

The Mail Boxer

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BMW MOA #7 BMWRA #5



The Prez Says

By Todd Herbst



Upcoming Events

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 and monthly
meeting at Brigham County
Park. This event is restricted
to club members and their
guests only. Prez Todd will be
cooking up ribs and chicken.
Yum-o.

Sunday, September 7, 2008
Club Breakfast J.T. Whitney's
9:00am

Sunday, October 5, 2008
Club Breakfast J.T. Whitney's
9.00am

November, 2008 Tenta-
tive - Club Banquet, monthly
meeting, and officer elec-
tions. Place, Time and Date
TBA

Sunday, December 7, 2008
Club Breakfast J.T. Whitney's
9.00am

FROM AN ANONYMOUS SOURCE

I've been working on a new BMW bike modification. I think I'll call it MotoFloats! It has a pair of aluminum pontoons mounted on outriggers so we will be able to ride on all the new aqua roads that Mother Nature has built for us. It should be especially useful on I 94 between Madison and Milwaukee. Still working on integrating counter steering into the rudder, but I'm sure I'll get it soon.

What a great GR-3 we had this year. I'm sure glad the floods held off until we were all done. The roads around Soldiers Grove must have suffered again this year.

I hate it when work interferes with the rally season. I was all set to go to the USCA rally in Duluth when my vacation time disappeared into the "you have to come in and do this little event cause we are short handed. We only need you for a few hours (like 85!) and then you can go on vacation" vortex. Needless to say, no Duluth rally. Next up was the RA in Houghton. Nope, no can go as this was the only weekend available to move my beautiful Meghan to her new job in (gasp!) Ohio. But hey, it's a great opportunity for her and now I have an excuse to ride to Columbus. So I have set my sights on the National in Gillette, WY. I think that I have two weeks available with no conflicts on the horizon. All I need to do is replace my rear tire on Ruby (my R1150R) and I'm good to go. I hope that I will see some of you our west. Ride Safe!

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The Veep Speaks

By Steve Lemke

Well everyone, here we are in the middle of an expensive riding season with gas in the \$4 range. Some of us might not want to be traveling far to Rallies, but the Dinky Dozen has a little camp out get together in Pontiac, IL on August 16-17. So lets meet at the Pinecone Restaurant on Saturday, August 16 on I90/51 at 8:00am and leave by 8:30. Lets support our friends in Illinois. We had a good number of Illinois riders at our rally. Hope to see you in the U.P. El Vice Presentente Generalismo

2008 GR3 Rally Report

The 2008 GR3 has come and gone. As rookie Rally Czars, we had a lot to learn, but Roland was a good teacher. In our third year at Soldier's Grove, the location continues to work out well for the club, attendees, and the village. Weather was good during the day, with some showers Friday and Saturday evenings.

Special thanks to our primary sponsor Milwaukee BMW, which supplied the red Rally mugs. The tent that Madison Motorsports donated to the club last year again served as Rally Central. In total, 17 companies, individuals, or club members donated door prizes. We also had four nice vendors on site.

The Lions club provided a delicious ham steak dinner, with many comments about the yummy home made mashed potatoes. They also hosted the beverage stand and provided the firewood, some of which was transformed into 'Woodhenge', the club's version of Stonehenge.

Our Saviors Lutheran Church Ladies Group provided a hearty breakfast for those who partook in it Saturday morning before heading for the hills. Chad Burger led the GS ride with Dave Maly handling the Touring ride again. Dave's route this year took a group to the Morel Mushroom festival in Muscoda and a tractor/wagon tour of a local Buffalo ranch.

One of the locals gave a few lucky rally goers a ride in his old pink Cadillac convertible to check out a potential GS route on his nearby property. There was also a lot of discussion and cell phone snapshots of the large wild pig killed on the road 7 miles north of us.

Registration now is partially automated, making it a bit easier for those who were here last year. Despite an increase in pre-registrations and marketing, attendance dropped from last year's 230 down to 197 in 2008. We believe the chance of showers played a part, as well as the country's recession like atmosphere and \$4 a gallon gas. It just doesn't seem right to spend a 20 spot to fill up your bike.

The 2009 Rally will again be at Soldiers Grove. With the major flooding everywhere in June, we wish all the area towns the best of luck in recovering. Our thanks to everyone who contributed!

Jim Harms
Jim Low
Co-Rally Chairs



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Derek Engelen

Please welcome the following new members:

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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.

Achtung Alert Danger WARNING Watch Out Beware

The time is fast approaching when you will be treated to all the trials and travails of my three dogs. Now I might find my mutts very interesting, but this IS a BMW Motorcycle Club Newsletter, so how about scribbling a few lines or send in a couple of photos of your latest riding experiences for all of us to enjoy. Please.



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