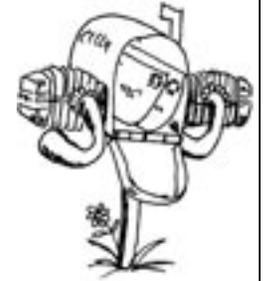


# The Mail Boxer

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## *The Prez Says*

By Todd Herbst

Well, I hope everybody had great riding in '06 and a good Holiday season. I know Betty and I had the most exciting trip we've done yet.

I saw a Santa Riding a Harley the other day, it was quite humorous. At least he wasn't trying to fly it. I just saw the weather for the New Year's Day Ride. It could be a little wet, but it should be in the mid thirties, sounds like great riding weather..... for 20 or 30 minutes anyway. If you've never been to the NYDR you should come on down, even if you don't ride. It's a lot of fun. It would be great if our club could make a big showing, there is usually about 10 club members that show, 20 or 25 would be much better wouldn't it? and Ya' can't say "I'll get salt on my bike" cuz that stuff washed away weeks ago. Or, "My head hurts too much!" Waaaa! Get down to the "Inn on the Park" between 10 and 11 in the morning on Jan. 1st.

Maybe this year I'll be able to get my bike down the driveway and lead a St. Patty's Day Ride. We've had a little too much snow and ice the last few years.

Roland has the rally planning off to a roaring start. and unless we're scheduled to have 11 inches of rain that weekend we should have another really successful rally.

At the Officers meeting, following the December breakfast, we decided to move the Club Picnic to August when there wasn't as much cycle related things going on, and having a regular meeting in June.

That's about all this Prez has to sez. see ya at the new Years Day Ride.

### Upcoming Events

**Sunday Jan. 1**—Madison Motorcycle Club New Year's Day Ride. For more information call John Troya at 271-0582.

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

**Sunday Feb. 4**—BMW Club breakfast & meeting at J.T. Whitney's at 9am.

**Friday Feb. 9-11**—Chicago International Motorcycle Show at the Donald E. Stephens convention center.

# Secretary's Report

by Linda Low

Meeting held at J T Whitney's on December 3, 2006. Derek informed the group that the email newsletter would be online today.

Steve and Judy from Madison Motorsports spoke. They will have the tire deal again for 2007. There will be a tire shortage in 2007 due to the Goodyear strike and the Dunlop strike. Call early to get tires ordered. 2007 1<sup>st</sup> Gear jackets are in the store. Mark your calendars for the first Saturday in May; 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary party open house. They also brought several door prizes for the group

Steve Jenneke (?) told the group about a bike for sale 2004 Aprilia Mille 208 miles \$12,000. See him for further details.

Ben Cimino told the group that the Salvation Army was still looking for bell ringers if anyone was interested.

Steve Lemke asked the group if we wanted to give to the food pantry. The group voted to give \$100 to the Middleton Outreach Ministry

Bert said he still had club hats for sale \$7.50  
50/50 had 16 people in it, \$8 went to Marcus Schumann  
Todd Herbst won the breakfast.

A board meeting was held after the breakfast. The club currently has 86 members; 66 paying, 9 officers, 7 lifetime and 4 complimentary. There was a long discussion regarding the complimentary memberships and it was left that Derek and Todd Erickson would follow up on this.

The board decided that J T Whitney's will be our new breakfast home.

Long discussion regarding activities of the club. If club members are doing rides, they need to let Betty know for the newsletter and get it out on the website through Marcus and the listserv. Dan Baum put a fall campout together but no one knew about it. Communication is key to successful events. Event chairs or designees are asked to do their own thank you's for their event.

Board members were asked to review their job descriptions and bring any changes they think need to be made to the next meeting for discussion.

It was decided we should try to do a 6 month activity calendar. It was decided to bring up the idea of moving the club picnic to the second Sunday in August from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in June to see if more people would come. Will vote on it at January meeting. Will try to hand out calendar at that time also so people can add things to it.

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# VIEW FROM THE REAR

by Linda Low

Being a passenger on the back of a cycle allows your mind to wander and ponder the view around you. These are a few of those thoughts from our trip to the 2006 national rally in Burlington, Vermont.

1. Green Mountains vs. the White Mountains. They looked the same to me, both full of trees.
2. Why do green mini vans and VW's always drive below the posted speed limit? Watch them, they are the only cars that consistently do that.
3. Saw lots of signs for Redemption Centers. I thought we were in a very religious state until I realized they were the recycling centers.
4. Used car lots. Have you ever noticed how many used car lots are in people's yards when driving the back roads? There must be a heck of a market for them.
5. If you are ever in the Lake Placid area, make sure you take the drive up to White Face Mountain. The drive up the mountain side was beautiful as was the view from the top. All you could see were trees, Lake Placid; the clean smell of mountain top air and in the distance the rumble of a Harley breaking the silence.
6. A warning. Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine use city street type signs to mark any important site you may want to see. Mark your maps and GPS's accordingly.
7. Why are BMW rally sites always clean and neat no matter the weather conditions?
8. It rained a good deal of the time we were in Vermont. Always at the end of the day, why was that?
9. The last day of the rally it poured for most of the day. Yet, most people stayed til the bitter end. I will never forget the sound of hundreds of BMW's starting up at the conclusion of the rally. If you've been to a national before, you know the sound.
10. We picked up several maps at the rally that had people's favorite roads on them. An observation from my driver indicated that the roads to the celebrated motorcycle roads were "better" than the celebrated roads themselves. I wouldn't know. I was too busy leaning to the left and then to the right to observe much.

# Book Review

by Betty Herbst

This is a bit premature because I'm not finished reading this book yet. But, I guess that means there's no chance that I'll spoil the ending for you.

I'm currently reading *Two Wheels Through Terror* by Glen Heggstad. I'll start by saying it is very well written and hard to put down.

A quick overview: Glen plans the adventure of a lifetime, a motorcycle trip from his home in California to the tip of South

America and back. However, none of Glen's planning, previous life experience, or extensive martial arts training have prepared him for being taken hostage in Colombia by ELN terrorists during the course of his journey. After months of physical and mental abuse Glen is released and prepares to continue on his journey.



# Rally Update

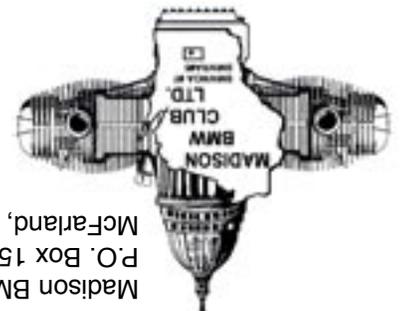
*by Roland Thompson*

Plans for the 2007 GR3 at Soldiers Grove are progressing nicely. Mark your calendars for May 18, 19, 20<sup>th</sup> 2007. In September we inked a contract with the Village Council for use of the park with the same terms as last year. The Lions Club has agreed to cook the Saturday evening meal again and we're looking at having BBQ ribs rather than chicken to change things up a bit. We'll be setting up a meeting with them soon to go over all the details of the meal, vending beer, obtaining campfire wood, etc. We'll also confirm verbal agreements already made with Our Saviors Lutheran for the Sat AM breakfast and the Old Oak Inn for use of their showers again. I'll also be certain to order more porta potties and more donuts & fruit for Sunday AM.

James Folts has volunteered to be field events chairman. Thank you James. If you have ideas for field events (probably non-riding) or want to help out, contact James or I.

The rally fee is again \$23 for pre-registration, \$28 at the gate. Club members who work the rally get the whole rally experience for a mere \$20. Its not too soon to ask for door prize donations as you visit local vendors and dealers. Be sure to keep track of donations you receive so we can be sure to send thank you letters after the rally. If you have other ideas to improve the rally without breaking the budget, please contact me.

Here's to a short winter and another fun, successful rally.



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