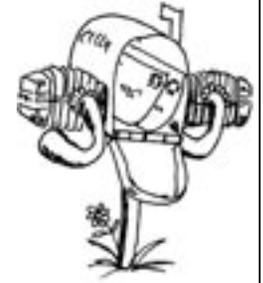


# The Mail Boxer

September 2006

BMW MOA #7



## ONE HAPPY CAMPER

by Steve Huber

Ok, we all know about Kermit chairs, but even I was surprised here:

At the recent Hiawatha Rally I leaned back in my aged (10+ years) Kermit chair and heard/felt a sickening SNAP! I sagged (even more than usual) to my right. My Kermit chair was sick. The right back support had snapped.

The remainder of the weekend I sulked at the picnic table or cadged seats in friends' Kermit chairs (thanks Mary!) while I figured my options. Do I toss it? No! Can I fix it myself? Not bloody likely with my skills.

Ok, let's send it back to the "new" Kermit Chair Company. I'm willing to pay, let's rebuild it.

On Monday I boxed the chair up (in the original carry bag, Kermit always insisted on that) and UPS'd it off to the 'new' Kermit Chair Company, along with a letter explaining the chair age, go ahead with repairs, yada yada, contact me, yada.

A bit over a week later I found a long thin box waiting for me on the porch, That surprised me as I wasn't expecting any new baubles for the GS. Inside was my Kermit chair with a simple invoice: Repair: N/C. Shipping \$8. Hmmmmmm, I think I can afford that.

It could be a downside to the "new" Kermit Chair Co. that our chairs are so resilient and repairable that it cuts into their sales. These are \*not\* your throw-away folding chairs. These are chairs you keep for the long-term. I'd like to think that it's a testament to the customer service that we'll be recommending these chairs to many other folks, and that we'll be rebuilding our chairs for years to come.

I know I'm one happy long-term customer.

### Upcoming Events

**Sunday, Sept. 10**—9am Club meeting held at the WI Dells Rally

**Saturday, Sept. 16**—Motorcycle Ride For Meriter Hospital's Newborn Intensive Care Unit The Ride begins at Quaker Steak & Lube in Middleton at 10 a.m., rain or shine! Same day registration from 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Pre-registering now at [www.meriterfoundation.org](http://www.meriterfoundation.org) <<http://www.meriterfoundation.org>>. Non-refundable rider registration fee: \$35 All registered riders will receive an event t-shirt and the top fund raisers will receive prizes. Additional passenger fee: \$25.

**Saturday, Sept. 16**— Cheese Day Ride to Monroe ride leaves after 9 a.m. from Kwik Trip Oregon corner MM and Hwy. 138. Getting to Monroe for Noon lunch at Berghoff Blues Fest. Bands start at 1 p.m. No Admission charge, free motorcycle parking. For more information contact John Schroeder @ (608) 325-4621

**Sunday, Oct. 1**—BMW Club Breakfast & Meeting. 9am at JT Whitney's

**Saturday Nov. 11**—BMW Club Banquet & Awards. Details TBD.

# Secretary's Report

by Mary Klopp

Minutes: Madison BMW Club meeting 8/6/2006

The August meeting was held at J.T. Whitney's Brew Pub in Madison. The meeting was called to order at 9:45 by Prez Todd Herbst following a great breakfast.

It was proposed and decided by vote to donate GR3 entrance fees (for rider and passenger) to the following rallies:

- Dells Rally
- Nebraska Night Rider Rally - Steve Huber will deliver
- Stomp Rally in Idaho - Steve Lemke will deliver

John Ong reported that the club treasury currently has \$4,939.80. Our September meeting will be held at the Dells Rally.

Those in attendance were very pleased with the food, cost and service at JT Whitney's. It was decided that our monthly breakfast meeting will be held at J.T. Whitney's until further notice.

The Fall Banquet will be held on November 11 - possibly at J.T. Whitney's or Imperial Gardens. Ben Cimino will be investigating the costs and coordinating details.

There will be a club campout at Soldiers Grove on the weekend of September 22. This will not be an open rally - just members and their guests.

Please send any photos of the 2006 GR3 to Betty and Todd for the newsletter and to Markus Schumann for the website.

The 50/50 was won by Steve Huber. Due to the low turnout, no free breakfast was awarded.

*Personal Note:* The Club Secretary position will be up for grabs for the next term. I am resigning my position at that time. (It's not a hard job.)

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## The Great Debate

by Betty Herbst

The necessity for newsletter content has been a subject at many of our club meetings. I posted the following message on the list serv on August 26th with the expectation of hearing heated arguments regarding the benefit provided by the newsletter.

*"Hello to the masses,*

*I've always threatened that I would not put together a one page newsletter. Well it seems that I'm in the position for September to possibly carry through on that threat. The submissions received for the newsletter include 2 events, and 2 classifieds. Other content that I could include would be a short story (1/2 page) from Steve Huber and 1 photo from Jeff Dean sent last month.*

*I'm looking to this group for their thoughts on this matter. Personally I feel that it is a waste of the clubs financial resources. I could, however, put the mini newsletter together for email and website publication for no cost...*

*Please send me your thoughts."*

To my surprise by the end of the weekend, I'd heard from only 4 loyal newsletter supporters many of which provided additional content to me. (Thank you!)

It is believed that the newsletter is one of the primary benefits that membership offers. I would argue that there is no benefit to having a newsletter if there is not content. We actually want to hear about your travels and experiences. And we need them to continue to justify the existence of this newsletter.

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# Championship Cup Series

by Todd G. Erickson

In 2003 I stripped down my R1100GS and took it to the track at Blackhawk Farms Raceway in South Beloit. Rick Breuer and his crew at Learning Curves are the licensing association for the Championship Cup/ American Sportbike Race Association (ASRA) series. Receiving the license on that Saturday I was eligible to race on Sunday and did so. After a few weekends with the GS on the whipping post it soon became clear to me that the gearbox and/or rear end would not last as long as it was meant to. If I kept it on the track. On to a different steed...

Last year I finally got to the race machine I wanted in the first place, but could not afford, the Honda RC51. After re-working the suspension, sorting out some handling gremlins and tire choices, I finally have a contender in the Midwest SuperTwins class for the CCS series. I have hit every round of the series this year, except for Topeka Kansas, and am currently just 9 points out of 2nd place. The 1st and 2nd place SuperTwins? Buells! Yup, Eric Buell has brought his company a LONG way from their start up. With the right pilot the Firebolt XB12Rs are lethal. Way to go Buell.

Race at Blackhawk Farms Raceway on September 23-24, come on down and also enjoy an Airhead camp out put on by the Illinois Air Marshall. Just look for the green Ford F250 with a gray enclosed trailer inside turn 4, bike #251. I'll have some extra chairs and refreshments around. That particular weekend is also the farewell Wegman Auction, Saturday night, as Gordon Lunde is resigning his tenor after 20 years of collecting funds that benefit injured road racers. Give me a call if you need directions; 608-756-3822. Admission for Sat./Sun. is \$25, Sunday only is \$15. I may have some more VIP passes (read free) for the motivated who call early enough.





May 1970 Club event; photo provided by Jeff Dean



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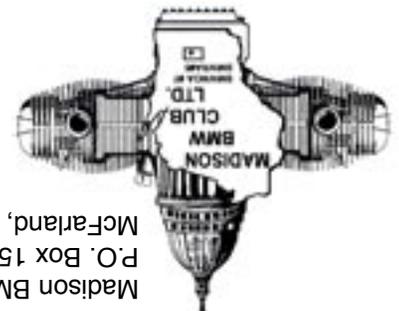
# Classifieds

For Sale: 2000 BMW R1200C w/2608 miles windshield, saddle bags, passenger grab bar and backrest added, Storage and maintenance center stand included, 2 full face helmets included, cover included, battery tender included, New battery in 2006 Price: \$8,200 Location: Racine, WI USA. See more at <http://home.wi.rr.com/bydesign/bmw/> Contact Scott at [Bydesign@wi.rr.com](mailto:Bydesign@wi.rr.com)

**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

For Sale: 1982 Jayco Jayflight 12' Pop Up Camper, good shape, no leaks. \$1000.00. Kirk Erlinger 608-225-1878

Congrats to John Schroeder for winning the NEW GS at BMW GS Spring Open house! Coincidentally he got the news on his birthday. Now that'll be a birthday to remember!



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