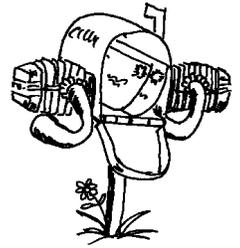


# The Mail Boxer

BMW MOA #7

BMW RA #5



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

## The Prez Sez:

By Steve Huber

Aaack! I really hate it when things sneak up on me. I blame it all on having only one club meeting since June. Suddenly here we are staring October in the face.

Along with the fall weather and leaves, don't forget to watch out for the usual fall road hazards. Those falling leaves mixed with a little light rain can make for greasy transitions in the corners. Along with the beautiful Wisconsin scenery come the inevitable leaf-peepers. Look out for them as you come around a blind corner or crest a hill at a "brisk" speed. And along with fall comes deer season. Given the increased herd size (according to the DNR, anyhow) increased deer/vehicle encounters are a possibility. Don't be one of them. Those animals are hell on fairing parts...

Club things we need to accomplish:

**Banquet:** Betty B has found some choices and we need to decide on a date, the sooner the better. Location and price TBA. Please (oh please) get your reservations in as soon as you can.

Along with the banquet comes the Cherished But Insignificant Awards. Get your form and nominations back to TVH, ASAP.

**Elections** (hoping I'd forget about those, didn't you?): Outside of a change in the newsletter regime it appears the current officer slate is doomed to get re-elected. Here's your chance to make a power grab. If you want to be club prez, I'll even give you my swagger stick!

**Club Campout/work party:** Wisconsin Badger Camp has October 26/27 and November 2 or 3 available. This would be a work session to help cut and split firewood for the upcoming year. If members are interested we could arrange overnight camping. Yeah it could be frosty camping but consider it training for the Club Winter Campout. I'm assuming the main lodge might be open/available for those preferring to stay inside (and warm).

**Steve's Pet Projects:** I'm still looking for someone to redo our club info sheet. Really, I do want your help. Heck, I'll help you with writing it!

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

**Next meeting:**  
**Sunday, October 6 at 9 AM**  
**Maple Tree Restaurant,**  
**McFarland, WI**

One nice thing about Fall is the decrease in bug splat. Still, I'd better go out and clean off the last layer from the RT. See y'all at the October b'fast!

## Prez Steve

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### Secretary's Report

By J.T. Wagner

There was no meeting this month, although a group of us helped by several potent margaritas managed to solve all the world's problems at the Dells Rally. Unfortunately, I can't remember what the solutions were. A lot of us weren't sure what to expect at the new rally location for camping availability. There was no problem - there was plenty of room for tents. The showers were hot as well. The Saturday meal was served indoors at the Resort. That was very nice.

Remember to get your tee shirt orders in.

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### Fellow Rider Needs Help

By Steve Huber

Many of you know Linda Hedden (AKA Helen TwoWheels) from her rally vending business selling motorcycle packing straps and bags. Many of us are very happy customers, and have shared a beer and laughs with her at many rallies. Linda travels to all the rallies she vends at via

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motorcycle, and as a result of those travels has been one of the MOA high-mileage females several years running

On Monday, September 24, a turning cage hit Linda. Her injuries include a severely broken leg, ribs and some extensive hand damage. Linda is doing "OK"; at least, as "OK" as one can be with these injuries. She is sitting up, but the concern is with possible pneumonia due to crushed ribs.

This is an excerpt from a recent update: "What has been pieced together is that she was riding on a rural four lane highway, US 50, just west of Sedalia Missouri. A cage hit her as he was turning east into her lane. He "didn't see her" of course. Her trailer wasn't on the bike this time. She had on all her riding gear, and it served well. The car hit her and the bike hard on the left side. Impact was hard enough to crunch and crumble the left rear Jesse case. Most of her injuries are on her left side. Most of the bike's injuries are on the left side also. The driver of the cage stayed at the scene, and we are still waiting to get

the State Trooper's report on the accident. They took her by ambulance to the local hospital and checked her out. Concern over her hand made them decide to transfer her to a larger hospital in Columbia via helicopter. That hospital has been very thorough making sure there are no 'hidden' injuries."

Linda is in the surgical ICU at University of Missouri Health Care. The email system and fax number there have been overwhelmed by the get-well wishes. The staff didn't realize they had a "celebrity" on their hands. If you want to send a message they ask you to use "snail mail". The address is:

Helen 2 Wheels  
SICU Bed 3  
University of Missouri Health Care  
One Hospital Drive  
Columbia, MO 65212

A fund has been set up to help defray medical costs and maybe help get Linda back on the road. Please send contributions to:

Helen TwoWheels Fund  
616 Barber  
Ann Arbor, MI 48103-2726

We all wish Linda a clear road to recovery.

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### Russ Champion Is Retiring and Moving

As you may have heard, Annette and I will be leaving Madison, moving a few hundred miles north to Chippewa Falls. With retirement comes a move back to my beginnings, to family. Fortunately, the

weather will allow the same amount of riding time as Madison. We wish, of course, that it would be twelve months a year. While Chippewa Falls is four hours north, I should be able to keep my club activities current. There could even be a Sunday morning breakfast or two.

My new address is:  
211 W Spruce Street  
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729  
Phone: 715-726-0431  
rchampion2@worldnet.att.net

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## Iowa Weekend

Ed Burington

Attended by club members Ed Burington, Steve Huber, John and Theresa Schroeder and joined by Bob and Linda Peart, Steve and Mary Brunner, Don and Heidi Smith and Wayne and Eileen Coursey.

We left Madison at 4 PM on a very pleasant Friday afternoon and headed down Highway 151 to Iowa. Once we crossed the Mississippi River we turned on to Highway 52 west and rode to PAM Imports, 2222 Central Ave. where we met Wayne, Eileen, John and Theresa. PAM Imports belongs to Wayne and Eileen and is the former home to the Dubuque BMW motorcycle dealership. Wayne led us on the scenic back roads route to New Vienna from Dubuque. The scenery in this area of the Mississippi River valley is a real treat. There are ridges and

valleys, curves, and straightaways enough to please.

After arriving at the campground we located Steve and Mary who had established settler's rights on an area of the campground large enough for our group. Packs came off bikes and tents popped up. We were quickly back on the road and headed the mile or two to New Vienna and a steak dinner. Iowa once again welcomed Wisconsin. We had a great time with our group and others. The town's people truly seemed to enjoy the extra enthusiasm we brought to their monthly dinner. We returned to the campground around 10 PM. Lawn chairs came out of Steve and Mary's camper. The campfire blazed brightly as we each settled around it with our favorite libation. The night sky traced the occasional meteor trail as our day wound down.

Saturday, those of us who stuck around for a second day enjoyed a wonderful campfire breakfast, and then made the ride down to Amana. By the time we returned to Dyersville, the heat and the humidity were getting to us all. We opted to skip the Field of Dreams this year and return to the campgrounds for more campfire sociability.

Sunday morning we packed up and made a slow descent from the ridges to the Mississippi River valley on Highway 52. We crossed the river at the Illinois bridge and had a delicious Sunday brunch at the Timmerman's restaurant on the bluff south of East Dubuque. After brunch the group broke up, each making their own way

home. Next year on August 8th we will be on the road to Iowa again. Happy trails

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## Dells Rally Report

By Mary Klopp

I have to admit that we were apprehensive about the new venue for the WI Dells Rally. We do enjoy the atmosphere of camping at the rallies. OK, you must wear earplugs if you want to get any sleep, but because a tent is not where you want to spend your time except to sleep, everyone is out and about most of the day. It's a very sociable scene. You basically share your living space with hundreds of your friends – or soon-to-be friends. In a motel room, you're tempted to sleep late, watch TV (especially HBO) and avoid the crowds. So, why go to a rally?

That said, I have to admit that the Dells Rally was just as much fun as ever. We DID camp, but will probably get a room next year. The camping area was not the best, but not the worst I've ever experienced. The bathrooms were sufficient and clean. But the only reason for getting a room is the shower situation. The showers are located next to the water slides. They are NOT intended for people who are not wearing bathing suits. They're group showers with an openly-woven basket weave fence shielding you from the outside. In other words, there is NO privacy. I hear the rooms are quite large,



Living it up in Margaritaville, the Flamingo Gang hosts another Dells Rally happy hour on Friday night.

so 4 people can share a \$65/night room without breaking the bank. Next year, we'll try to get a room near a camping area and set up the canopy there so we still have a common place to gather. If campers want to take a shower without an audience, they'll be able to use our shower.

Other items of note: There were plenty of vendors although they were located near the septic tank, so there was a bit of an odor. The beer tent was spacious with plenty of seating. It was especially nice to have a restaurant on site. The meal prices were not cheap, but were moderately priced. We ate 2-3 meals there. The Saturday evening rally meal was very well planned. We all ate inside at long tables. The food was good and the lines moved fast. The bands were wonderful - their choice of music was just right.

We always enjoy the Dells Rally because we also celebrate Roger's birthday that weekend. This year was no exception. We brought the cordless blender, some margarita mix, some tequila, ice, and snacks and we were good to go for the evening. I believe a good time was had by all. Hopefully we'll see a better Madison BMW Club turnout at the next Dells Rally.

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### **Weird News Of The Month: Weighty Examiners Too Heavy For Motorcycle Tests**

Forwarded by Tom Van Horn

Motorcycle tests in a Norwegian town were postponed because the available examiners were too heavy to ride tandem. All the

thin examiners at Elverum Traffic Station were away on summer vacation, and those left on duty to put people through the light motorcycle test weigh too much. The license regulations include a maximum load that assumes the driver weighs 165 pounds. A tandem passenger who breaks the limit by himself isn't allowed, reports the Aftenposten newspaper.

Examiner Bjoern Mellembakken, who weighs 202 pounds, says the station only has three people who are light enough to accompany learners during the practical test. He said: "This is a problem for us in general. We're big guys."

He said he doesn't foresee diets or liposuction being used to reverse the trend.

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### **More Words of Biker Wisdom**

Forwarded by Tom Van Horn

Editor's note: If this sounds familiar, we posted something similar not long ago. However, if you find the same item in an old issue of the Mail Boxer, it wouldn't be surprising. See the disclaimer below (Mea Kloppa).

Counter Steering: If you push the left bar, the bike goes left. If you push the right bar, the bike goes right. That is, unless you keep pushing the right bar all the way; then you will probably go left while the bike swaps ends.

Crashing: Remember riding isn't inherently dangerous - crashing is.

The Sidelines: It's always better to be on the sidelines wishing you were on the track than on the track wishing you were on the sidelines.

Fuel: The ONLY time you have too much fuel is when you're on fire.

The Rear Wheel: The rear wheel is just a big fan used to keep the rider cool and his butt relaxed. If in doubt, watch. When it locks up or slides out you can actually see the rider start sweating and pucker marks are left on the seat.

Too Slow: No one has ever hit something too slow.

Rides: A 'good' ride is one you can walk away from. A 'great' ride is one you can walk away from and use the bike again.

Getting Hit: They can't hit you if you're not there.

Mistakes: Learn from the mistakes of others. You won't live long enough to make all of them yourself.

Traction: When traction is sparse, the probability of survival is inversely proportional to the angle of lean. Large angle of lean, small probability of survival, and vice versa.

Your Brain: Never let a motorcycle take you somewhere your brain didn't go five seconds earlier.

Fog: Stay out of fog. The single red taillight you think is another rider ahead that you can catch, might be the red starboard light of a docked boat. (Ed. The starboard light is green, I believe. However, if you see boat lights, you could soon be in over your head.)

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

October 3-5, Thur-Sat:  
BMW-Mexico International Convention. For more information contact Ruben Tenorio at [rtenorio@spersaoa](mailto:rtenorio@spersaoa). If you are going, you'd better hurry!

October 6, Sun: Club breakfast at the Maple Tree Restaurant in McFarland at 9AM.

October 6, Sun: Slimey Crud gathering at Pine Bluff and Leland. Rides departing immediately after our club meeting.

October 11-13, Fri-Sun: Falling Leaf Rally, Potosi MO. We heard a rumor that there are on-site showers this year!

October 19, Sat: Octoberfest at Beemer Hill. Starting at 2:30PM, eat about 4PM. Camping available. For more information contact Sue Rihn-Manke at 262-495-4163.

November 9 or 16, Sat: annual club banquet, held at a venue to be determined at our next club meeting.

Parking: Always try to keep the number of times you park the bike equal to the number of times you've ridden it.

Luck & Experience: You start with a bag full of luck and an

empty bag of experience. The trick is to fill the bag of experience before you empty the bag of luck.

Mirrors: If all you can see in your mirrors is the direction you were previously traveling intermingled with sparks, and all you can hear is commotion from the passenger riding pillion, things are not at all as they should be.

Other Objects: In the ongoing battle between objects made of metal, rubber and plastic going dozens of miles per hour, and the ground going zero miles per hour, the ground has yet to lose. Same holds for cars, trucks, walls and most animals. Draws don't count.

Judgment: Good judgment comes from experience. Unfortunately, experience usually comes from bad judgment.

Going Forward: It's always a good idea to keep the headlight end going forward as much as possible.

Looking: Keep looking around. There's always something you've missed.

Laws: Remember, gravity and centrifugal force are not just good ideas. They're laws not subject to repeal.

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## What Not to Say to a Police Officer

From the Onion Website  
December 19, 2001

insouciance and bonhomie quite like a revving motorcycle.

Shamelessly purloined from the Blue Ridge Beemers Newsletter

- I can't reach my license unless you hold my beer (OK in Texas).
- Sorry, Officer, I didn't realize my radar detector wasn't plugged in.
- Aren't you the guy from the Village People?
- Hey, you must've been doin' about 125 mph to keep up with me. Good job!
- Are you Andy or Barney?
- I thought you had to be in relatively good physical condition to be a police officer.
- You're not gonna check the top case, are you?
- I pay your salary!
- Gee Officer, that's terrific! The last officer only gave me a warning too!

10. When the officer says "Gee son, your eyes look red, have you been drinking?", you probably shouldn't respond with, "Gee Officer, your eyes look glazed, have you been eating donuts?".

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## Wow, Check Out That Motorcycle Revving!

By Ron Kaat

Last night, sometime around 2 AM., I was ripped from a peaceful slumber by a shockingly loud noise from the street outside. Alternating between a shrill, piercing whine and a thunderous roar, the sound echoed down the block, rattling my bedroom windows with oceanic waves of internal-combustion fury. As I lay there, unable to fall back asleep, my head and pulse pounding, I could think only one thing: Wow, check out that motorcycle revving!

What is it that makes a revving motorcycle so welcome? Why is this exhaust-choked noise instantly embraced and enjoyed by all who hear it? And what is it about the deafening roar made by the motorcyclist—he of the unmuffled exhaust pipes—that makes him beloved above all others? These are just a few of the questions I pondered during the hours immediately following that motorcycle's early-morning revving.

Inevitably, the answer to each question was always the same: the mere act of sitting astride a stationary motorcycle and manipulating the throttle for the express purpose of creating vast amounts of ear-splitting noise is the most impressive display of power known to man.

Yelling out of cars, turning your speakers out the window to blast your music onto the street, setting off M-80 firecrackers, firing automatic weapons into the air - these are all well and good. But none of them create a merry atmosphere of

When a man mounts a motorcycle and, instead of merely riding it like a common mortal, chooses to regale everyone within a five-mile radius with the sound of four or five thousand internal-combustion explosions a minute, he is saying something. He is announcing to the world (or at least half the city): "We are all human beings, unique unto the world, and as a human, I will not be bound by the will of the masses. I am a soaring spirit, incapable of being chained, and, by way of evidence, I will provide this threshold-of-pain sonic explosion."

And it works! Last night, up and down my block, people were jolted awake with undeniable proof of that motorcyclist's humanity. The act was deeply moving to each and every one of us ex-sleepers. I'm sure I'm not the only one who found it difficult to go back to bed for a long time, so affected was I by this stirring, transcendent expression of individuality.

That is what I admire most about such motorcyclists: their courage to assert their uniqueness in the most audible, public way possible.

It is such determination to make our individuality heard that sets us apart from the animals. So hallelujah, I say, and let freedom rev.

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## Slimey Crud Motorcycle Run

Don't forget! October 6 is the umpteenth semi-annual Slimey Crud Run. It's that time of year again when motorcyclists of all types gather in Pine Bluff at Kitt's Corners or Leland at Sprecher's Tavern and can be found on all roads in between. The show begins late morning and lasts throughout the afternoon. Join one of the groups of riders that will be heading for the festivities after our club meeting.

Ride scenic curvy roads through the unglaciated area of rural Wisconsin. See interesting and unusual, and sometimes very rare, motorcycles. Run into old friends as you stroll through the crowd. Watch hypergonadal exhibitionists launch major wheelies to impress other males similarly trapped in arrested development.

When you reach the major gathering point in Leland, stop in for refreshments and baloney with cheese sandwiches at Sprecher's. As our prez would say, "It's a large time!"

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## Oktoberfest On Beemer Hill

From Brian and Sue Manke

Just a quick note to remind you that Oktoberfest on Beemer Hill is scheduled for October 19th this year! Hope you can join us!

<http://www.beemerhill.com>

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## MOA Mileage Reminder

Don't forget to fill out your annual MOA mileage completion form this month. Have the numbers verified by a club officer's signature and turn it in to Karol Patzer by the deadline.

Just because Wisconsin BMW riders are always first in the mileage totals doesn't mean we are all Mileage Obsessed Anal-retentives.

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## "Mea Kloppa"

By Roger Klopp

As you may have noticed, the Rochester Rib Run report in last month's issue had a familiar ring to it. The same story, word for word, appeared in the July issue of the Mail Boxer. Even as I was editing the story for at least the second time, I had this feeling of déjà vu all over again. A corrected version appears on our website. Our apologies if this caused any needless hankering for ribs.

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## Winter Motorcycle Storage

Mischler's BMW of Beaver Dam is offering winter storage for your motorcycle. Club members \$20.00 per month, non-members \$25.00 per month. Free storage for \$1200.00 of service contracted at time of storage drop off. Call Art for details at 920-887-8425.

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## BANQUET! BANQUET! BANQUET! BANQUET! BANQUET!

WHEN: Saturday, November date to be determined at the October meeting, 2002 - Dinner 6:30pm  
WHERE: To be determined at the October meeting  
WHAT: The annual MBM WMC Awards Banquet  
WHO: You!!!  
WHY: Why NOT???

The menu will depend on which venue we choose.

If anyone requires a vegetarian meal, please note below.

Cost is \$10/person. The club will pick up any additional costs. No last minute walk-ins.

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PLEASE fill out and send this banquet registration form and your check to John Ong @ 4725 Nora Lane, Madison WI 53711 by October 31. See you all there!

Names of those attending \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed (\$10.00 @) \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian? Yes / No

Are you renewing for 2003 at the banquet? Yes / No / Don't know / Renewing what?

➤ Remember, no fabulous Mail Boxer newsletter for you unless you renew your membership. Oh, and we'll talk about you behind your back at the club meetings.

Snippy, snip, snip

### Madison BMW Club Cherished - But - Totally - Insignificant - Awards - Form

MEMBERS!!! Please fill out all the blanks below and send THIS form to Tom Van Horn at: 302 Glen Hwy., Madison, WI 53705. Please get them to me by October 31. THANKS!  
Estimate your BMW miles ridden between January 1st and October 31st, 2002 (to the nearest 100 miles). You may use this form for more than one rider - - please separate with different ink colors or a slash (/) mark.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ For 2002, Your TOTAL BMW miles Ridden \_\_\_\_\_

Divide your totals into: Commuting miles \_\_\_\_\_ Sport or day ride miles \_\_\_\_\_

Touring miles (more than 1 day) \_\_\_\_\_

My co-rider \_\_\_\_\_ was along for \_\_\_\_\_ miles.

My/Our longest trip was \_\_\_\_\_ miles over \_\_\_\_\_ days.

Most miles in one day was \_\_\_\_\_; two days \_\_\_\_\_.

Number of nights in tent \_\_\_\_\_; in motel \_\_\_\_\_.

Number of states/provinces ridden in \_\_\_\_\_ miles in rain \_\_\_\_\_.

Number of rallies (not club rides) attended \_\_\_\_\_. How many GR3s total? \_\_\_\_\_

Sidecar miles \_\_\_\_\_; Trailer miles (Roland - Unigo isn't really a trailer. It's a pod, not a manly trailer with 2 wheels and over 300 pounds weight when loaded. Oh, and motorcycles ON trailers don't count either.) \_\_\_\_\_.

Estimate your TOTAL overall mileage on every BMW motorcycle you have had \_\_\_\_\_.

How many years riding? \_\_\_\_\_.

Did you have any unusual or memorable incident or accident this year?

Tell us:

\_\_\_\_\_

Who should be this year's Shafy Character? \_\_\_\_\_

Why?

\_\_\_\_\_

Who should get Special Mention for service to the club? \_\_\_\_\_

Why?

\_\_\_\_\_