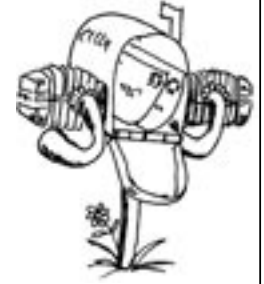


The Mail Boxer

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Cheeseheads in the Bluegrass

By Mary Klopp

Instead of writing up minutes from the September club meeting held at the Dells Rally, I'm writing a rally report for "Beemers in the Bluegrass". I understand the club meeting never materialized anyway.

Roger and I and Steve Huber decided this year to skip the Dells Rally, which we always attend, to travel to Kentucky. We picked Kentucky because it was a fairly modest day ride from Madison. I mentioned to Betty Herbst that we'd be going to this rally and she said she'd been there in past years. She described it as "intimate" and that I would know what she was talking about when I got there. Turns out it's a small, "intimate" rally, usually getting between 75 and 195 attendees. This year it was 135. The camping area is secluded from the rest of the campground in a picturesque glen next to a river. Unfortunately, there were no flush toilets in the immediate camping area, but the porta-potties were clean enough (I guess). The modest rally fee of \$20 included a hearty breakfast on Saturday morning and a choice of entrees for Saturday night. I chose the Shrimp Jambalaya on rice. The fee did not include a rally pin, but we did get a patch.

On Friday night, two of the club members set up a movie screen and showed us a video of their trip to Alaska. The video was extremely well-done and we almost felt like we were riding along with them.

While at the rally, we toured the area around Frankfort. We managed to visit 3 bourbon distilleries. – Buffalo Trace, where we took a fascinating tour given by "Freddie", Four Roses, and Heaven Hill, where we met and chatted with one of the owners, Harry Shapira. It turns out Harry has fond memories of Madison where he attended summer camp at Indianola on Lake Mendota, which is now Governor Nelson State Park. On Betty's recommendation, we visited the Rebecca Ruth candy factory where bourbon balls originated. I think there was more liquor in the bourbon balls than in the tastes we were given at the distillery. Being a chocolate lover, I bought a lot of candy to bring home to share with friends. Well, when they said the candy should be refrigerated, they were serious. My bourbon balls had melted in my saddle-bag and re-hardened as a sheet of chocolate in the box. So Betty, I meant to surprise you with a box of bourbon balls, but At least the three bottles of bourbon that Roger and Steve each bought made it home without incident.

We also happened onto a diner that served fantastic pulled pork sandwiches. It was run by a guy our age who had been voted "most colorful character" in Frankfort. He was very entertaining and the food was great.

Frankfort lies between Louisville and Lexington and is the capitol city of Kentucky.

Upcoming Events

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

Saturday, Oct. 14—2nd Annual Chili Cook-off cook-off. Chili contestants are limited to 10. Judging will be completed by attendees. Those not bringing chili, please bring another dish to share. RSVP to Todd and Betty Herbst at # 608-831-4439 by September 28.

Saturday Nov. 11—BMW Club Banquet & Awards at the Bourbon St. Grille. Drinks served at 6pm; dinner at approximately 7pm. Cost is \$20 per person.

Sunday Dec. 3—BMW Club breakfast & meeting at J.T. Whitney's at 9am.

Monday Jan. 1—Madison Motorcycle Club New Year's Day ride.

Sunday Jan. 7—BMW Club breakfast & meeting at J.T. Whitney's at 9am.

It's a charming city of about 20,000 in a beautiful setting. The rally was fun and an incredible deal. I'd highly recommend it and if they ever get flush toilets within easy walking distance, I could make it an annual event.

Oh, and last but not least, I won the female long distance award with 550 miles! I always thought I'd have a better chance at the oldest female rider (which they didn't even have), so this was a much appreciated award. I guess that's another benefit for attending a small rally. You have a better chance at the awards and door prizes.

How to Transport Melty Souvenirs on Your Motorcycle

by Betty Herbst

Obviously the most reliable method of transporting melty type souvenirs is using a cooler but sometimes/usually the decision to purchase such items is spontaneous.

There is a bit of an art to hauling these delectables and it begins with the purchase process. (If you were wondering, this technique has been perfected over several consecutive annual attempts to carry Rebecca Ruth bourbon balls home but will most likely work with other substances.) It is admittedly less expensive to buy the candies in bulk however the packaging that features the individual dividers is an important component of transporting without a cooler. This prevents the "sheet" that Mary describes if the candies do begin to melt. So, step 1 is purchasing properly packaged items.

The next step is to ensure that the items get chilled prior to transporting. Use a neighboring campers cooler while at the rally if possible. If not, leaving the chocolates outside overnight on cool nights works too. Don't worry about critters stealing your goods, there is usually enough activity at a rally to deter them from coming near; you will, however, have to worry about other rally goers.

The final step is careful packing the morning of your return. Wrapped the chilled chocolates in several layers of laundry to create an insulation effect. Be sure to position the wrapped chocolates as close to the center of the right side saddlebag as possible. Keep the insulation layers from touching the saddlebag sides which will warm up throughout the day from the sun. The right saddlebag is also the one that is not near the muffler, an additional source of heat. Chill the chocolates immediately after unpacking and your merchandise should be as beautiful as it was in the store.

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Membership News

by Derek Engelen

Please welcome a new club member:

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Scooters: 2006 BMW F650GS
2000 Aprilia Pegaso

Madison BMW Club Banquet—November 11th @ The Bourbon Street Grille

Please complete and return this page with payment of \$20 per attendee to John Ong

Name _____ Entree _____
Name _____ Entree _____

Menu Choices:

All sit down dinners include salad, choice of potato, rolls, butter & coffee.

NEW ORLEANS STUFFED CHICKEN

A large chicken breast, stuffed with savory mushrooms and Monterey jack cheese, encrusted with Japanese bread crumbs and wrapped with smoked bacon. Baked and topped with our delicious homemade Alfredo sauce.

RED SNAPPER

Blackened fillet drizzled with a creole butter sauce.

BABY BACK RIBS

Smoked pork ribs, slow cooked until the meat falls off the bone; smothered in our delicious homemade barbeque sauce.

CHOICE TENDERLOIN TIPS

Sauteed tenderloin tips with savory mushrooms and onions, over a bed of fresh fettuccini. Garnished with parmesan cheese and chives.

Madison BMW Club Cherished-but-Totally-Insigniouvant Awards Form

Members!! Please fill out all the blanks below and send this form to Tom Van Horn at: 502 Glen Hwy., Madison, WI 53705 by October 31. Estimate your BMW miles ridden between January 1st and October 28, 2006. (to the nearest 100 miles) You may use this form for more than one rider but please separated with different ink colors or a slash (/) mark.

Name _____ For 2006, Your Total BMW miles ridden _____

Divide your Totals into: Commuting Miles _____ Sport or Day ride miles: _____ Touring Miles _____

My Co-rider _____ was along for _____ miles.

My/our longest trip was _____ miles over _____ days.

Most miles in one day _____; two days _____

Number of nights in a tent: _____; in a motel _____

Number of states/provinces ridden in _____

Miles in the rain _____

Number of rallies attended (not club rides) _____

How many GR3 rallies total _____

Sidecar miles _____ Trailer miles (motorcycle on trailer does not count) _____

Estimate your total overall mileage on every BMW you have had _____

How many years riding _____

Share any unusual or memorable incidents you have had this year. _____

Who should this year's shafty character be? _____

Who should get special mention for service to the club and why? _____

From the Paddock

by Todd Erickson

Roger Edmonson has set up a new racing series in conjunction with Championship Cup Series and the AMA that will premier in Daytona at the Race of Champions October 21-22. It is called MOTO ST. ST standing for SuperTwins. It will be a 3 class endurance series consisting of nothing but twins, lasting 6 hours. Now, you might ask, why should I care? Nate Kern will be racing an R12S down there with another American and a European ringer. Good stuff for the Roundel.

The AMA Rules and Regulations committee has opened up the Formula Extreme formula to be more inclusive for brands such as BMW, Buell, and Ducati. Same question as above? You got it!! Look for an R12S in the Daytona 200 come springtime. More tasty streudel for the Roundel?

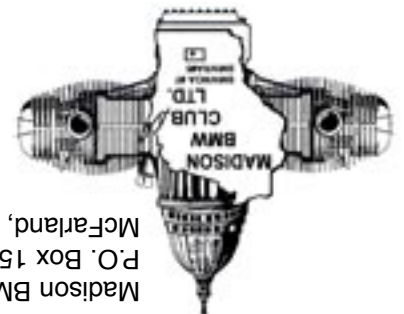
Moto GP has 4 Americans in the top 10 points standings: Colin Edwards, John Hopkins, Kenny Roberts Jr., and of course the current leader Nicky Hayden. Tanya and I will host a GP Finale party here at 420 Augusta St. in Janesville, Sunday October 29th. Bring your own snacks/food and beer. Doors open at 11am, or sooner, if the race starts at 11a.m., as I have not checked the scheduled start time yet. It's a tight race in the points as of now. See you at the October breakfast!

Classifieds

For Sale: 3 bag set of nylon 100 RT-BMW luggage liners in excellent shape for \$75 and a staintune muffler with only 9000 miles on it for \$100. Jack Zimmerman (262) 670-0026.

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

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



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