

## Market Volatility!

Bill Stevens, President

The last few months my wife Rozy has refused to open her Merrill Lynch portfolio statement. Like so many other American's her retirement net worth tied to a piece of paper shown significant loss. 32 years of investment pissed down the drain-well at least some portion there of. It's hardly good news for anyone seeking a more simple life after many years of work.

I view investments and market volatility different than most. First, investment potential is directly proportional to the originality of the beast and regardless of the investment you should be able to ride it home! Second, investments are long term. If you buy a beast and ride it home, you had best be prepared to care for it, ride it, and savor its existence. Otherwise, you are doomed!



Motorcycles represent a special link to happiness for most of us here. When was the last time you rode home, pissed off and unhappy following a lap around the block? If the ole' bike coughed and made you push her home (Am I suggesting something less than German???) I'll bet you still made good on the bargain of sortin' the problem and getting the bike back on the road. If not, all of your "biker" friends will call you names-names behind your back, names out of context, names that associate you as some form of "loser"???

Regardless of what you hear and read, I can attest to the investment opportunity of motorcycles. (For whatever that is worth-IMHO!) Motorcycles are cool. Cool stuff has long term value. When was the last time you saw a 66 Tri-Power GTO on the closeout auction list??? That Austin Healey 3000 looks better in the garage now than your 401K! T&A costs are at an all time high-maybe the new democrats can resolve that problem! Clinton had no opposition to getting er' done in the oval office regardless of the cost! Bring on the change that everyone is hopeful for!

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Helping you keep your R90s where it belongs, On the Road!

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**Membership Update**

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Bonham’s recently auctioned a “recorded new” 74 R90S for more than \$20K.

Members of our club reported the bike as something less than represented. Bottom line is someone was willing to pop for a 2 wheeled collector vehicle unwary of its condition, or better yet, unaware of the bike’s true potential-making miles and bringing smiles for every mile ridden.

Classic bikes should be ridden. Classic bikes are best ridden often. I like many of you have considered trading old for new. Yet there is nothing quite as inspirational as a big 2 valve Boxer twin fully pressed with Del Orto’s pumping on a 2 lane highway going somewhere-anywhere, as long as the road is long with banks and turns aplenty.



The next time you want to avoid market volatility-go for a ride. Take the “S”. Twist the throttle and give the ole girl the ride of her life. You too will find hollow ground.....Shiny side up!

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**MEMBERSHIP INFO**

By **John Yee**

Treasurer/Membership

As of this printing, we will have 112 club members in good standing **if** everyone sends in their dues for 2009.

We would like to thank the following renewing members that also sent in donations to the club for 2009!

**JORRIT DEBOER** (Munich, Germany). “A week ago I did a 700 km trip in one day on my old R90S. Come and see us sometime!”

**KARL DUFFNER** (Bristol, Pa). “Just finished a 9,000+ mile trouble free road trip to the National BMW MOA Rally in Wyoming and beyond, crises-crossing the mountain states in Ca. and back to Pa. on this bike. (1974 R90S with **358,291** miles.”)

**ERNESTO GERINI** (San Donato, Italy)

**JIM RUSSELL** (Blairsville, GA)

**BILL STEVENS** (Deming, WA)

We are pleased to welcome the following new members:

**JOEL DIEFENDERFER** (Emmaus, PA) ’74 Silver Smoke, serial #4950361

**NORBERT FINDLING** (Kandern, Germany) ’74

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Silver Smoke, serial #4074586 with 13,000 Km and '76 Silver Smoke, serial #4093537 with 108,000 km. "Both were purchased from the first owners, the 'unused one' this year after waiting for 25 years for the owner to turn 80."

**EDDIE HEINTZ** (Napa, CA) '74 Silver Smoke, serial #4950813.

**JOHN MOORE** (Tulsa, OK) '74 Silver Smoke, serial #4071047.

**BRAD TANNER** (Henniker, NH) '75 Daytona Orange, serial #4981018 and '76 Daytona Orange, serial # 4990302.

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Membership renewals for 2009: If you have an expiration date of 2008 and wish to be a member in good standing, please fill out the renewal form and send in your \$15.00 dues to keep this great club going. Thanks for the continuing support.

### POWERLET PRODUCTS

For those that didn't get the word, our club has been approved for discount purchases from [www.powerletproducts.com](http://www.powerletproducts.com)

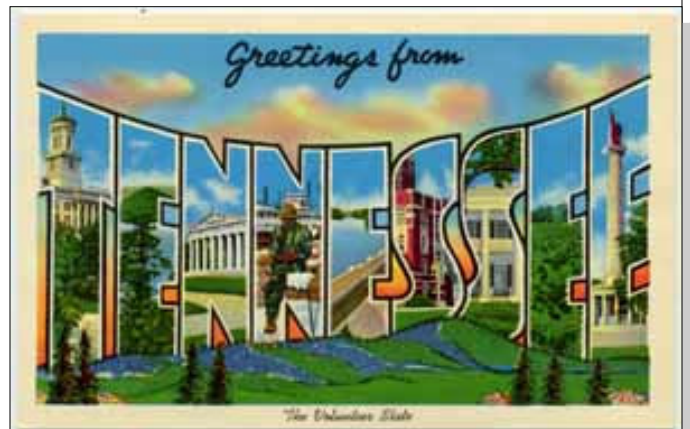
Power Let supplies electrical plugs, sockets, wiring, etc. in case you need to power your GPS, cell phone, radio, etc. while riding your bike. They are the supplier of choice for the BMW, Triumph and Ducati factories. Go to the web site listed above and check out their products. I purchased their products to power my GPS and electric vest for all three of my street bikes and they are a quality item. Our club is eligible for up to 15% off on purchases and up to at least 20%

off on multiple purchases of ten or more of the same item. The only stipulation is that all the items must be shipped to the same address. Side note: If you are attending the 2009 National Rally, I can deliver them at that time and you will save on shipping costs.

The club still has the following items available for purchase: BMW Twins book, R90S book, embroidered club hats, R90S gauntlet gloves, and machined aluminum intake tubes.

### 9<sup>th</sup> & LAST R90S RALLY

The 9<sup>th</sup> & Last R90S Rally will be held in conjunction with the 2009 MOA National Rally in Johnson City, Tennessee on July 16-19 next year. Planning is in the tentative stage; we have made a request to the 2009 Rally Chair to reserve an area for the National R90S Sport Owners (hopefully near the Vintage Display). Larry Meeker, Tim/Patty Fallar, Ken/Raymonde Claus and Brian/Kathy Horais have all pledged to help me out so hopefully, I can get some riding in. We will have door prizes to give away, 3 plaques for R90S judging and a Long Distance plaque for the R90S ridden the furthest from the rally. Details will be provided as soon as they are confirmed and finalized. Make your room reservations as soon as possible, they are filling up fast. *or, camping in the mountains that time of year can be exhilarating.* ed





# 6th Annual Vintage Motorcycle Swap Meet

Mount Vernon, WA

**Vintage Motorcycles/Parts/Reproductions**

Saturday, April 18, 2009

Skagit County Fairgrounds

Exit I-5 (#225) at Anderson Road and Follow Signs to Fairgrounds

Open to the Public 8 AM to 3PM

Sponsored by the Washington Vintage Motorcyclists Club (An AMCA Chapter)

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

Event vendor indoor stall rental fee: 10'x10' at \$25 ea, or bike stall at \$15 per bike. Open to vendors at 6:00 AM.

All booths are inside pavilion. Stall reservations and fees must be received prior to April 10, 2009. Send payment

to: WVM, c/o Gary Vallquist, 3406 N. Taylor Rd, Oak Harbor, WA 98277.

**ONE DAY ONLY. FREE ADMISSION TO PUBLIC.**

**Information: Daytime (9 AM to 3 PM) call Gary @ 360-675-8204. E-mail: [sunval55@peoplepc.com](mailto:sunval55@peoplepc.com)**

The **WVM Motorcycle Swap Meet** will be held concurrent with the **27th annual Mt. Vernon Automotive Swap Meet** sponsored by the North Cascade Street Rod Association, featuring vintage motorcycles, cars, trucks, parts, and accessories. This event fills the fairground complex.

# Vintage Swap Meet VENDOR APPLICATION

WVM, c/o Gary Vallquist, 3406 N. Taylor Rd, Oak Harbor, WA 98277

Tel 360-675-8204 • Email: sunval55@peoplepc.com

*(April 17-18 only call 360-969-7313 (contact phone only)*

Name

Address

Phone Fax

Email Address

10' x 10' spaces @ \$25 each for total cost \$

Bike stalls @ \$15 each per bike for total cost \$

Total of fees enclosed \$

**Make checks payable to: WVM**, and send to above address. Vendors are required to comply with Skagit County Fairgrounds rules. No pets are allowed inside the buildings.

This APPLICATION to reserve vendor space(s) constitutes an express contractual agreement that you (person signing below) agree to all rules and conditions of the Mt. Vernon Automotive/Motorcycle Swap Meet and hereby releases the Meet organizers, Clubs and Club members, as well as the Skagit Valley Fairgrounds and its personnel from any and all liability concerning the loss of property and/or personal injury that might occur either directly or indirectly from attending this meet. Disregard or failure to sign this release form will in no way obligate the event organizers, et al, to assume any liability.

Signed

Date

## Who runs this little organization anyway?

**W**ell, basically our members do, but these folks graciously give their time and energies to make the club what it is:

**President: Bill Stevens**

**European Chapter President: Kirk Ratzel**

**Australian Chapter President: Philip McCardle**

**Vice President: Ken Claus**

**Treasurer: John Yee**

**Secretary: Norm Delezenne**

**Newsletter Editor: Rick Griffith**

**Road Captain: Dale Wright**

**Safety Chairman: Howard Cobb**

**Historian: Mac Kirkpatrick**

*Please use your Membership List for full e-mails, etc.*

## Looking for Articles

**E**xplore your creative side and put pen to paper. You can even be famous like so many others whose work has appeared here.

I'm looking for tech articles, stories about your restoration, the time you blew away that Ninja on your R90s, (*when nobody else was around*), your Track Day experience, how you set your valves, tire recommendations, a favorite oil you can recommend, how that gas tank sealant project went, how much fun you had rebuilding that Bosch starter, how to repack front and rear wheel bearings, spline lube procedures, brake caliper adjustment, master cylinder rebuild, wiring and electrical, and you know, anything else we might want to know to keep our vintage R90s's on the road.

Please e-mail me [classic\\_r90s@earthlink.net](mailto:classic_r90s@earthlink.net) with your contributions. Remember, this is your club and there are few of us who have all the knowledge.

Rather, I've found over the years that we all acquire bits and pieces of information that we all could use.

Rick Griffith, editor

## Fighting the Winter Blues

**M**ichigan is an amazing place. We're blessed with clean water, four unique seasons and summer weather that would make a Californian envious. And it's a Motorcyclist's paradise too. With borders on four of the Great Lakes, there are secret getaways in any direction.

As this winter has been especially harsh, it's good to remind all of us living in the north that the downtime can be a break to catch up on all those little tasks you're too busy to do in the prime of riding season.

So get that heater going and build yourself a work stand and get going:

- ◆ Wheel bearings take some time to maintain but failure to do so can really ruin your day
- ◆ Checked your gas tank's inside lately? Our R90s's are 35 years old now and it's a good chance there's rust in the tank. Take the time to seal it. POR-15 makes an excellent product for this. See [www.por15.com](http://www.por15.com)
- ◆ Throttle feeling a little rough? There's more to maintaining smooth throttle actuation than new cables. When's the last time you cleaned and greased the throttle cam assembly? A little pm now can save you from stripped gears in the middle of a long ride.
- ◆ Speaking of old bikes, when's the last time you inspected your bike's 35 year old electrical system? At a minimum, remove the female connectors inside your headlight housing, clean the male spades (remember to disconnect the battery first) and apply dielectric grease.

These are just a few things to keep you occupied over that long, cold northern winter.

Rick Griffith, editor

# R90s Sport Owners Membership Form

## National R90S Sport Owner's Club

Application for New or Renewal of Membership

Please print or type legibly – we will use this information for our club roster (address will be omitted from roster for security reasons)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR(S) OF R90S \_\_\_\_\_ SERIAL NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

COLOR: (CIRCLE ONE) SILVER SMOKE DAYTONA ORANGE OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

(ADD COLOR)

MILEAGE \_\_\_\_\_ MODIFICATIONS/NOTES \_\_\_\_\_

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Please make a \$15.00 check or money order payable in U.S. funds to: John Yee - Treasurer

Mail to:

**John Yee**

**244 Candia Lane**

**Cary, NC 27519**

\*\*\*Do you have any interesting stories, rebuilds and repairs, tips, restorations, bike searching adventures, etc. concerning your R90S that you would like to share with the membership? If you do, this is a way to contribute to the club and get your name in print for all to see. Submit it and we will put it in the newsletter. Send to our Editor, Rick Griffith. [classic\\_r90s@earthlink.net](mailto:classic_r90s@earthlink.net)