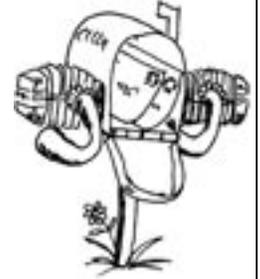


# The Mail Boxer

September 2007

BMW MOA #7



## The Prez Says

By Todd Herbst

It's that time already.

I was just outside and realized there are leaves all over the ground. It's a time that says the riding season is coming to an end, and to be careful while riding. With all the rain we've been having, any tractor coming out of a field could bring with it a boat load of mud and/or debris, and deposit it on the road for any one of us to come along and go slithering through on our 2 wheeled steeds.

When the leaves really start to fly, a small amount of rain can turn a wet road into a real slippery mess. In my opinion, Fall riding can be the most challenging season to ride. (unless you brave the icy roads of winter of course.) There just tends to be lots of stuff on the road. In some cases so much stuff you can't see the road itself. This fall, stay safe out there and keep your eye on the ever changing road.

Not to preach, but I needed something to write about.

I'd like to thank all the members who participated in this year's club picnic. We had a beautiful day to have a party under the oaks at Brigham park. I smoked 35 lbs. of pork spare ribs that were devoured in less than one hour. We also had 40 lbs of chicken leg quarters, many of which were taken home by satisfied plump picnic attendees. Thanks to all who made dishes to share. Everything was delicious!

Betty and I wish to invite you to Madison BMW club's 3rd annual chili cook-off at our house on October 13th from 4pm-?. Chili Judging will start at 7pm BYOB. Although, we will probably be sampling the very exclusive wines of Rocky Dell Winery. Please let me know ASAP if you wish to enter the contest so I know how many to expect. If you aren't a chili maker please bring a side dish to share.

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### Upcoming Events

September 2–BMW Club Breakfast,  
J.T. Whitney's 9:00 a.m.

September 7–9–BMW Dells Rally  
Chula Vista

September 9–Iron Man Competition  
Madison

Sept 28-30–Whitecap Mountain Fall  
Color Ride 4th Edition. This looks like  
it could be a bit of northwoods fun.  
A warm bed and hot tubs. \$75.00.  
email: rockers@centurytel.net  
or call: 715-561-4001  
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October 4–BMW Club Breakfast, J.T.  
Whitney's 9:00 a.m.

October 4–Slimy Crud Run

October 13–3rd Annual Madison BMW  
Club Chili Cookoff @ the home of  
Todd & Betty Herbst

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

November 10th–BMW Club Banquet  
@ the Bourbon Street Grille. 6pm  
drinks; 7pm dinner. See menu  
inside...

# THE 2007 BMWMOA NATIONAL RALLY, WEST BEND, WI

*by Tom VanHorn*

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...I know, it was such a long ride - had to reserve new tires en route, etc. Well, as those at the meetings know, the area clubs were tapped heavily to help work the rally, and I for one think the 7-8 WI clubs stepped up to the plate just fine.

I'd have to nominate Sam Garst as Club Pointman Extrordinaire - he made several trips to stake out a club spot, haul out and set up the club tent. Later, he picked up a Guest Journalist (Talitha Henderson, Superbike South Africa magazine) at Milwaukee airport and loaned her his oilhead roadster for the rally. Dick Olson also trucked out, bringing Prez Todds kitchen gear and a raft of chairs etc along, as well as Berts 'GS to place in a saleable pose (a successful pose, apparently - it did sell-)...

...Todd H. and I ran out Tuesday AM. Well, kinda ran (didn't'cha get great mileage, Todd, going at my sidecar pace, huh??)... ...Sam had Club Central up, with chairs and odds and ends and two tent sides up ("I didn't know which sides to put up, so just put up a couple...') Good call - right after Todd and I set up our tents, a biblical blaster of a storm honked in, serious rain with 20+mph wind. We had time to wheel the bikes and gear under the tent, which sides perfectly kept the blow out...

...some others didn't have the lucky timing - a couple nearby was trying to set up out of a big box(shipped their stuff in) when the storm hit. Their big-but-flattened dome tent was overwhelming their efforts to keep it partially up. Todd and I went over and helped effect repairs to their snapped poles and move to a drier spot. Frank and Francesca from New Orleans were very appreciative, and hung around Club Central thereafter, even fixing up a marvelous dinner Thursday. I gather they were making noises about coming to GR/3 '08...

...Member Jeff Trapp is Wisconsin AirMarshal for the Airheads, and had to set up Air Central, a huge tent usually carpeted and full of living room furniture. Jim Dickey pitched in with furniture, so much that Air Central was overstocked, so our club tent got a nice couch. It was often seen thereafter with feet sticking out from one end. Among said feet were those of recent Alaska sojourner Steve Huber...

...the rally site was nice - few trees, but this is traditional, frankly... ...there were enough buildings for everything that needed one, plenty of vendors, food service was up to demand, lots of well-maintained porta johns and showers (once the three trailers therefore were set up-). In a slightly new twist, the beer garden and music stage were in adjacent buildings, so you could sip and shmooze without yelling (too much) over the band...

...The club did trash pickup AM and PM, and tooted around in a golf cart hurling trash bags at people. Jim Harms took my waggish idea and ran with it - for one pickup run, Todd went around with a cowbell, doing a Holy Grail thing: "Bring out yer trash! BONG!! Bring out yer trash! BONG!!!" Guess you had to be there...

...the weather was fine - after the Tuesday deluge, there was only one brief overnight rain shower. And, it wasn't too hot, thankyouverymuch...

...the club got a down-the-list award (6th?) for member attendance; Haven't heard about any member winning anything big(I won a baseball cap)...

...All told, another nice national rally - Old friends, new friends, food, drink, stuff, and briefly living in a small world where motorcycles rule.

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# Madison BMW Club Banquet—November 10th @ The Bourbon Street Grille

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Entree: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Menu Choices:

All sit down dinners include salad, 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 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-Insigniovcant Awards Form

Members!! Please fill out the blanks below and send this form to Tom Van Horn at: 302 Glen Hwy., Madison, WI 53705 by October 31st. Estimate your BMW miles ridden between January 1st and October 28, 2007 (to the nearest 100 miles). You may use this form for more than one rider but please separate with different ink colors. or a slash (/) mark.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

For 2007, your total BMW miles ridden \_\_\_\_\_

Divide your miles into: Commuting Miles: \_\_\_\_\_ Sport or Day Ride Miles: \_\_\_\_\_ Touring: \_\_\_\_\_

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 and why? \_\_\_\_\_

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

	Small	Medium	Large	XL	XXL Add \$2.00	XXXL Add \$2.00	Total Amnts.
Short Sleeve tee \$ 8.35							
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Totals							

Here is the order form for club shirts and sweat shirts. Make checks payable to Madison BMW Club . Send order forms with checks to J.T. Wagner 4717 Shaffer Avenue, Madison, WI. 53716. **Forms due by September 12th.**

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