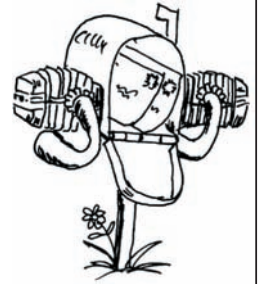


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The Prez Says

By Todd Herbst

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Upcoming Events

Thursday, January 1, 2009
New Year's Day Ride - Sponsored by the Madison Motorcycle Club.

Sunday, January 4, 2009
Monthly breakfast meeting
J.T. Whitney's 9.00am

Saturday, January 10, 2009
Madison Motorsports Anniversary. Coffee and cookies that day. Free Repsol t shirt(while supply lasts) for everyone who stops by.

Saturday, January 10, 2009
Tech Session - Oil Heads
12:00 - 2:00PM. Sponsored by Nick's BMW, 2246 Mid Valley Drive, DePere

Saturday, January 24, 2009
Tech Session - K-Bikes (Models 1984 - 2004) 12:00 - 2:00PM. Sponsored by Nick's BMW, 2246 Mid Valley Drive, DePere

Sunday, February 1, 2009
Monthly breakfast meeting
J.T. Whitney's 9.00am

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

Saturday, February 7, 2009
Tech Session - K-Bikes (New models) 12:00 - 2:00PM. Sponsored by Nick's BMW, 2246 Mid Valley Drive, DePere

Saturday, February 21, 2009
Tech Session - F/G Series
(F800/F650/F650 twins)
12:00 - 2:00PM. Sponsored
by Nick's BMW, 2246 Mid
Valley Drive, DePere

Sunday, March 1, 2009
Monthly breakfast meeting
J.T. Whitney's 9.00am

Saturday, March 7, 2009
Tech Session - Topic TBD
12:00 - 2:00PM. Sponsored
by Nick's BMW, 2246 Mid
Valley Drive, DePere

Sunday, April 5, 2009
Monthly breakfast meeting
J.T. Whitney's 9.00am

Sunday, May 3, 2009
Monthly breakfast meeting
J.T. Whitney's 9.00am

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FROM AN ANONYMOUS SOURCE

It is that time of the week again. Time to head out to the garage and fire up the bikes. I have had them on the chargers since November and I try to get out at least every other week to run them for about a quarter of an hour. It has been kind of a challenge to get there through all the drifts. I have been clearing the alley access after each snowfall since I still have high hopes of riding off to Madison for the New Years day ride. My last attempt on the side car was halted by a blown fuse in the accessory outlet that was running my heated clothing. I have fixed that problem, so I am reasonably confident of making the trip this time.

Speaking of trips, I went off to East Troy last week to visit my pile of parts that will hopefully soon become a reinvigorated R 100 GS. Glen Bishop tells me that I may see my bike again in late January or February at the latest. It will be nice to have it back in the garage.

Spring sure seems a long way off right now, but I am already thinking about the fun of the GR-3 and all the other rallies that are waiting for us when the weather turns warmer.

Madison Motorsports Annual Anniversary Celebration

Saturday Jan. 10, 2009

Join Steve & Judy to celebrate 11 years in business.
Thanks to all of you.

We will have free hot apple cider, coffee and cookies. There is a
Free Repsol t-shirt for everyone who comes in the door.
A free motorcycle battery check to determine its life expectancy.
Bring in your charged battery.

Beat the Cabin Fever Blues and stop by for our anniversary celebration.

Thank you

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Secretary's Report

by

Linda Low

December 2008 Minutes

Guests: Tom Nelson, Norm B.

Club WebSite: Domain name is renewed for another 3 years

VP news: Steve had cards from BMWMOA for 3 free issues of the BMWMOA Magazine

2009 Activities:

May breakfast will be at the Hilltop before the Slimey Crud

GR3 Rally dates May 15-17, 2009. Ads have been sent to BMWMOA and RA magazines.

United Sidecar Association has proposed a 3 day rolling ride sometime in 2009. More from Bert later

Note: Club t-shirts and sweatshirts will be in next month

Popular Great River Road Stop Burns Again

Anyone who has taken the Great River Road up the Iowa side from Dubuque has probably made a stop at Breitbach's Bar and Restaurant or at least stopped at the scenic overlook at the edge of Balltown..

It's claim to fame as the oldest bar in Iowa began in 1852. Last Christmas Eve, an explosion in the basement completely destroyed the building. I was bummed! A mixture of many additions, filled with old pictures and antiques, it was a fun place to take a break. Six months later, in June, they reopened as a brand new building with a similar appearance.

I was happy! That month, I stopped there with some other bikers as we made a Madison to Dubuque to Casseville loop, taking the car ferry across the Mississippi.

Business was booming, but unfortunately so was the place. In October, yet another fire burned the building to the ground AGAIN! I'm re-bummed!

No one was injured and I haven't heard if they will be rebuilding again. I hope they do!

A New Great River Road Stop Arises

Although Breitbach's is gone once again, there is reason for hope on the Wisconsin side of the equation!

Ironically, it was also back in 1852 that the Potosi Brewery first opened it's doors. Closed since the 1970's, the building has reopened this summer, but as much more.

At one time there were over 200 breweries in Wisconsin, so it is fitting that part of the building now houses the National Brewery Museum. The day I stopped, we were traveling on 4 wheels, not 2, and it was already closed for the day. I'll be back though to check it out. You'll have to pay a small fee to see that part, but I believe the rest is free.

Our new VP already has a tee shirt, so I know some of you have already made the trip! There is also a Potosi Brewing Company Transportation Museum, Gift Shop, Mississippi River Interpretation Center, and of course, the Potosi Brewery bar with a small, but very nice restaurant.

Maybe pick up a growler (half gallon) of one of the 5 beers they brew on site and consider calling it a day at the nearby Grant River Recreation Area just down the road. 73 campsites along the Mississippi. Bring your ear plugs though, as you are near the railroad tracks.

As they say: Four wheels move the body. Two wheels move the soul. Enjoy the ride!

Madison BMW Club Membership Form

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Phones: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

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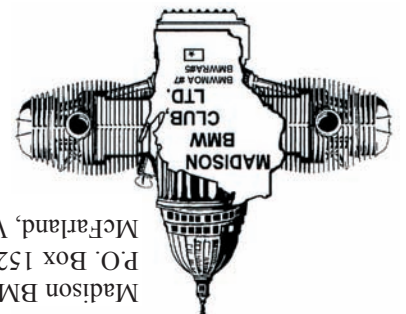
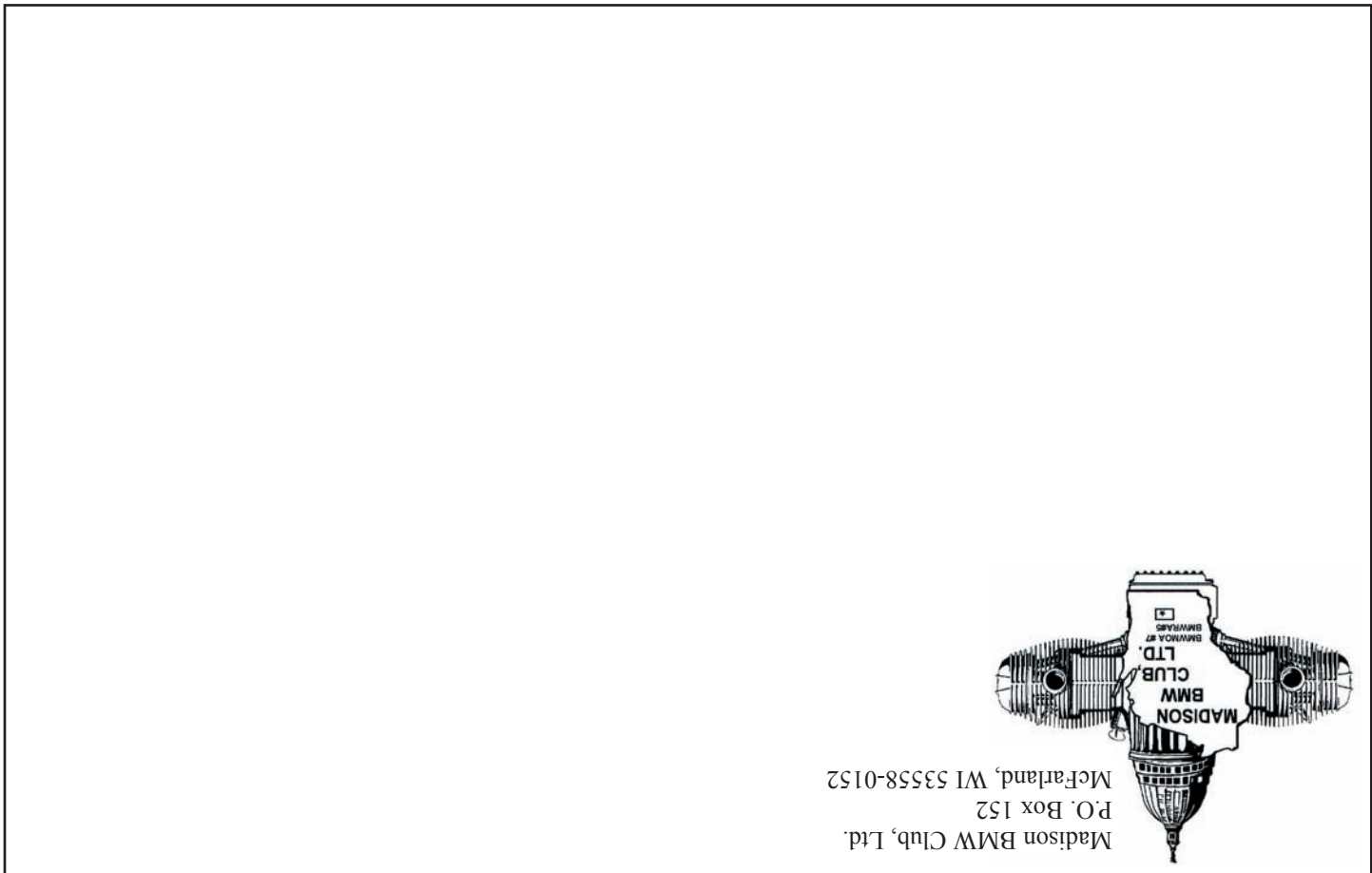
Current Member Yes No New Member Yes No

MOA # _____ RA # _____

Bikes owned _____

Interests, comments, etc _____

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



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