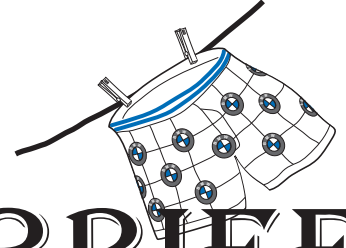


The Blackhawk

# RIDERS' BRIEF



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February 2009

## Next Meeting (Feb 19)

The next regular monthly meeting will be held Thursday, February 19, at Aunt Mary's restaurant in Rockford. For those of you who need to know, Aunt Mary's is located just west of the intersection of Alpine Rd. and State St. Jeff will start the business meeting at about 7:30 p.m. If you wish to have supper with your fellow members and guests, get there around 6:30 p.m.

## Flea Market/MotoExpo Mailing Party (Feb 1)

On Sunday, February 1 we will be meeting at Earve and Becky Brauer's home to prepare our mailings for the Flea Market/MotoExpo. We will start folding, stuffing, and stamping at 2:00p and should be finished around 3:30p. Then we start the potluck dinner. Oh yeah, don't forget to bring a dish to pass if you're coming! See this month's Meeting Minutes for more details.

## Chicago Motorcycle Show (Feb 8)

On Sunday, February 8, we will be making our annual bus trip to the Cycle World International Motorcycle Show, at the Stephenson Convention Center. The bus will leave at 8:30 a.m. from the parking lot in front of the Toys R Us/Babies R Us (formerly Media Play), in the Forest City Plaza shopping center, in Rockford.

If you haven't secured a seat yet, the cost to members is \$10 per person, and non-members pay \$25. This fee includes transportation and a ticket to get into the show. It's a good deal, as the ticket alone is \$13 apiece, and that doesn't count the cost of parking, fuel, tolls, etc. What's more, the bus drops you off at the front door! Call Rolf

Schoelkopf right away, at 815-943-5650 (or email him at [flierrolf@cs.com](mailto:flierrolf@cs.com)). See this month's Meeting Minutes for more details.

## Club Web Site

[www.blackhawkbmwclub.org](http://www.blackhawkbmwclub.org)

I hope you've had a chance to visit our club's Web site and follow its progress. Latest updates include a new banner (the part at the top of the Web page) and cool-looking buttons, some useful BMW motorcycle links, and a new message from our Prez. As I mentioned last month, you can download a PDF copy of our club calendar, too.

If you have any ideas or suggestions for our Web site, drop a line to Mike Gunderson, our Web master ([mrgvideo@aeroinc.net](mailto:mrgvideo@aeroinc.net)).

Thanks for the work you've put into the Web site, Mike!

Visit YOUR Web site often, to check on what's there, and share in its progress. See this month's Meeting Minutes for more details.

## 2009 Calendar

I have a few copies of the 2009 calendar still available. If you are one of those people who said they want one, but haven't picked yours up yet, let me know ASAP ([pmisik@cocast.net](mailto:pmisik@cocast.net) or 815-885-3197). I'll have copies at our February gatherings.

**Next Month's Meeting: Thu, February 19**

Blackhawk Region BMW Association, Inc.  
BMWMOA #35      BMWRA #204

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## Spring Banquet

Jerry Sandine is working on the Spring banquet, looking for a place and menu choices. If any of you would like to help Jerry, please give him a call at 815-970-2047 (cell). See this month's Meeting Minutes for more details.

## Parts is Parts

I believe Scott Herrmann is still looking for a K12RS front shock. If you have one for sale, call Scott at 815-229-0221 or email him at steelersfan@scottherrmann.com. Scott, if you're done with this ad, let me know.

## Meeting Minutes

The January meeting of the Blackhawk BMW Motorcycle Club took place on Thursday, January 15, 2009 at Aunt Mary's restaurant in Rockford. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m.

Twenty-three members and three guests braved the frigid temperatures to attend. Our guests were Michele Widdell (teaches Motorcycle Safety classes for NIU) and daughter Alyna, and Zara Bradley (daughter of Tim and Connie Bradley—*Editor*).

Treasurer's report - December 2008 thru January 15, 2009 the club expenses included: \$675 for the bus we'll be taking into Chicago for the motorcycle show, bills for flowers and calendars, and \$595 for the Christmas party (for which we took in \$392 which included dues). The balance in our checking account is \$x,xxx.xx.

## Old Business

### Flea Market/Moto Expo

Mailing at Earve and Becky Brauer's home on Sunday, February 1, 2009. Yes that is Super Bowl Sunday! Please arrive at 2:00 and bring a dish to pass – dessert, appetizer, whatever!!! We'll put the mailing together, plan the kitchen menu and staff and then enjoy a nice meal. Our club is lucky to have many terrific cooks and the Brauer's are wonderful hosts. Their address is 8161 E. McGregor Rd., Rockford, 61102. I'm giving you the zip in case you want to google directions.

Flea Market/Moto Expo items discussed at the meeting included:

- Keeping the consignment table at the same location as last year.
- Identifying campers with zip ties.
- 50/50 drawing instead of drawing every hour.
- Volunteers needed to help with selling raffle tickets.
- Need a couple of refuse technicians ;-)
- Earve is looking for a flea market co-chairperson and call him if you are interested.
- Roy Gregerson will bring his bike lift to the flea marker.
- John Rambo will provide a tech session.
- We will open the flea market Saturday afternoon until 8:00 p.m. and Sunday morning through afternoon.
- This gives us an additional day for our sellers and customers and we do not have to be there any more hours than we presently are.

## Website

Possibility that as registrations (i.e. Flea Market/ MotoExpo registrations—*Editor*) come in, we may be able to list vendors on our website. Having the site and e-mailing the newsletter has reduced our postage from fifty to twelve per month. The savings in postage will save twice what the website costs us.

We talked about adding information about our rides and other events to the website. Just type the information and e-mail it to Mike Gunderson. Also discussed adding BMW dealers within 200 miles to the website.

## Bus Trip

February 8, 2009 we will be LEAVING at 8:30 from Forrest Plaza parking lot in front of Toys R Us. Forrest Plaza shopping center is at the southeast corner of E. State Street and Mulford. Please contact Rolf for tickets (815) 943-5650. As of 1/15 we are open to non-members.

## New Business

### Accident Scene Management

Paul Misik asked about hosting accident scene management courses, both the basic and advanced courses. This teaches you what to do if you come upon a motorcycle accident. (If you're interested, contact Paul—*Editor*)

### Spring Banquet

Jerry Sandin is working on the location and menu. Once all that is decided we will be requesting at least a deposit from those who plan to attend. In the past I recall that we each paid the entire cost in advance.

### T-shirts

Paul Misik has two left if you want to buy one.

### White Pines Ride

Sunday March 8, 2009 we will meet at the White Pines at 10:00 a.m. for brunch. Might be a bit cold for bikes, so we won't gig you if you come on four wheels. The food is great and the atmosphere is warm and cozy.

### Next Meeting

Thursday, February 19 at Aunt Mary's. Be there at 6:30 if you want to eat supper. Meeting begins at 7:30.

## Note to Self

Tell everyone you know about the Flea Market/Moto Expo.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Ann Sluiter

Club Secretary

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