the rally chair and volunteered our club members to help with the rally. This sounds like fun.

Treasurer Monte Potter reported that the club closed the year with a balance of \$4580.68 in the bank. He reimbursed Gary Campbell for the Christmas ham leaving \$4474.71 in the account.

Rally:

Joe Branson reported that the fairgrounds have been reserved but the entertainment is up in the air. The cost of professional musicians was discussed, and whether it was worth the cost. Terry Toner will look around for musical options for Saturday night. We need to plan the meals. Rally ads should be in the next issues of Owners News and On the Level. The members discussed what, if anything, to sell at the rally. Joe looked into hats and a company in Fruita will produce small lots for around \$10/hat. Joe also mentioned that he is looking into coffee cups or mugs with a club logo to sell. Members were in favor of pursuing this idea. Joe will continue to investigate mugs.

Members discussed what safety/awareness projects the club might support in 2012. A suggestion was made to offer club members reduced tuition for an Experienced Riders Course. No decision was made. The motorcycle awareness billboard was discussed and it was noted that it is still up along the I-70 Business loop Eastbound near 29 Road.

Webmaster Sam Kloberdanz and Orrin Beckner discussed the logo redesign project mandated by BMW. We have changed our logo to comply but it has too many colors. Sam will bring a logo design to the next meeting for approval. Members were reminded to adopt and organize a club ride. Members were asked to plan a ride and submit it to a club officer for publication in the newsletter. Sam Kloberdanz suggested a February ride to the recently remodeled Ray's Tavern in Green River Utah. Joe Branson talked about an overnight camping trip on the Flattops. Brad Hoy is planning a ride and shoot. The ride will go to Rangley, Meeker and then the Rifle Sportsman Club where riders will shoot various weapons of their choice. Brad will have some available to use. The closing of the Gateway gas station and convenience store was discussed. A new gas station will be built across the river, but the convenience store may not be replaced. The Gateway Canyons Resort will continue to operate the museum, restaurants and hotels.

Ron Echols and Art Knaak discussed the Run for the Wall. This is a memorial ride that starts May 16 in California and ends May 26 at the Vietnam Memorial in Washington DC. The ride has both a Northern and Southern route.

Mission Statement: To promote healing among ALL veterans and their families and friends, to call for an accounting of all Prisoners of War and those Missing in Action (POW/MIA), to honor the memory of those Killed in Action (KIA) from all wars, and to support our military personnel all over the world. Information at: <http://www.rftw.org/>

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 am.

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= _____

Where should we go to attend a rally this year? Are you thinking about proposing and planning a club ride? Please submit your date, route and other particulars and the club will get it in the newsletter and on the website and on our Facebook page.

Suggestions, complaints, or other comments?

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



BMW Riders of Western Colorado, Do you love BBQ?

We would like to invite you and your members to join us for the AMA Sponsored Smoke Chasing Grand Tour 2012 (SCGT12). SCGT12 is a BBQ themed self-paced grand tour designed to combine your love of great food and great riding. Last year, during our inaugural grand tour we were joined by more than 400 riders covering the spectrum of motorcycle brands and riding styles. Our event can be completed in a single state or province or can include every province and territory in Canada and every state in the U.S. for those who enjoy long distance challenges. The Grand Tour is extremely affordable at only \$27 (USD) and features several prizes including free entry into rallies, cash, gas cards, a radar detection system and a spot tracker in addition to the prizes customarily offered by the AMA (Tires, locks etc). We will also name a Grand Champion based upon BBQ points earned who will have bragging rights and first choice of prizes. Please check us out at www.smokechasing.com.

Jon J SCGT12 Grillmaster

Winter is Here in Colorado!! Why Check the Road Report?

It is snowing in the valleys, so look out! Roads are slippery all over the State, be careful of **gravel, sand, enormous potholes, washouts, snow, ice, and mag 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!**

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