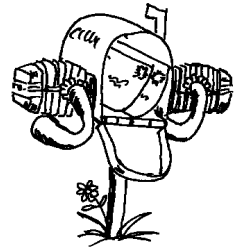


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Meetings (usually) on first Sundays
of the month at 9AM

Next meeting:
Sunday April 7,
9:00 AM at Maple Tree
Restaurant, McFarland.

Don't forget to change
your clocks-Daylight
Saving Time begins 4/7.

The Prez Sez:

By Steve Huber

I hope this issue of the *Mail Boxer* finds you and your bike out there enjoying the Wisconsin spring (and not buried up to our whazoos in a late spring snowfall). While taking those first rides, don't forget to be careful out there. Remember, even though the mild winter resulted in more bikes out and about than usual, those cagers aren't used to sharing the road with you.

From Florida is a report of two riders killed when a woman rear-ended them, and then proceeded to drive away with the bike *embedded in her SUV* (emphasis added by me). She stopped only when the bike set her SUV on fire!

(<http://www.amadirectlink.com/releases/flcrash.asp>)

Another report comes from Michigan, where a judge sentenced a guy to 90 days in jail and two years probation for causing a fatal accident. The judge was quoted "The driving in this case was the kind almost anyone would have done," Judge H. David Soet said, according to the Grand Rapids Press. "Anyone who has practiced law in this city for over 30 years, as

I have, knows that people don't see motorcycles. They somehow overlook them." (http://www.amadirectlink.com/news/90_days.asp) There you have it, official dispensation to run you over. Do be careful out there, folks and wear that safety gear.

Closer to home on the club front it looks like plans for the June club picnic are shaping up. Club Chef Todd H has volunteered to do the honors again this year and has great plans. Look for the picnic news elsewhere in this issue.

Rally planning and work continues. Hopefully we'll have a sample rally pin available to show at the April b'fast and a rally status report for the newsletter.

Steve's Pet Projects is making another appearance. I'd like to redo our club information flyer and include a membership app. What I'm really interested in is a member stepping forward to run with this project. If you're interested contact me.

Well, I'm heading out to the garage to clean off the gunk from my Spring ride. See you at the April breakfast.

Prez Steve

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VP's Report

By Tom Van Horn

Sorry to not make the March 3rd b'fast - the awful weather created a duty-calls situation.

All of the 2002 member directories are now out - those not handed out at the Feb. meeting have now been mailed. Let me know if you don't have one by mid-March.

March came in like a lion - if things are true to form and it's out like a lamb, riding season shouldn't just be nigh, it should be here as you read this. About time!

But PLEASE remember, the roads have crud that needs to be rinsed off, and so do our skills - we canNOT count on the awareness, let alone skill, of the average cager; It's OUR awareness and abilities that keep us safe, and they are rusty after months out of practice!

Having said that, I know that some here have been riding. Any reports on the Slip-Slide, or Daytona (& the new BMW camp

venue)? How about Todd's Saint Patrick's Day ride?

And in keeping with a started season, we have stuff to do, peoples! How about the 18th Wild Goose Run? It's Sunday the 21st, again at The Niles/Pyramid Restaurant on 33, east of Beaver Dam. It's THE season opener for the Beemervolk in this area - much socializing, door prizes (including GR/3 passes), 'MOA Mileage awards, and oh, yeah, a nice dinner. It's still \$8. a head. Call ME (by 4/13) if you want tickets - it kinda sounds like they are trying to get away from direct sales at the door. I'll be leading a ride up from Madison Motorsports, leaving around 9:30.

The following weekend (4/28) is the 17th BMW Flea Market at Pecatonica, IL. It didn't get covered at the March meeting, but your board decided ('uh, we forgot!!') to again rent a table for use by club members who have things to peddle. Getting the stuff down there and pricing it is up to you. We should have an idea of who's going down (& who can haul things) by the April 7th meeting.

I related last issue that several members have new-to-them rides. We should be seeing them maybe next meeting, eh? I guess that I'm joining that crew - through a convoluted (still pending, at this writing) swap, I should also be (as you read this) the owner of another machine. It IS a European twin, uh, is that, uh, close enough??

See yawl on the 7th.

Secretary's Report

By J.T. Wagner

23 people attended the March breakfast and nobody rode. It was only 11 degrees outside.

Correction from last month's newsletter. It was Tom Wiesen who has info on carrying bicycle race officials during the bicycle races.

Madison Motorsports paid for the club's web hosting again. Thank you Steve and Judy.

Bert gave a rally update. He announced that we have a caterer for the Saturday night meal. He is still working on something for Friday night.

Bert will or may lead a ride to Wisconsin Badger camp after the April breakfast.

50/50 drawing went to Chris Dargis. Free breakfast went to me.

GR3 Update

By Bert Hefty

Mark your calendars now, our rally is set for May 17, 18 and 18, 2002. As you know, we are at a new rally site, the Wisconsin Badger Camp. On April 7th after our meeting, I will be leading a ride out to the new campsite to show members the new location (weather permitting.)

The campsite is a beautiful place, but will require a lot of work. On Thursday, we will need people there to set up. We have a 10' x 20' tent donated by Rob Himmelman for registration. We will also have to tape off certain areas where camping won't be allowed. We have the lodge to get ready and possibly wood to haul. The camp will supply the wood, but we may have to get it to the fire rings.

Thursday morning: I may need some help at my house to load all the supplies and my bike on the trailer. I will again be using my friend Mike's van and trailer. We need to get out there early to show the toilet guys where to put the potties.

Friday: Business as usual: registration, patrolling the area to make sure rally-goers set up in the right spots and to make sure that coffee is going strong. All the signs are set up for directions. Remember that we are 3 miles off the main road. When the rally-goers come in, we will give them 2 garbage bags, black for garbage and white/clear for recyclables. Recycling at this campsite is a big thing, so this is a must do.

We will need garbage details throughout the weekend. Todd Erikson is bringing his Jeep and a trailer so we will have a rally vehicle. This will be used for trash and patrolling the grounds. We may also need it for a wood-hauler.

Saturday: We will have Dave Maly leading his tour ride to places unknown. Todd E. and Ernie Bell may do a GS ride, but we still will need members

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 7, Sun: Club breakfast at The Maple Tree Restaurant in McFarland at 9AM.

April 21, Sun: Wild Goose Run at the World Famous Niles (formerly Pyramid) Restaurant, Hwy 33, Beaver Dam. \$8 per person.

April 26-28, Fri-Sun: Champion Cup Series at Road America.

April 28, Sun: 17th BMW Flea Market at 8AM, Winnebago County Fairgrounds in Pecatonica Illinois 15 mi. W of Rockford on US 20, \$3 donation.

May 4-5, Sat: Mischler's Open House

May 5, Sun: Club breakfast at the Maple Tree Restaurant in McFarland at 9AM.

May 11, Sat: Tech Session at Todd and Tonya Erickson's House starting at 7am. Email Todd with what you would like to work on and he'll get you a parts list.

May 17-19, Fri-Sun: 28th Annual Great River Road Run at the Wisconsin Badger Camp, South of Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin.

May 31-June 2, Fri-Sun: Hiawatha Rally. BMW Club of Minnesota, Money Creek, MN.

June 2, Sun: Annual club picnic at Brigham County Park starting at noon, lunch to be served at 1pm. Todd will be making fajitas. Please bring a dish to pass.

July 11-14, Thu-Sun: BMW National Rally, Trenton Ontario.

working around the campgrounds. The more we do each day the less we will have to do Sunday. Awards ceremonies, raffle and door prizes will be around 4:00 p.m. We eat at 5:00 p.m. Saturday's meal is provided by J.L. Richards out of Oregon, WI. He will cook regular and BBQ pork, roast beef, baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, pasta salad, and buns and will provide utensils.

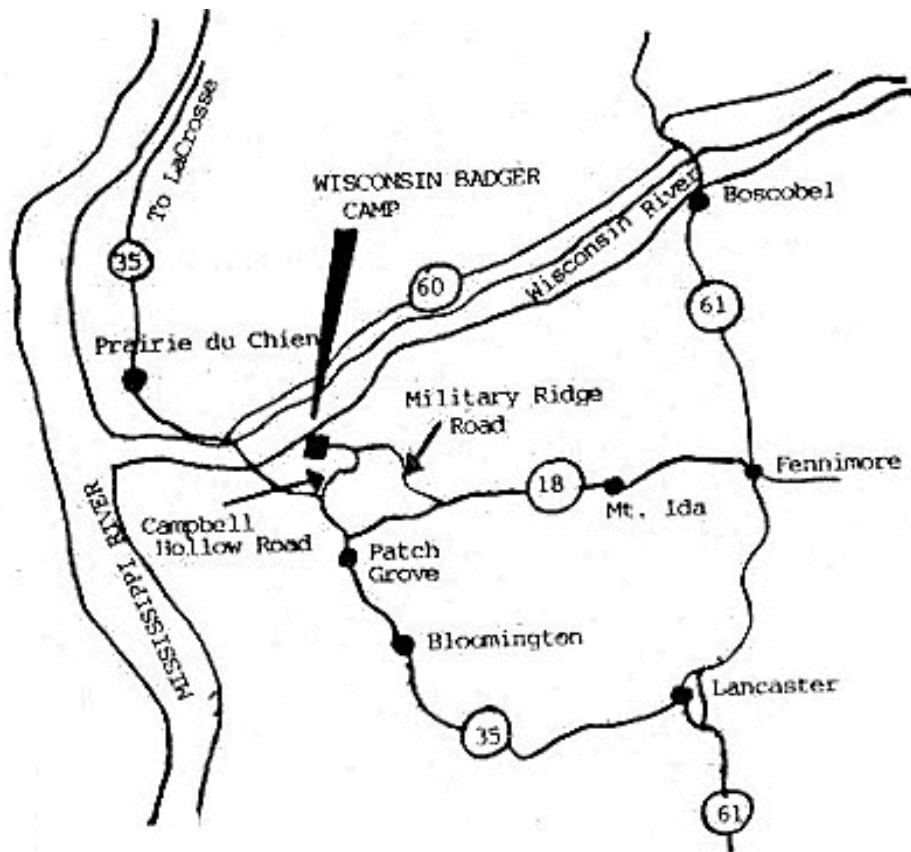
Sunday: This will be the most important day that we need help. Remember folks, we are the only people there throughout the weekend. They will not have staff there to do this work. We must leave the camp exactly the way we found it. All trash must be collected. We need to police the whole area. The main lodge will need to be cleaned. That includes the bathroom, shower rooms and kitchen. The whole lodge will need to be swept, mopped and mainly cleaned.

Remember, this is your rally! The more members that show up and help, the easier it will be. Right now, we have 88 members in our club. So, if we can get at least half or more members this would be a great help.

Vendors:
Rob and Arlene: T-shirts
Steve Parker: Madison Motor Sports
Uni-Go Trailers (possible)

We still need door prizes.

I will have sign-up sheets for work details at the next meeting. Please sign up. For all members that work, the rally



charge is \$15.00. So let's have a great rally.

Spring Fever

By Roger Klopp

Coming soon to a town near you is nature's annual rebirth, an event eagerly anticipated by all hibernating North Country motorcyclists through the dark days of winter. Although we were tricked by some false starts and a surprise blizzard or two, it's only a matter of time before spring fever breaks out in earnest. March madness ends where April foolishness begins. If the condition persists, Mayhem is the inevitable result.

The best cure is to open the garage door, dust off your

motorcycle, disconnect the Battery Tender, check tire pressures, gear up, and go for a ride. However, don't be an April fool - please heed the safety advice of Steve and Tom in their columns this month. Also, repeated below is a refresher course in survival tips that may have been forgotten over the winter. Ride safe.

Words To Survive By

By Dave Thompson
BMW Owners of Nova Scotia

With the passing of the vernal equinox, comes this annual reminder from the BMW Owners of Nova Scotia.

1. Know and believe that you are invisible to all other drivers.

2. When approaching any intersection, assume cars travelling in the opposite direction are going to turn left and run over you. Be prepared to take evasive action.

3. ALWAYS-ALWAYS have an escape route out of a situation to avoid the consequences of other people's mistakes. Keep looking for the gap that you can use when someone else screws up.

4. Adjust your speed to your reaction time. At the end of a tiring day it will be much longer than it was on the way to work at 8:00 AM, so ride with bigger safety margins.

5. Check BOTH directions when the light turns green. Someone will run the red light, sooner or later.

6. Drivers that are using their car phones are not using their brains. Watch out for them.

7. Mirrors are important. If they don't show anything but your elbows, buy some that do. Always use your mirrors.

8. Use other people's mirrors, too. Look into the mirror of the car in front of you. That way you can see where they are looking, and how attentive they are. If you can see them, chances are better that they can see you.

9. Trucks and vans often have a hard time checking their right side blind spot. If you can't see their mirrors, they can't see you behind them.

10. Slippery oil, antifreeze, and ATF look like water, particularly in low light. Try to avoid all wet spots, but if you can't, ride over them smoothly.

11. Check under (behind) parked cars. Those legs you see belong to a child who may run out in front of you.

12. Anticipate the moves of other vehicles. Drivers don't always use their turn signals in traffic, but you MAY be able to tell where they are going by watching their heads turn just before they change lanes.

13. Treat all metal surfaces - train rails, bridge gratings, manhole covers - with the utmost respect. They offer very little traction when dry, and almost none when wet. Ride over them as smoothly as possible.

14. Ride in a gear that will allow you to accelerate quickly if you need to get out of a tight spot.

15. Never lose your temper when riding....If you do, STOP, take a breather, then resume your ride.

16. Always be on the lookout for, and expect, the unexpected.

17. Avoid racing with other motorists.

18. IF YOU'RE NOT SURE, DON'T!
Cheers From Beautiful Berwick,
NS, The Apple Capital of the
World.

For those members who were at the February breakfast meeting this will be somewhat of a rehash, but here goes anyway as there has been a change in the date. I would like to borrow an event from the Airhead Beemer Club, aka ABC, which is their tech day. Traditionally, if you follow the Airmail as an Airhead, these days consist of beemerphiles getting together to wrench on their own and each other's bikes.

I see this as a great opportunity to get together on a Saturday to share wrenching tips, have a grill-out, and generally just get to know each other and our motorcycles a little bit better. (The occasional barley-pop and dirty joke doesn't hurt either!!).

This tech day will be basic tuning. We have semi-knowledgeable brave individuals who have volunteered to help with your oilhead valve adjustments, airhead carb rebuild, throttle body synching, external fuel filter changeover, and possibly an old-school tire changing class. These folks will walk you through the tune-up procedure of your choice. Maybe you would like to switch your fluids over to synthetics? Perhaps you have never seen where your air filter is and would like to change it? Maybe you'd like to remove that 12 o'clock hitch that has developed in your steering head bearings? Surging? We can work on that too. What we need is you.

We need you to show up with your bike, parts, maintenance

manuals, and any specialty tools that you think would be desirable. I will provide the garage, grill, adult and non-barleyed provisions, and pertinent tools. If you just want to sit out on the porch and drink lemonade that's fine too. This will be at our house, 420 Augusta St., Janesville, on May 11th. Show up no earlier than 7 AM and plan on being around most of the day. Comments, suggestions, questions, are welcome at r11gsa@Yahoo.com or call us at 608-741-0735 no later than 9 PM please.

**Birds of a Feather
Flock Together
for
The 18th Annual Wild
Goose Run**

By Roger Klopp

By now you must have seen and heard the noisy squadrons of migrating geese, their wings pulsating like horizontally opposed pistons. What saddle-sore BMW tourer doesn't secretly envy these iron butt travelers? Their lives are one endless rally season, bumming from here to there with compatible fellow travelers. Like us, geese maintain a formation that allows them to look out for each other and prevent collisions. As if heading to a distant motorcycle rally, both male and female geese power off together and head out for distant places.

Wild geese travel light and maintain a brisk pace, just like

Tech Day in May

By Todd Erickson

some riders I know. Habitual wanderers, they stay in one place long enough to assure the continuation of their kind. Then it's on the road again. Geese live *das Zigeunerleben*, the Gypsy life. Who wouldn't if they could?

As Wisconsin BMW riders celebrate the beginning of another riding year, our paths converge near the Horicon Marsh flyway at The Wild Goose Run. Like our kindred spirits, the wild geese, many of us will gather

together on our way to a new season of adventures and travel to distant places.

This year's 18th annual Wild Goose Run will be held April 21st at the usual place, the Niles (formerly Pyramid) Restaurant on Hwy 33 east of Beaver Dam. For \$8 you will get a pretty good (gourmet?) brunch and a chance to win a door prize. See Tom Van Horn at the April meeting to reserve your ticket. Like most years in the past, Tom will lead a group departing from

Madison Motorsports to the Goose Run. You can flock together with birds of a feather and prepare for the season's travels. So let's get the flock out of here and ride!

Dirty Birds

By Roger Klopp

This pair of BMW-riding desperados has been spotted at a number of rallies. They can usually be found lurking wherever margaritas are being served. Members of the renegade bad-ass biker gang who call themselves the Flaming Ohs, they flaunt their 1 percenter ways and don't care what anyone thinks. Just look at them - no helmets, a loud pipe, and no protective clothing. Hell, they're not even wearing anything at all!

Rumor has it that a stool pigeon told the Flaming Ohs about the Wild Goose Run. There is a good chance they will attend the event to establish their place in the pecking order. It could get ugly as feathers are ruffled. Fowl deeds are a possibility. You can bet the Flaming Ohs will be wishing nobody aviary nice day.

Special note: Our thanks to Meredith Hassall for sending us several versions of the flamingo biker images. You can find more on our club website. She obviously had too much time on her hands while looking for work after graduation.



My New Ride

By Peggy L. Waters

I decided to write this really fun article to announce the purchase of my new bike, but it seems everyone in the club and half the state of Wisconsin knew I bought this bike before I did!!!

This little sweetie was sitting quietly next to the brand spanking new R1150R that Betty B. and I had gone to check out. I never even saw the R. I was physically drawn to this drop-dead-gorgeous R1100S. I rode one at the National Rally in Michigan and enjoyed it, but I never ever, even in passing thought about buying an S.

However, those of you biker junkies, addicts etc. know what I am talking about when I tell you the bike called out and literally beckoned me. And the damned thing wouldn't shut up. I took one look at those come hither carbon fiber fenders and, well, it was a spectacle. I was actually shoos customers off her the whole time we were there, much to Todd's and Betty's chagrin.

In the meantime Betty was having a love affair of her own. She fell in love with the R1150R even though it was displayed in a horrid dusty blue. She wheeled and dealt on a black beauty. We asked our friendly and helpful sales rep., Terry, about a multiple purchase discount, but alas, were shot down. He said they give everybody good deals. (As my mother would say, "Yeah, I've



As Peggy is so very fond of saying, "Does this bike make my ass look fast?"

heard ducks fart in muddy water before.)

Good, this bike was more than I had really wanted to spend anyway. Walk away Peggy, JUST WALK AWAY. I needed some serious help. I was completely smitten. I was even singing "our song".

Betty sealed the deal and seemed genuinely satisfied with the deal, service, and treatment she received. She set a pick-up date and with two hungry men along it was time to hit the dusty trail. I quickly ran back for a good-bye hug and one more round of Disney's famous dog song *Ole Yeller*. I was disgustingly lovesick!

Once home she haunted me day and night. I thought about her,

talked about her, Betty called me every day. I finally succumbed and began exploring my financing options. Still not convinced in the non-motorcycle, practical portion of my mind that this was what I wanted to do, I rode along with Betty and Todd to retrieve Hans (earlier referred to as Black Beauty, ie. the R1150R). Can anyone in the world believe "Yeller" was still there!?!? I ran to my little baby bike. A couple of customers we had met the week before saw me sitting on her and were surprised I wasn't there to pick her up and take her home.

Prior to leaving I finally broke down and asked Terry if he had anyone serious about "my bike." He chuckled and told me *my* bike was on hold for a 6'2" guy who wanted to trade in his RT. Well, I told my new best friend,

Terry, that this would be a terrible mistake as the man was entirely too tall and would be horribly uncomfortable on my bike. He told me he would call me. He did. I told him NOT to hold it for me as I wasn't sure yet, but I would get back to him. I called him three days later and asked him if he had sold my bike out from underneath me. He told me he had put my name on the bike - he knew I'd be back.

I don't remember ever having been so impressed with a dealer - of any vehicle. The place was clean and organized, and had great variety: BMW, Kawasaki, Honda, and Triumph. Everyone there was helpful and friendly and professional. Gender was rarely an issue. The parts people were helpful and creative (ask Betty about her tail light rack); the technicians and shop guys were funny, helpful, and sincere; and not once did anyone ever talk down to me during the whole experience.

And if you like anal, you will love this. When Betty and I went to pick up my baby bike they pampered her like she was the only one of her kind. They loaded it and tied it, and then untied it, tied it, shook it, retied it, wiggled it, added some more ties, pushed it, tightened the ties and on and on. You would've thought it was a special race bike that these guys were taking to their own homes! Frankly it seemed like overkill to me - I have tied down hundreds of bikes in this particular trailer, but I admit I was completely impressed and grateful for the special care and attention they showed my new little baby bike.

Did I want to spend this much money? No. Do I feel like I got a good value/deal for my money? Yes, despite the ducks in the muddy water. Did I want to drive all the way to Milwaukee for a deal? No. Would I recommend Southeast Sales in Milwaukee to everyone I know? Hell, yes!

This is an awesome dealership with delightfully human service. Go, if only to meet some new wonderful motorcycle people!



The New Mischler's

By Roger Klopp

I must admit to some anxiety after my first visit to the new Mischler's Cycles. Chuck Rabideaux and I dropped in just a few days after their opening to see how it turned out. We followed the Beaver Dam exit

sign "To Cty Hwy B", turned right at the Walmart intersection, drove past Fleet Farm, and at the top of the rise we spotted it on the left. The pylon sporting the logos of H-D, Buell, and BMW is visible from a distance off Hwy 151. Pulling in to the parking lot, you are impressed with the size of this building. So that's what 22,000 square feet looks like. It's not as big as Bill Gates mansion, but pretty spacious nonetheless.

Signage on two sides of the building proclaims the business name, H-D, and Buell, but I failed to notice the nearly camouflaged BMW affiliation in daylight. Passing through a glass enclosed doorway vestibule (like Walgreens) flanked by H-Ds and BMWs, the space expands into a huge 8000 square foot showroom. Immediate impressions are of the brass H-D plate imbedded in the floor just inside the entrance and the predominance of the bar and shield identity.





The BMW motorcycle and accessories showroom area. Could it be more than a coincidence that the only helmet display is here?

of the bar and shield identity.

Strolling past necessities of the lifestyle, there are shelves, racks, and display cases of clothing, coffee, beverage glass sets, wedding cake decorations, jewelry, baby clothes, lunch boxes, pet accessories, folding knives, café table and stools, and Bloody Mary mix. Near the entrance is a checkout counter dedicated just to accessory sales. Rows of motorcycles are accented by wall displays of chromed accessories for that custom look and to improve V-twin performance. On the left are the parts counter and a few small offices. Further to the left are a waiting room, men's and women's bathrooms, and a separate area for service with a break room for staff.

Tucked away in the rear of the main showroom is a carpeted 850 square foot area packed

with an orderly matrix of new and used BMWs. A limited selection of BMW accessories, helmets, and cordura riding gear surround this area. Everything

was so compressed together in the showroom of the old shop that the disparity in market share between brands was less obvious. With so many more square feet now available for machines and accessories, it is painfully clear that BMW sells maybe 10% of H-D's volume in the US and any more floor space would be unjustifiable. I left that day wondering what this bodes for area BMW riders.

Mary and I decided a second look in the company of Prez Steve was in order. We stopped by a few nights later to spend more time talking to people and looking around. Arriving after dark, the subtly illuminated BMW building signs were now barely visible. A closer inspection revealed that, despite the compression of BMWs into a small area, significantly more were on display throughout the building, including the service area.



Front checkout desk for accessory and clothing sales.

There seemed to be disproportionately more BMWs in the entire building than their sales relative to H-D would predict. A new sales person, Jonathan, was very friendly and mentioned his eagerness to learn more about the features and engineering of BMW motorcycles.

Art Mischler approached us with his typical grin beaming a bit more than usual. Like a proud father, he pointed out details of his new baby. He explained that they had moved in barely a week before and some things remained to be unpacked. We had a few questions related to his continued support of BMW and Art candidly addressed our concerns. He described how problems with BMW's sales quota policies were keeping their riding clothes off his display racks. A further issue with BMW marketing emerged regarding the exterior building signs. As it

turns out, they were provided by BMW and any visibility problems are a feature of their design. Hmmm, it's not the first time we said of BMW, "What the hell were they thinking?"

With the departure of chief BMW technician Todd Erdman, I questioned their plans for training and certifying service staff. There are now three technicians with a variety of experiences committed to BMW service with plans to obtain factory authorized training and certification for them all. Art graciously offered a guided tour of the entire building and we eagerly accepted. It turns out that we were only seeing the tip of the iceberg. The service shop is a gleaming, roomy, well-illuminated area with six or more service bays. We were introduced to all three BMW technicians who were busily on duty that night. Prez Steve nearly went berserk when we

entered a large sound-proofed dynamometer room. Looks like some performance mods are in the works after the warranty expires on his RT. Adjacent to the service area was a dedicated machine shop.

Behind the shop area is a large warehouse for bikes waiting for service or winter storage. There is an industrial lift for moving bikes into an overflow storage room upstairs. Passing through this area, we entered yet another upstairs storage area and found the answer to how some classic bikes could be moved onto the display platform above the parts counter. By the time we returned to the ground floor showroom area, we appreciated how well the new Mischler's Cycles was designed and carried out.

So, it's undeniable the place still appears to be Mischler's **HARLEY DAVIDSON** (and BMW) at a superficial level. However, if you look more closely, you will see a continued strong commitment to serving the BMW riding community. But if you anticipate a long service wait, bring your Kermit chair because the waiting room chairs feel like they were designed for long-term sitting by BMW Motorcycles.

Mischler's new email address is: mischlers@charter.net

New address:
N8131 Kellom Road
Beaver Dam, WI 53916
Phone: 920-887-8725
FAX: 920-887-0080



The way to the service area is on the left of the parts counter.

For GPS users, the current MOA ON gives Mischler's coordinates as: N43 29.077 W88 50.101

2002 St. Patrick's Day Ride

By Steve Huber

It was a fine Wisconsin early spring day (i.e. cold, cloudy, and snow showers were forecast). Electrics were definitely useful that day. Those brave souls showing up at the Citgo in Cross Plains were Derek, Todd H, Roland, Steve L, Boyd, and yours truly (and I think I'm forgetting someone here). TVH swung by to see us off and climb back into that heated quadracycle of his. After riding for what seemed forever to our breakfast destination (actually, it was two blocks over to Shelton's) we fortified ourselves for the ride ahead.

Leaving Cross Plains, Todd led a nice meandering ride through the backroads of southwestern Wisconsin. The main problem with these roads was the abundant piles of sand that

remained from the last snowfall. This made things a bit "interesting" coming around a corner or over a hill to find traction at a premium. Road conditions (or lack thereof) did contribute to keeping our overall speeds down. Vegetation was obviously lacking at this time of year, so the valleys we rode through had the uniform gray/brown mottled look.

Due to the weather and road conditions this wasn't a marathon meander, I estimate the ride was less than 100 miles in length. Before long we were at our destination: Global View farm (<http://shop.globalview-intl.com/>) just outside Spring Green. This is a Tibetan Buddhist retreat nestled in a valley of Wisconsin. An old dairy barn has been remodeled to display crafts and indigenous handiwork from Southeast Asia, Indonesia, and Tibet. The place serves as a refuge of sorts for Tibetan Buddhist monks, and workshops are offered during the summer. Our little group wandered the four floors of items, trying out the temple bells, prayer wheels, and "singing meditation bowls". Several individuals found their wallets

being "enlightened" by purchasing items.

The forecasted snow showers began, so several of us decided to beat a hasty retreat back to Madison and warmth. With Roland leading the way I was soon back in Madison, looking forward to a hot cuppa tea.

Stuff For Sale

by Peggy Waters

BMW Tank Back Pack. Like new. Has all the fasteners, belts, rain cover, and installation booklet. It is way too big for me. Retail \$325. Asking \$275.

Hein Gericke : Boost Jacket size medium. Like new. Retail \$279.95. Boost Pants size large. Worn once! Retail \$219.95 I bought a non-black suit. \$400 takes the set.

Contact Peggy Waters at Drsprocket00@aol.com.
