

# The Mail Boxer

June 2005

BMW MOA #7



## Secretary's Report

by Roland Thompson

Madison BMW Meeting  
May 1, 2005

The Madison BMW Club meeting was held at the Maple Tree in McFarland. So many attended that I lost count. This was the May Slimy Crud Run, so we also had many guests.

### Rally News:

1. Badger Camp will be doing a Friday night dinner and Saturday AM breakfast for rally goers.
2. Two teepees will also be available for rent in addition to the rally fee.

### New Business:

1. The club banquet will be at the Essen Haus in Madison on November 5, 2005. The cost will be \$20.00 per person. The club may pick up some of this depending on the outcome of this year's rally. Sign up for the banquet will be at the October meeting..
2. Roland Thompson was nominated for rally chair, and has accepted. Other nominations should be submitted to Todd Erickson, and if an election is necessary, it will be held at the June club picnic.
3. The club picnic will be held June 10<sup>th</sup> at Brigham Park. The cost will be \$7.50/person.

Meeting was adjourned about 10:35.

### Upcoming Events

**Sunday, June 12** - Madison BMW Club Picnic at Brigham County Park on County Highway F outside of the Village of Blue Mounds. Meet at 12:30-1:00 p.m and eat at 2:00 p.m. Price is \$7.50/person. Madison BMW Club to provide soda. Baby back ribs, chicken, and all the fixings will be catered JL Richards.

**Sunday, June 26** - Todd Erickson will lead a ride leaving from the Quaker Steak Restaurant, 2259 Deming Way, on Madison's west side at 9:00am. "The ride will have a run through Blue Mounds backroads towards Spring Green, moving up more backroads towards Sauk City for a lunch/brunch at a location to be determined. For those who want to continue on I'll probably go up towards Devil's Lake to do some hiking in the rock climb area. State Park stickers are mandatory for Devil's Lake. The Wisconsin Area Ducati Enthusiasts (WADE) have also been invited to come along as well. Route maps will be made and of course available to all." For more details contact Todd at home #608-756-3822, or cell phone #608-921-2580.

**Sunday, July 10** - Madison BMW Club breakfast & meeting at 9:00 am at Maple Tree Restaurant (Hwy. 51) in McFarland.

**Sunday, July 17** - Glenn Rago will lead a ride out to the Platteville area. Meet at 8:00am at the Kwik Trip on Hwy. 138 and MM in Oregon. "We will visit the first state capital in Belmont. Then we will visit the Platteville mound which has the biggest letter M on it in the state (241' high by 214' wide) which is the symbol for the UW Platteville College of Engineering. You can actually walk up to the top if you would like. Then check out the observation tower where you can see 4 states, followed by some lunch." For more details contact Glenn at home #608-882-3718, or cell phone #608-931-6167.

**Thursday, July 21 - Sunday, July 24** - 33<sup>rd</sup> BMW MOA International Rally in Lima, OH.

**Sunday, August 7** - Madison BMW Club breakfast & meeting at 9:00am at Maple Tree Restaurant (Hwy. 51) in McFarland.

**Sunday, August 7** - "Ride for Kids" donations/pledges for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. Registration 7:30-9:15am at Fireman's Park in Middleton. Registration & pledge forms available online at [www.rideforkids.org](http://www.rideforkids.org) or contact John Schroeder # 608-325-4621.

**Sunday, August 14** - Tom Van Horn will lead the "Annual Hillsboro Ride."

**Friday, August 19-Monday, Sept. 5** - Ed Burington to lead a ride to Skagway, Alaska. Per note, "This ride is not for the faint of heart but that said, it might be your easiest two wheel passage to Alaska. At present we have 4 motorcycles carrying 5 drivers and one truck carrying an additional MC class driver. We will travel to (or at least very near) Whitehorse in the Yukon territory before turning to Skagway and the Pacific Ocean. We will cover 5,500 land miles passing through as least 5 Canadian provinces and several Canadian National Parks including Jasper and Banff. We will travel approx. 1/2 of the ALCAN Highway and once we reach Skagway, we will become an ocean going adventure for a 36 hour ride through the inside passage to Prince Rupert, British Columbia. The cost to you is 11 vacation days, a well tuned and mechanically sound ride and probably should budget about \$100 a day for the 18 day ride. For more details, contact Ed at 608-772-1933."

**Friday, September 9-Saturday, September 10** - Wisconsin BMW Club Rally at Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells.

**Sunday, September 11** - Madison BMW Club meeting will be on the Wisconsin BMW Club Rally site at Chula Vista Resort. Time and exact location will be announced later.

**Saturday, September 17** - Ride to American Players Theatre led by Todd Herbst. We will see The Merry Wives of Windsor at 3:00 p.m. Call 831-4439 for details.

**Sunday, September 18** - John Schroeder will lead a "Non-Cheese Days Ride" to Monroe.

**Sunday, October 2** - Madison BMW Club breakfast & meeting at 9:00am at Maple Tree Restaurant (Hwy. 51) in McFarland.

**Saturday, October 15** - Chili cook-off. We will break in Todd and Betty's new garage with fun, food, and drinks. More details to come.

**Saturday, November 5** - Madison MBW Club Banquet at Essen Haus Restaurant, 514 E. Wilson St., Madison.

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# Vote on the Banquet Menu

This years' banquet (November 5th at the Essen House) will be served family style. Here's your chance to assist with the menu selection. The choices are many! *Please indicate your preferences and return to Betty Herbst at 4593 Rocky Dell Road, Cross Plains, WI 53528 by July 15th.*

## Choose Three Hors d'Oeuvres:

### Cold

- German Assorted Cheese & Sausages
- German Relish Tray
- Fresh Vegetables and Dill Dip
- Fresh Fruit Tray
- Decorated Whole Salmon
- Jumbo Shrimp with Cocktail Sauce
- Tortilla Rollups with Cheese & Salmon

### Hot

- German Style Cocktail Meatballs
- Pork & Veal Meatball in Lemon Sauce
- Assorted Bratwurst & Sauerkraut
- Buffalo Wings with Ranch Dressing
- BBQ Porkribs in Tangy Sauce
- Salmon Cakes with Dill Sauce
- Fried Coconut Shrimp
- Chicken Kabob with Pineapple
- German Stuffed Potato Skins
- Stuffed Mushrooms with Four Cheeses
- Crab Cakes with Mustard and Capers Sauce
- Artichoke Fritters
- Bacon Wrapped Water Chestnuts
- Bacon Wrapped Scallops
- Fried Calamari

## Choose Three Entrees:

- Sauerbraten**  
Beef marinated in a red wine vinegar with herbs and spices. Served in a robust sweet and sour gravy.
- Schweinlendchen**  
Tender pork tips in a mild sour cream gravy with mushrooms, onions, and green peppers.
- Spareribs**  
Extra meaty and tender babyback ribs baked with herbs and spices.
- Baked Chicken**  
A classic German and American favorite.
- BBQ Pork Ribs**  
Extra meaty and tender babyback ribs basted in our own BBQ sauce.

- Konigsberger Klopse**  
Pork and veal meatballs in a lemon cream and caper sauce.
- Roast Pork**  
Tender boneless pork loin with herbs and spices.
- Beef Rouladen (An Essen House best seller)**  
Tender strips of braised beef wrapped around a dill pickle, onion with mustard and bacon.
- Tenderloin Tips**  
Bite size pieces of tenderloin tips with mushrooms and onions in a seasoned au jus.
- Baked Ham**  
Slow roasted and savory.
- Assorted German Sausages**  
Bratwurst (veal & pork), thuringer (smoked beef & pork), and knockwurst (beef & pork).
- Kase Spaetzle**  
Homemade spaetzle mixed with fresh vegetables and cheeses.
- Prime Rib**  
One, 6-7oz slice per person.

## Choose two potatoes:

- Spaetzle
- German Fries
- Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
- Baked Potato

## Choose two vegetables:

- Red Cabbage
- Sauerkraut
- Vegetable of the Day

The meal includes a house salad, German sourdough rye bread, coffee, tea, milk, or soda.

# Reading the Instructions

by P.J. Francis

This family was planning on attending the Madison BMW Club's annual rally near Prairie du Chien. I have been a member of that club for seven years. I have definitely got to put in an appearance.

Helena had announced her intention of riding her Suzuki LS650 Sabage there. It will be her first trip since passing her motorcycle test.

We had a luggage carrying problem. Daughter Sasha will be occupying the passenger portion of the dualseat of my BMW R100RT which is where I normally place the tent. So Helena would have to transport the tent on her motorcycle. However, I had not got around to attaching the saddle-bag supports I bought last winter.

I was not sure how to go about the job. They came attached to a strong cardboard display card and encased in bubble-wrap. I removed one. No amount of lining the thing up to the motorcycle told me how to attach them.

The front of the card informed me that they were genuine Suzuki products manufactured in the USA specifically for the Suzuki 650. "Engineered for Value" the card stated. At \$52.95 they were a reasonable value. If they performed their allotted task of supporting saddlebags they were definitely excellent value. If they doubled as bungee-cord supports to hold a tent in place they were a bargain. But until I attached them to the motorcycle they were merely chrome ornaments adorning the wall of my garage.

I called Suzuki of Northern Illinois at 4901 North

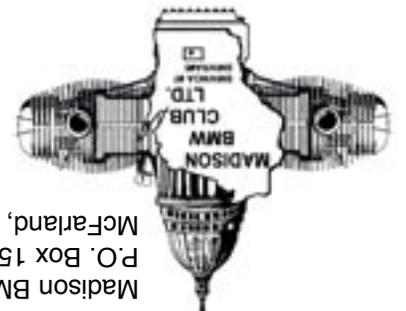
Second Street, Loves Park (815-633-6733) for advice. No they had never fitted a set of saddlebag supports to a Suzuki Savage. My guess was as good as theirs. We purchased the Savage there (and the supports) and have always found them to be extremely helpful. They were flummoxed on this occasion. Would I let them know how it was done when I sorted it out? Sometimes people have far too much faith in my mechanical ability.

It was a wet and windy Sunday afternoon, six days prior to our departure for the rally, that I retired to the garage. I took my courage in my hands and went about attaching the brackets. Two and a half hours of wrenching, cussing, and bloody knuckles saw the job done.

But was it done correctly? Was there enough clearance for the tire? Did I have the correct torque settings? Was it safe?

I sat at the workbench and picked up the display card the brackets had arrived in. For some reason I turned it over. Attached to the back was a piece of paper enclosed in plastic. I had not noticed it before. I opened it up. Yes, it was the installation instructions.

They told me everything I needed to know. How the things were attached, what tools were required and the pitfalls to be aware of. A fifteen minute installation time was suggested. Fortunately, I had done everything correctly. Some people resort to reading the instructions when all else fails. I read them when I find them.



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