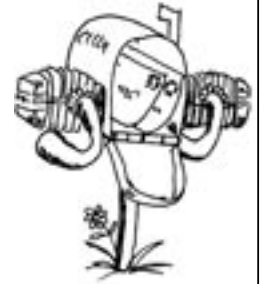


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BMW MOA #7



Beemerville Rocks

by Betty Herbst

I rode to Lima, Ohio on Thursday in the company of Dick Olson. We met at the Park & Ride by Hwy 51 and the Beltline and were on the road at 6:30am apparently narrowly missing heavy rain here in Madison. We expected this to be a short easy ride arriving at the rally site at 2pm. It didn't quite work out that way...

The first suprise—the toll had doubled in price since I last went through; now up to \$1 per vehicle. It has increased so frequently in the past year they no longer post the amount in advance. Our first gas stop was at the Rochelle exit just South of Rockford on I39. Although we were still comfortable at speed the temperatures were already at 86° and the humidity made it unpleasant to stop. We left the interstate at the Peoria exit to head straight East on state highways. By this time the temperature had reached 91°. We stopped for fuel and a mid-morning snack. By now I had begun to realize that the seat on my 2004 R1150R is not the same as the seat on my 2002 R1150R, which I had loved.

As the day wore on and the sun beat down on us unrelentingly, my helmet turned into a small sauna. I left my face shield open, even at highway speeds, using only my sunglasses to protect my eyes from the wind. The mesh riding jacket lost its effectiveness—the air passing through was hot. By this time I'm also riding standing through every town to alleviate some of my butt discomfort.

We soon realized we had miscalculated how long it would take us to get there. At 1pm we were only 1/2 way across Indiana. It is still heating up—now 95°. I've unzipped my jacket part way but it doesn't help. We finally arrived at the rally site at 4:30pm hot, dehydrated, and exhausted. The heat had a way of just sapping energy.

Bert, TVH, and JT had done their best to save us space that was in the shade at least part of the day. The space however was so small our rain flies were overlapping. (Despite close quarters we all got along and no snoring kept me awake.) We took brief showers (seperately) and headed for the beer tent. We had just gotten there when word of an approaching storm began to spread. Back we went to secure rain flies and stow riding gear. The storm blew in and out quickly only cooling things down briefly.

Friday saw another hot and sunny day. I passed an opportunity to go to a nearby vintage show with Bert and Rob H. I couldn't stand the thought of wearing riding gear in the temperatures forecasted. I opted to remain at the rally and shop.

A tour of the rally site proved that the committee had gone to a lot of planning. Yes, tents were stacked on top of each other but not for lack of space. Everyone was



George Thorogood "raises the roof" at Beemerville

Upcoming Events

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 or contact John Schroeder # 608-325-4621.

Sunday, August 14 - The "Annual Hillsboro Ride" led by Tom Van Horn. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at Brennan's Country Farm Market at 5533 University Ave. and Capital Dr in Madison, WI. Back road meandering ending at the Country Cooking Restaurant in Hillsboro. "If you like comfort food you will come away comforted." For more details, contact Tom Van Horn at # 608-238-5181.

Friday, August 19-Monday, Sept. 5 - Ed Burlington 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 at least 5 Canadian provinces and several Canadian National Parks including Jasper and Banff. We will travel approx. ½ 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 Marry Wives of Windsor at 3:00 p.m. We will depart from our home on Rocky Dell Road at noon and have snacks prior to the show. Call # 608-831-4439 for details.

Sunday, September 18 - “Non-Cheese Days Ride” to Monroe led by John Schroeder. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Kwik Trip on the corner of Hwy 138 and MM

in Oregon, WI. Noon lunch will be at an unknown destination. For more details, contact John Schroeder at # 608-325-4621.

Friday, September 23-Sunday, September 25 - Port Washington BMW Club Free Rally. No patches, no pins, no rally fee! Free ½ barrel of micro brew beer Friday & Saturday nights. Morning coffee. Lots of free rustic camping, no showers. Saturday GPS run, field events, awards, Texas-size bonfire, Sunday poker run. Located at R&R Bar. From Milwaukee, take I-43 N to exit 100 & turn right at the top of the off-ramp. Take an immediate right at the lights & go approx. 1 mile to KK & turn right. The R&R is on left 1/8 mile. More info online www.portbmwclub.com <http://www.portbmwclub.com>

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. Chili contestants is limited to 10. Judging will be completed by attendees. Those not bringing chili please bring another dish to share. RSVP to Todd & Betty at 831-4439 by Sept. 28.

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

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The best I good do to show you the “sea of tents” and how close together most were...



The beer line before the George Thorogood show as endless and this was just one of the locations to purchase it.

Brian Manke came on stage to introduce the band say repeatedly that bottles and cans were prohibited. They must have mistaken us for a wild crowd that would throw them. The opening band was an international award winning blues band from Tennessee. They were quite good but the sun had sapped the energy from the crowd so they got limited crowd response. They played for an hour and when they stopped nearly the entire crowd headed for the beer concessions. I tried to take a picture of the endless line since I don't have a wide angle lens the picture doesn't really do it justice.

George Thorogood's appearance on stage at approximately 5:30pm produced a slightly more enthusiastic round of applause than the blues band. A couple songs later and the crowd was finally showing signs of life. Halfway through the show the crowd was standing. I was able to walk right up to the stage to get pictures. As hot as it was George worked really hard to get the crowd involved and by the end of the show nearly everyone was dancing and yelling for more.

The blues band played again in the beer garden. It cooled down slightly after dark and many people remained to dance. I bumped into Steve Cox who Todd and I met several years ago at the RA National rally in Birmingham. Steve invited me to join him and friends for homemade biscuits and gravy.

I woke up Saturday morning in a tent sauna. Steve slaved over the biscuits and gravy while the rest of us drank coffee and tried to stay cool. These were the best biscuits and gravy I've ever had. The heat was starting to get to be too much the rally grounds really started to clear out. Dick Olson and I were the last remaining club members we intended to depart after the awards to ride as far as we could in cooler temperatures.

The awards began with an announcement of record-breaking attendance. Because children under fifteen are admitted free they do not need to register so the estimated total attendance was 8500 people. We were unable to stand the heat and the rambling thank you's to volunteers and bailed early. We rode about 150 miles from the rally site and stopped for the night. We wanted to get some miles out of the way so we didn't need to ride the entire way in the forecasted 100° temperatures on Sunday.

Although the ride on Sunday was quite warm it passed without drama.

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 September 15th. This is your last chance so don't forget!*

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 Caper 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.

Secretary's Report

by Roland Thompson & Mary Klopp

Madison BMW Club Meeting July 10, 2005

The Madison BMW July meeting was held at the Maple Tree in McFarland. Thirty-three people attended, most of them rode.

Old Business:

1. The Madison Club will be assigned to watch the gates at the MOA National in Lima on Thursday July 21st between 2:00pm and 6:00pm. Wear Madison BMW regalia.

New Business:

1. We pledged a \$100 charity donation for the National, but took a beating on our rally. Tom Van Horn motioned that we take up a collection to fulfill this obligation instead. Motion carried, and we ended up with way more than that, all of which will go to the MOA chosen charity.
2. Glen Rago will lead a ride on Saturday July 16 to the Platteville area, leaving from the Kwik Trip in Oregon.
3. John Schroeder gave us some information and literature on the upcoming Ride for Kids on August 7th.
4. Mary Klopp accepted the position of Secretary and was voted in by proclamation. Thank You Mary!

Rally News:

1. The poor attendance at this year's rally precludes going back to Badger Camp at any price, even though they are willing to have the rally again. We are still counting up the losses.
2. Rally chair Roland Thompson gave a brief overview of other venues we can use instead. They have all been approved by the controlling authorities and each have its own advantages and disadvantages. The other locations are: Grant County Fairgrounds in Lancaster, WI; Lake Joy Campground in Belmont, WI; and the Soldiers Grove Lions Park in Soldiers Grove, WI. When all the facts can be determined on each, the best location will be chosen. Budgets at each will be structured to break even with 130 rally goers.

Chuck Rabideaux won BOTH the 50/50 and the free breakfast. There once was a fella named Chuck

Who some say has all the luck
He won the next meal
And gas money for wheels
Guess this time twice lightning struck!

Membership News

by Derek Engelen

Please welcome new member:

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2004 BMW R1150RT

GR3 Rally Expenses

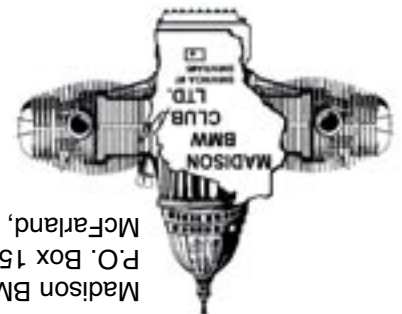
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Campground	\$1,000.00
250 Pins	461.50
Release forms	12.66
Walmart (supplies)	127.39
Insurance	197.51
Porto toilets	200.00
J.L Richards	1336.88
Mischlers (prizes)	298.88
Posters	108.89
Todd E. (diesel fuel)	56.71
Total	\$3842.21 (represents about a \$600 loss)

Classifieds

For Sale: 1995 BMW R1100R Aprox 91,000 miles — good condition — well maintained & runs great. A very nice bike (shown right). Asking \$3000. Call Brad Beghin at 608-838-7353.

For Sale: 1987 Black K75C, 23,000 Miles Location: Brookfield, WI \$3400.00 OBO Black. BMW hardbags and National Windshield but alas, no heated grips. NO SPEEDO PROBLEMS! New front and rear tires this spring along with front brake pads. Throttlemeister cruise control and all new fluids this year with the exception of the coolant. This was my wife's bike so it was treated with kid gloves and has been a reliable touring companion. She has upgraded to a Touring K75 so this one needs a nice home. Buy with confidence, we are long time BMW owners, active members of the Wisconsin BMW Club and staight shooters — we like to deal with the same. For more information, send me an email at skohlmann1@wi.rr.com.
Photo Link: <http://www.bikebitsonline.com/K75.html>
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