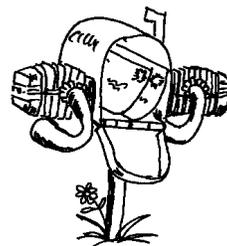


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Meetings (usually) on first Sundays
of the month at 9AM

Next meeting:
July 1 at 9 AM
Maple Tree Restaurant,
McFarland, WI
NOT 7/8 as noted in last
issue

The Prez Sez:

By Steve Huber

As Yogi Berra said, "It was déjà vu all over again".

I was coming into the outskirts of Huntsville, AL on my way to the Rocket City Rally. I'd noticed that folks down here sure didn't seem to pay attention to red lights; one after another they'd blow through lights way after the signal change.

Traffic on the four-lane wasn't too heavy but was moving along at a good clip above the posted 35 MPH. I stayed in the "slower" right lane and slipped through one yellow light and then another. Rear mirror checks showed a semi tailing me not too far behind but still at (I thought) a "safe" distance.

The signal light ahead turned yellow and I figured it was too close to slip through; time to slow and stop. I applied the brakes. While doing the rear-mirror check I saw the semi approaching way to fast behind me. A very uncomfortable feeling that I'd been through this before came over me. At the last moment as the light turned

red I gassed it and blew through the red light.

Behind me I saw the semi was in full brake lock, billowing tire smoke and almost getting sideways. My conclusion was that if I had stopped he would have gone right over me. My lesson out of this is to watch your back (and front and sides) and always be prepared to take evasive action. This is becoming an annual event that I hope stops.

On the club front the GR3 was a resounding success. Rally Czar Bert should have a report shortly; however the short story is we did well. Thanks to all who helped out. A post-mortem review of the rally was recently held at my place and we have plenty of ideas for next year.

Remember that any club meeting is open to all club members. If you didn't stop by for the rally review, please come by for the next open meeting. This is your club and it needs input from all club members.

The June picnic was a great success despite the crappy weather. Thanks to Chief of the Grill Todd and Chief Rib Turner Bert for all their work! And thanks to all club members who turned out with a dish to pass.

Prez Sez continued:

I think I might have missed one or two of them, so how about you all bringing more to the next club function? I'd hate to inadvertently offend anyone. ;-)

The Mail Boxer needs your summer ride reports! Did you ride around Lake Superior? Visit Aunt Minnie in the Atchafalaya Swamp? Write it up and send it to our editors.

Speaking of road trips, I need to get ready for a trip to Texas. It's time to visit the garage and check on the RT. See you all at the July meeting. Ride safe out there!

Prez Steve

VP's Report

By Tom Van Horn

For what it's worth, this years picnic was DRIER than the last couple; I have it on good and multiple authority that the FOOD was worlds better than the previous generic catered fare...
...If you liked it, be sure to thank Activity Czar Todd! A week of double shifts, capped with a 13+ hour shift Saturday & Sunday, precluded my showing up - but, those who were there, raved.

Sometimes I can pick 'em, though - - I hadn't been to the Iowa rally in awhile (usually sneak up to the Elkhart Lake races that Sunday at most). But, this time, I made time. J.T. and I ran down Friday p.m., found The Club Enclave (centered by the Purple Palace,

how could'ja miss it?!?), and enjoyed the first nice rally weather since GR/3. Another sign that the stars were Maybe Outta Alignment was that Yerz Truly actually WON a couple things!!

Dave J. - who made the usual Sunday run up to Elkhart that I tag along on - said that the rain started when they got to the track and continued until they left...

...Sometimes I can pick 'em - -

There has been some differing info about when the July b'fast meeting is at the Maple Tree - - **IT'S JULY FIRST!!** If you show up on the 8th, you'll undoubtedly have a nice breakfast, but it'll be without your fellow members sparkling company (and Todd's, Steve's, and Roger's hot sauce-!) For those of you going to Paonia and/or Redmond, this meeting will be the ideal spot to plan connections with fellow members out west...

See ya the 1st!

Secretary's Report

By J.T. Wagner

There was no real meeting at the picnic so a follow-up meeting was held at Steve Huber's to go over the rally and a few other things. Both the rally and the picnic were a success. We made around \$1,800 dollars profit at the rally. We are still in the preliminary stages of finding another site for next year. We have until October to finalize

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with whomever we find. One possibility is River of Lakes as mentioned before. With them we wouldn't have to rent a tent or porta-potties. Which would save a few hundred dollars.

We noticed that we need to be more diligent about handing out trash bags at the rally. Also more lag time should be factored in for making coffee. This can all be discussed at later meetings.

We may also look into other food vendor for the rally meal. More on this later.

Next breakfast is July 1st.

I have a number of club shirts left. They are :

- 1 XL long sleeve polo \$15.00
- 1 Med. short sleeve tee \$7.25
- 5 Large long sleeve tees \$9.25
- 3 Large short sleeve tees \$7.25
- 3 XL long sleeve tees \$10.25
- 1 XL short sleeve tee \$8.25

If you want a shirt, e-mail me or call. I'm in the club directory.

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Secretary's Report continued:

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R100RT plus many others..

New e-mail address:

John and Teresa Schroeder
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The GR3 Final Report

By Bert Hefty

Well, the rally is over and it turned out great. For me it started as usual on Wednesday night. After picking up Mike's van and trailer, the fun starts as usual. I get to the house, start loading up the van, and load the trailer with the RT.

On Thursday it's time to head for Bagley. As I get to the campground, I see one black GS and Meredith sitting at a picnic table wondering where the tent is. We started unloading the van, some more members show up, and still no tent.

After running back and forth to the bar to make some phone calls to Belair, the tent shows up. The boys say, oops, they

accidentally set the tent up in Galena. They had to go back to their shop and get another tent to set up. As they say, "Shit Happens"!

The rally went very well although we had one bike die, an airhead RT just like mine. We did a run up to La Crosse to retrieve the bike and made it back just in time to be the last to eat. Tom and Steve took over the door prizes for me. They did a fine job except for missing one box of door prizes (OOPS!!), so we are one box-full ahead for our next rally.

Our numbers were good: we had 251 rally-goers and fed 234. We made a very nice profit of \$1871. The raffle profit alone was \$90.

Meredith's folks came from Maryland for her graduation and won the long distance award. On that weekend Meredith and Lloyd were awarded PhD degrees by the UW - congratulations folks.

I'd like to thank the members that showed up and worked the rally. As you know this was the last year at Yogi Bear. We are in the process of looking at River of Lakes as a potential rally site. There is some fine tuning to do and if anybody has any other thoughts let me know.

We are also looking into renting a small storage bin for the rally supplies in Bagley. So thanks again for all your help.

P.S. I will be leaving for the Top of the Rockies on the 9th or 10th of July and returning on the 17th. I am looking for

someone to ride with. Give me a call.

Financial Report

By John Ong, Treasurer

The following is a listing of the GR3 Rally expenses to date:

Posters	76.60
Wrist Bands	69.10
Pins	519.50
Insurance	111.00
Bel Aire Tent	185.00
Mischler's rally items and jacket	570.00
Dick's Mkt - beverage stuff	56.14
Mischler's - door prizes	200.00
Spike Catering	1680.00
Donuts	50.00
Gasoline	85.00
Campsite	990.00
Port-a-Johns	<u>115.00</u>
2001 Total	4707.34
2000 Total	4492.33

Club picnic expenses were as follows, to date:

Park Reservation	63.00
Picnic Supplies	43.79
Pork & chicken	<u>79.50</u>
2001 Total	186.29
2000 Total	475.44

I believe the soda pop for this year's picnic was left over from last year's picnic.

We currently have \$5488.96 in the club checking account and \$66.75 in petty cash.

We currently have 88 members for this year.

2001 Rocket City Rally Report

By Steve Huber

Rally-goers looking for a destination over the Memorial Weekend should look south to the Rocket City Rally, sponsored by the BMW Riders of Alabama. This was the 13th running of the rally that has become known as "The Chicken Rally".

The rally was held at Ditto Landing, a somewhat public camping/boat launch/nature area just south of Huntsville, AL on the Tennessee River. Rumors were circulating that this might be the final year the rally is held at this location. The campground had plenty of shaded sites and a sheltered meeting place.

Finding a campsite under shade was easy. After setting up, I wandered over to the central area to find the fabled chicken. I was expecting something less than Colonel Sanders' quality.

It was unbelievable. All the bar-b-qued, smoked chicken you could eat. Not only the main course was available, but also roasted Vidalia onions, coleslaw, bread, and curly fries were available. No dinner ticket was needed; you simply walked up, got a plate, and helped yourself to the chicken. Take what you want but eat all you take. I was in chicken heaven (at least for me, the chickens likely felt differently).

While finishing up my ahhhh, second, yeah it was only a "second" helping, I bumped into

UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 1, Sun: Club breakfast meeting @ 9 AM. The Maple Tree Restaurant in McFarland.

July 12-15, Thur-Sun: Top O' The Rockies Rally in Paonia CO.

July 19-22, Thur-Sun: BMW MOA Rally in Redmond OR. Join the rolling road rally heading out west.

July 20-22, Fri-Sun: British Biker Coop Motorcycle Rally and Show. Located at Eagle Cave Natural Park, pre-registration fee by 7/1 is \$30 or \$35 at the gate. Featuring the British Single cylinder engine. Activities include road kill cafe, poker run, motorcycle show and live music.

July 21, Sat: Who Else Pig Roast in Nelson Illinois.

August 5, Sun Club breakfast meeting @ 9 AM. The Maple Tree Restaurant in McFarland.

August 17-19, Fri-Sun: Hard to Be Humble Rally in Pontiac, IL.

August 24-26, Fri-Sun: Galena Campout located in Galena IL.

club members Steve Lemke and Dave Maly. Dave narrowly missed becoming a statistic on the trip down when his R100RS front wheel bearing completely seized after rolling into the rally site. Fortunately for him, Dave rode down in driving rain that probably kept the bearings cool enough to make it to the rally. An Alabama club member swapped him a spare wheel

allowing him to make it home. Folks, always remember that annual maintenance and check those wheel bearings.

There are the usual guided and unguided rides offered around the area. I chose to follow my own road muse and chase after a town named Kennedy I needed for the Presidential Tour. The roads that found me were interesting, especially after encountering a State Police roadblock checking licenses, registration, and insurance cards. Do remember to carry those items with you when traveling.

Unfortunately even a chicken weekend must come to an end. The weekend was way too short, the ride back long. You bet I want to make this rally again.

Western Travel Summer 2001

By Derek K. Engelen

Those of you heading west for the BMWMOA rally in Redmond, OR in July have probably already envisioned how you will be getting there. This piece is written for those who will actually be RIDING their scooters there, and specifically for those who have allocated enough time to substantially avoid the big roads (80, 90, and 94) on at least one leg of the journey.

Northern Tier Travel

Several alternatives to the I80,

Western Travel continued:

I90, and I94 conduits exist between Madison and the Rocky Mountains, with the best probably being 20 (Dubuque to the Yellowstone area), 18 (from eastern South Dakota to just east of Caspar, WY), and 26 (along the Platte River in Nebraska).

I personally would avoid Yellowstone NP like the plague at high summer, but you're on your own here. Staying south and going through the Grand Tetons will likely be a modest improvement.

Unless you intend to travel far north through western Montana and hack your way southwest towards Oregon, you will likely find yourself herded onto I15, and sequentially, I86 and I84. A good alternative through Southern Idaho is to pick up 20 again at Idaho Falls and travel through Craters of the Moon NM. You will still have to spend some time on I84 before entering Oregon and I would minimize it as much as possible (I consider Boise and I84 to be hopelessly depressing).

Ontario, Oregon - get off and follow 20 west to Bend. This is a very fine road and a real blast while chasing along the Malheur River before arriving in the high desert of Burns. In my humble opinion, this road is one of the great western drives, especially if followed all the way to the Oregon Coast.

Southern Tier Travel

Those of you who are lucky or ambitious enough to be traveling

south of I80 have other options. Keep in mind, however, that if you don't want to be forced onto I84 at Salt Lake City you will have to likely travel through Nevada on at least some of your traversal of the Great Basin and Range Country. And the great slash of the Grand Canyon of the Colorado River has very few crossings which restricts route flexibility considerably.

If you want to travel I80 part of the way, then consider connecting with 95 and 140 at Winnemucca to travel to Klamath Falls, Oregon. Otherwise, SR50 and SR6 are your best options across Nevada unless you are prepared to go all the way around the Grand Canyon from the south at Boulder City - Las Vegas. North of this point, you could only cross the Colorado at Marble Canyon and Page (Arizona) or at Hite (Utah).

Traveling either SR50 or SR6 will get you to the eastern side of the Sierra Nevada. Numerous north-south routes are available to you, but I would suggest 395 north and traverse one of several roads to Klamath Falls, where 97 will take you through Bend to Redmond.

Coastal Travel

Avoid the Bay Area at all costs unless you are prepared for major delay. If you have the time, the California Coast from the Mendocino Coast to the Oregon border is especially worthwhile. If you do anything in this area, get off the road north of Garberville and travel the Avenue of the Giants.

Be prepared for major RV traffic in the coastal areas and plan your route to give you escape paths east across both the Coastal Range and the Cascades. The Crater Lake NP area will be crowded and the lake itself cannot be seen from the road (since it is a caldera), so you might consider not taking the SR138 - Crater Lake Loop route.

So travel fast, travel safe, and eat good food.

MRF RIDERS' ALERT

INSURANCE ADVOCATES SLAM EDUCATION AS RISKY

Washington, D.C. -- At a time when State Motorcyclists' Rights Organizations (SMROs) are in the midst of lobbying Washington to advance safety training for motorists and motorcyclists, the nation's leading insurance association promoting its version of "highway safety" is telling the Congress and the President, "Why bother?"

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety - in a special report issued May 19th - attacks the value of motorist and motorcyclist training and education. That special report is in the hands of Washington policy makers now -- the very time when motorcyclists are lobbying for a resource injection to help state-run rider training and a national program of motorist awareness of motorcycles).

Riders' Alert continued:

If you are a motorcycle safety instructor – if you value vehicle operator training of any kind -- prepare to be shocked.

"Education can be risky," IIHS warns. "[A]n education, persuasion or training program might make things worse, either by increasing exposure, engendering overconfidence, or somehow rewarding risky behavior."

There is no question that this attack on education is in direct response to the training component of the joint MRF-SMRO legislative agenda that has found support in both the White House and the Congress.

There is also no question that you – and motorcyclists nationwide – must counter this attack on one of our bedrock principles.

The IIHS report cites select literature that, if heeded, all but suggests that rider and driver training be labeled as hazardous to your health, if not banned outright. "There's no evidence that high school driver education reduces motor vehicle crash involvement rates for young drivers," states one researcher quoted by IIHS. On rider education, another researcher finds "no compelling evidence that rider training is associated with reductions in collisions."

For a copy of this special report, go to www.highwaysafety.org and click on "Status Reports Online."

WANDERLUST MOTO EXPEDITIONS - GS and F650 Tours

Have you dreamed of seeing some of Colorado's most beautiful mountains, exploring nearly forgotten ghost towns and staying in wild west towns? Or how about touring the back roads and trails of Moab, Bryce Canyon, Kodachrome Basin, Lake Powell and the Canyon Lands of Utah aboard your own trusty BMW-GS,F650 or similar motorcycle? Well, your time has come. Wanderlust Moto Expeditions will be conducting The Colorado Mad Miner's Expedition and the Utah Tumble Weed Desert Expedition this season geared specifically for dual sport motorcycles.

THE COLORADO MAD MINER'S EXPEDITION will start July 8, 2001, and takes you through three of Colorado's mountain ranges where you will see wildlife and several of Colorado's Fourteeners while riding at elevations near 13,000 feet. Your tour will include stays in Red Stone (near Aspen), Lake City, Durango, Ouray and Crested Butte and a ride on the Durango Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad. The tour will conclude at the 29th Top O' Rockies BMW Rally in Paonia, CO, July 13th. (Rally fee not included).

THE UTAH TUMBLE WEED DESERT EXPEDITON takes you through some of Utah's most inspiring sites: Indian ruins, rock formations, and awesome sunsets that only Utah's deserts can offer. You will ferry ride across Lake Powell, ride on the

Burr Trail, in the Canyon country and over the Devil's Backbone, with stays in Moab, Bryce Canyon and other dusty Utah towns. This expedition will take place September 23 through September 28.

Tours will originate in Grand Junction, CO. Space is limited to ten solo riders per tour. Tours include lodging, park fees, some meals and a chase vehicle. Both tours will be in the form of scouting trips at a reduced rate of \$1500 per solo rider [double occupancy lodging, \$1800 single occupancy lodging]. Participants will be asked to fill out an evaluation of their tour, and be responsible for his or her own bike, gear, fuel and transportation to and from Grand Junction, CO. Rental bikes available if booked in advance.

For more information call Wanderlust Moto Expeditions Owned and Operated by Britton Purser
970-241-2067.

www.motoexpeditions.com

For Sale:

1997 BMW R850R. 22,700 miles. Mystic Red. National Cycle Plexi windshield. Heated grips. BMW saddle bags with Kathy's Cordura bag liners. Transmission replaced under warranty last year. New tires last season. BMW throttle lock. Possibly throw in Technics tank bag. \$6,000. Contact J.T. Wagner at (608) 222-3758.



Member Profile: Dave Maly

When/how did you become interested in riding motorcycles? A high school chum had a '61 R50S that really took "a licking 'n kept on ticking" - always left out-doors, sunk in a canal under mud and water and still ran!! I thought anything that tough had to be good.

How long have you been a member of this motorcycle club? March 23, 1969 (the day the Madison BMW Club was founded!). Previously a BMW Social Riding Club throughout 1968.

What is/was your first motorcycle? 1965 Triumph Bonneville. First BMW, 1967 R50/2

What is/was your favorite motorcycle? 1974 R75/6 (never quit on me; still owned and run in Gardiner, Montana)

What is your current motorcycle? 1978 R100/RS, 1978 R80/7 w/sidecar

What kind of riding do you prefer (e.g. long distance touring, dirt roads, day trips)? We like all types of riding events, from spectating at Elkhart Lake, exploring back roads, cross-country touring via back roads, experiencing our world without Stuckey's Pecan Candy or Super 80 Pump Truck Stops with plastic tasting fast foods.

Briefly describe your most memorable experience(s) on a motorcycle (good and/or bad):

- The ride straight-thru from Lake Placid, New York back to Madison for work, only to find out that I was not scheduled 'til the next day!
- 5 week trip to Alaska for my 50th birthday. Over 12,500 miles covered, averaging 500 miles daily while seeing some of the most beautiful country and wildlife ever
- 3 week trip to California with no itinerary as to destinations, direction, newspapers, or time. Went north first, then west, then south, then back north and west to Lake Tahoe, Yosemite Park, the giant trees, the Pacific Coast, the old missions, Grand Canyon, Yellowstone, Tetons, Snake River, etc.

What do (or did) you do to support your motorcycle habit (e.g. occupation)? Spent 35 years at Ohmeda-Datex in various positions manufacturing anesthesia gas machines for hospitals worldwide. Previously 2 years truck-driving.

What are some of your other interests/activities unrelated to motorcycles (hobbies, volunteer activities, etc)? Military history, vintage aircraft shows, can't pass a historical marker without stopping to read the info.

Other information you'd like to share with fellow club members (family info, favorite foods, pet peeves, etc.): Riding so fast in large groups that you don't have time to look left or right or to "smell the flowers" (hard to do at 80 mph). The world has much more to offer than a "green blur" as you cling to the handlebars with white knuckles. Enjoy the ride, not see how fast you can cover ground, because someday that same ground will cover you!
