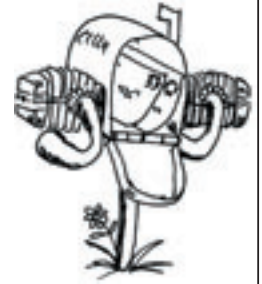


The Mail Boxer

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The Prez Says

By Todd Herbst

It's that time once again. Fire up those slow cookers, light a fire under your hog scalding pot or just throw some stuff into the microwave. It's the 3rd annual Madison BMW Club's Chili-cook off. Betty and I (and the beagles) have been hosting this event since its inception. It's one of the things we really look forward to in the fall. We hope you do too.

On Saturday Oct. 18th we'll have a place to put your slow cooker for some the areas most fickle palettes to critique your finest of slop. We will be starting the tasting around 4pm with judging at 7pm. A veritable plethora of fabulous prizes awaits those who are chef enough to make it to the top of this illustrious event.

We will have the fire pit ablaze for this BYOB event and tent camping for that brings too many bottles.

Please come. With your help we can solve the gas crisis, once and for all.

Secretary's Report

by

Linda Low

September Minutes

Guests: Dave and Dan
New member: Barb Wolter
Ironman: Bert thanked everyone for helping. 35 bikes total including one from England
Annual Betty and Todd Cookoff: Saturday October 18; starts 3-4 in the afternoon with chili judging at 7pm
Annual banquet: Saturday Nov 1 at Nauti Gals . \$20 to John Ong for reservations' Drinks at 6, dinner at 7
Housekeeping: Website is up for renewal. Club voted for 3 yr renewal
Officers needed for 2009: VP and Membership

Winners for the day: Joe Braun 50/50; TVH for free breakfast

Upcoming Events

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

Sunday, October 5, 2008
Slimey Crud Motorcycle
Gang run from Pine Bluff to
Leland. Wheelies, burnouts,
and all other sorts of hooligan
behavior. Whoo hoo!

Sunday, October 12, 2008
Fall Color Tour/Poker Run
- Sponsored by the Madison
Motorcycle Club.

Saturday, October 18, 2008
Madison Club Chili-Cook Off
Starting 3-4pm with judging
at 7pm at Todd and Betty's

November 1, 2008 Club
Banquet, monthly meeting,
and officer elections. Nau-Ti-
Gal Restaurant, 5360 West-
port Rd, Madison. Cocktails
and BS starts around 6PM,
dinner at 7PM.

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

Thursday, January 1, 2009
New Year's Day Ride - Spon-
sored by the Madison Motor-
cycle Club.

Sunday, January 9, 2009
Club Breakfast J.T. Whitney's
9.00am

Sunday, February 1, 2009
Club Breakfast J.T. Whitney's
9.00am

February 6 - 8, 2009
28th Cycle World Motorcycle
Show.
Donald E. Stephens Conven-
tion Center
5555 North River Road
Rosemont, IL

Sunday, March 1, 2009
Club Breakfast J.T. Whitney's
9.00am

Sunday, April 5, 2009
Club Breakfast J.T. Whitney's
9.00am

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FROM AN ANONYMOUS SOURCE

Waterproof. It's more than just a word, it's a statement. It's a statement that crops up again and again in the world of motorcycles. It's applied to boots, gloves, jackets, pants, luggage, seats, tents, tank bags, watches, gps, cell phones and electrical connections. Now, call me crazy, but I have always believed that when that statement appears in conjunction with any of the above items, it would follow that I could rely on the absolute fact that no water whatsoever would reach beyond that impenetrable, invisible barrier. It's like a leap of faith. It's like knowing that the sun will rise in the east and set in the west. And it's likewrong. Picture this, I'm up at the crack of dawn (well, 6:30, and that feels awful early to me) so I can make it to the club meeting in Madison on time, and I look outside and what do I see. Just what was forecast the day before....Rain.

Hey, that's OK. I'm prepared. I'll just put on my freshly renewed "waterproof" riding gear - gloves, jacket, pants. I put my "waterproof" rain cover on my tank bag. I slip on my "waterproof" helmet with the fog proof (a close relative of waterproof - they both deal with water in one form or another) visor and off I go into the moderate precipitation.

Mile 1, and all is well, just a little chill on my arms. It must be the wind.

Mile 2, and I begin to feel a drip or two on my wrist. I must not have tightened the gauntlets down tight.

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

by Derek Engelen

Please welcome the following new members:

Robert Ferris
3543 Sabaka Trail
Verona, WI 53593

Phone: 608.833.0776 home
Bike: 2005 BMW R1200GS

Barb Wolter
1626 Wheeler Rd #202
Madison, WI 53704

Phones: 608.244.1720 home; 608.516.2777 cell
Bike: Suzuki Boulevard C50T

I will be stepping down from my membership position at the end of the year. We will need someone to step up and volunteer for this position. The person should be comfortable with a computer and I will assist with training and support to make things work smoothly. Email Todd Herbst or I for a position description or with any questions. Thanks.

Mile 3, and I can definitely feel a little slosh of water on my elbow.

Mile 4 and my gloves are filling up.

Mile 5 and I notice a certain dampness in a certain area associated with "depends". Hey, that's OK, I'm a big brave motorcycle rider, I can handle it.

Mile 6, and I can squish the water around on the inside of my "waterproof" riding gloves from one finger to another. Mildly amusing at the time.

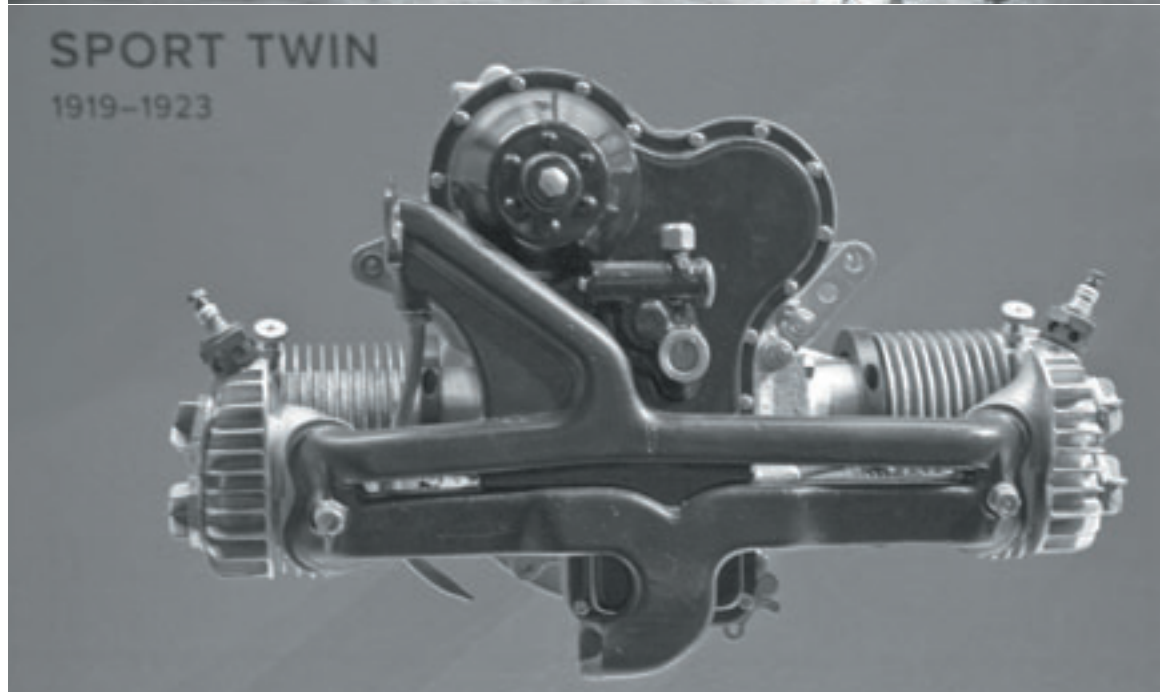
Mile 7, and I have wet pants. Not on the outside where I would expect it to be but on the inside, and creeping down my legs. My arms are wet from the elbows down to my floating gloves.

Mile 8, and the rain is raining inside my helmet and onto my glasses.

Not good. I'm now wet from head to toe and starting to feel a slight chill. That sets off all of my riding alarms. I don't mind a little wet or even a lot wet as long as there isn't a "I'm cold" component. As soon as that clicks in I start looking for a place to warm up or to turn around and head home. Hypothermia is not something to mess around with. It dulls your reaction time and your judgement. Fall is prime hypothermia time with the cooler weather, lower sun and shorter days. I chose to head back to the barn and dry out my soggy "waterproof" riding gear. I'm sorry I missed the meeting but I'm glad I made the right choice. Maybe next time I'll try rolling in fresh lard as a solution to this "waterproof" conundrum.



SPORT TWIN
1919-1923



*Photos
by
Todd Herbst
from the
Harley
Motorcycle
Museum*

USED ITEMS FOR SALE

- 1. Hein Gerike El Chott Jacket – 3/4 length – Large – Used less than 25 times – This was one of their top of the line jackets that's a four season jacket that's water proof and equipped with full armor. Asking \$150.00**
- 2. Alpinestars 360 Riding Suit – black – XL – 1 piece, armored, 100% waterproof. Worn 1 time. Retail is \$360.00. Asking \$225.00.**
- 3. Technics Sprint Jacket – 3/4 length – size L/XL – lots of use left in it – one snap missing, under where the belt goes around so it's not a big deal (was a design fault) – 4 season, armored, 100% waterproof - \$25.00.**

Call Dave Jenneke evenings or weekends at 608-838-0638

After many years of revamping our membership directory, Derek Englen will be stepping down as the Membership Czar.

Also, after a horribly stressful year as the Vice President, Steve Lemke will be stepping down. (Thanks for setting up the Banquet this year Steve.)

We will be needing some willing volunteers to fill these positions by the banquet in November. Step right up folks.



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2008 Club Banquet Update

The Madison BMW Club banquet will be held at the Nau-Ti-Gal (<http://www.nauti-gal.com>) restaurant on Saturday, November 1st beginning at 7PM. The Nau-Ti-Gal is located at 5360 Northport Drive, just off Highway M and Highway 113 (where the Yahara River enters Lake Mendota).

For \$20/pp you can order one of the following items:

Key West Chicken – The best chicken between Duvall Street and Mallory Square! Tender chicken breast filled with a savory blend of shrimp and crabmeat stuffing, then glazed with hollandaise sauce.

Coconut Shrimp – Jumbo shrimp coated with our own Pina Colada batter, then rolled in toasted coconut and served with a honey mustard sauce with a hint of horseradish.

Prime Rib – Slow-cooked until tender and juicy, served with au jus and a side of horseradish sauce.

These descriptions come straight off the menu and are do not represent any editorial opinions by club members. Dinner selections do **NOT** have to be selected in advance, but payment for the banquet **IS**, so send your checks to John Ong, Club Treasurer, by October 20th to reserve your spot. Arrive early to visit, down a few, and share your trials and tribulations of the year.

Club Banquet Saturday November 1st.
At Nau-Ti-Gal Restaurant in Westport

Name(s) _____

Please return to John Ong with names and \$20 for each person, by October 20th
John Ong - 4725 Nora lane - Madison, WI 52711

Madison BMW Club

Cherished-but-Totally-Insignificant Awards Form

Members!! Please fill out all the blanks below and send this form to:
Tom Van Horn at: 302 Glen Hwy., Madison, WI 53705
by October 31

. Estimate your BMW miles ridden between January 1st and October 28, 2008. (to the nearest 100 miles)
You may use this form for more than one rider but please separated with different ink colors or a slash (/) mark.

Name _____

For 2008, Your Total BMW miles ridden _____

Divide your Totals into: Commuting Miles _____

Sport or Day ride miles: _____ Touring Miles _____

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? _____

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