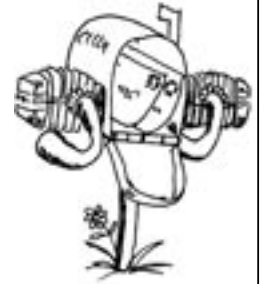


The Mail Boxer

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BMW MOA #7



Club members Bert Hefty & Jim Low gather outside the restaurant in Albany for the August 29th club meeting.



Prez Tom talks the talk.

Classifieds

For Sale: 2003 BMW K1200GT; Dark Blue; Bar riser kit; under 10K miles; asking \$13,000 (suggested by Art Mischler). Call Dave Jenneke at 608-838-0638.

For Sale: Teknics Textile Riding Pants; Black; Used three times; waist size 38; waterproof and armored in knees and hips. These are pretty nice pants. They do have zipper to jacket capabilities, but don't know if they will work with other brands than Teknics. Asking \$50. Call Dave Jenneke at 608-838-0638.

For Sale: 2002 R1150RT. 5,953 miles. Top and side cases. Stereo. Metallic Blue. Absolutely spotless! Asking \$11,500. Photos available. Call Joe Minerath with questions. (608) 445-2411 cell (608) 424-1736 home

Upcoming Events

9/25: Big Woods 200 Dual Sport Ride-Wabeno WI. Sponsored by the Madison Motorcycle Club.

10/2: Ride to Guadalajara Restaurant led by Steve Lemke. Depart from the the Lake Mills McDonalds at 1:30 arrival at destination by 4pm. Contact Steve Lemke for details.

10/3: 9am Club breakfast at the Maple Tree Restaurant in McFarland.

10/3: Slimey Crud Run 10am in Pine Bluff and Leland at 1pm.

10/8-10: Point Brewery watch the unique harvest and ride numerous country roads that wind through picturesque forest. Enjoy the Cranberry Highway™ as it leads riders to JuRustic Park in Marshfiel. Visit our events page at www.madisonbmwclub.org for more info.

10/12: Fall Color Tour Poker Run sponsored by the Madison Motorcycle Club. Sign-up at Alt 'N Bach's Town Tap from 10am-11:30. Destination TBA; approximate length is 100 miles. Followed by a delicious meal.

10/16: Bruun/Herbst wedding reception. Join us at our home (4593 Rocky Dell Road) for a band and bonfire from 7-11pm to celebrate our marriage which will have taken place in TN on 10/2.

For more info or directions call
(608)831-4439.

11/6: 5:30pm Club banquet at
the Imperial Garden-West. Family
style dinner served at 6:30pm.
Cost to be determined. For more
information contact Ben Cimino at
(608)831-6714.

12/5: 9am Club breakfast at
the Maple Tree Restaurant in
McFarland.

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Membership News

by Derek Engelen

The Club welcomes 1 new members this month!

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Bikes:

2005 BMW R1200GS
2002 Triumph T100 Bonneville
2003 Yamaha TW200

Treasurer's Report

by John Ong

Annual Club banquet at Imperial Garden—West. Happy-hour at 5:30pm; family style dinner at 6:30pm; cost per person is \$10. Send checks to John Ong by October 25th. You can also send in membership renewals at that time or later. Membership dues for 2005 are \$20 for a single membership and \$5 for an associate membership at the same address. DO NOT pay for dinner or dues at the banquet. I do not want to spend all my time fumbling with making change or listing names for the 2005 membership roster.

Secretary's Report

By JT Wagner

I forgot to send in my last report. Hey, I turned 50, so cut me some slack ! Anyway, because of the upcoming Labor day weekend and the Dells Rally the following week, we decided to try another venue for the August/September breakfast. Bert H. suggested Stonemasters Cafe in Albany so on the 29th , 37 of us showed up there for a well received breakfast buffet featuring breakfast burritos, French toast, quiche, and other assorted goodies. Thanks to our hosts Ernie and Debbie.

UP for discussion at a later time would be whether we would try different places occasionally again in the future. The banquet this year will be at Imperial Garden at the intersection of Allen Blvd. and University Ave. Saturday November 6. Cocktails around 5:30 to 6:30. The cost will be \$10.00 per person with the club picking up an additional \$6.00 per.

The club elections are also at this time. If any of you would like to be a club officer, speak up. I know we will be needing a new secretary. I'm willing to let the job go to some one else. I've been on the club board practically since I joined the club 13 years ago. Time for new blood. The 50/50 drawing went to Steve Lemke.

The free breakfasts went to Steve Lemke and Dick Olsen. The next breakfast is October 3rd.

RAMBLINGS

by Kirk Erlinger

For the February 2004 Newsletter I submitted an article describing a track day event put on by the Ducati Owners Club of Canada. This past weekend while attending the Wisconsin BMW Clubs/Dells Rally I was lucky enough to speak with more than a few riders who have either taken their BMW's racing, did a track day(s) or wanted to attend a track day. So once again I'd like to share the fantastic weekend my brother Jack and I had at the 2004 DOCC Grattan Rally held on 7/31 and 8/1. It was so much fun we decided to stay and ride on Monday for an extra reasonable fee! We put on well over 175 miles of track time with out incident. Once again the fine folks of the club put on 2 outstanding days of safe (no rider went down on either Saturday or Sunday) riding. For a small membership fee to join the club and the Rally fee you can get you fill of riding in one of five riding groups.

Orange: Is for riders with no previous track experience & riders interested in a safe non-threatening track ride. Passing at corners is not permitted in this class.

Blue: Is for the average street rider who enjoys a spirited ride, but is not ready to go road racing yet. Passing on the inside of corners is not permitted in this class.

Red & Yellow: Is for experienced track riders who can turn good lap times, but still maintain a safe margin for error. Safe passing at any position on the track is allowed.

Green: Is open to all racers & equally fast non racers. This group is very fast, riders should be comfortable riding in close quarters. Safe passing at any position on the track is allowed. Here is the weblink to the D.O.C.C. <http://www.docc.ca/html/home.html>

Attendance was down this year due to the increased Grattan Rally fee and also in part to the long distance some of the club members have to travel. However, we still had the excellent Italian dinner on Saturday night, in addition to the evening's



camaraderie around the campfires. It sure would be fun to circulate with a few other BMW's or other Euro bikes.

In addition to the DOCC here are a couple other local track day organizations or schools. I encourage all to get out and experience riding in a controlled environment that doesn't include police, cars, deer, dogs, or sand & gravel. If you have any comments or questions please contact me.

<http://www.learningcurves.com/>
<http://www.team-visionsports.com/pages/953781/index.htm>
<http://www.sportbiketracktime.com/schedule.html>
<http://www.formulaua.com/sportrider>
http://www.madisonbmwclub.org/newsletters/04_02.pdf Feb 2004 Newsletter link.

Have fun!

SmarTire Tire Tips

By John Bolegoh, Technical Services Manager, SmarTire Systems Inc.

Article Four—Tire Care Tips and Active Tire Monitoring

In this fourth installment, we'll look at some basic tire care tips and introduce active tire monitoring for motorcycles.

General Tire Care Tips

These general tire care tips will help ensure longer tire life and a safer ride.

Know Your Load

Know your bike's total loaded weight including rider, gear, accessories, passenger, etc. and make sure not to exceed your tire's max-

imum load rating. If you are near the maximum, consider changing to a higher load rated tire and use higher pressure settings.

Know Your Tires

Inspect your tires before every ride. Look for irregular or excessive wear, any signs of cracking in the sidewalls and tread, blisters, knots, cuts or punctures. Immediately replace any damaged tire.

Pressure, pressure, pressure

Check air pressures regularly with a good quality gauge and always check tires when they are cold (about 65 degrees F.).

Better yet, invest in an active tire pressure monitoring system that constantly checks tire pressures while you ride.

Stay out of the Sun!

Park in a shaded area and store your bike away from direct sunlight. Tires stored in direct sunlight will harden and age more quickly than those kept in dim light or the dark.

Store Away from Heat

Do not keep tires next to radiators or sources of heat. If you store your bike in a heated garage, find the coolest area. Tires subjected to heat will age more quickly than those stored in a cool, constant environment.

Active Tire Monitoring for Motorcycles

Active tire pressure monitoring is a new technology recently introduced for motorcycles, with its roots in the world of racing where maintaining proper tire pressure and temperature is critical.

What is Active Tire Monitoring Exactly?

Active tire monitoring is a safety and performance system that displays real-time tire data and automatically alerts the rider to a loss of air pressure or to a dangerously high tire temperature (a rise in temperature often indicates the presence of a tire separation). This real-time tire information improves both rider safety and motorcycle performance.

An active tire monitoring system consists of two components: pressure/temperature sensors mounted on the rim inside each tire and a digital display with warning light mounted in view of the rider. The sensor mounted inside the tire/wheel assembly continuously monitors both air pressure and temperature; transmitting this information via radio frequency to the receiver/display unit. If the tire pressure drops below preset thresholds or the temperature rises above a threshold, the display immediately alerts the rider with a bright flashing light and indicates the location and nature of the problem. At this point, the rider can safely stop and access what is causing the tire warning. As well, the rider can view real-time tire pressure and temperature informa-

tion by simply pressing the button on the display unit (preferably when stopped so it is not a distraction!). By pushing the button once, each tire's pressure, temperature and pressure deviation (amount of under or over inflation) is sequentially displayed.

The Importance of Temperature Monitoring

The air pressure inside a tire is directly affected by the tire's temperature. As a tire's temperature rises, the air pressure rises proportionally. The tire's operating temperature is influenced by:

- inflation pressure
- weight being carried by the tires
- speed of the motorcycle
- ambient climatic conditions
- tire properties
- riding style

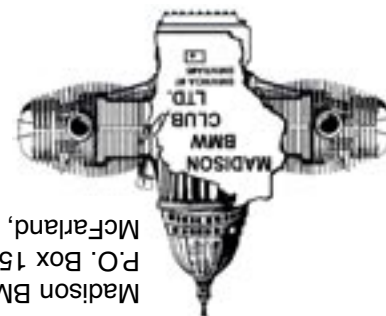
An active tire monitoring system takes into account the natural change of pressure with temperature when triggering its alerts. This is called 'temperature compensation' and provides the rider with an earlier warning of a pressure irregularity than provided by a fixed low pressure alert threshold.

Temperature monitoring and alerting is also important because a steep rise in tire temperature often indicates a tire separation.

Tire Inflation Summary

An active tire monitoring system is affordable and easy to install by anyone with tire changing capabilities. It provides a critical early warning to tire pressure or temperature irregularities and not only saves your tires, but might just save your bacon!

Motorcycle tire under-inflation is a serious problem that causes thousands of needless accidents each year. Maintaining proper tire pressure not only increases rider safety but also improves motorcycle performance, tire life and fuel economy. SmarTire offers the industry's first active tire pressure monitoring system designed specifically for motorcycles and the safety conscious rider.



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