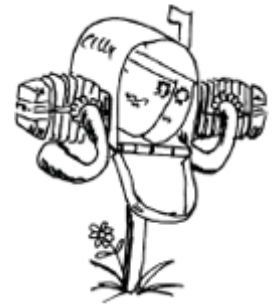


The Mail Boxer

April 2014

BMW MOA #7 • BMW RA #5



The Prez Says

Greetings!

Not much to report or ramble on about, the cold weather stories have been beaten down, now if the warm weather would get here.

The Wild Goose brunch ride is coming up. Tom VanHorn will be setting that up. More info at the April breakfast.

And speaking of breakfast, has anyone thought of another place to try, or move the event to?

That's about it for me.

Dick

Mark Your Calendars

Members voted at the last breakfast meeting and our **Annual Banquet** will be held on **Nov. 8, 2014** at the Madison Elks Club. Tsarista Dawn has reserved the Wisconsin Room (same one we have had the last 3 years).

When you renew your yearly club membership, sign up for a family rate (\$5 extra) which allows your partner to get the club \$10 discount on their meal.

Club Breakfast meeting reminder:

Please pay treasurer John Ong when you arrive at the meeting for your breakfast. The Hilltop doesn't charge us to meet at their restaurant. They do charge us \$12.50 for each breakfast buffet. You pay \$12; the club picks up 50¢.

If you want just coffee, it's \$1.50—also payable to John when you arrive.

If you'd like to participate in the 50/50, give him an extra buck.

Please note, many other clubs PAY for their meeting location. Many don't have food available and/or have potlucks. We are fortunate to have the Hilltop while we research other options.



Upcoming Events

April 6th, 2014
Club Breakfast
Hilltop Restaurant
Cty. P, Pine Bluff
Meet at 9:00 am
Breakfast at 9:30
Meeting to follow

MOA Mileage contest
starts in April

April 26-27th, 2014
Pecatonica Flea Market
April 27th, 2014
Wild Goose Run
See page 3 for more info

May 4th, 2014
Club Breakfast
Hilltop Restaurant
Cty. P, Pine Bluff
Meet at 9:00 am
Breakfast at 9:30
Meeting to follow
CRUD RUN after that

May 16-18th, 2014
the 40th Annual Great
River Road Rally!!!
Veterans Park
Soldiers Grove, WI
See page 5 for more info

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MTD Track Experience rider group

Shared by Sam Hokin

FYI—an inexpensive “test the waters” trackday option from Midwest Track Days. They have a number of events at Blackhawk link at bottom.

Members,

We have added another option to our events. “Track Experience” is for first time track riders. New riders will be able to “Test the Waters” of track riding with no cost. The riders will participate in the first two sessions with the Novice group and will need to meet/exceed the Novice tech requirements. After the first two sessions the Track Experience riders will have the option to purchase the whole day. These spots are limited to three per day. So, tell your friends to get registered!

Thank you all so much for your support! Ride Safe!

Jeffrey D. Wheat

Managing Director

Midwest Track Day, LLC.

<http://www.midwesttrackday.com/registration>

Tour of Honor Ride: A Nationwide Motorcycle Ride

The Tour of Honor is a great reason to hit the open road, honor our heroes, and contribute to a few good veterans causes: Fisher House Foundation, Operation Comfort Warriors, and Police and Fire: The Fallen Heroes.

The event is a season-long, self-directed ride to memorials and monuments around the continental U.S. and Hawaii with 49 states participating in 2014. Beginning April 1, visit as many sites as you want, with any route you choose. This a great way for a club to get together for a day or weekend ride.

For more information on the ride or to register, please visit <http://www.tourofhonor.com/>.

Thank you!

Dawn Williamson, ToH WI State Sponsor

wisconsintoh@gmail.com

This
Month's
Photo

Submit your caption on
the club's Facebook page.



Secretary's Report

by Sherry Atkinson



March 2nd, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Vice President Dawn called the meeting to order. The Elks club will remain the location for the annual banquet. VP Dawn has already reserved November 8th for this year.

It has been brought to our attention, that if you are just drinking coffee at breakfast, please stop and give John Ong \$ 1.50. Thank you!

In Rally News, Sam has finished the 40th GR3 logo and posters will go out soon. We will have a band this year, the Moon Gypsies won the honor.



"Doh! You crack me up!"

Volunteer sheets will be at the next meeting, please sign up. The 40 year anniversary cake is still being considered.

MOA News, Brian Manke spoke about the MOA Foundation raffle. The foundation is dedicated to improving rider safety. Buy a ticket for \$25; buy 3 tickets and your BMW MOA membership will add a year.

Don't forget it's membership renewal time. Please pay your dues at the next meeting or send them to John Ong. Any new information for the directory send to Jim Low.

There has been some interest of having another conceal carry class. The class would be led by Tom Van Horn. Dates are to be determined.

Art has new and used Bikes, so if you are in the market stop and see the crew at Mischler's.

50/50 winner: Jim Harms

April Meeting : Hill Top

Happy Easter!

Secretary Sherry

Upcoming Events

29th Annual BMW Flea Market & MotoExpo—April 26-27, 2014

Sponsored by the Blackhawk Region BMW Association, MOA #35

Huge indoor BMW MotoExpo and Flea Market, open both Saturday afternoon and Sunday, camping available Sat. night. \$5. Winnebago County Fairgrounds, Pecatonica, Ill., 10 miles west of Rockford and one mile north of US 20. GPS coordinates: 42.316242, -89.366612. Food onsite. Visit www.blackhawkbmwclub.org for details, vendor registration information, and event news.

More information: Earve Brauer, til 8:00 p.m., at 815-962-8911 (rockbmw2000@yahoo.com) or Jeff Sluiter, at 815-877-4728 (jsluiter1996@gmail.com).

30th Wild Goose Run—April 27, 2014

Sponsored by The Port Washington BMW Motorcycle Club, MOA #116

On Sunday at noon, the Wisconsin area clubs will meet at Bayside Supper Club (W9231 County Road G, Beaver Dam, WI 920-887-0505) for brunch and festivities. For map and more info: www.portbmwclub.com or contact Brian Justman at atbrianjustman@kewaskumpig.com.

How to keep your sanity in Wisconsin for under \$6000 / season (or I've got a Wonderful Wife)

By Michael Tatkow

Once upon a time I lived south of the Mason Dixon, where winter was more of a ten to twelve week inconvenience than a six month event. Missouri weather allowed riding past Thanksgiving. Most years I had the camping gear back out by St. Patrick's Day, and only missed one New Years Day ride in 30 years. I never winterized a machine, since I generally had at least one half decent day every couple weeks to enjoy the wind.

Now a resident of the great white north, I sit, three days from the first of March, with the morning temperature at nine below zero and a brisk wind. Snow and ice are everywhere. Since moving nine winters ago, I have found that a significant winter project can keep you going (i.e. sane), and through this I have brought a handful of machines about to tip off the edge back to solid riders. Along that road were a couple of XS650s and a VF700, but this time around I was looking for an airhead RS or RT.

I found an '80 RS at a fair price last August, in need of some deep TLC and top to bottom maintenance. She had 94,700 on the clock and most of the heavy lifting to keep her mechanically solid was already completed. This was my second airhead, so I knew what I was in for and what needed to be examined. The goal was not to perform a restoration, rather to create my own RS, changed how I wanted, cosmetically nice (but not necessarily perfect) and ready to pound down some miles next season. The lighter work started almost immediately

I have a very tolerant wife who understands that many things motorcycle do not have to make sense. Budgets are to be broken, spark plug changes require

500 mile test rides, and sudden inspirations can have you in the garage tinkering at 2am when you have a meeting the next morning at 7. By the time winter finally forced the garage door closed I had rolled the clock over to 99,700 miles (some of you may have seen the bike at club meetings or the Slimy Crud last fall) and it was time for the more significant work.

The list of items that were done covers more than 2 pages. As it goes with most machines subject to years of owner ineptitude, it is generally the sum of the little things that can take a fine machine to its knees. Some upgrades were performed in key areas such as charging and lighting systems, others more related to personalizing the machine.

With the budget broken twice, I have now created my RS, ready for the snow to melt. For now she is behind that garage door. But that will end....I hope soon.



Reminder: Concealed Carry Class

Sign up now! Learn how to be safe, not sorry!

Tom Van Horn (TVH) is a certified gun safety instructor. He will be holding another another Concealed Carry Class for interested Club members. Class includes both classroom study and some range shoot'n. If interested, please contact Heidi, newsletter editor (contact info on page 2), & add your name.

If you've already taken the class but want a refresher, please contact Heidi and let her know. Empty seats will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.

Note: There will be a small fee to cover



Registration Form 40th Annual Great River Road Rally (GR3)

**Veterans Park—Soldiers Grove, WI
May 16th – 18th, 2014**

Sponsored by the Madison BMW Club, Ltd.

RIDER INFORMATION <i>(please print)</i>			BIKE
First Name	Last Name	Initial	Make
Address			Year
			Club Affiliation
City	State	Zip Code	
To be notified about next year's Rally via email, please supply your address (will not be shared with 3rd parties)		Email	
PASSENGER INFORMATION <i>(please print)</i>			
First Name	Last Name	Initial	
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City	State	Zip Code	
COST	RALLY FEES		
Adults Pre-register \$26 Gate \$33	Rider	\$	
Children 6-15 \$10 (Under 6 free)	Passenger	\$	
	Total	\$	
READ CAREFULLY AND SIGN BELOW			
The rally's sponsors, The Madison BMW Club, LTD., the presenters and/or agents assume no liability for injury, damages, loss, accident or irregularity which may be occasioned by any person or vehicle attending the Great River Road Rally. Please indicate that you have read and understood this statement with your signature below.			
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PRE-REGISTRATION Check only. Do not send cash. Complete this form, sign, date, and MAIL TO » » » » » » » » » » » » » » » » Forms must be received by May 2nd, 2014	Madison BMW Club, LTD. Attn: GR3 Registration P.O. Box 152 McFarland, WI 53558-0152		



11th Annual Mystery Ride

**Sunday, June 23rd, 2014 • Riding for PAVE
(People Against A Violent Environment)**

\$20/person if registered prior to June 21st • \$25/person June 22nd & 23rd
\$400 & \$250 gift certificates for the highest 2 sponsorships—forms available at dealership

Sign up from 9 - 10:30 a.m. — 1st group leaving at 9:30
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2nd Annual Vintage & Custom Bike Show

May 24th, 2014

Music, Food Custom and Vintage Bikes

Massive Used Bike Sale— All Makes and Models

Sponsored by the #1 BMW Dealer in the State of Wisconsin • Details coming soon — Register your bike now!

Last Month's Photo

Captions submitted:

- John Bollig — *I know people say, "Always wear a helmet," but even when you're sleeping?*
- Kalli Procopio — *Poor guy spent the whole day on the bike, then got home and was so tired he fell asleep, right there, on the bike.*
- Corrine Jutz — *I just can't bear to leave her out in garage!*
— *My husband said it was me or the bike!*
- Heidi Goehring — *No longer able to fight the PMS (Parked Motorcycle Syndrome) caused by the long winter, Corrine took to sleeping in the garage on her beloved cycle.*



FOR SALE

2009 F800GS Sunset Yellow

26+K miles—Price: \$9,500

- ABS, computer (fuel, avg speed, mpg, est miles to empty, air temp, etc.)
- Laminar Lip (works "ok", I wasn't trying to make this an RT)
- Jesse bags
- bar risers
- Barkbuster Storm handguards
- Heated grips
- Hepco & Becker engine guards
- Utah Motorsports bash plate
- Cee Bailey headlight protector
- Fastway foot pegs
- Touratech folding shift lever
- Leo Vince exhaust
- SW-Motech centerstand
- Stebel Magnum horn
- Motovation rear rack plate
- Currently have Heidennau Scout stires on, maybe 3K miles left on them.

Bike comes with the original stock seat. I have a Sargent Enduro seat available for an additional \$350.

Have the original stock muffler, foot pegs, skid plate if you want them. In fact, I insist you take them.

There might be a few scratches but no dents or cracks. Overall the bike is in excellent condition. It's getting a bit much for me to swing a leg over.

Contact Steve Huber, 242-1873
shuber@charter.net

Attention Rally Attendees!

**National BMW MOA Rally, MN State Fairgrounds
July 24-27, 2014**

We have a group rate contract of \$92 (king or 2-double room) with the Ramada Plaza Minneapolis for the rally. Ask for Madison BMW MOA Rally for this rate. Reserved by July 7th.

Call 612-331-1900 or 877-774-4315 & ID yourself with the Madison BMW Club.

Great River Road Rally May 16-18, 2014

There is 1 hotel room Available for the GR3 at The Country Gardens in Soldiers Grove for Friday & Saturday, May 16th & 17th. Let me know if anyone is interested in a one double bed on 2nd floor at \$60.72 /night with tax. I will cancel it on April 15th so email or call me before then if you want it.

Dawn, Vice Prez

The "earth"

without "art"

is just

"eh."

**Happy
Earth Day
April 22, 2014**



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# _____ RA# _____

Bikes Owned _____

Interests, comments, etc... _____

Include your dues and bring to the next meeting or mail to:

Madison BMW Club, Ltd., P.O. Box 152, McFarland, WI 53558-0152

Dues: 1 calendar year membership \$20.00 individual / \$25.00 family ** After June 30, membership \$10.00 individual / \$15.00 family

CURRENT MEMBERS: Please update any information that may have changed for the directory. Thank you!

