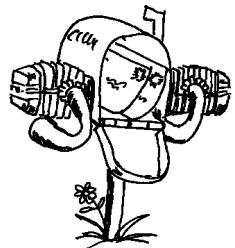


The Mail Boxer

BMW MOA #7

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No matter what/where/how often/far/fast you ride, we welcome you to join us in motorcycling fellowship.

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

Next meeting:
Sunday January 6,
9:00 AM at Maple Tree
Restaurant, McFarland.

The Prez Sez:

By Steve Huber

Once again I've been blind-sided by another year's passing. It seems like just last week I was whining about winter and "when will it ever be over". Oh wait, it was just last week I was whining....

As usual, I'm using my winter downtime to plan next summer's trips. There are always too many destinations and not enough time. My resolutions for this year are to take more "local" trips (i.e. around the Midwest), do more weekend getaways, and to not pass up that side road with the interesting name. Meanwhile I'm also looking at upgrades to the RT. A new rear shock is definitely on the list along with experiments in cat code swapping. The only problem is my list of absolutely-must-have's is way longer than the available funds.

Winter is also when I go over my riding gear. It's time to weed out the crappy gloves that didn't hold up, get my boots resoled for the next season, toss out the old scratched & pitted helmet shield, and (maybe) wash the Aerostich (don't hold me to that one and be sure to stay upwind). Hmm, maybe I should

wash the helmet lining too. Nahhhhhh.

This year I actually got the RT in for servicing before the snow flew and it's now back in the garage (thanks Roger and Mary!). Until we get real snow around here it's very satisfying to get out for a ride, no matter how brief.

Don't forget to get your club renewals in. Also, there's the MMC New Year's Day ride on (go figure) January 1. Now go out to the garage and hug your bike. That's what I'm headed off to do.

Prez Steve

Secretary's Report

By J.T. Wagner

The club had voted in November to donate money to the Atwood Community Center. 635 meals were given out for the Thanksgiving holiday. They sent a thank you card to the club.

The MOA club service medallion was awarded to Todd Herbst and Betty Bruun at an earlier meeting.

Dues need to be in by the second week of January in order for your info to be put into the next club directory.

Webmaster/Prez Steve has renewed the club's domain name and web server.

50/50 drawing went to Chris Dargis. Free breakfasts went to Roland Thompson and Chris Dargis.

VP's Report

By Tom Van Horn

Some brave souls rode to the Dec 9th b'fast - I thought about it, but the sidecar rig did more of a groan than a crank when I tried starting it. Oh, well...

Moving along, remember to send me any changes to your entries in the 2002 club Directory (you DID renew, right??). New phone number, cell phone, new email, new bike(s)? Let me know ASAP.

The 3rd(?) Annual Club Winter Games is coming up this month - check in here for details.

Our website now has a 'virtual tour' of the new Badger camp rally site - still another feather in the cap (cowl?) of Cyber Czar, whose secret identity is Prez Steve...

As I mentioned at the meeting, this new rally venue is going to need more people to help run the rally and clean up after. Again, we're offering a reduced fee to those who help out -

PLEASE pitch in!

I hope your holidays were fabulous - see you January 6th.

Treasurer's Report

By John Ong

39 people attended the banquet for a food cost of \$467.60 plus \$77.96 for door prizes. The steak was better than I thought it would be, they gave us double the number of shrimp initially quoted, and they threw in the coffee at no charge. When I was leaving, one of the staff said, "Come back again and have your Christmas party here".

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 1, Tues: Madison Motorcycle Club New Year's Day Ride on the Capitol Square. For information call John Troya at 271-0582.

January 6, Sun: Club breakfast, 9am at the Maple Tree restaurant in McFarland

January 11-13, Fri-Sun: Cycle World Motorcycle Show at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

January 25-27, Fri-Sun: Winter Campout at Blue Mounds State Park. Contact Steve Werlein for more information.

February 8-10, Fri-Sun: Cycleworld Motorcycle Show at the Rosemont Convention Center in Chicago.

Newsletters for the year totaled \$815.59 for an average of \$67.97 per issue. It is probably the most important item as this is what ties everything and everyone together (thanks John).

Other expenses for the year:

Club picnic	\$186.29
Rally costs	4704.34
Charities	400.00
Name badges	177.24
MOA dues, web site	180.00

These were the main expenses. We ended the year with 94 members. As of this writing, 55 have renewed for 2002. We have \$5085.51 in the bank and \$191.50 in petty cash.

Kites on Ice

By Karolin Wenkman

I am the volunteer coordinator for the 2002 Kites On Ice. This year's festival will be held on February 2 & 3, 2002 at the beautiful Monona Terrace on Lake Monona. The artistic creations of 85 world-renowned kiters will grace the skies and brighten the landscape of Madison, while providing a weekend of free family fun to Madisonians and visitors from around the world.

The proud presenter of this event is Madison Festivals, a nonprofit group and recipient of the International Kite Association award for "Best Kite Festival 2000". Madison Festivals also organizes the Taste of Madison, the Holiday Parade, and the Mad City Marathon.

As you may know, it takes a lot of volunteers to help make an event so magnificent. Knowing this, I am contacting all the local service clubs and organizations requesting their assistance to help us make this event more spectacular. All volunteers will receive a T-shirt, food coupons and a "Kites On Ice" pin if your volunteers help more than one session. If you are interested in helping out with such a great community event, please feel free to call me at any time at (608) 240-2719 or e-mail me at kwenkman@hotmail.com.

For more information regarding Kites On Ice, please check out our website at www.madfest.org. On our web page, you will see great pictures of last year's kites and have the opportunity to learn more about the kiters. You may also volunteer directly online by using our volunteer registration form.

Party at the Hefty's

Bert is inviting the club members to a going away party for his son Zachary who will be attending the Challenge Academy. Party starts around 2:00 pm on January 6th. Let Bert know if you will be attending (608- 862-3671).

Madison Motorsports Tire Program

If you are interested in discounted tire prices from a local vendor who supports our club, be sure to stop in at

Madison Motorsports, say hi to Steve and Judy, and fill out their tire program form. It wouldn't hurt to know your tire sizes when you do. The deadline for handing in the application is January 31, 2002.

Discounts of 27% off retail price are available for Dunlops and Metzlers. The Bridgestone discount is 23%. An additional 1% discount is given for each extra tire up to 32% for Metzler and Dunlop and 28% for Bridgestone. This accumulated discount does not have to be applied to the same motorcycle.

Mischler's is Moving

Don't forget that Mischler's of Beaver Dam is moving to a new location soon. Look out for details in the next Mail Boxer.

Best Wishes

As you probably noticed, this newsletter is brief. Only club business and notices are printed in this issue. Your editors are taking December off. We thank our email sources for the following holiday greetings. You know who you are.

Please accept with no obligation, implied or implicit, our best wishes for an environmentally conscious, socially responsible, low stress, non-addictive, gender neutral celebration of the winter solstice holiday, practiced within the most enjoyable traditions of the religious persuasion of your choice, or secular practices of

your choice, with respect for the religious/secular persuasions and/or traditions of others, or their choice not to practice religious or secular traditions at all . . . and a fiscally successful, personally fulfilling, and medically uncomplicated recognition of the onset of the generally accepted calendar year 2002, but not without due respect for the calendars of choice of other cultures whose contributions to society have helped make America great, (not to imply that America is necessarily greater than any other country or is the only "AMERICA" in the western hemisphere), and without regard to the race, creed, color, age, physical ability, religious faith, choice of computer platform, or sexual preference of the wishee.

By accepting this greeting, you are accepting these terms. This greeting is subject to clarification or withdrawal. It is freely transferable with no alteration to the original greeting. It implies no promise by the wisher to actually implement any of the wishes for her/himself or others, and is void where prohibited by law, and is revocable at the sole discretion of the wisher. This wish is warranted to perform as expected within the usual application of good tidings for a period of one year, or until the issuance of a subsequent holiday greeting, whichever comes first, and warranty is limited to replacement of this wish or issuance of a new wish at the sole discretion of the wisher.
