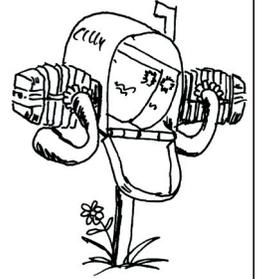


# The Mail Boxer

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BMW MOA #7 BMWRA #5



## The Prez Says

By Dick Olson

Not much news this month, everybody is off to a rally or some long distance ride to far away places only to suffer mechanical breakdowns, and other delays.

And a BIG THANK YOU to the members for the bits of advice on what to do. That's what were here for, and why we are a Club.

There might have been 15-20 club members at the RA rally in Chippewa Falls late June. The weather was HOT, Damn HOT. It was a good turn out, approx.1700 thru registration.

We, as a club are going have to redo our clubs logo to bring it in to compliance with BMW AG aka. the "Corporation".

A reminder about the club picnic coming up August 14th.,with Chef Todd doing the preparation of the culinary delights with the members bringing a dish to pass.

A couple of events coming up in September.

September breakfast will likely be cancelled because of the following two events, further discussion at the Aug. picnic/meeting.

Iron Man competition is the weekend of Sept. 10 & 11. Bert, Randy and Dick are always looking for extra help.

The Dell's Rally September 9,10,11.

Ride safe, Ride far.

Dick

## Upcoming Events

August 14th Bringham Park  
Madison BMW Club Picnic  
Shelter #1 noon. This is the  
weekend after the Centurian  
Race so it should be nice  
and quiet.....Bert

September 4, 2011:  
Club Breakfast  
Dry Bean Restaurant  
doors open at 9:30 am  
Food served at 10:00

Sept 30 to Oct 2, 2011  
BMW MOA Weekend Getaway  
Cranberry Lodge  
319 Wittig Rd, Tomah, WI

October 2, 2011:  
Club Breakfast  
Dry Bean Restaurant  
doors open at 9:30 am  
Food served at 10:00

# FROM AN ANONYMOUS SOURCE

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Numbers. They are markers, symbols and mileposts within our lives. Most of them I take for granted since I deal with them every day. You know what I am talking about. The date, the time, the temperature, the speed limit, the price of gas. They pass by without too much notice. Till a few days ago. On that day I got to see a very unique number that I hope that all BMW riders will have a chance to see.....a roll over on the speedometer from 99999.9 miles to the big 100000.0. My 1977 R80/7 is on his way to the next 100000 miles.

I watched this number sneak up on me. It was exciting to check the speedo at the start of a ride and then take note of the new mileage as I parked the bike. The miles were starting to pile up. I can admit that as I edged closer to the big 00000.0, I found that the hack was becoming my ride of choice. I wanted to see that big change, and I wanted to see it soon. The night before the big day, I parked my R80/7 hack in the garage with the anticipation that tomorrow was going to be it. The bike's speedometer showed 99996.8 miles. I reminded myself that I should pack my camera so I could memorialize the big event, and headed inside for supper and some sleep.

The next day arrived with the usual clutter of numbers that clog up your mind. The weather looked iffy, so on went the rain gear. This was the first time

I had used it in weeks and it was a change in my usual pattern of heading off to work, so I was concentrating on making sure that I had moved over into my rain gear all the



junk that I kept in my daily riding gear and that my luggage was packed for the impending wet. The numbers were telling me that I was late. I fired up the bike and roared off (as much as my R80/7 with it's hack can roar) to fight Milwaukee traffic and the darkening skies. My coffee swilling, phone texting, make-up applying fellow travelers are always fun, but today with the occasional splat of raindrops on their windshields, they all leapt into full panic mode. They were running stoplights, cutting each other off at intersections and swerving through the parking lanes to gain a car length in the long snaking line of traffic. I motored onward, dodging my roadmates while avoiding the potholes and crumbling pavement that are

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the legacy of my friend the governor who as Milwaukee County Exec decided that Milwaukee County would be best served if it had third world quality streets in it's parkways. Hundreds of potholes, miles of graveley broken pavement, more numbers to process. The bike was rebounding from a particularly nasty crater when I glanced down to see if everything was still attached and I saw it. 00003.2. I had missed it.

The magic moment was gone. I may not have been consciously aware of the passing of that milestone, but I was there. And so were all those other riders who came before me. My part of this motorcycle's numbers include only the last 12,000 miles, give or take. Dave Maley did his part by piling on the miles before passing the R80 on to me. I don't know the number miles that Dave put on, and I don't know the number of riders who contributed to the number of miles that make up this bikes legacy, but I thank each and every one of them for keeping this classic Airhead running in top condition for each and every one of those miles. Now it is up to me. I must do my part as the current custodian of this fine example of German engineering to ensure that the numbers continue to build up to the next time that the bike will show 00000.0. That will be a truly magic moment.....I hope that I get to see it.



# Madison BMW Club Membership Form

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home # \_\_\_\_\_ Work # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

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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

