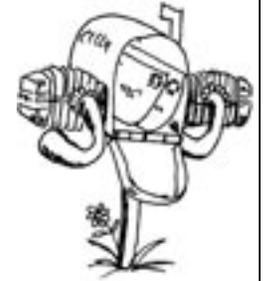


The Mail Boxer

November 2005

BMW MOA #7



The Pres Says

By Todd Herbst

The Revolution will not be televised

Ok, so maybe it's not a revolution, but there have been a few changes this year. Most notably, the Rally site and the Rally Chairman. Quite a few of us are going to miss Badger Camp as our rally site, it really was a great campground. Burt, the ex-rally chair, he'll still be around to mock and tease as the activities director. Roland has taken over Burt's former position as rally chair and thus far has done a great job with selection and negotiating Solders Grove as our new rally site.

Onto the breakfasts...

At the November Banquet, it was voted on to try *The Dry Bean's* Sunday brunch for our January meeting.

Location:

The Dry Bean
5264 Verona Rd
Fitchburg, WI 53711

Date&Time:

Sunday January 8th
10AM! (the restaurant doesn't open until 10)

Betty and I went to brunch there today it was really good. We certainly didn't come away hungry. Here's a list of what was on the menu (it can change slightly week to week): A full flight of donuts and pastries, fruit, french toast and pancakes, baked eggs w/vegi's & cheese, sausage & bacon, potatoes, biscuits & gravy, build your own omelette, fresh waffles, fresh cut ham & prime rib, 2-3 cheesy potatoe and pasta dishes, turkey, mashed potatoes & gravy, BBQ ribs, build your own taco, and an entire table of desserts such as pecan pie and a hot apple crumble. Coffee, tea & milk are included, Juice is extra. I'm sure everybody can find something to fill up on.

We negotiated a price of \$9.95 for all you can eat and \$6.95 for one plate. Note this does not include gratuity! We will be determining how to handle that at the December meeting. Also to be discussed is how to identify who purchased all you can eat vs. a one trip buffet, possibly wrist bands.

I hope to see you all there in January, I think I need to go eat again.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 4 -
Madison BMW Club breakfast & meeting at 9:00am at Maple Tree Restaurant (Hwy 51) in McFarland.

January 1, 2006 - Madison Motorcycle Club's Annual New Year's Day Ride. For more information call John Troya at 271-0582.

Sunday, January 8, 2006 -
Madison BMW Club breakfast & meeting at 10:00am at The Dry Bean Restaurant on Hwy 151 in Fitchburg. Cost will be ...

Sunday, February 5, 2006 -
Madison BMW Club breakfast & meeting.

Sunday, February 3-5, 2006
Minneapolis Cycle Show located at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

Sunday, February 10-12, 2006
Chicago Cycle Show located at the Donald E. Stevens Convention Center in Chicago.

Sunday, March 5, 2006 -
Madison BMW Club breakfast & meeting.

Sunday, April 2, 2006 -
Madison BMW Club breakfast & meeting at 9:00am Note: Daylight Savings Time begins.

Sunday, May 7, 2006 - Madison BMW Club breakfast & meeting at 9:00am.

Secretary's Report

by Mary Klopp

Madison BMW Club
November 5, 2005

Friday, May 19 - Sunday,
May 21, 2006 - Madison BMW
Club's 32th Great River Road
Rally in Solder's Grove, WI.

Sunday, July 2, 2006 -
Madison BMW Club breakfast &
meeting at 9:00am.

The November meeting and banquet were held at the Essen Haus restaurant in Madison.

New Business:

1. Elections were held with the following results. There were no challenges.
President – Todd Herbst
Vice President – Todd Erickson
Secretary – Mary Klopp
Treasurer – John Ong
Activities – Bert Hefty
Newsletter – Betty Herbst
Web – Marcus Schumann
Rally Chair – Roland Thompson
Membership – Derek Engelen
2. Many awards and door prizes (donated by Madison Motorsports and Motorcycle Performance) were given out at the banquet by Tom Van Horn. A few of the awards were
Top Miles – Bill Jutz, 24,000 miles
Commuting Miles – Bert Hefty, 11,000 miles
Touring Miles – Todd Erickson and Tom Schirz, 6,000 miles each
Shafty Character – Bert Hefty
BMWMOA medallion for service – Roland Thompson
3. There was discussion of waiving the dues for the club officers. The vote was Yes.
4. Pecatonica Flea Market
Todd Erickson and Ernie Bell will be reserving a table. Others are invited to chip in for space if it's available.
5. January breakfast may be held at the Dry Bean Saloon. Todd Herbst will call to verify. This may replace the Maple Tree if the price is right and the meal is good.

Rally Business:

1. Roland reported that the Lions Club would like to supply the Saturday night dinner. The rally information should be posted on the RA and the Airhead websites. Mike Shannon will be donating a keg of beer for Friday night and is challenging others to do the same.

Upcoming Rides/Events:

1. New Years Ride sponsored by the Madison Motorcycle Club – meet at the Inn on the Park around 10:00 am. Departure is usually around 11:30 to a restaurant on the outskirts of town.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

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Track Days at Merryturn Raceway (Meriter Hospital)

by Jim Low

Monday – Came in a day early for some engine tweaking. Ran diagnostics (cardiac catheterization) and everything is looking good for Tuesday's tweak.

Tuesday – The mechanic (Dr. Gilliam - Cardiothoracic surgeon) replaced a valve (aortic), the exhaust header (ascending aorta), and rerouted gas lines (Bentall procedure).

Tuesday Night – On the dyno (ICU monitors) all night to dial in performance.

Wednesday – Got my first look at the track (8 Tower – cardiac telemetry unit). Also got hooked up with my race machine (mobile IV tree). This track is different in that you bring the motor but they supply the wheels. My sleek machine is the Abbott Labs Micro Macro XL (nickname – Plum XL). It stands 6' tall with 4 hangers and five wheels (yes, that's right - FIVE). As I got familiar with my new steed, I noticed that some other race enthusiasts actually had two XLs hanging on their trees. I opted for the leaner, meaner set up with just one XL. Lighter weight and more maneuverability seemed more important than the extra power of two XLs. It paid off in the long run as you'll see when we start getting into lap times. Since he would be my companion for the next ten days, my steed got a new name – Plum Lowko.

Thursday – Took my first practice laps. Track seemed simple – an oval with only right-hand turns. However, the track was dynamic – it changes with each lap. The raceway operators like to keep racers on their toes by changing the position of track obstacles every few seconds. Only the best racers can make the appropriate adjustments so that their line through each “adjusted curve” is the fastest.

Friday – Still breaking in the new engine but started timing laps to see where we're at. First timed lap was a 2:01. I knew right away that sub-2:00 laps were going to be a piece of cake. My next lap was a 2:00, then a 1:59. That was enough for one day. But what a day! I knew I would not have many challengers. “Just wait until I break this baby in,” I thought to myself.

Saturday – Monday – Took a few days to baby the new engine into fully broken-in mode. Also, working on cornering techniques. I found that elbows out ala Ben Spies of AMA Superbike fame worked well for control and only cost me a little in aerodynamics. Trail braking was a breeze with the stability of five swivel wheels. Also, got more familiar with the dynamics of the track. I was definitely getting a name for myself. People



knew me as soon as they saw me go blasting by. I knew I had to follow this up with some blistering lap times, maybe even a new track record.

Tuesday – Feeling on my game today. Decided to do a couple of timed laps – 1:30 followed up by a 1:29!

Thursday – My days at the track are just about over. Had to do a couple of more runs to see if I could set a new record. 1:23!!!!!!!!!!!!!! That's what I'm talkin' 'bout!!!!!!

Friday – Time to do a victory lap and leave the track. This is one experience I will never forget. I couldn't have done it without the fantastic pit crew at Merryturn including Abby, Kat, Jessica, Jean, Jane, Kari, Jill, Tammy, Tammy, Laurie, Blair, Mindy, Jenny, Darlyn, Neil, and others. They made it possible for me to become the Valentino Rossi of the MotoIV circuit.

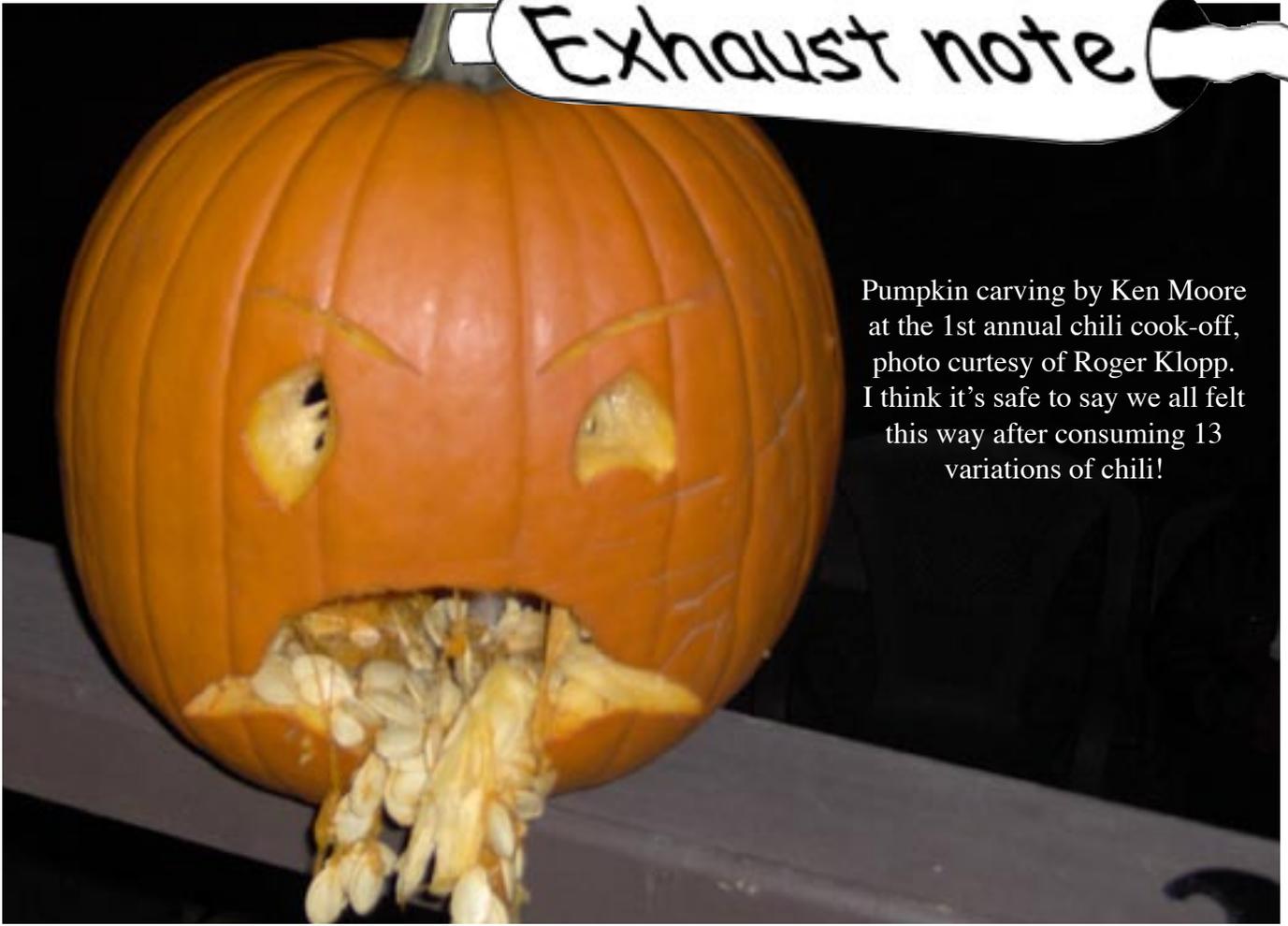
Classifieds

For Sale: 1992 R100RS. 141 K miles. Good shape. Corbin and stock seats. \$3,000 or best offer. (608) 222-3758 J.T. Wagner

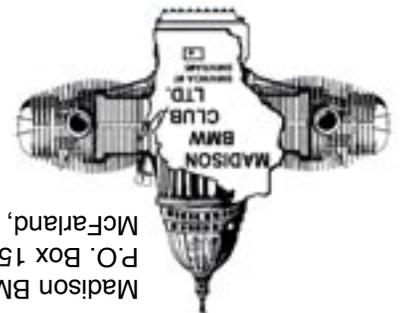
For Sale: 1999 R1100GS for \$6500 pictures available at www.berigan.com or email mberigan@berigan.com.

For Sale: 2001 Yamaha FZ1. 25,000 miles. Yes, I am *considering* selling the most reliable motorcycle I've ever owned. I'm interested in something smaller for commuting. New MEZ 6 tires, Yamaha race pipe. \$4500. Call Betty at (608)831-4439 if interested.

Exhaust note



Pumpkin carving by Ken Moore at the 1st annual chili cook-off, photo courtesy of Roger Klopp. I think it's safe to say we all felt this way after consuming 13 variations of chili!



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