

The Mail Boxer

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On the Road to Asheville, NC

by Betty Herbst

After last year's failed attempt at attending the Finger Lakes Rally (came back home when remnants of hurricane Ernesto came up the coast and fizzled over New York) Dad and I decided to try another motorcycle trip. To my surprise the destination, the RA National Rally at the Biltmore in Asheville NC, was suggested by my Mom. After hearing Roland talk about at trip to the Biltmore and their fabulous winery, I was dying to go and eagerly agreed.

My ideal route, through the Shenandoah National park then down nearly all of the Blue Ridge Parkway, proved to be too lengthy for the time frame that we had. (Although, I heard that Jim Harms took that route, perhaps we can sweet talk an article out of him...) Thus we took a fairly direct route trying to balance interstate highways with some more scenic county and state highways. The weather was fabulous and the riding uneventful.

We arrived on Thursday after a very hot day of mostly waiting.



Highway 23 in Virginia

Upcoming Events

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



Dad (Joe Bruun) with the bikes loaded outside a hotel in Kentucky.

At a gas stop a mere half hour from Asheville we encountered an a women traveling with her daughter on a 1995 K1100LT with a severely leaking (gushing would be a better word) final drive. As it turns out it was someone I had met on several other occassions. We waited in 90° heat for several hours for a tow truck to arrive. The final approach to Asheville consisted of stop and go traffic and one wrong turn; landing us at the Biltmore at about 6pm.



Trashed Final Drive

The rally fee was a whopping \$67 but included unlimited access to the Biltmore, the gardens, barns, winery, etc. After registering we proceeded to the quiet camping to set up because there was more shade to be had. It was actually a nice spot bordered by the French Broad River on one side, a pond, and view of the Biltmore which looked splendid lit for the evenings.

After showering off the heat of the day we went in search of nurishment only to be disappointed that food had stopped being served a

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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

For Sale: 2004 Grey R1100SA. 5,700 miles. Full factory warranty and BMW Roadside Assistance Plan til 2008. \$9,900. Call Steve Lemke (920)648-3710.

few minutes prior to our arrival.

Friday morning coffee was taking effect and the bathroom situation was not good, I won't go into the gory details but I was not impressed. The Biltmore provided the food at the rally grounds, I had a breakfast egg wrap that was very tasty but then it should have been for \$8!



Quiet Camping Area at the RA National Rally in Asheville, NC

We elected to stay at the estate for the day, we toured the "Big House", the winery (which did have pretty nice wines), and some of the gardens, and visit the rally vendors. (To my disappointment I didn't see anything that I couldn't live without, but then there weren't many vendors either.) Lunch was at one of the three restaurants on the estate which proved to be a bargain compared to the rally food—leave it to Dave Maly to make this discovery. (We had an all you could eat buffet lunch with some very tasty gourmet specialties.) I finished the day in the beer tent listening to a mediocre band and visiting friends.

We left the rally on Saturday to take the scenic route home, via the Blue Ridge Parkway, through the Smoky Mountain National Park, and north through Bardstown Kentucky. (Eat your heart out, Bert!)

Secretary's Report

by Linda Low

June Minutes

Guests

John and Jody Hanson stopped in.
They ride a 1990 K75RT

News

1. Club received a thank you note from Norm for the get well gift we sent.
2. Milwaukee BMW is having a dinner at Road America in July. See their website for info.

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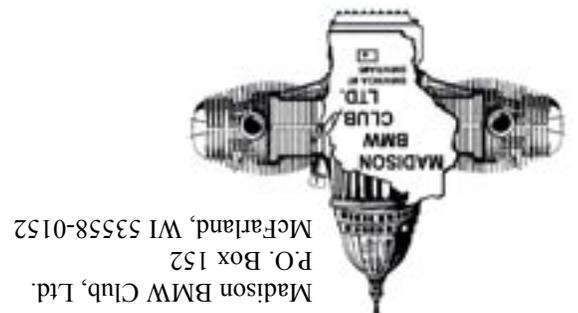
Another successful rally. 37 club members were there.
Total attendance 225

50/50 won by Sam Garst

Next breakfast is Sunday July 1 at 9:00 at JT Whitneys



The view of the Biltmore from the quiet camping the lights below are motorcycles.



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