

CRVBMW February 5, 2023 Winter Banquet at Casa Mia at the Hawthorn

Welcome – what a great turnout tonight. Is everyone having a nice time? Let's give our hosts a round of applause. I hope everyone had a chance to see the cake before it was cut and served. It had a great recognition of how long our club has been gathering.

I'm glad that everyone is enjoying the food and facility because, as you may have heard, the sale of the Polish National Home tool place last month, so we will no longer be able to have our banquet there. Therefore, this will most likely be where we hold our future winter banquets.

I would like to acknowledge the passing of past member Bob "Bobble" Naramore last month. Bob was a great friend to many of our members. Let's have a moment of silence in his memory.

We're not going to have a formal meeting tonight, but there are a few things that I would like to share before we pick tickets for the door prizes.

At our November meeting, this year's Executive Committee was elected. Our current officers are the same as last year. They are:

President - Tim Parola
Vice President - Chris Jennings
Secretary - Felix Planas
Treasurer - Ron Faibusch
Member-at-Large - Nord Christensen
Road Captain - Open
Assistant Road Captain - John Schnabel

Several months ago, I sent out an email announcing that we have been working on an update to our website and offered an opportunity to view the beta version. It is very close to being launched, so watch for an email announcing it in the very near future. If you haven't looked at it, it opens with a video presentation intended to attract new members and now includes our ByLaws, a Q&A site, a Contact Us page, meeting minutes, our Facebook page and a list of club activities (with an active calendar & maps) which will allow anyone who goes to the website to see a schedule for our meetings, events and other activities and their locations. In this way, I hope members will begin to go to the website more often to see what activities are happening and, while there, check out the Photo Gallery, Club Store and Classified Ads. Once launched, please provide us feedback using the Contact Us link or emailing me at president@crvbmw.org

if you have any issues or questions. We especially want to know if you are experiencing issues with access or formatting.

Here's some future events for you to consider:

BMW RA Southern Alps Weekend - May 11 - 14 in Little Switzerland, NC

Americade - May 29 - June 3 in Lake George, NY

Chris Jennings' Little Acorn Campout on Memorial Day Weekend in Pomfret, CT

BMW MOA National Rally - June 8 - 10 in Doswell, Virginia

BMW RA National Rally - September 14 - 17 in Davis, West Virginia

The next club meeting will be on Sunday, March 19, 2023 at 1 PM

Smokin with Chris

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Southington, CT

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As always, plan to arrive early if you wish to order lunch.

I brought club patches for anyone that would like to make a purchase. They are \$1.00 each.

Does anyone have anything that they would like to bring up?

There was a discussion by Chris Jennings, Brian Fisk, Nord Christensen and others regarding paying for a tent, tables and chairs at this year's MOA rally (around 12 people at the banquet – show of hands - plan to attend). Cost would be about \$500 (deemed to be a little high), so Brian suggested an alternative which is to see if Yankee Beemers will be renting a tent again and if they would be interested in splitting the cost for a larger tent with us. Brian Fisk will contact them.

Door prizes

We have some nice donations from club members Soixz Harris (her company - don't want a pickle), MAX BMW, Jim Monstream, John Schnabel, Felix Planas and myself. There are also business cards, maps, pamphlets and some other donated items that you are welcome to take from the table next to the door prizes. Please help yourselves.

Does everyone have their tickets ready?