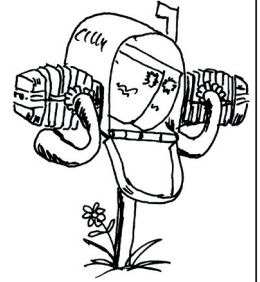


# The Mail Boxer

November 2008

BMW MOA #7 BMWRA #5



## The Prez Says

By Todd Herbst

Howdy all y'all,

*I's wishin' I's down south ridin'.* The morning commute lately has been fairly brutal. My teeth usually stop chattering around noon. The ride has also been pretty entertaining lately, almost like a nature program. While I was passing one of the farms on my way to work, two rams stood up on their hind legs and smashed their heads together. I laughed until I couldn't see out my face shield. Hopefully one of those wild horned animals don't decide to rut their stuff on me.

Speaking of chilly, "Thanks" to all who came to the Chili Cook-off. Fun was had by all. We had 5 chili's and about 15 people. The results were a tie for first and second with the honors going to Burt Hefty and my work mate, Jamie Forrest. Third place wasn't a chili at all, but Roger Klopp's Mac and Cheese. It's amazing how these things can turn out.

At October meeting, I had a member approach me and offer to take over the open membership directors position. But when Derek contacted him, he had changed his mind and wasn't going to take the position *and* had put his bike up for sale. How quickly things can change. Soooooo, we still need someone to step up and fill this position. Don't make me shame you into it at the club banquet. Just kidding..... kind of.

Speaking of the club banquet, we have two people running for the VP office. That means we're going to have the first ever town hall style, open platform, no holds barred Vice Presidential Club Debate. It's gonna be a doozie. Just wait. I'll see you on the 1st at the Nau-ti-gal.

Keep the warm side up.

### Upcoming Events

November 1, 2008 Club Banquet, monthly meeting, and officer elections. Nau-Ti-Gal Restaurant, 5360 Westport 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 - Sponsored by the Madison Motorcycle 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 Convention 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

It has come to my attention that we are fast approaching a really scary time of the year. No, not the National election on Tuesday, November 4, but that wonderfully ghoulish holiday known as Halloween. Because of all of the terrifying pumpkins in my neighborhood I have been musing about all kinds of frightening stuff. You know, like plastic skeletons, leaf filled spiders that fill the entire front lawn, or the inside of an air-head headlight bucket that has been "fixed" by someone. I opened up my R90/6 headlamp the other day and almost dropped my beer! Wires and e-tape and crimps, Oh my! No fuses, a burned out headlamp and no gauge lighting. At least it still runs. So now what do I do now? First thought.....close it up quick and have another beer! No, I can't do that. I do kinda need that headlight. OK, OK, I'll change the lamp, after another brew. But what about those dim gauges? All right, all right, I'll dig out those extra fuses from the bottom of my saddle bag. Hey, did you know that when I got those fuses from BMW Milwaukee, my total bill was less than a buck! I've never gotten out of that shop for less than \$50. Truly a miracle. So the fuses are in, or at least I think they are. I really can't see them through the thick matt of wire, tape, crimps, wire nuts and other mysterious parts. I think that my best course of action is to replace all the weird connections with soldered butt joints that I then heat shrink to insulate. A lot of work, but worth it I think about the peace of mind that comes with knowing that spitzenparken and clouds of acrid smoke are no longer an immanent possibility. But first, where did I put my beer?

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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

by Derek Engelen

Please welcome the following new members:

John Hanson

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Madison, WI 53719

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Bikes: 1997 BMW R1100RT, 1967 BSA Thunderbolt

Daniel Robinson

3141 Nor-Del Hill Rd.

Verona, WI 53593

Phones: 608.848.2957 home; 608.225.7437 work

Bikes: 1997 BMW F650ST, 2007 HD Ultra Classic

Sam Hokin & Carla Shedivy

1151 Rutledge St.

Madison, WI 53703

Phones: 608.251.4059 home; 608.663.8920 work

Bike: 1991 BMW K75RT

# Secretary's Report

by

Linda Low

October Minutes

***New members***

Welcome to Barb W and Sam D

***Bikes for Sale***

Bert – Friend has a KLR for sale \$4500

Steve Schlouge has R1100 RT 2000 for sale

***New Biz***

1.Needed officers for 2009 – Steve Huber and TVH have offered to be VP

2.Need membership person to replace Derek

3.BMWMOA miles are due 10/12

4.Totally Insignificant Award for Banquet on

Nov 1 at Naughty Gals

Chili cook-off at Todd and Betty's on October 18

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## Madison BMW Club Membership Form

First \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Phones: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Current Member    Yes                  No                  New Member    Yes                  No

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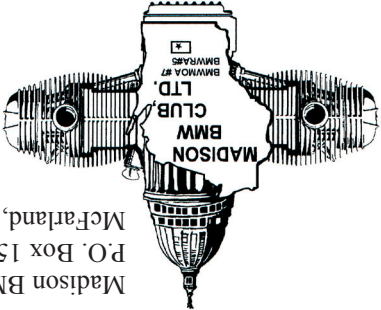
Bikes owned \_\_\_\_\_

Interests, comments, etc \_\_\_\_\_

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

	Small	Medium	Large	XL	XXL Add \$2.00	XXXL Add \$2.00	Total Amnts.
Short Sleeve tee \$ 8.35							
Long Sleeve Tee \$10.35							
9.5oz Crew Sweat \$13.95							
9.5oz Hooded Sweat \$18.95							
Totals							

Some club members have expressed interest in shirts again.  
 Here is the order form for club shirts and sweat shirts. Make checks payable to Madison BMW Club.  
 Send order forms with checks to -----J.T. Wagner 4717 Shaffer Avenue, Madison, WI. 53716



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