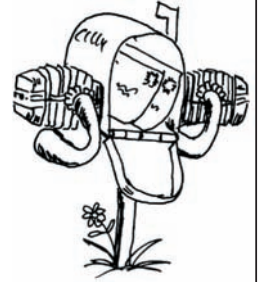


The Mail Boxer

May 2008

BMW MOA #7 BMWRA #5



The Prez Says

By Todd Herbst

Sunday April 20th turned out to be an absolutely fabulous day to ride a bike. Tom Van Horn gathered about a dozen riders to do a back road blitz to Beaver Dam for the annual Wild Goose Run at the Bayside supper club. Steve and Judy Parker once again opened their shop to us at 8:30am and had coffee and donuts waiting for any of us riders that love to eat.....Hungry bikers is kinda Redundant, right?

We left around 9 am and rode about 55 miles to the Goose. It was beautiful out with great roads.

The Madison club was the first group to pull in the lot around 10.30 am, but the lot filled quite quickly and within half an hour it was pretty full with a buncha neat bikes. I saw a lot of faces I hadn't seen since last year and some I haven't in a few.

At the lunch inside it was pretty standard, Mileage awards, Rally pitches and good food. One item of note is Wisconsin now has 2 - 1 million mile riders. About 5 years ago Santa Klaus from the Port club got the first one. Last year Ken Mc Hugh from the Badger Club put on his first million and he received a good standing ovation at the Wild Goose. Congrats to both those boys and twist that wrist some more. Afterwards I had to blast home to do some yard work, while my wife sat, drank wine and pointed at what I should do. I suppose it had to do with the fact while I was off having fun at the Goose run she was doing yard work.

Don't forget to come to the Hilltop Restaurant south of Cross Plains for the May meeting. We need to get everybody signed up for duties at the Great River Road Rally. Oh yeah, and Slime some Crud.

El Presidente'

Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 4, 2008
Club Breakfast at Hilltop Inn
4173 County Rd P
(1.4mi N of Pine Bluff)
Cross Plains, WI **9:30 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

Sunday, June 1, 2008
Club Breakfast J.T. Whitney's
9.00am

June 12-15, 2008 USCA Na-
tional Rally in Duluth, MN

June 19-22, 2008 BMWRA
National Rally in da U.P.
Houghton, MI

Sunday, July 6, 2008
Club Breakfast J.T. Whitney's
9.00am

July 17 - 20, 2008 BMW
MOA 2008 International Rally
Gillette, Wyoming

Sunday, August 10, 2008
Club Picnic, Brigham Park
Tod cooks at 11am
Food at 1pm

FROM AN ANONYMOUS SOURCE

It's tire iron time. A large brown box arrived this week with my new side car tire, a new tube and a rim band. I have unfortunately had a lot of experience with changing this particular tire. Last riding season I had the wonderful opportunity to put three new tubes in this wheel. I was shearing the valve stem off the tube with an alarming regularity. Thanks to the advice of Bill Jutz and the acquisition of a properly sized rim lock, my tube trauma has ended. It seems that when I am less than diligent about checking the pressure of the tire, the tire would rotate about the wheel and quite efficiently remove that pesky valve stem. The rim lock has solved that issue. It is placed opposite the valve stem and acts as a clamp on the bead of the tire.

I'm glad that I'm getting this little bit of maintenance out of the way before the GR3 and the subsequent National Side Car rally and BMWRA in Houghton. I am planning a lot of side car miles this summer. If all goes well there will be a group of us going to Duluth for the USCA rally and then continuing on North into Canada and back around to the UP for a visit to the BMWRA rally in Houghton. I have never been around the big lake before and I am really looking forward to it. I hope to glean some advise from those of you who have made this trip before.

As the Pres Says, we will be meeting and eating at the Hilltop Restaurant on May 4 at 9:30 am. I don't know about you but I am glad to try out a new restaurant from time to time. The ride to the Slimy Crud begins immediately after our meeting. This is the first time that I will be able to go, something else to look forward to. I hope that the weather gods smile on us that weekend. See you there.

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The Veep Speaks

By Steve Lemke

On the road and will write something later. ed.



Bert Hefty and his new sidecar

SECRETARY'S REPORT

LINDA LOW

Madison BMW Club Meeting Minutes – April 6, 2008

Guests

Kevin Miller,
Jeremy Zielke – BMWRA
Another guest (sorry didn't get the name)

New Members

Jason Hacht
Chad and Rhonnie Garcia

GR3 - Rally mugs and pins (thanks JT) are in

- Posters are available
- Volunteer sheets this meeting and next (\$15 rally fee if volunteering)
- Lions Club meal – Ham steak
- Extra showers available at Crooked Creek Resort
- Looking into S&S Cycle tour
- Saturday - \$7 all you can eat breakfast
- Club members are encouraged to solicit for door prizes
- Tom Van Horn may do a knife sharpening seminar

BMW RA Wisconsin Region

- Jeremy Zielke volunteered to be the Wisconsin Regional Rep for RA
- Will have a table at Pecatonica swap meet (membership renewal, etc.)
- Visit RA forum – there is a Wisconsin Region section
- June 19 - 22 – RA rally in Houghton, MI

Mischler's 50th anniversary weekend May 2 – 4

- Friday 11 - 2 – Brats and soda for \$1
- Saturday – Monster truck crushing cars, burn-out pit, bike/car show, bikini bike wash, sale
- Sunday 9 - 11 – Slimy Crud breakfast at Quaker Steak & Lube (with other dealers)

Events

- Steve Lemke ride'n'camp to Soldiers Grove, April 12
- Wild Goose Run, April 20 – contact Tom Van Horn for tickets; start ride up from Madison Motorsports
- Steve's dinner ride, April 26 3PM
- Blackhawk (Pecatonica) swap meet, April 27 – club table; Bert going on Sunday
- May breakfast meeting at the Hilltop Inn in Cross Plains
- S&S Cycle 50th anniversary celebration, June 26 – 29 in LaCrosse
- Club picnic, August 8, Brigham County Park; Todd has volunteered to cook

Miscellaneous

- Dave Manthe, "Munch Man", passed away recently
- Dave Laufenberg recommends replacing valve stems with tire changes
- Ernie Bell has gone full-time with his parts business - <http://twinheadlighternie.smugmug.com/>

Dakota % 20 Motorsports

- 50/50 winner – Sam Garst
- Free Breakfast winner – JT Wagner

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

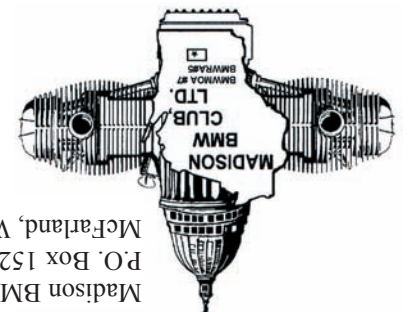
On Sunday at noon the Wisconsin area clubs will meet at Bayside Supper Club, W9231 County Road G, Beaver Dam, WI 920-887-0505 for brunch & festivities. South of Beaver Dam take Hwy 151 Exit 129 (which is Business 151) for 0.7 miles turn left at Kwik Trip. \$11.00/person includes gourmet meal, tax, tip, 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)

September 4th – 7th, 2008
38th Annual Wisconsin Dells
BMW Motorcycle Rally

BMW motorcycle owners, riders and their guests are cordially invited to attend the 38th annual Wisconsin Dells BMW Motorcycle Rally. This will be our 6th year at the fabulous Chula Vista Resort. Enjoy a sit down indoor Saturday evening buffet, indoor and outdoor Water Park, seminars, vendors, live music Fri & Sat nights. Camping has been GREATLY improved for 2008! Rally Registration includes reduced Room rates for Chula Vista Hotel rooms and Condos on grounds.



John Ong at the 07 picnic



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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Derek Engelen

Paralyzed, But Still Rides

By Jim Harms

Please welcome the following new members:

Chad and Rhonnie Garcia
536 Crestwood Ct.
Jefferson, WI 53549
Phones: 920.674.5160 home; 920.674.7363 work
Bikes: 2007 BMW R1200RT; 2003 Harley Davidson
Dyna

Steve Erickson
1308 W. South St.
Stoughton, WI 53589
Phones: 608.444.0459 Home; 608.831.3339 Work
Bikes: 2004 BMW K1200GT

Jason Hacht
1415 Montclair Pl
Fort Atkinson, WI 53538
Phones: 920.568.0853 Home
Bikes: 2007 BMW F800ST

Jeff Fisher
1021 Zingg Dr
Verona, WI 53593
Phones: 608.845.8432 Home; 608.212.1287 Work
Bikes: 2002 BMW R1150RT

The following members renewed:

Richard Noll
3860 Saddlebred Place
Deerfield, WI 53531
Phones: 608.770.0625 Home; 608.263.3667 Work
Bikes: 2004 BMW R1150RT; 1998 Kawasaki KDX
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Ben Cimino
5441 Kalesey Ct., Lot 48
Waunakee, WI 53597
Phones: 608.831.6714 Home
Bikes: 1976 BMW R60/6

I had an interesting ride last summer in mid June. It involved an eating recommendation, a 70's Honda Chopper, a former club member, paralyzed motorcyclist, pig wrestling, and a 'country club' in the boonies.

While riding, I like to eat at places that are known for a certain dish. Take, for example, the Rockton Bar with it's famous barbecued chicken dinner. When a female Harley rider at work told me about a 'Steak and Taters' special in Union Center, I perked up my ears. Very reasonable too at ~\$7.50 for a large steak, baby potatoes, loaf of bread, etc. She didn't recall the name, but said it was directly across from the golf course. I tucked away that little tidbit of information.

Late one morning in mid-June, the weather was so nice that I couldn't pass up hopping on the bike. It would be 'Steak and Taters' for lunch. The most direct route had some good roads and would get me there in under 2 hours, so off I went.

Arriving in Union Center I saw a bar at the corner of 80 and 33 with the Golf Course 'behind' it. Kept going and found a small red bar / restaurant with many cars (and one Honda chopper) in the parking lot. This was Dave and Jerita's Center Tap. It was right across from the golf course, so I thought, it had to be the place. Found an empty stool in the bar area and placed my order.

While waiting for the chow, I began discussing the weather with the guy sitting next to me. Turns out he was a cycle rider too and that Honda was one of his bikes. The odd thing was, it turned out, he lived in Pine Bluff, a mere 2 miles from my house! Chad Richards was also a BMW owner and used to be a member of our club. Oddly enough, the same woman who recommend the place in fact knew Chad and had invited me to stop by his house for one of his Slimy Crud Run parties! Small world indeed. Never did stop by, so this was the first time we met.

We talked about the old bikes he had, and the fact that most were at least 20 years old. His headlight wasn't very strong, so he wanted to get back well before dusk. I wanted to ride longer and so we parted ways. The meal was excellent by the way. The steak looked

a little bland, since it wasn't grilled, but it melted in your mouth. Some of the best baby potatoes I've ever had.

Before leaving I spied a poster for a fair in the next town, Elroy. One of the events was pig wrestling. I must have been living under a shell most of my life because I never heard of anything like that being done around here. One of the locals explained that 3 people try to catch a grease pig and stick him into a barrel. I would have loved to see that, but it wasn't going to happen until later that night. I put this on my 'Bucket List' and hopped on the bike. I'll start saving up for the \$3 per person entry fee. :)

While donning on my gear, the strangest thing drove by. It was a guy, in a wheel chair, driving by himself from a motorcycle side car. I quickly mounted and caught up with him at the Kwik Trip. He took me up on my offer to pump his gas, so he didn't have to get off.

His name was Jim and he is now in his 70's. Many years ago he was paralyzed from the chest down and gets around in a wheelchair. That hasn't stopped him from riding. Jim has put over 40,000 miles on this motorcycle / side car combination. Most of the them were logged in Texas, but he still rides around Union Center.

In fact, he just had a new chain and sprocket put on this Hondamatic 750 (2 speed automatic). All the controls and steering column have been transferred to the side car. The back end has a short ramp that is folded down so that he can wheel himself in and pull up the ramp.

I got back on the bike and took off north, toward Elroy. The fair was in full swing, but I kept going. I went east on County O and then on to County G toward Mauston. After stopping to take a picture of a unique multi-sided barn, I started south for the trip home.

Not far down G, I think it was at Brandt Road, I saw an old sign and arrow for a 'Country Club'. It was named after a couple, like 'Bob and Sue's Country Club', but I don't recall the exact name.

Well, the road had some nice twisties, so I thought

I'd at least drive by it. A few miles in, a sign pointed down a long driveway. Going past a small old barn with a beer sign hanging from it, I was beginning to think this wasn't a golf club type of 'country club'. Much more country than golf. I went by an older ranch home with an addition to it, thinking that the road might continue beyond it. Nope. This was it. I wasn't thirsty yet, but I stopped for a Pepsi anyway.

A typical country bar and the addition looked to be used for a banquet hall. The woman bartender was friendly enough. It was the kind of place where locals would come in and have their favorite beverage in front of them before they sat down, without a word spoken.

The thing that intrigued me most was an old fashion popcorn popper. A helping of kernels in a small pouch were loaded into the top and the platform it sat on shook back and forth as the corn popped.

Finished my drink and headed home, arriving a bit after dark.

