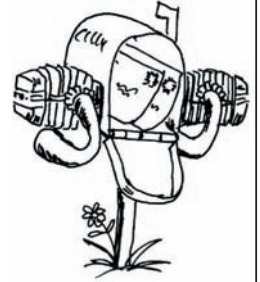


The Mail Boxer

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BMW MOA #7 BMWRA #5



The Prez Says

By Todd Herbst

Thanks to all for coming to the Banquet in November. If you didn't, you really missed out on some fun. We had the first ever Madison BMW Club Vice Presidential Debate, between candidates Tom Van Horn and Steve Huber. There were many quips, jabs, unfulfillable promises made and much talk about lipstick on pigs. After all was said and done, Steve came out the victor by 2 votes (No, I would not allow a recount).

With the vote so close, some talk erupted about national clubs having ambassadors. Why can't we have an ambassador...Whaaaa...whaaaaa.....whaaaaa. So we came up with the position of a lifetime, no clout, non-officer who can rant shamelessly about the virtues of the Madison BMW Club. This position will be filled by someone who would love to do such things.....forever. May I have the envelope please. Ladies and Gentlemen, our first Madison BMW Club Ambassador inductee will be.....(dramatic pause).....Tom Van Horn. Someone who has always ranted shamelessly for us anyway, but now has a really cool title.

Thanks again to our outgoing officers Steve Lemke and Derek Englen for their hard work.

In addition to Steve Huber as our new VP, we have new club member Sam Robinson who has accepted the position of Membership Director. Way to jump right in Sam, Thanks.

I hope all is going well and keep the snowy side up.

Upcoming Events

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

FROM AN ANONYMOUS SOURCE

Drink a magnum of wine, add a pile of firewood plus a creative mind
and you get.....



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Woodhenge

Secretary's Report
by
Linda Low

Madison BMW Club Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2008
At the Club Banquet at Nautigals

34 members attended the banquet/meeting
Guests – Nora Madsen's friend Jeff

New bikes – Dawn and Peter Fehnet have a new R1100RT

Events

- New Year's Day ride; there will be a short route and a long route \$10 registration; contact Nora for more information.
- December breakfast at JT Whitneys on December 7th.

Club Elections

- We had a spirited debate between the 2 VP candidates, Tom Van Horn and Steve Huber.
- Club officials are:
 - o President – Todd Herbst
 - o Vice President and Webmaster – Steve Huber
 - o Treasurer – John Ong
 - o Secretary – Linda Low
 - o Membership – Sam Robinson
 - o Rally – Jim Harms and Jim Low
 - o Newsletter – Sam Garst
 - o Activities – Tom Shirz and Bert Hefty
- New Honorary Club Ambassador position (non-voting official) – Tom Van Horn

Awards

- High miles – Bill Jutz
- Service Award – Dick Olson

Door prizes donated by Ernie Bell and Madison Motorsports

From the Office of the
Madison BMW Club Ambassador

I hope that everyone had a grand time at the 2008 awards Banquet -I guess I did, considering that I forgot to report members experiences and incidents.

There was a corruption and scandal ridden travesty of a Vice-Prez election, including a slanted farce of a 'debate' with an obvious liberal media bias. Anyway, Steve Huber is the club Vice-President (or President of Vice) for 2009. Derek E. stepped down as Membership Director, replacement TBA.(Sam Robinson took the job...ed) All other officers will carry on (in more ways than one ;-).

The numbers were:

HIGH MILER 2008:	Bill Jutz, 25,000; Steve Huber, 10,650; Chad Garcia, 10,600.
COMMUTING MILES:	Jim Low, 2,600; J.T. Wagner, 1,000; Jim Harms, 225.
SPORT/DAY RIDE MILES:	Roland Thompson, 6,000; Chad Garcia, 5,600; Jim Harms, 4,600.
TOURING MILES:	Chad Garcia, 5,000; J.T., 4,000; Jim Low, 2,900.
PASSENGER/MILES:	Rhonnie Garcia, 6,600; Linda Low, 2,900; Annette Champion, 300.
MOST MILES/DAYS:	Chad Garcia, 3,000 in 8 days; J.T., 2,700 in 10; Jim Low, 2,650 in 10.
MILES/1 DAY:	Bill Jutz, 1,100; Steve Huber, 900; J.T., 636.
MILES/2 DAYS:	J.T., 1,100; Chad G., 1,000; Jim Low, 947.
NIGHTS IN TENT:	Bill Jutz, 16; Steve H./Jim L., 10; Roland T., 8. (LATE ENTRY: Dave Maly, 24)
NIGHTS IN MOTEL:	Chad G., 16; Roland t./Russ C., 8; J.T., 7(including dorm room ;)
STATES/PROVINCES RIDDEN:	Chad G./Jim L., 6; Jim Harms, 5; J.T., 4.
MILES IN RAIN:	Chad G., 1,000; Roland T./Jim L., 200; Jim H., 80. (J.T. said 'lost track' ...)
RALLIES ATTENDED:	J.T./Roland T./Bill J., 4; Chad G./Russ C., 3; Jiml./Jim H., 2. (LATE ENTRY: Dave M., 8)
MILES PULLING TRAILER/SIDECAR MILES:	No entrants...
TOTAL MILES ON BMWs:	Steve H, 250,000; Jim L., 136,700; J.T., 100,000. (Bill J. doesn't remember...)
TOTAL YEARS RIDING:	Russ C., 56; Roland T., 40; Jim L., 38. (LATE ENTRY: Dave M., 50)
GR/3S ATTENDED:	Russ C., 25; J.T., 18; Jim L., 38. (Dave M. didn't write it in, but he's done all but 1)

SHAFTY CHARACTER:

We had no clear 'winner here - Votes included:
Dick Cheney (?);
Peter Feneht - 'fair weather rider'
Doug Fleming - AKA 'Chad' (?)
Steve Lemke - no reason given
TVH - ditto
Dick Olson - 'His truck makes GR/3, even when he doesn't...'
Ben Cimino - for his 'car trips to bike events'.

UNUSUAL/MEMORABLE INCIDENTS:

Peter Feneht had a broken gearshift lever at Dells Rally, & rode home shiftlessly
J.T. encountered a headless antelope in WY and recalled MI 26 up in da U.P. dere
Roland T. recalled riding home from the June Elkhart Lake races in the biblical deluge that flooded Interstates and washed out Lake Delton
Bill Jutz was 'ejected' from the Falling Leaf Rally GS ride for 'riding too aggressively'
Jim Harms recalled riding from Wawa, ON before 5AM and riding to Sault St. Marie past flashing signs warning 'MOOSE!!' He never saw one
Steve H. 'would rather forget'
Jim L. had 3 times as many nights in a tent as motel and recorded 143 mph on Big Horn Pass on a GPS
Dave 'late entry' M. did 'the 3 peaks cowboy hat trick' in July - Sturgis, Gillette, and Paonia

CLUB SERVICE MEDALLION - Votes received were:

Steve Lemke, for his newsletter columns;
Dave/Sharon Maly, 'We know why';
Todd Herbst, 'chef extraordinaire';
John Ong, keeping the books all these years without complaint;
J.T. Wagner, 'as THVs second, always ready to pitch in to help when needed, and always ready to accept when 'volunteered'(railroaded?) for the betterment of the cause';

The 2008 Club Medallion was awarded to Dick Olson, for the long time use of his truck and trailer for the GR/3 Rally - - Congratulations, Dick!

Door prizes were supplied by Madison Motorsports - when Bert tried to pay for them, Judy wouldn't take a nickel. THANK YOU, Steve and Judy! Remember them when you're seeking stuff...

...TVH

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Winter Tech Day Schedule

Date/Time	Tech Session	Information covered
Saturday 12/13/2008 12:00-2:00 pm	Tire Seminar	Metzler Rep. From Parts Unlimited On Road Repair/ Nitrogen fill (Q & A)
Saturday 01/10/2009 12:00-2:00 pm	Oil Heads	Valve check/adjustment, fluid changes timing, brake adjustment etc. (Q & A)
Saturday 01/24/2009 12:00-2:00 pm	K-Bike models 1984 - 2004	Valve check/adjustment, fluid changes general checks, etc (Q & A)
Saturday 02/07/09 12:00-2:00 pm	K-Bikes (NEW)	Engine discussion, fluid changes general checks, operation, etc. (Q & A)
Saturday 02/21/2009 12:00-2:00 pm	F/G Series (F800/F650/F650 twins)	Valve check / adjustment fluid changes general checks, etc. (Q & A)
Saturday 3/07/2009 12:00-2:00 pm	Open	Subject will be chosen during prior meetings. Most Popular topic.

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GR3 2008 Rally Pig

No, he wasn't part of a GR3 Pig Roast, but maybe we should try to run one down for next year! Whether via cell phone pictures, or the real thing, many of us witnessed a very large wild pig road kill, just up the highway from the Rally site.

After a recent article in the paper, I got the rest of the scoop from Soldier's Grove Village president Laurel Hestetune. A local man was tried, but somehow not convicted, for bringing 31 wild pigs from Texas and releasing them in the area. However, they did fine him for transporting Elk over the state line into Illinois!

So, there are at least 30 more of them running around the area. Keep your eyes peeled, or you might be 'bringing home the bacon' in more than one way!



Attention Rally Photographers-We Need Your Pics From GR3 2008

Although there were good intentions, we never did get any pictures up on our web site from last year's Rally. I'd especially like to get some snapshots from Dave Maly's Touring ride or Chad Burger's GS excursion. So if you've got things like the Mushroom Festival, Buffalo Ranch, Pink Cadillac rides, or the soon to be famous 'Wood Henge' on film, please ship them our way.

Either send them to the Rally Co-Czars (Jim Harms and Jim Low) or Webmaster (Steve Huber). A small snippet of text about each would be appreciated if you can do that. Otherwise, we'll just make up stories about them that you might not be proud of.:

If you can think of anything special to do for our 35th Anniversary Rally, please let us know. Rally planning has already begun. You'll start seeing ads in the MOA and RA rags come January. Same place, and nearly the same time. This year, the dates are May 15th to 17th.

Madison BMW Club Membership Form

First _____ Last _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Phones: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____

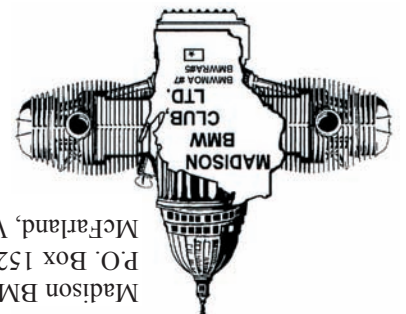
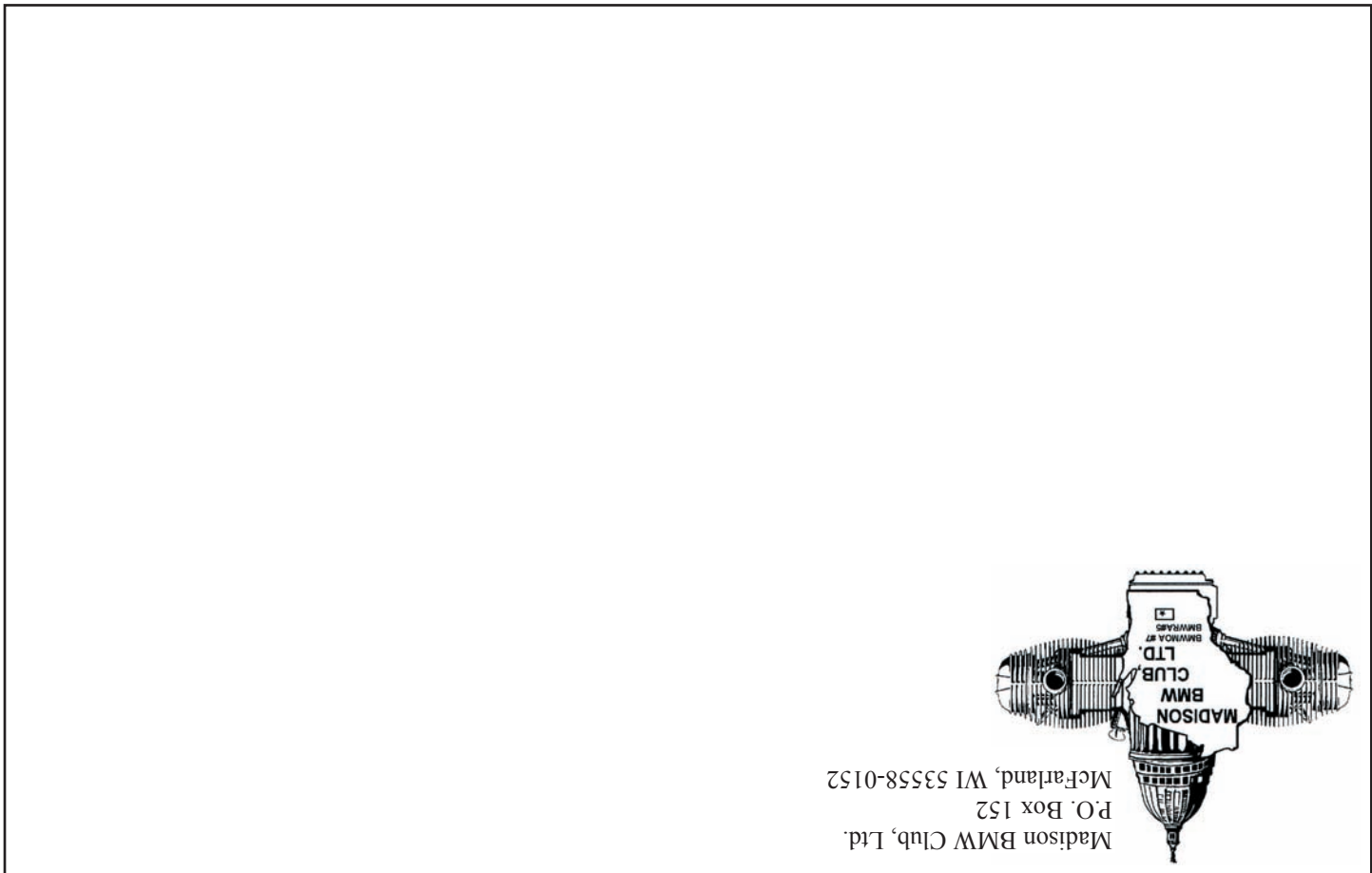
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MOA # _____ RA # _____

Bikes owned _____

Interests, comments, etc _____

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



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