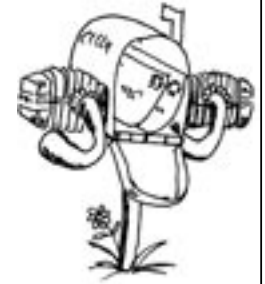


# The Mail Boxer

November 2004

BMW MOA #7



## *The Prez Says...*

*by Tom Van Horn*

First off, I want to offer congratulations to Todd and Betty on their marriage! They had an interesting equestrian ceremony in Tennessee, and a rather brisk reception at their new digs on Oct 16th. All the best to you both!!

A congratulations to Steve Huber on his BMW MOA Ambassador appointment—Sue Rihn bestowed it upon him at Octoberfest.

REMEMBER, THERE IS NO BREAKFAST ON NOVEMBER 7th! I suggest that you set watches way early, so you make it to the club banquet on the night before...

...November is the thanks-be time when the club supports a charity or two—one of these is the Atwood Community Food Pantry. In the past, we've given them \$200. Due to the fiscal bashing we got at GR/3, we discussed the matter at the Oct 3rd meeting, and voted to send them \$100...

It was pointed out that another BMW club in the area waives the dues for club officers, and 'twas suggested that we consider doing the same. After discussion, we decided to throw the question out to all y'all—Whaddya think? We'll discuss at the banquet...

We held the Sept b'fast a bit early (due to the Dells Rally), and tried a new venue—Stonemasters Coffee in Albany. At the time, it was suggested that we consider going there a few (2, 3, 4?) times each year. As I recall, they opened on Sunday especially for us (memories of the Sunnyside on Lake Kegonsa-?), but, if they're willing, we'll talk about it...

...It is NOT too late to think about becoming a club officer! Todd Erickson has—bless his heart—said he'll be V.P. next year...

The BMWMOA Mileage Contest is now history, BUT you still have until Nov 15th to send the form off. See me if you need a signature—Wisconsin ruled again last year in total miles; Let's keep it up!!!

I hope to see yawl at Imperial Garden West on the 6th! Be there, aloha. Or hao'la. Or t'sing tao. or - just be there!

Next b'fast, December 5th

## Upcoming Events

**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.**

**1/1: Madison Motorcycle Club New Year's Day Ride. For more information call John Troya at 271-0582.**

# Treasurer's Report

*by John Ong*

The 3 Oct. 04 meeting was held at the Maple Tree Restaurant in McFarland. We had 24 in attendance of which 21 ate breakfast. We also had 6 guests, one of which won a free breakfast for 5 Dec. 04, Cat Pippit. There was no additional attendance due to the Slimey Crud ride this time.

Badger BMW Club (dues \$15 per person) voted to give club officers free membership to encourage more participation. This was brought up at our meeting but no one had any discussion to offer so it was decided to mention it in the newsletter and perhaps bring it up at a future meeting.

The club voted to give \$100 to the Atwood Community Center Food Pantry. Alternate/extra breakfast sites were mentioned. Seems to be quite a bit of interest in this.

No breakfast meeting in November, due to the banquet being the day before we would usually meet. The next 4 breakfasts fall on 5 Dec. 04, 9 Jan. 05 (to give everyone a week to sober up after New Year's Eve), 6 Feb. 05, and 6 Mar. 05.

We will be needing President, Vice President, and Secretary candidates for next year. We currently have 10 signed up for the banquet and 20 listed for 2005 membership. As this is written on 6 Oct. 04 the checking account has \$4216 in it and petty cash has \$313.

We'll be ending the year with 99 members.

# Membership News

*by Derek Engelen*

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## Bikes:

1994 BMW K1100RS  
1975 BMW R75/6  
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# And Now for Something Different: A Trip Along The Cheese Country Trail

*by Steve Huber*

There's a little known, at least to road riders, ORV (off road vehicle) trail in southern Wisconsin that should be visited by more F650 and R1XXGS riders. Known as the Cheese Country Trail it runs for 47 miles between Monroe and Mineral Point.

The trail follows a recovered rail bed and is the only multi-use trail in Wisconsin. ATVs are usually found along the trail, however depending on when you ride the trail you may find bicyclists, joggers, walkers, or horses. By the way, watch out for those slippery horse apples.

The quickest start from Madison is to follow your favorite road to Monroe. Start at the Monroe Visitor for a trail map and trail pass. A trail pass is required for all motorized vehicles, costs \$8 and is good for the season.

Since the trail follows a railroad bed (and has a 30mph speed limit) it's not particularly challenging for hardcore off roaders. At the same time it does give you a chance to check out the scenery. Speaking of scenery the trail mostly follows the Pecatonica River, with Hwy 11 on your left. Depending on the season you might scare up a deer or turtles sunning along a trailside pond.

Scenery is great, your typical bucolic countryside. The rider passes along farm land and road cuts with plenty of photo op spots.



Trail conditions can vary depending on when you choose to ride. After a recent rain the trail in spots was so chewed up I started to mimic Ricky Carmichael. Most of the bridges are concrete, however you do need to watch for conditions both on the approach and exit.



Depending on your stops the trail can easily be done in a few hours. A stop at Baumgartners in Monroe or the Red Rooster in Mineral Point make for a great destination.

For more information

<http://www.greencounty.org/tourism/cheesemappage.htm>



# Miscellaneous

by John Ong

The fall Dickeyville Motorcycle hill climb was held Sunday 19 Sept. 04. Highway 151 was blocked off for construction, but you could get to the site ok from Dickeyville. There were over 100 competitors in several classes, e.g. novice, expert, 600cc, 750cc, open, exhibition, etc. It would take from about 11.5 to 20 some seconds to make it to the top of what appeared to be about a 45° angle hill. Most of those who didn't make it to the top spun out about 2/3 of the way up (170–180 ft.) One guy spun out at 50 feet. The oldest competitor was an 82 year old man; the same age as the Dickeyville hill climb itself.

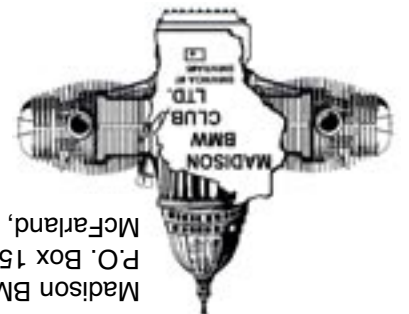
Must have been a few hundred motorcycles of all kinds plus cars and pick-up trucks. I'd say about 95% plus of the people were Harley-Davidson clothing and most all the women were wearing tattoos as well.

Saturday 2 Oct. 04 was the first brat & bike show at

Renegade classic just North of Janesville on highway 26. There were about 50 bikes there. All but 4 or 5 were Harley's. About 25 were entered in the bike show, entry fee \$5 but you got a "free" T-shirt. Everyone who was there could vote their favorite in several classes. The Ural Sportsman won Best in Stock and Best in Theme. One gal said she was voting my bike as best in 4 or 5 classes! Other classes were: most chrome, best paint, dirtiest bike, most bug splattered, best use of duct tape, cleanest bike, etc.

The Ural also won 1st place in British and European at the Dells rally in 2003 and in the European class in 2004.

Tire Notes: a Russian tire marked 4.00x19 actually measures 4.10x19 and an Avon (English) tire marked 4.10x19 actually measures 3.75x19. I guess as long as they don't rub it should be ok.



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