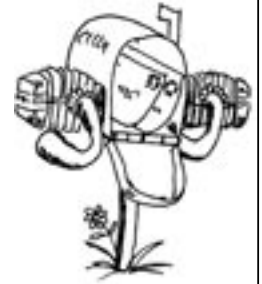


The Mail Boxer

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The Prez Says

By Todd Herbst

Howdy, Howdy, Howdy,

I've just returned from another Great River Road Rally, emphasis on Great. Well two years now and not a hitch. Our rally has been on the increase since we've kept the pavement close at hand.

Thanks to all who helped at the rally, we couldn't have done it without you. Monetarily we should have increased our club coffers considerably, although I haven't talked to Roland to see how we ended up. Our dinner Saturday night was fantastic. The Lions Club really out did themselves with the ribs, special secret sauce and all. The new tent Steve and Judy Parker, from Madison Motorsports, donated is nice and really sturdy. Thanks Steve and Judy!

We all owe Rob Himmleman a great thank you for all the years he let us use his tent for the rally.... FOR FREE. Thanks Rob!

On Sunday morning Roy Schindler from Waukesha ended up having a gel cell battery that died over night. I mean completely died, nuthin, nada, zip. Roy, his brother Eric and I trouble (Shot, Shouted, Shat.... Oh, I don't know.) for about an hour, we eventually got his bike running with Dick Olsen's battery powered jump starter hooked up to the battery and push starting it. The bike ran great until we pulled the jumper, it died immediately. Time for a new battery, at 7AM, on a Sunday..... yea right, even Wal-Mart doesn't open for another 2 hours, oh yeah, it just started to spit rain too. My gears were really spinning now. I got it! I got a phillips head screwdriver, unscrewed the back off the battery jump starter and pulled Dick's battery jump starter apart and put the battery in Roy's bike. A quick bump start, it ran purrrfect. I talked to Roy already, he said it worked all the way home. It even started when they stopped for breakfast. Roy thanks you Dick! Now we have to figure out how to get the battery from Waukesha to Madison.

Thanks again to all those who helped pull off another fantastic Rally. We'll see you at the National in July. Right?



Photo provided by Jim Harms

Upcoming Events

Sunday June 3—BMW Club Breakfast, J.T. Whitney's 9:00 a.m.

June 7–9—RA Rally at Biltmore Estates Asheville, NC

Sunday July 1—BMW Club Breakfast, J.T. Whitney's 9:00 a.m.

July 12–15—MOA Rally West Bend, WI

August 10–12—Annual Field Of Dreams Ride. Friday, ride to New Vienna, Iowa for a charcoal grilled steak dinner. Then camp at the New Wine camp ground (on-site registration). Saturday, group ride and/or Field Of Dreams visit. Sunday, ride to the Madison BMW picnic at Brigham Park. ed_burington@yahoo.com or 772-1933 for details.

August 5—Wisconsin Ride For Kids leaving from Middleton Fireman's Park at 9:15 a.m.

August 12—BMW Club Picnic Brigham Park

September 7–9—BMW Dells Rally Chula Vista

September 9—Iron Man Competition Madison

Sunday October 4—BMW Club Breakfast, J.T. Whitney's 9:00 a.m.

October 4—Slimy Crud Run

October 12–14—32nd Falling Leaf Rally Potosi, MI Sponsored by the Gateway Riders of St Louis

Secretary's Report

by Linda Low

May 6, 2007

John Ong won the Oldest Rider award at the Wild Goose Ride. He also won the People's Choice award at Madison Motorsport's recent open house. Congratulations John!

Rally Update

Price is \$24 before/ \$28 day of; volunteers \$15

Mike Shannon is donating a ½ barrel of Lake Louie beer again

Steve and Judy of Madison Motorsports donated a 10 x 20 tent with sides to us. A big thank you from the club!!!!

Anyone who went to the rally saw it in use.

140 is the breakeven number

Sign up sheet for national rally was passed around.

The club passed the helmet around to take up a collection for Norm of Boxer Rebellion to help replace his Aerostich jacket which had to be cut off him in a recent accident.

50/50 Linda again

Breakfast winner – JT

Short meeting so everyone could go to the Slimey Crud

Rally Update

by Roland Thompson

The 2007 GR3 is history, and we had another successful outing. We had many compliments about the venue, the food, the rides, the roads. And the weather was spectacular--two years in a row now. I hope we can keep that trend going. Attendance was about 228, maybe 230, just slightly more than last year. Thanks to **Madison Motorsports** for donating the classy tent, allowing us to register in the lap of luxury and thanks also to Rob Himmelman, who let us use his tent for all these past years, saving us a bundle. Mike Shannon again donated a "welcome keg" of Lake Louie Ale, which was greatly appreciated by the thirsty hoards riding in Friday afternoon. We raised a yellow mug to **BMW Motorcycles of Milwaukee** for their special sponsorship of this event. I think we owe a special thanks to Dick Olson, who for the past few years has transported, stored, inventoried, organized, loaded and unloaded a growing truckload of rally stuff. Without his help, we'd have to rally out of a tank bag somehow. The coffee drinkers were rewarded this year to "Bunn-O-Matic" brewed coffee, courtesy of Sam Garst, who says we can keep them from now on.

The Soldiers Grove Lions Club again put out a tasty spread of BBQed country style ribs with all the fixins and nobody went away hungry. We also had plenty of Sunday morning donuts--no complaints about being shorted this year! We were able to repay a couple of local churches with an in kind breakfast. Sunday morning dawned cold and threatening, so I think a lot of people didn't languish for coffee and donuts once they packed up.

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Classifieds

For Sale: 2004 1150 GS. Red, Russell seat, Throttle miester, and more. 26k. Original owner. Must sell \$10,000 or obo.. Bert Hefty 608-862-3671

For Sale: Women's First Gear ventilated riding pants. Excellent condition, size 12. 608-831-4439.

For Sale: 2002 BMW K1200RS Black. 7,200 miles in excellent condition. Includes: two windshields, system cases, soft top case, Remus carbon fiber exhaust & original exhaust, K&N air filter (in factory air box), abs brakes, cruise, heated grips. \$11,500 or best offer. Dean Hellenbrand 608-692-7896.

For Sale: 2004 R1200CLC. Black Metallic. Like new; less than 1,600 miles. Warranty until May 2009. Luxury cruiser plus extras: highway pegs, engine and bag guards, headlight modulator & custom cover. Must sell! \$13,900 OBO. Call Angie @ 608-751-3099

For Sale: 2000 silver amd black BMW. 10,000 miles. Includes: two helmets, saddle bags, leather jacket. \$4,500 OBO. Call Randy (608)244-1937

We gave away lots of door prizes. Thanks to these door prize donors that I'm aware of: **Madison Motorsports, Mischlers Harley BMW, Motorcycle Performance, Chicago BMW, Arlene Scalzo, James & Dana Folts.** If you know of other donors you got door prizes from, please let me know. We send out thank you letters to all who contribute to the rally and I don't want to miss anyone.

We had about 8 people on the GS ride, led by Ernie Bell's friend, Chad Burger and about a dozen following Dave Maley through the valleys and byways to a lunch at that log cabin roadhouse at Rockton, WI. I forget the name of the place. A good ride was had by all.

We didn't do as well financially as last year, but we still managed to add a pretty good sum to the treasury. Copies of a complete and detailed rally statement will be available at the next meeting.

This rally couldn't have happened without the time and effort put forth by a broad group of Madison BMW Club members (I counted 37 at the rally). Thanks to each and every one of you who helped in so many ways. It's a lot of work, but also a lot of fun, and our friends and neighbors love the opportunity to ride to this special place in Wisconsin. I hope we can do it again next year!



Left: Cups provided by BMW of Milwaukee.

Below: Remnants of a thoroughly enjoyed pancake breakfast.

Photos provided by Mary Klopp.





Above Left: The rally was enjoyed by beasts of all kinds.

Above Right: Smoking and drinking—typical rally activities—are enjoyed.

Right: Dave Maly's ride left drew quite a few enthusiasts.

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