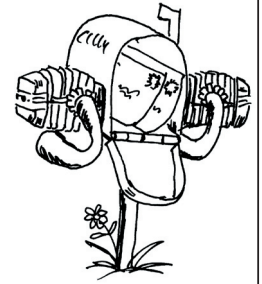


The Mail Boxer

February 2008

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The Prez Says

By Todd Herbst



The Veep Speaks

By Steve Lemke

Vice Presendete here. For starters, I would like to say how proud I am to be your vice-president. Our club has the best rally for the money in Wisconsin. I am leading a ride to Soldier's Grove on April 12th for a camp out. We will meet at the Pine Cone restaurant on Hwy 51 and I-90/94 at 9:00 am for a group ride out or you can just meet us in Soldier's Grove. Please feel free to invite anyone to ride with us. The fee for camping is only \$3 to \$4 or you can motel it. We will be gaining a few minutes of daylight every day now so it won't be long before we have lots of daylight for riding. I know you IBA members do a lot of night riding but I like to ride during the day. See you soon.

Steve

Upcoming Events

Sunday, February 3, 2008
Club Breakfast at JT
Whitney 9:00am

February 8-10
Cycle World Motorcycle
Show Chicago, IL

Sunday, March 2, 2008
Club Breakfast at JT
Whitney 9:00am

Saturday, March 16
Saint Patrick's Day Ride
Meet Todd Herbst at the
Citgo on Hwy 14 in Cross
Plains at 9:30 am. Ride
leaves at 10:00 am.

Sunday, April 6, 2008
Club Breakfast at JT
Whitney 9:00am

Saturday, April 12, 2008
Steve's ride n camp in
Soldier's Grove, WI Meet at
Pine Cone Restaurant Hwy
51&I90/94 at 9:00 am

Sunday, May 4, 2008
Club Breakfast at Hilltop Inn
4173 County Rd P
(1.4mi N of Pine Bluff)
Cross Plains, WI 9:00 am

Sunday, May 4, 2008
After Breakfast Meeting
Tentative Slimy Crud Run
Ride from Pine Bluff, WI to
Leland, WI--lots of neat bikes

34th GR-3
May 16 to May 18, 2008
in Soldier's Grove, WI

FROM AN ANONYMOUS SOURCE



Linda's Scoot

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It's cold. It's dark. The roads are coated in salt and encrusted with SUV's swerving from curb to curb while the drivers (and I use this term loosely) yak on their cell phones and swill coffee. Not the best riding conditions I'm spending some of my time in the garage sitting on the bikes ...making motorcycle sounds. I'm also doing some serious daydreaming about the upcoming riding season. Lots of great rallies in the neighborhood like the USCA in Duluth and the BMWRA in Houghton. And of course our own GR-3 in Soldier's Grove. I'm hoping that I can get enough time off from work to ride to them all.

On another note, I am trying to send out the newsletter at the end of the third week of the month so that you have it available before the monthly meeting. I'm a little late this month. If you are going to send something in for publication (and you are working on a story, aren't you?) I ask that you send it to me by the middle of the month so that I have a little time to work on it. I would also like to add your photos of trips, bikes and riding to the newsletter. Just send a caption or short story with them. I'll see you at the February meeting.

AS



Some information sent to Todd Herbst and passed along to you

Hello BMW riders, John Rambow here, your friendly neighborhood BMW wrench. I was the service department in Rockford for 22 years until the shop closed. Now I am working on bikes at home. I can fix anything the dealers can, except tires. I can be reached at 815-298-0498 to make arrangements for wrenching.

Please share this info with your club members. Thank you.

St Patty's Day Ride

On Sunday March 16th, I'll once again attempt a St. Patrick's Day ride. The last few years have had to be scrapped due to ice and snow conditions.

We'll meet at the Citgo station on Hwy 14 in Cross Plains. I'll be there around 9:30 AM with a departure time of 10 AM. The destination will be decided upon by the current weather conditions. I usually try to make it to Global View in the suburbs of Clyde, WI. It is a old farm run by monks who are selling things from around the world to try and build a monastery. They have all kinds of neat stuff for sale.

Hope to see you there!

Todd Herbst

SECRETARY'S REPORT

LINDA LOW

January Minutes

Despite the heavy fog, 2 of the 28 club members who managed to find their way to JT Whitney's for breakfast rode their bikes. We had two guests: Mark from Waunakee who rides a Honda ST1300 and Sam's wife Meghan Gauger,. Chuck Rabideaux traded both his 92 K100RS and 01 F650GS for an 07 F650GS.

08 GR3 (May 16-18) Update-Jim Harms--The Rally announcements have been sent to the BMW and RA magazines and their web sites. There is a new registration form.

Web site Update-Steve Huber--The Events calendar is up to date, the Rally site page is up to date, the New registration form is online and the Officers contact information is current.

Rides--Tom Schirz and Bert Hefty are co-chairing activities so let either know about pending rides.

Membership-Derek Engelen--Derek said he will be gone most of February. Please pay your dues and the membership book will be completed in early March.

The National BMWRA rally will be held in the UP region of Michigan Thursday, June 19 to Sunday, June 22 near Houghton/Hancock. The National USCA side-car rally is Thursday, June 12 to Sunday, June 15 in Duluth. Bert would like to lead a multi bike ride up there. Let him know if you are interested in going. The National Bike shows are in Minneapolis Feb. 2 and 3 and in Chicago Feb. 9-10. Bert and Todd indicated they were going to Chicago and have room for a couple of people. The Madison Motorcycle Club is having their banquet on Sat Feb. 23 \$20. Information is in the newsletter. There is a location change for May Meeting. The Club breakfast will be at Hilltop Restaurant which is on the way to the spring Slimy Crud. More details to come.

Madison Motorcycle Club Annual Banquet

The Madison Motorcycle Club will hold its annual banquet on Saturday, February 23 at The Coliseum Bar, 232 East Olin Avenue, Madison, WI 53713. Cocktails begin at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 7:00 p.m.. The cost will be \$20 per person which includes beer and soda and a choice of three entrees: a 9 ounce New York Strip Steak, Chicken Parmesan, or Breaded Jumbo Shrimp. All dinners come with a tossed salad, fresh vegetables, rolls and butter, coffee and milk. The Steak and Shrimp entrees include a potato. The Chicken Parmesan includes pasta. RSVP to John Troia by February 18 at 608-271-0582 or jvtroia@hotmail.com. Indicate your choice of entree. Pay in advance or at the door.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Please welcome the following new member:

Steven Landry

2172 Erb Rd. Verona, WI 53593

Phone: 608.832.2172 home; 608.662.3456 work

Bikes: 1996 BMW R1100RT - 1999 BMW R1100S - 2002 Honda VFR - 2007 Yamaha VSTAR

Madison BMW Club Membership Form

First _____ Last _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Phones: Home _____ Work _____ Other _____

E-mail _____

Current Member Yes No New Member Yes No

MOA # _____ RA # _____

Bikes owned _____

Interests, comments, etc _____

Please e-mail the Mail Boxer to my e-mail address Yes No

