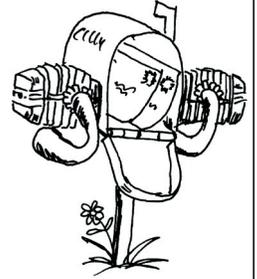


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The Prez Says

By Todd Herbst

I first want to wish John Ong a “Get Well Soon” following his early October surgery.

Well, my riding season ended earlier than expected, my Dunlops started to show serious wear. The tread on the rear changed to a different color rubber, so I thought it better to end it until replacements can be purchased. I now have a pile of 4 wheels on the shop floor waiting to be re-skinned. (Betty’s R1150R needs them too.) I’ve decided to try a pair of Metzler MEz6 on the Versys, they were always reliable on my R1100RS, and should get better mileage because the Versys is 150 lbs. lighter than the RS. Time will tell.

Thank you to all that showed up to our chili cook-off. We had 9 chili’s and our friend Bruce won. (His first chili cook-off.)

My old co-worker, Jim, brought a pony barrel of his homemade Scotch Porter. I’m sure people would have voted for it if they could have.

The music from Frogwater was great, as always.

I hope to see you all at the November banquet.

Upcoming Events

Madison BMW Club
Annual Banquet
Nau-ti-gal Restaurant,
November 6, 2010
Cocktails at 5
Dinner at 6. (subject to
change)

FROM AN ANONYMOUS SOURCE

Been doing a lot of garage riding lately. I've had a reoccurring idle issue that was making riding my 100 GS a real pain. The bike was starting hard and idling high. I started by balancing the carbs--no joy. It was suggested to me by Matt at Motor West in Milwaukee that I might have a bad diaphragm in one of my carbs or else a problem with the pilot jet so I had a chance to re-build my carbs--again no joy. Then came my next suggestion, again from Matt. Time to check the valves to see if I was having some recession and bingo, that was it! I had just done my valves about 4k ago and now they were tight as full tick. I did the adjustment and now the bike is running like a dream. Looks like I'll be watching those valves a little more closely and adding some extra lead to the tank at each fill-up. You gotta love those old airheads. They are built like tanks and they can even survive the flagrant inattention of a hack mechanic like me. Thanks BMW.

I just got back from Nashville today. It was a great trip (1400 miles). I left thinking I wanted to go somewhere warm and then Madison had mid 80s weather while I was gone. I hope you were able to enjoy this warm weather, too. I had so much fun in the clubs. There was a great band Saturday night at the club Whiskey Bent downtown. On Sunday night we listened to an open mic hosted by a couple of session musicians that were really good and on Monday night we went to a writer's night where song writers performed their newest songs. We met a lovely couple from Belgium that night who happened to be sitting next to us. Bob Peart's bike had a water pump problem on the way home but he was able to refill the coolant and make it home without doing the repair on the road. This was only my second trip to that other music city in Tennessee. I visit Memphis nearly every year in May. We had so much fun we are thinking of making this an annual fall trip. We made our first visit to Percy Warner Park for a drive through. It reminded me of Devil's lake but with higher hills and some tight twisties. We also visited the Loveless Cafe at the top of the Natchez Trace. After a stop at the cafe we rode down the Natchez Trace to Highway 7. We were both surprised by how much fall color we saw in Tennessee. From the Trace we headed east to Franklin, TN. This is an old community south of Nashville. It is home to a Civil War battle field, many historic buildings, lots of money and the stars of Nashville and their entourage (or so we are told). We had some good chicken wings and Harp beer at a sidewalk table in front of McCleary's Irish Pub and enjoyed watching the people of Franklin go by.

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2010 GR4 (Great River Road Rally Results)

Huh? You mean GR3? That was way back in May!

To fulfill our charter for Rally Chair responsibilities, we are obligated to notify the masses, else risk being booted out of office. So, if you missed the couple times we gave smaller updates (June meeting & August picnic), read on. Heck, read on even if you did hear about it, as we keep changing our story.

The rally was held on the usual 3rd weekend in May (14th-16th this year). Weather was excellent. That, in part, was why we topped the 300 mark (301) for the first time at the Soldiers Grove Rally location. There are many more reasons, including lots of planning, promoting, and some great rally volunteers and town folks!

We came up with new things this year:

- * Free Mississippi River hotel stay in Marquette, Iowa hotel on the day before the rally. All early bird pre-registers were eligible. Harmonica Bob (Wisconsin Club) and Bunny Swenson really enjoyed their stay.

- * Motorcycle gas tanks to hold door prizes and 50/50 tickets. Special thanks to Sam Garst for welding and painting.

- * BMW posters donated by our fine Wisconsin Beemer dealers

- * Helmet candy jars. They fooled a few, until they flipped up the face shield.

- * BMW 'Guess The Parts' contest. 25 of em'. Some easy, some not. Winner received CycleNutz gift certificate. Bill Jutz was the judge, but would have won otherwise. Thanks to individuals and dealers who donated items!

- * Tarped Rally Central Shelter. 90 feet of tarps on rolling track kept out to the cold in the mornings and evenings. In future years, it'll be there for rainy days too!

- * Motorcycle movies in the shelter. A late addition by Sam Garst. Although we did not advertise it much, it was very well received.

- * Popcorn. The Lions Club allowed us to use their popper.

- * More Free Maps - State, Kickapoo Valley (awesome road detail), and 5 or 6 area routes laid out for rally goers.

- * More and bigger BMW Rally 'this way' signs.

- * Revamped web site content, with more information and pics.

That's on top of all the normal 'good stuff'. Touring and GS rides, welcome keg, free firewood, Friday night food and beer offerings by Kickapoo Pony Club, Saturday breakfast by local church group, Lions Club beer tent and Saturday evening meal, door prizes (including another quilt), 50/50 raffle, Friday night Boaz supper club ride, half dozen vendors, knife sharpening demo, rally awards banquet, and whatever else I forgot.

We advertised pins and mugs to the first 250 (up from 200 last year), so some did not receive them. A small, but good problem to have in the big picture if you ask me. We dodged a bullet in the coffee area. Although Dick Olsen got the big pots to perk after a good cleaning, we woke up Sunday morning to lots of cold coffee. Our timers worked this year, promptly starting the coffee before sunrise. However, they were both plugged into the same circuit and eventually tripped it. We reset and re perked, so it was doubly good. No one seemed to complain.

Hmmm what else...? The shelter was partially repainted by rally time. I just saw it a few weeks ago and it looks pretty darn spiffy. Rally goers had to contend with one of the two bridges at the rally site being out, although the detour wasn't too bad.

Prez Herbst was hoisted up in an electrician's sky bucket for overhead rally shots. He also rode shotgun on Bert's side-car for some group riding pictures to be used for upcoming GR3 posters.

The Old Oak Inn finally has new owners who are expected to be open in time for next year's rally. The mayor has agreed to rent the park to us hooligans again next year, so plan to attend and we'll repeat the fun!

Your Rally Co-Chairs:

Jim Harms & Jim Low

Madison BMW Club Membership Form

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home # _____ Work # _____ Cell # _____

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

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