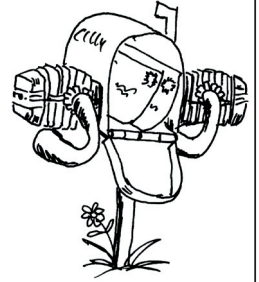


The Mail Boxer

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BMW MOA #7 BMWRA #5



The Prez Says

By Todd Herbst

Howdy all,

I hope your summer/ riding season is going well.

A little ride story for you.

So, I was on my way to work this morning on my normal 42 mile commute(all of the beltline, 90/94 to 94 east, then 73 north to Marshall, and finally east to Waterloo). I was moving with traffic at 75 –80 mph, east of hwy N on 94. There was a mini van in front of me then another vehicle or two in front of him. We were moving along just fine when the minivan in front of me slams on his brakes. It seems he was driving over a 6 foot fiberglass step ladder. The ladder pops out from under his van and pops open on its side directly in front of me. BAM! 75 mph into a foot and a half high ladder. All that happened as I rode over the ladder was that I aggravated an already sprained wrist. I got my adrenaline going too. Boy do I love my Telelever and Ohlins front suspension cuz it crushed that ladder quick-like. Oh yeah, I was passing a semi at the time too.

I hope you're all coming to the club picnic on the 9th. I have a work related stuff and a wife and mother that share the same birthday on the 9th, so I'll be missing this one.

Now, don't worry, I'm gonna cook the ribs this weekend so none of you starve, as for the chicken, I'm gonna need a cook.....and rib warmer.

I hope your day is going as gloriously as mine.

Keeping the shiny side up.

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FROM AN ANONYMOUS SOURCE

Hey, what time is it? It's Rally Time! And what a great time it was. The BMW MOA rally was held in Johnson City, Tennessee. Actually, it was in the town of Grey, but who could blame the organizers for not wanting the 2009 edition of the National Rally to be known as the "Grey Rally".

I had a great ride in from Milwaukee after stopping over to see my beautiful bride in Columbus, Ohio. I opted for a speed route down US 23 with my plan being to meet up with Bill Jutz just over the Ohio river (he was coming in from Cincinnati) near the locks and dam and then sprinting south to arrive in Tennessee before 5 p.m. closing of volunteer registration. I got to the Corp. of Engineers park/overlook and waited for almost an hour, but no Bill. So off I went at a slightly slower pace knowing that

Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 9, 2009
Hillsboro Club Ride
Departs at 9:00 am from
Brennan's Market on Univ. Ave

Sunday, August 16, 2009
Annual Club Picnic
Brigham County Park

Sunday, September 13, 2009
Monthly breakfast meeting
Monona Gardens 9:00am

Sunday, September 11-13, 2009
39th Annual Wisconsin Dells Rally
Wisconsin BMW Motorcycle Club.
Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin
Dells, WI.

Sunday, October 4, 2009
Monthly breakfast meeting
Monona Gardens 9:00am

November, 2009
Annual Club Banquet and officer
elections. Details TBD

Sunday, December 6, 2009
Monthly breakfast meeting
Monona Gardens 9:00am

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if Bill kept up his normal light speed that he would overtake me in route. We traded phone messages a couple of times without actually connecting until I realized that he had somehow gotten in front of me. It must have been that warp drive he installed on his GS. We joined forces on the edge of Pikeville, Ky. and blasted south to the rally site.

I swear Bill must have some form of shield that surrounds his bike, making him invisible to the revenue collectors. That same shield also makes him oblivious to lights flashing, horns honking and arms waving when you are trying to get his attention so he won't miss the exit to the rally site. Needless to say, I got to registration (which was closed) first and after a brief wait for Bill I headed off to find a campsite, which I figured would be easy since I was way early for the official start of the rally. No one else would have thought of coming early, would they. Well it seems that a whole bunch of people had the same idea and they had already populated all of the choice level campsites. Can you say hilly? By the time I arrived, I don't think that there was a single level campsite left anywhere on the grounds. I picked what I thought was the least sloping site and set up the community tarp and my tent. Bill arrived shortly afterwards He only drove about 40 extra miles. Following closely behind him were his brothers David and Jessie. They had been two lane-ing it all the way through Kentucky chasing down those little grey roads. They were followed by the rain. I spent my night sliding down to the bottom of my tent and being dripped on. It seems I was lax in my set-up.

The next day I did fix my tent, and got registered and volunteered as a stage hand Thursday and as a shuttle driver Friday. I spent most of Thursday cruising the vendors and catching up with other club members. I gave my door prize tickets to Linda Low as she was gathering them up outside of the country store. I ran into Dave Maley up by the campsite, TVH and JT in the vendor area and Jim Low on the grounds. The food on the grounds was outstanding this year. Homemade Ice Cream.....Yum! I helped set-up for the entertainment in the afternoon and scored some free catering. Some quality time in the beer gardens with Roland and the two Happy Dans and my day was complete. My bike must have seemed a little dirty to Mother Nature, so she kindly washed it for me all night long.

Friday's highlight was barbecue, specifically Ridgeview Barbecue, a restaurant recommended by the locals as "the place where those NASCAR boys eat". What started off as a duo dinner ride with Howard Nelson, a stagehand friend from my Thursday volunteering turned into a group ride with the Jutz's, TVH, JT and someone who's name has escaped me. We were not disappointed. There was so much food that we couldn't finish it all and my oh my was it tasty.

Saturday I had to head home early in the morning due to work commitments and made it back to Milwaukee in about 14 hours. I followed US 421 through Virginia and Kentucky. Those great views of fog enshrouded valleys and fun twisty roads made up for bumper to bumper stopped traffic in Chicago. The bike ran well with the only glitch being some shimmy at high speeds.

Secretary's Report

by Linda Low

None this month.

Hey You GS Riders Big Woods 200

We are going to the BIG Woods 200 on Sept 26-27. At this point I plan on riding the G450X, Brian is riding the R1200GS, Luke on the G650 X-Challenge, and a friend of mine John on his F800GS. We are trying to get as many BMW riders as we can to come. It's an awesome event. Plus we want as many people as possible, so all and any dual sport is welcome.

John
BMW Motorcycles of Milwaukee
414-358-2465
a flyer is in this newsletter.....ed.

Hillsboro Club Ride

The Umpteenth Hillsboro Run will be Sunday, August 9th. This is the club's oldest event, and was actually written up in WISCONSIN TRAILS magazine in, IIRC, 1968.

As usual, I'll depart the Brennan's Market on University Ave at Capitol Ave around 9:00ish that morning. We'll make a couple stops en route (TBD) and arrive at the farm eatery in H'boro around 12:30 or so.

Any questions call TVH at
238-5181.

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Please send me your riding stories, trip reports and photos so that I can share them with the club. Any format is fine with me as long as I can cram it into the computer. You can send your stories to me via snail mail, e-mail, wadded up and tossed to me at the club breakfast or simply handed to me anytime. Come on everybody, I know you can do it.
Thanks.

Membership News by Jim Low

Please welcome these new club members and be sure to add them to your club directory.

Gary and Carol Collins

123 W. Washington Ave, #604

Madison, WI 53703

H 608 467-6452

W 505 699-3381

2001 R1150GS

Edward Chwae

2170 Southern Ct

Cottage Grove, WI 53726

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e-mail: Edward@exfam.com

2009 R1200GS

1982 Honda CB900C

Rodger Nielsen

100 Gilman St, #6

Verona, WI 53593

H 608 848-2253

1978 Honda GL1000

1981 Honda CM400



9th Annual Big Woods 200!

September 26-27 2009

Presented by

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The Dual-Sport Motorcycle capitol of the World

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**Hundreds of miles of great riding in Wisconsin's Beautiful North Woods.
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Entry Includes:

Breakfast Saturday and Sunday.

30-Variety Chili feed on the trail Saturday and
a Big Steak Dinner on Saturday night.

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the camaraderie you can stand!

T-shirt for all riders!

Free camping at Start/Finish area!

Hotels, Restaurants and Casino very close by!

ADVANCED REGISTRATION ONLY

Register online at: www.widualsportriders.org

Registration deadline is September 15, 2009

No Walk-Ups — Sign Up Early!

Limited to the first 175 Riders

AMA Membership Required.

Instant Join Available at Event.

Bikes must be plated, street legal and pass

96db sound check.

About the ride:

- Saturday's loop will cover about 150 miles, Sunday's will be about 100.
- Mix of woods, ATV trails, Jeep track, USFS roads and a few paved roads.
- Optional "Hero Sections" are single track enduro trail loops.
- Gas is Available every 60-70 miles at local gas stations.
- Non riding family and friends can get a 4 meal ticket for \$35.00
- Much of the trail is out in the "boonies", so bring your GPS and cell phone.
- Don't forget a camera.
- Although it seldom rains more than 90% of the ride, bring rain gear.
- An enduro type route sheet holder is very useful for this ride.
- You must be an AMA member to ride.
- AMA membership is \$39.00/year.

Where and when?

- **2009 Big Woods 200** will be the weekend of **September 26-27**
- If you would like to come up early and do some riding on Friday, we will have self guided route sheets Available.
- Wabeno, WI is on State Hwy 32, about 90 miles northwest of Green Bay and about 20 miles southeast of Crandon.
- The event is headquartered at the Wabeno fairgrounds, 1 block north of Hwy 32 on Fairgrounds Road
- Sign up is Friday 4-8pm and Saturday 6-8am.
- First bike out at 8:45am, last bike out at 9:30am.
- **MANDATORY RIDER MEETING AT 8:30AM ON SATURDAY**

What to ride?

- Anything you want to ride in the woods as long as it is street legal.
- There will be some paved road sections, so **license plate, headlight, tail light, brake light and USFS approved spark arrestor are mandatory.**

- **LOUD IS BAD! — Too loud = No ride.**
We will sound check for **96db** maximum.

Where to stay?

- Free camping at the fairgrounds.
- You can easily walk to taverns and restaurants.
- Safari Motel — 50 yards from fairgrounds (715) 473-3521
- Silver Bell Bed & Breakfast — near fairgrounds (715) 473-2202
- Indian Springs Hotel and Casino — 4 miles away with pool (715) 777-1640
- Cheney's Hotel & Steakhouse — 8 miles away in Laona (715) 674-5678

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For more information, check our website
at: www.widualsportriders.org
or e-mail: bigwoods200@hotmail.com

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The Wisconsin Dual Sport Riders are a permittee of
the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest

Event cost is \$110.00 per rider
This does not include AMA membership

2009 Big Woods 200 Rider Entry Form
Please fill out completely

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: () — _____ e-mail: _____

Bike: Make/Model _____ Lic#: _____

T-Shirt Size: S M L XL 2XL 3XL (no pick gets XL)

Non-rider meal tickets are \$35.00

Make checks payable to: Wisconsin Dual Sport Riders • 511 Church Street • Fall River, WI 53932

Madison BMW Club Membership Form

First _____ Last _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home # _____ Work # _____ Cell # _____

E-Mail Address _____

Are you a New Member Y / N or are you a Current Member Y / N

MOA # _____ BMWRA # _____

Bikes Owned _____

Interests, comments, etc... _____

Please send the *Mail Boxer* via e-mail Y / N

A one year membership is \$20.00

