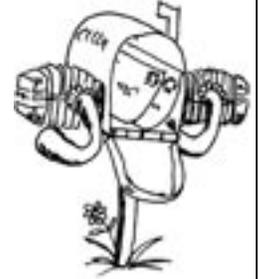


The Mail Boxer

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The Ex Prez Says...

by Tom Van Horn

Fifty folks were at the club's 2004 awards banquet; Imperial Gardens food and service met with approval, near as I could tell...

Firstly, I would like to welcome and thank the new and continuing club officers:

PRESIDENT: Todd Herbst

VICE PREZ: Todd Erickson

SECRETARY: Roland Thompson

TREASURER: John Ong

RALLY CZAR: Bert Hefty

EDITOR: Betty Herbst

MEMBERSHIP CZAR: Derek Engelen (this was made a full board position by vote at the banquet meeting—welcome (really) aboard, Derek!)

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR: position is vacant at present—Anyone? Anyone??

We voted to do a one-year trial of board officers not paying membership dues, in view of their service to the club and to encourage future participation.

...the club Winter Campout is slotted for the third weekend in January.

Awards? Inflictions?? Now, who did what??

2004 MILEAGE: Bill Jutz, 25,000; Bert Hefty, 15,560; Tom Schirz, 15,270.

Broken into:

COMMUTING MILES: Dave Jenneke, 8,000; Bert H., 6160; Dave Maly, 3,000.

SPORT MILES: Jim Keeney, 9,800; Tom S., 7030; Dave J., 4,500.

TOURING MILES: Steve Huber (ahem, Ambassador Huber-), 12,800; Dave M., 8,000; Ed Burington, 6,920.

PASSENGER MILES: Laurel Hefty, 1,750; Karen Krukenberg, 1,650; Sharon Maly, 500.

MILES in DAYS: Dave M., 6,250 in 15; Tom S., 5,250 in 10; Phil Wilson, 3,600 in 10.

MILES/ONE DAY: Bert, 820; Dave M., 806; Tom S., 780.

MILES/TWO DAYS: Dave M., 1,620; Tom S., 1,531; Bert, 1,500.

NIGHTS IN TENT: Dave M., 25; Mary Klopp, 10; Ed B./Karen K./ Bert (??), 9.

NIGHTS in MOTEL: Ed B., 16; Russ Champion, 12; Karen K., 11.

STATES/PROVINCES RIDDEN: Phil W./Dave M., 14; John Schroeder, 13; Tom S., 12.

MILES in RAIN: Dave M., 1,000; Phil W./Russ C., 500; Tom S., 400. (J.T. said, "...lost count..."; Steve H.: "mercifully few..."; Bert: "who knows?..", and Kirk Erlinger said, "200, in 40 degree weather...")

RALLIES ATTENDED: Dave M., 7; Steve H., 5; Phil W./Ben Cimino, 4.

Nobody entered miles towing a trailer;

SIDECAR MILES: Dave M., 1,549; Tom V.H., 350+.

TOTAL BMW MILES: Bill J., 742,000+; Dave M., 600,000+; Tom S., 275,000+.

(Bert again said, "...who knows?...")

YEARS RIDING: Nate Enge, 59; Russ C., 52; Tom S., 45.

Upcoming Events

12/4: 6pm Belle City Beemers Holiday party at Pinkies Hideout on Hwy K in Franksville.

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.

1/15-16: Winter Camp-out at Blue Mounds State Park. Call Bert Hefty for details.

The Ex Prez Says continued...

Dave Maly has attended (and done the ride on) every GR/3 except one.

Among a pack of deserving SHAFTY CHARACTER inductees, Bert won, for reasons like, "Left for CO rally on one bike and arrived on another."; and the usual "...just look at him!..."

Betty Herbst was the very deserving winner of the Club SERVICE MEDALLION for all her marvelous newsletter work, this done while juggling a full-time job, a heavy school load, moving houses, and arranging her wedding. Hear, Hear!!

I want to thank everyone who has participated in the Madison BMW Club activities in the years I've been Prez and V.P. All of YOU are the reason that our club had done what it has, and is what it is. THANK YOU ALL!!

Secretary's Report

by Roland Thompson

The November meeting was held in conjunction with the annual banquet at The Imperial Garden West on November 6th. 54 people attended.

The election/selection of officers for 2005 was held. The following people were elected by voice vote:

President—Todd Herbst

Vice President—Todd Erickson

Secretary—Roland Thompson

Treasurer—John Ong

Rally Czar—Bert Hefty

Membership Chair—Derek Engelen

Activities Chair—Todd Herbst will continue in that post until someone else wants the job.

A motion was made to make the membership chair a part of the executive committee and was carried. A motion was made to exempt club officers from dues during their tenure. After some discussion it was decided to try this for 2005 only and evaluate whether to make this arrangement permanent at the end of next year. A motion was made and carried.

Tom Van Horn led the awards ceremony with several mileage and other miscellaneous awards given. Most significant awards were to Bill Jutz—High Mileage; Bert Hefty—Shafty Character; Betty Herbst—Outstanding Service Award. Derek Engelen asked for a show of appreciation to outgoing officers Tom Van Horn, Steve Huber, and JT Wagner for their longtime, meritorious service to the club, which was met with a standing ovation. Thanks again, guys.

The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday December 5th at the Maple Tree. The meeting adjourned to the bar.

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The Inaugural Speech

by Todd Herbst

Hello to all.

Well, another great banquet has come and gone. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves. I certainly did.

Once again, we need to give a huge round of applause to all of our past and present Officers. Their service is immeasurable at keeping this club moving forward.

Speaking of moving forward, I personally want to thank the club for nominating me as your new Prez. Two weeks before the banquet I hadn't given it a thought. Then the infamous call came. Things snowballed, and here I am the proud leader of a great new Imperialistic dictatorship with a powerful army ready to squash anyone who dares to question my rule... umm... someone kick me... hard... I'm dreaming again. Anyway, Thank you.

I've heard there is a new motorcycle movie out called *The Motorcycle Diaries*. I'm hoping Betty and I can see it soon, maybe someone could see it and write a review for the January newsletter. Which leads into my next topic...

At the banquet Betty was given a Distinguished Honors award for her work on the Newsletter and she has been doing a fantastic job at it. I don't know if anyone has noticed lately it's been a little thin, that's because we're not getting enough Writing, Photos, Poetry, etc. etc.. A Photo essay every other month might be nice, especially in the Winter when all we can do is dream. Well, unless you're a Jutz.

I'm adding a new closing bit to the mailboxer called "exhaust note". You probably saw it even before you opened the newsletter. This month it's a self-portrait of yours truly, but it could be anything goofy or unusual. I'm looking for something new every month. how about a cartoon or poetry... Cripes did I mention Poetry again... time to go.

I'm Todd Herbst and I approve this message!

Calling All Women Motorcyclists

by Betty Herbst

While this article is intended for the women of our club—men keep reading. You may be able to gain some insight about riding with women to make it more enjoyable for both you and the woman you are with.

man may lose patience as I very slowly navigate a washed out gravel road but Tanya slows down and rides it with me so that I don't have the added fear of being lost or left behind; or worse waiting for someone to come back if I should fall

dropped bike, read a map, and ask for help without shame if necessary.

Tanya and I have frequently discussed planning a women's motorcycle weekend. With my August graduation coming (assuming I pass the remaining classes!) I'll have more time and fewer excuses to not do this. At this point initial thoughts put the timing for, hopefully the first of many women's rides, later in August. As of yet the destination ideas include places such as Door County, and Herman Missouri where there are some neat wineries. So ladies, if you have any interest, thoughts or ideas regarding this please let me know!

"My friend and riding partner Tanya can sense and understand my fears usually without my ever voicing them."

As a woman on a motorcycle I carefully think through many things that most men would never think twice about. I am also shorter and not as strong as most men. For example when I park my bike I carefully survey the options for a flat area free of debris so that if I must back my bike when I leave I will not have to back it up a hill or on slippery debris which, since I cannot flat foot my bike, could cause me to fall more easily. While I love to ride with Todd; I find riding with other women particularly enjoyable. My friend and riding partner Tanya can sense and understand my fears usually without my ever voicing them. As an example: a

and get injured. Similarly I can tell by the way Tanya sits on her bike when she has encountered riding conditions that are challenging to her. I believe that this is because as another woman she has experienced and overcome some of the same fears that I may be facing for the first time and I can see in her the same physical symptoms that I feel when I encounter challenging conditions. We also enjoy similar stamina and little to no mechanical knowledge turning any mechanical issues encountered into a humorous adventure rather than a stressful situation. When I ride with Tanya I feel powerful. I know that we can pick up a



Exhaust note



I'm Todd Herbst and I....Don't.....think...I approve of this message.

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