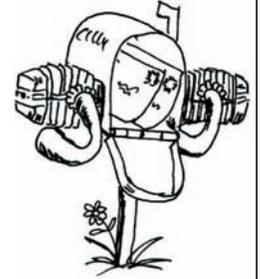


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The Prez Says

By Todd Herbst

One of you guys need to figure out how to put a ski on the front and a track system on the back of my R80. That would make winter so much more exciting. I suppose picking up a fallen airhead every 100 feet in the snow would get old though.

Once again it looks like the St Patty's Day Ride will be canceled. If by some miracle enough snow melts off the roads by March 16th, I'm sure there would still be torrents of cold water trying to sweep us off our bikes in the low lands.

What else is there to say. Oh yeah,

Snow,

Snow,

Snow.

Cold,

Snow

Friggin Cold

Pray for spring.=====!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The Veep Speaks

By Steve Lemke

Hi everyone. Well, here we are in the last half of winter. I hope that all of you have your batteries charged for the upcoming riding season. I have not been able to ride yet this month because it is either too cold or the roads are wet with salty water. Hopefully I will get out at least once. I would like to lead a dinner ride to a restaurant in Jefferson county on Saturday, April 26th. I will be leaving from Madison Motorsports at 3:00 pm. Come see their new location and ride to a great meal. Don't forget about signing up for the Wild Goose Ride with Tom Van Horn. Should be a great time.

Think Spring!

Vice President Generalismo Lemke

Upcoming Events

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

Saturday, April 26, 2008
Steve's Dinner Ride
Meet at Madison Motorsports
at 3:00 pm

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



Rob Himmelmann

FROM AN ANONYMOUS SOURCE

I had the opportunity to accept Rob Himmelmann's invitation to the annual Slip Slide Ride this year. Ken Moore and I trekked out from Milwaukee on a beautiful, cold but sunny Saturday morning. When we arrived at the Marquette County Home for Wayward Cycles, Rob was nowhere to be found but his handy work was all laid out to get us in the mood to ride. He had parked several interesting rides outside his garage in preparation for the day's festivities. There was a Kawasaki 100, a Suzuki 200, a Suzuki DR-650, a snowmobile, an ATV, and two Roteck(sp) two wheel drive motorcycles. Rob arrived about ten minutes after we did, toting



several freshly filled fuel cans to keep us running all day. He redirected us to move our car to a "safer" location, namely the large parking lot he had cleared beside his driveway. Rob had also broken trail through the deep snow so that the novices (hey, stop looking at me!) would have a fighting chance in the snow. So I grabbed on to one of the two wheeled drive monsters and headed out. What a gas! That machine has a mind of it's own. Once I started it down a tire rut it just would not come out without some major yanking and a lot of verbal encouragement. I also can report that it does *not* like to break new trail in deep snow. I hopped on the ATV next. Now I must confess that my total time on any ATV is approximately.....wait for it.....zero, so I took the advice of my traveling companion as to how to operate this contraption. Needless to say, after becoming hopelessly stuck I looked back to see Ken rolling on the ground with laughter and was also treated to Rob's mirthful smile as he showed me the FOUR wheel drive button. It's good to have friends. I then moved on to

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the little Kawasaki 100. This thing was a hoot. I looked like a shiner riding one of those little toy bikes but it sure was fun. By now, more slipsliders had arrived.

I didn't catch a lot of names but I got the impression that these were the hard core members of the Slip Slide Club.

We talked bikes and sipped warm (i.e. room temp) adult beverages and just had a jolly good time. There was quite a feast waiting inside the very warm house that we all enjoyed very much. Outside the action was heating up with more riders having big fun in the snow while others were making the pilgrimage to the barn and the trailer to see the impressive collection of vintage bikes and other very intriguing stuff. Not being satisfied with the trails that Rob had groomed, the now frozen brained two wheeled fanatics burrowed through the high banks to reach the virgin snow. The ATVs were giving the little riders sled rides on the trails while the snowmobile disappeared into the woods. There was even a little wrenching going on as one of the roteks lost a chain due to a loose sprocket. It was towed back to the driveway by Rob on a 4 wheeler with only one wipe-out on the way. Wrenches and frozen hands returned it to service in no time and the fun continued. Thanks Rob!!!



SECRETARY'S REPORT

LINDA LOW

March Meeting

08 GR3 (May 16-18) Update-Jim Harms--Old Oak Inn is currently closed and up for sale. There is a new B & B in town called Roth House.

WI April 20, 2008
24nd Wild Goose Run
BMW Motorcycle Club of
Port Washington #116

On Sunday at noon the Wisconsin area clubs will meet at Bayside Supper Club, W9231 County Road G, Beaver Dam, WI 920-887-0505 for brunch & festivities. South of Beaver Dam take Hwy 151 Exit 129 (which is Business 151) for 0.7 miles turn left at Kwik Trip. \$11.00/person includes gourmet meal, tax, tip, trophies & door prizes. For map & more info: www.portbmwclub.com Make reservations with your local Wisconsin area club before 4/13. Contact Mark Williams (mwilliams44@wi.rr.com) (262-284-6414)

The Wild Goose Ride is taking place on April 20th riding to Bayside again. We will take off from Madison Motorsport's new location. The May meeting will be held at the Hilltop Bar on County P, very near the Slimy Crud site. There will be a dealers breakfast from 9am to 11am somewhere near the crud but the location hasn't been chosen yet. Road-bike magazine has a story on the Slimy Crud in the March issue. Twenty six members braved the elements to reach JT Whitneys for the meeting. The National RA rally is in Houghton, Mich June 19-22. Art from Mischlers said he just received the new GS and Adventure bikes but hadn't uncrated them yet. Weather permitting, Todd will have a St Patty rider on March 16

Guests: Betty's mom

New Bikes: Bert Hefty has a 99 1100RT

Big Winners: TVH won the 50/50 and Joe Bruun (Betty's dad) won the breakfast.

I'm selling my trusty
"K" bike.

1993 K1100LT 34K miles,
new tires and new BMW gel bat.,
(Brand new BMW gel bat. charger
goes with the bike), BMW tank
bag w/rain cover, Throttlemeister,
custom made light bar w/Hella
driving lights, high output alter-
nator installed (original included
with bike), custom made one of a
kind hi-way pegs. Top condition,
no leaks, never abused, dealer
maintained, fuel pump replaced
a few years ago. I live in Elm-
hurst, close to where we hold
our monthly meeting so if you're
interested, you can see the bike on
meeting day. \$4500/obo.

Chuck Shedore (630) 832-
6135 beabro@sbcglobal.net

!Wanted!

!!YOUR STORIES!!

With all that cold weather and deep
snow, I have to believe that we are
all dreaming of warmer weather
and remembering all those great
rides from last season.

How about sharing those fond
memories with all of us by writing
a few lines.

Please.
Pretty Please.

Thanks !

SamG
Newsletter Editor

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Derek Engelen

Please welcome the following new
member (finally...a club contact in
NewOrleans):

Frank Kleinpeter & Frances Davis
3915 St. Charles Ave. #607
New Orleans, LA 70115
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Bikes:

2003 BMW F 650 GSL

2005 BMW R1200GS

1997 BMW K75S

1961 Harley Davidson

1971 Norton



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