NEWSLETTER

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Novemeber's BMW Enthusiast: Richard Hammond



Hammond is an English journalist, television presenter, and author. He co-hosted the program Top Gear from 2002 until 2015 with Jeremy Clarkson and James May.

Hammond is a keen motorcyclist (often made fun of for it by his Top Gear co-hosts) having ridden for over 30 years with an incledible collection that includes a 1929 BMW R52.

His collection and love of motorcyles tend to be more of the vintage and romantic bikes like 1940's Indians, 1950's Nortons and Vincents, 1960's Triumphs, and 1970's Kawasakis.

During the pandemic he did a fun online short video clipp tittled, "Long Way Round (my backyard)", in which he rode his 1929 BMW R52 around his estate courtyard where he chose to highlight a handful of important cars and motorcycle from his stable. ***(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TjqnILLJ8IU)***

Among his moto-collection are some significant BMWs:
1976 BMW R90S Daytona Orange
1988 BMW R100GS Paris Dakar (first year)
1990 BMW K1

BMW Motorrad legends: Helmut Dähne

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A community is shaped by the people who populate and champion it. Helmut Dähne is one of these special people for the motorcycling community – and he is closely connected with the DNA of BMW Motorrad. His expertise and indefatigable commitment contributed to demonstrating the performance of BMW Motorrad motorcycles on racetracks all over the world. To mark his 80th birthday, we're taking a look back at his impressive career, which was defined by innovation and a deep passion for motorsport.



The road to becoming a legend



Helmut Dähne, born in 1944, began his career as an engineer, before devoting himself entirely to motorcycle racing. After completing his studies in mechanical engineering, he joined BMW Motorrad in 1970, where he quickly made a name for himself as a chassis developer. His technical understanding and expertise in fine-tuning a chassis brought BMW's racing and series motorcycles to a new level of performance. When developing the legendary BMW R 90 S in particular, he demonstrated his skill.

It was on this R 90 S that he achieved one of his greatest racing victories in 1976: the legendary first place in the production class at the Tourist Trophy on the Isle of Man. Together with BMW, he showed the world what you can achieve with technical excellence and incredible riding skills on one of the most challenging street races worldwide.

A Bavarian by birth, he was active in motorsport for more than 40 years and competed in a total of 383 races, of which he won 131. With his record run on the Nordschleife of the Nürburgring, he earned a permanent place in the motorcycle racing history books. In 1993, he completed the course in 7:49.71 minutes – an incredible time, which can no longer be beaten because of the track redesign, thereby achieving an “eternal” record lap time for motorcycles.





Innovation meets passion and ambition

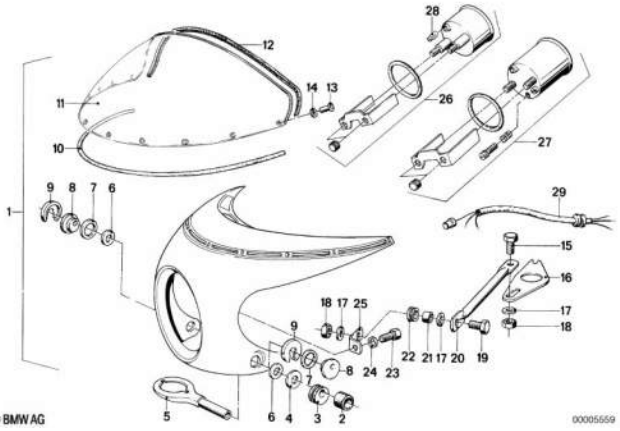
Dähne was a racing driver, developer, and brand ambassador alike. His work made a significant contribution to helping BMW Motorrad motorcycles to keep setting new standards in matters of performance and reliability. Through his work, he inspired generations of riders and engineers to push boundaries – a legacy that can still be observed to this day.

Just in time for Helmut Dähne's 80th birthday, BMW presented the R 12 S. In a stylish and contemporary way, the R 12 S is a rebirth of the R 90 S – the bike with which Dähne achieved one of his greatest successes. It combines the shapes and colours of the R 90 S with modern technology, comfort and riding dynamics. Based on the R 12 nineT, it provides a unique riding experience with an unmistakable boxer punch.



NUTS & BOLTS

General Announcements & Information



END OF THE YEAR DINNER for 2026:

A huge thank you to Kristi for coordinating our end of the year meetup at Red Iguana. This will be a late lunch from 11:00am to 3:00 pm on Saturday the 13th.

Kristi is still working out the menu, but Red Iguana never disappoints - and as in the past, the club is picking up portion of the tab and a complimentary drink. We will have more details in the December Newsletter and emails.

NOTE: This is an RSVP ONLY event as we need to give a count to the restaurant catering in advance. I will be sending out an RSVP reminder and link.

Thanks so much!

Hope all had a nice Halloween



BUSINESS AS USUAL

Membership Renewal

Club renewal membership can be obtained via the club's website: https://beehivebeemers.org/

Click on the “Join/Renew” tab, fill out the renewal information on the form and use PayPal for payment. You should receive a confirmation from the Treasurer.
Of course, you can always print and mail your membership renewals, along with a check, to our mailbox.

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EUROSPORTS UTAH / BMW Motorcycles of UTAH

Eurosports Utah (formally Harrisons) generously offers a 10% discount to our club members on parts, accessories, and apparel.

Check out their ever expanding apparel and gift items. If there are licensed BMW items that you would like to see added to the sales floor, please let them know, as they would appreciate input from their customers.



Share your trips!

I am encouraging members to get involved by sharing their stories that I will publish in the Newsletters. Reach out to me about your trips and rides. Let me help share your adventures and photos with our members as well as those interested in joining our club.
(re: 2023 Spring Q/2 Quarterly for examples)

You can either write the story - or send me the bullet points and I'll be happy to create the narrative.

Things I know people like to see: route map, points of interest, and fun unique places to eat/drink/lodge.

November

8

Saturday Brunch
11:00 am

Little America

500 S Main St.
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

December

13

End of Year Gathering
11:00am -3:00pm

Red Iguana 2

RSVP ONLY Information to come in Dec Newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monthly club meetings are the second Saturday of each month (unless noted otherwise). Recommendations are welcomed. Reminders and RSVPs will be emailed to members one week prior to breakfast/brunches.

Please note that event dates, locations, and times are subject to change. Any changes, additional information, and updates will be emailed to club members, updated to website, and announced in the monthly Newsletter sent by the 1st of every month.

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