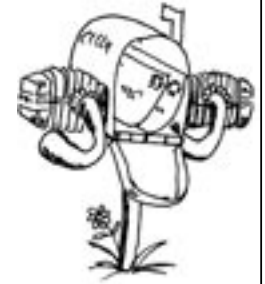


The Mail Boxer

June 2006

BMW MOA #7



The Prez Says

By Todd Herbst

What a difference a year makes.

I don't know if it was all the hard work getting the word out, all of Roland's exhaustive planning, a new rally site or all of the above. Probably all. We had an absolutely fantastic rally this year. We about doubled the attendance from last year. It started Thursday night with 17 tents, one RV and a vender van. (one guy was from Colorado Springs) I don't ever remember that many people, before the rally started, since I've been attending. I guess people were itching for a rally.

Friday morning, setup commenced and was done by 9 or so, by 10 a steady stream of rally goers were signing in. (I think we had a record number of pre-registration of about 35! usually we get 8-10)

By Friday night we knew we had a good thing going, we ended the night around 200 registered. I was already getting great feedback on the new rally site from many people, some comparing it to other rallies that were some of their favorites. A few saying "it had the potential of growing into a truly great rally." Wow, how has our rally has transformed, in one year?

Saturday, was drop dead gorgeous, perfectly clear and about 68°. One of the local churches made a wonderful all you can eat breakfast for us. Dave Maly lead a tour to Westby to a Syttend Mai festival. Ernie Bell lead a GS ride on mainly gravel roads (I saw quite a few dusty faces when they got back), and I lead the Sportish ride on the inexhaustable number of twisty roads around Soldiers Grove (and of course, we stopped for lunch). By 5pm, when the awards banquet started we had approx. 215 registered guests. The awards went quickly and smoothly, the 50/50 was drawn and \$175 was contributed to a Lions' sponsored day camp for blind children. The Lions club started serving their BBQ chicken dinner, which was fantastic, following the awards. Roland had provided the lions club with a head count earlier in the week for dinners. The last 20-30 people in line got 1/4 chicken instead of 1/2, but no one seemed disgruntled. We'll have to just plan for more next year, right?

Sunday was another great day. We got everything cleaned up and the park was empty by noon.

The town of Soldiers Grove was delighted to have us, and definitely would welcome us back next year. I told them we'd be there. And unless we have a good reason not to have a rally I think we should return to Soldier's Grove.

All in all I didn't hear a single complaint the whole weekend, except the weather was too nice, the roads were too good and I didn't get a doughnut Sunday morning.

Thanks to all who helped pull off another Great River Road Rally. I'm humbled by all of your efforts.

Upcoming Events

Sunday June 4, 2006 -

Rockton Chicken Run led by Todd Herbst. Departure from Citgo Station in Cross Plains @ 9am. Approximately 120 miles to Rockton on backroads. Limited amount of chicken so RSVP to Todd @ (608)831-4439

Sunday June 11, 2006 -

Annual Club picnic held at Brigham Co. park. Chicken and ribs cooked by Todd and Bert to be served @ 1pm. Please bring a dish to pass. Members only.

Saturday June 24, 2006 -

American Players Theatre ride. Departure from 4593 Rocky Dell Road, the Herbst residence @ 12:30pm. We'll be seeing The Matchmaker at 3pm. Bring a picnic to munch before the show. Participants are responsible for their own play tickets. Call Todd Herbst @ (608) 831-4439 for more information.

Saturday July 1, 2006 -

Alphabet roads of Dane & Green counties Ride with Jim Keeney. Details on back page.

Sunday, July 2, 2006 -

Madison BMW Club breakfast & meeting.

Sunday, July 16, 2006 -

Alphabet roads north and south of Blue Mounds ride with Jim Keeney. Details on back.

Sunday, Aug. 6, 2006-

Madison Ride for Kids' Middleton Fireman's. Park Reg. Closes 9:15 come early for coffee & donuts. Ride to Devils Lake.

Secretary's Report

by Mary Klopp

Minutes: Madison BMW Club meeting 5/7/2006
Respectfully submitted by Mary Klopp, Secretary

The May meeting was held at the Dry Bean Saloon on Madison's west side. The meeting was called to order at 9:50 by Prez Todd Herbst. There were 39 attending.

Guest: Lisa Bua – F650

Web-Site: Betty and Todd Herbst and Markus Schumann met to discuss changes for the web page. In addition to cosmetic changes (colors, font, logo placement), Blog (a.k.a. Weblog) functionality will be added. This is intended for m/c issues and rides/trips only. Markus estimates it will take about 6 weeks to complete the changes.

2007 BMW-MOA Rally: Will be held in West Bend WI next year. Sue and Brian Mahnke will be in charge of the rally and are asking for volunteers. Also photos of WI would be appreciated.

GR3: Roland posted some volunteer sign-up sheets for the rally. Volunteers will pay \$20 for the rally. A local church group will be offering an all-you-can-eat breakfast on Saturday morning for \$7.

Activities:

June 4th – Todd Herbst will lead a rode to Rockton for Chicken. Meet at the Cross Plains Citgo. He'll need to get a head count in advance to reserve the chicken dinners.

Picnic – June 11, noon, at Brigham Park near Blue Mounds; Todd Herbst will cook the meat and all attending should bring a dish to pass.

July Ride – Jim Kinney will lead rides on the 1st and 3rd weekends. Meet at the Oregon Kwik Trip

50-50 Winner: Dan Baum
Breakfast Winner: Mary Klopp

For the program more info cont.
John Schroeder 608-325-4621

Friday August 11, 2006 - Field of Dreams ride and Camp out
Departure from Speedway gas station on the corner of Verona Road (HWY 151) and Raymond Road @ 3:30pm. Camping at The New Wine campground (5 miles north of Dyersville, Iowa) Camping is about \$8 per site Dinner is charcoal grilled steaks at the New Vienna VFW (public welcome) about \$9.

Notes: Depending on interest and weather we will stay one or two nights. Contact Ed Burington, 772-1933 or ed_burington@hotmail.com for more information.

Wednesday August 16 & 23 - Eat To Ride, Ride To Eat
Ride to Baumgartner's on the square of Monroe (about 45 miles). Why: Baby back pork rib dinners. Departure from Speedway gas station on the corner of Verona Road (HWY 151) and Raymond Road @ 6pm. Arrival in Monroe about 7 PM. Contact Ed Burington at 772-1933 or ed_burington@hotmail.com for questions.

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Join us June 2-4 2006

The BMW Motorcycle Owners' club of Minnesota presents the 30th Annual HIAWATHA RALLY @ Money Creek Haven Campground, Money Creek, MN. Rally fee includes 2 nights' camping on grassy, shaded tent sites, Webmeister's Wurst Run on Friday afternoon, Friday night soup and roast your own hot dogs over the bonfire. Saturday evening steak dinner, Friday and Saturday entertainment. GS ride, field events, and self-guided tours on the great roads through Minnesota's Bluff Country. DEMO RIDES Courtesy of Leo's South. Grounds include spring-fed swimming pool and game room. Campground info at www.moneycreekhaven.com



Vendors welcome, door prizes, 24-hr coffee, tea, cocoa and lemonade. \$25.00 pre-registration if Postmarked by 5/19/06; \$30.00 at the gate. (Children ages 7-15 \$12.00 Pre (\$15.00 at the gate) Rally pin guaranteed to the first 400 registered guests. This one's a must!!

For more info-Call : Jack Weidenbach 651-481-9521 or Bill Jones 763-767-9692.

REGISTRATION FORM 2006 BMWMOCM Hiawatha Rally

Rider's Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

St _____ Zip _____ Emergency Contact Name & Phone # _____

Email _____

Passenger Name #1: _____ Age (If under 16) : _____

Passenger Name #2: _____ Age (If under 16) : _____

Passenger Name #3: _____ Age (If under 16) : _____

I hereby waive my rights to sue or make any claim against the BMWMOCM Club, Board members, Officers and all other persons or organizations conducting or connected with this event for any injury or property damage I may suffer, including injury or death whether such injuries arise while participating in or preparing for the Hiawatha Rally. I know the risks of danger to myself and my property and assume all such risks of loss, and hereby agree to reimburse all costs to those persons or organizations connected with said event for damages incurred as a result of my negligence.

Drivers Signature: _____

Passenger signature: _____

Passengers signature (if passenger under 16) _____

Guardian signature: _____

Pre: \$25/12 Gate: \$30/15 Children (7-15) Amount received: _____

Make Checks payable to BMWMOCM and mail to:
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2901 Flag Avenue North
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Rally Wrap Up

by Roland Thompson

The 2006 GR3 is history and overall, I think it went pretty well. First, some numbers. We had 220 registered attendees, and of that, about 35 were Madison BMW members. We had 4 vendors. The organized GS and Touring rides were well attended, but I don't have the exact number of participants. We served dinner to 202 people Saturday evening and gave out over 100 door prizes.

Most of the comments we got from rally goers were very positive. They liked the park, the dinner, the breakfast served by Our Savior's Lutheran, and the riding environment. Most of the miscues were a result of our own success. We needed more porta poties, we ran out of pins and mugs, and some of the last people in line got shorted a little on the chicken, (which everyone seemed to agree was outstanding) but I don't think any one went away hungry. A couple of people mentioned we need mirrors in the park shower building. We did have PLENTY of firewood and coffee. The weather was better than recent rallies also and we were due.

We left the park in excellent condition and didn't lose our damage deposit. The local Lions Club, the Old Oak Inn and the church were all happy with how things turned out. The club's checking account was also left in excellent condition. I'll have a rally financial statement ready in a couple of days and will be available to club members by our next meeting.

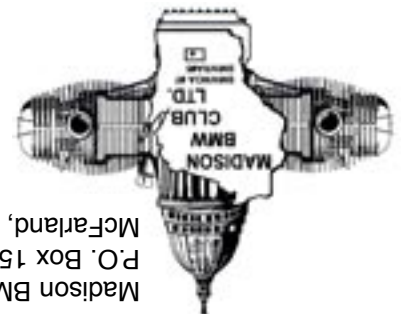
I wish to sincerely thank all those who worked so hard and those who dug deep into their own pockets to make this rally a success. A lot of effort was behind the scenes almost a year ago, preparing promotional materials and gathering information to determine where we could even HAVE a profitable rally. The efforts went on through the winter getting the word out on our new location, showing pictures, visiting other clubs and anyone who would listen. Those efforts paid off. Thank you all who attended the rally and helped in so many ways. This was a group effort that was a lot of fun for everyone involved. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Classifieds

For Sale: 1998 R1100RT, graphite, 50K miles, bags and Sargent seat. Lots more to list. Call John Schroeder at 608-325-4621 Under book at \$7500.

For Sale: 2001 Yamaha FZ1, 25,000 miles. New MEZ 6 tires. Slight cosmetic damage on fuel tank. \$4500. Contact Betty or Todd Herbst at 831-4439.

For Sale: 04 R1150R. Dealer serviced. Lowered with Works shocks, BMW system cases, BMW shield, heated grips, Two-brothers pipe with cat eliminator, throttlemeister, cylinder head protectors, hand protectors and new Metzler Z6 tires. It is non-ABS. 35K miles. Silver. Call Karen at 608-345-4009



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