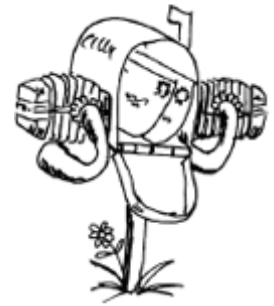


The Mail Boxer

December 2013

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The Prez Says

Greetings all,

Well I was going to say a few words on winterizing our bikes but TVH beat me to the keyboard, so look for his comments else where in the newsletter. (page 5)

A Big thank you to Dawn for getting the Fall Banquet set up and John O for collecting the money.

From the sounds of things that night, it sounded like everyone had a enjoyable time.

I made a note on the 2013 calendar last year about the warm weather we were having, it was in the 50-60 degree range last year on Thanksgiving week and the same for the 1st week of December, maybe it will stay mild for awhile before we have to put the toys away.

Have the start of a Great Holiday Season.

Dick Olson



FLEAS NAVIDOG

Merry Christmas

Upcoming Events

December 1st, 2013
Club Breakfast
Hilltop Restaurant
Cty. P, Pine Bluff
Meeting at 9:00 am
Breakfast at 9:30

January 5th, 2014
Club Breakfast
Hilltop Restaurant
Cty. P, Pine Bluff
Meeting at 9:00 am
Breakfast at 9:30

February 2nd, 2014
Club Breakfast
Hilltop Restaurant
Cty. P, Pine Bluff
Meeting at 9:00 am
Breakfast at 9:30

March 2nd, 2014
Club Breakfast
Hilltop Restaurant
Cty. P, Pine Bluff

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dedicated to spelling
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Ride, Eat, Ride
Madison, Wisconsin



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Membership News

by Jim Low

Michael and Jill Tatkow joined the club in October.

Michael owns the following bikes: BMW R100RS, Honda Silverwing, Aprilia Scarabeo, Triumph Thruxton, Kawasaki W650.

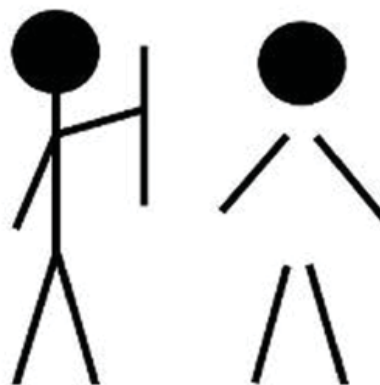
Jill rides a BMW F800ST.

Please join me in welcoming Michael and Jill to the club. If you would like their contact information, please call me or email membership@madisonbmwclub.org.

Welcome to our Club

What's cool about being a Madison BMW Motorcycle Club member?

Knowing a whole group of fun-loving, caring, and extremely awesome people "got your back."



I got your back.

This Month's Photo

Submit your caption on the club's Facebook page.



Secretary's Report

by Sherry Atkinson



November 9th Banquet Meeting Minutes

President Richard called the annual Banquet to order.

Elections were held with all offices staying the same.

Tom Van Horn headed up awards. Thank you to everyone who submitted a form.

MOA news:

- Sue Rihn talked about MOA elections. Five positions are open. If you are interested, check out the MOA website for more information.
- Brian Manke spoke about the Foundations 2014 Bike Raffle. If you buy 3 tickets at \$25 each, your 2014 membership dues are included.

Happy Thanksgiving!
Secretary Sherry

Phil Funnell »

We mentioned Phil Funnell in a previous issue. Here's a little more about a man whose height doesn't compare with the passion in his heart.

*Reprinted from the Canadian Motorcycle Hall of Fame.
http://motorcyclehalloffame.ca/phil_funnell.htm*

Long before the term "adventure touring" came into the motorcycling vocabulary, Phil Funnell was out there doing it—around the world in the most challenging ways he could find. Phil was a restless spirit when he arrived in Canada in 1966 and the BMW R50 he'd bought new already had 300,000 miles on it. Those were miles, not kilometres, and at the age of 30 he'd already covered much of the world.

A native of Croydon, England, Phil began motorcycling innocently enough on a 150 cc Triumph Terrier—perhaps a bit of a dog for an eager 16 year old. Within a couple of years he'd already explored much of the south of England on a BSA 650 when the British Army called him up for national service. While in the army he was involved in a serious collision, nearly losing his right leg. The compensation he received went toward the purchase of a 1955 Vincent with sidecar, and Phil credits the Vincent Owners Club as a major influence on his life and riding preferences.

(continued on page 4)



Phil Funnell (continued from page 3)

He tuned the Vincent for more speed and rode it with verve, but a collision with a car owned by a man named Frank Cotton led to a change of course. Mr. Cotton was a former racer who had founded the Cotton motorcycle company way back in 1913. Although Cotton paid for the repairs to Phil's bike, the Vincent company had recently gone out of production and Phil began to look for another motorcycle to expand his horizons. He settled on BMW and remained loyal to the marque ever after.

He began touring Europe, with two trips to Istanbul and journeys to Scandinavia and the Balkans before heading abroad to Central America and Australia. Needing more range and luggage capacity, Phil built his own large-capacity fuel tank and panniers for the bike. He lived frugally, camping most of the time on tour and working part of each year as a mechanic and heavy equipment operator to support his travel lifestyle. His earnings and tax refunds went toward the next adventure.

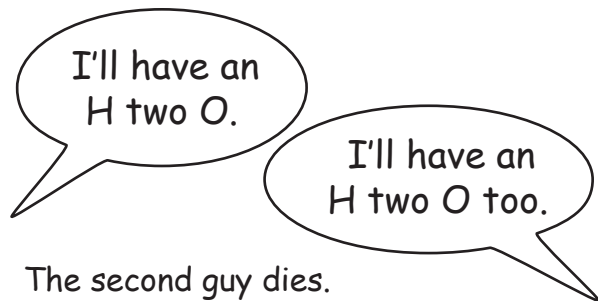
In 1966 there was a construction strike while Phil was in Vancouver, and so he found work in a motorcycle shop on Hastings St. Unsatisfied with the service being offered to

touring riders passing through, Phil resigned and opened his own repair shop across the street in a building only 12 feet wide. Operating on a shoestring, he landed a Kawasaki franchise and acted as an unauthorized BMW repair shop. He added BSA and Yamaha and before long became an official dealer for BMW. By 1970 he sold only BMW and continued for the next 14 years, becoming the largest-volume dealer in Canada.

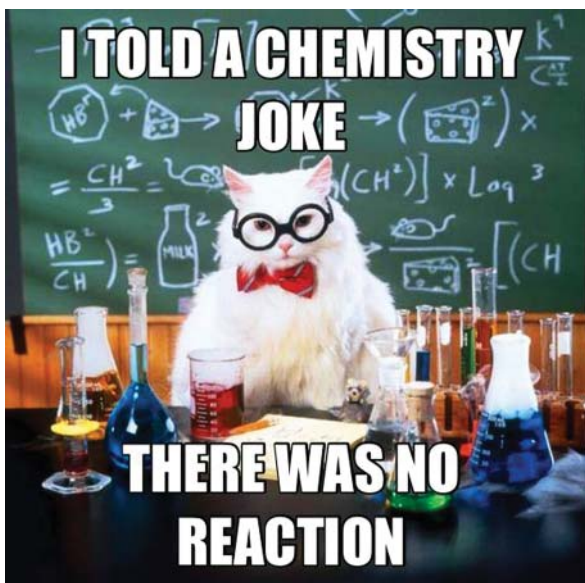


Watch for more on Phil in a future issue.

Two Guys Walk Into a Bar ...



The second guy dies.



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weird.**

End of Season: Your To-Do List

By Tom Van Horn, aka TVH

Well, some of us are hoping for another passable riding day or two;
Some are just going to ride whether it's passable or not ("BRING IT!"..);
And some of us are grudgingly going to put the bikes down for the Winter Rest...

...So, what to do?

How about fluids? Oil doesn't just lubricate - it also catches combustion byproducts like carbon and water. We don't want cruddy, watery oil coating the steel moving bits in our engines all winter. A final oil change before storing is A Good Thing.

Fuel? A tank with empty air space in it is a tank where condensation can form. Condensation is a fancy work for 'water', and water causes 'rust'. In extreme cases, rust can cause leaks in long-neglected tanks; more often, rust on the tanks' inside is loosened by fuel and vibration, and the resultant brown sludge wants to occupy your engine. I for one store my tanks <full> to minimize air space...

...And what's it full of? Most 'gas' these days is 10% alcohol. Over time, alcohol does bad things to rubber parts (K-bike and oilhead fuel pumps have such) and to airhead fuel floats and O-rings and etc. So, I try to run no-alcohol premium as much as possible, and I <absolutely> use it for storage. I put some Sta-Bil or Seafoam in while I'm at it...

...As fuel can break down into not-good stuff, getting it out of the fuel system is probably good. On airheads, removing and draining the float bowls makes this easy...

...Speaking of condensation, the combustion chambers are also air spaces. Especially if your engine has iron cylinder liners, some oil in the spark plug holes (& then crank the engine a couple times) can save rust there...

...The stock line is, "Put the battery on a trickle charger.." Well, maybe - a 'trickle charger' as I understand the term, is a low-power (less than one amp, say) charger. Such a thing <still> continuously puts juice into a battery. Once fully charged, the continuing juice can cause loss of electrolyte (the battery 'boils'). Much of this, and the battery is ruined. Don't ask me how I know. One thing I used to do with a trickle charger is to plug it in line with the light on a garage door opener. Such lights are usually set up to stay on for a few minutes, so the charger would supply a bit a charge each time the garage was opened or closed...



...I don't do this any more because I'm now a smart charger user. One common example is the Deltran 'Battery Tender', but there are many such. These have a sensor that shuts the charging down to 'standby' when the battery is charged, and resumes a gentle charge if the battery drops voltage. Highly recommended...

...The more care you put into your bike this fall, hopefully the less will be needed on that first nice spring day.

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Last Month's Photo



Captions submitted:

- John Bollig — *I'm thinking GS is for "Got Smacked!"*
- Corrine Jutz — *Someone told me this is how you adjust the valves.*
- Tom Norn — *Remember when checking the oil was easy?..*
- Christopher Eisenhauer — *Only the softest pillow will do for my GS after a hard day on the trail.*
- Anonymous — *Somebody ... help ... please ... [whimper] ... help ...*

Just another day

So I'm at this discount store buying a bag of Purina dog food for my dog. While in the check-out line, a woman behind me asked if I had a dog.

Why else would I be buying dog food, RIGHT???

So on impulse I told her that no, I didn't have a dog, I was starting the Purina Diet again, and that I probably shouldn't because I ended up in the hospital last time, but that I'd lost 50 pounds before I awakened in intensive care with tubes coming out of most of my orifices and IVs in both arms. I told her that it was essentially a Perfect Diet and all you do is load your pockets with Purina Nuggets and simply eat one or two every time you feel hungry. The food is nutritionally complete so it works well and I was going to try it again.

(I have to mention here that practically everyone in line was now enthralled with my story.)

Horrified, she asked if I ended up in intensive care because the dog food poisoned me.

I told her no, I stepped off a curb to sniff a poodle's butt and a car hit me.

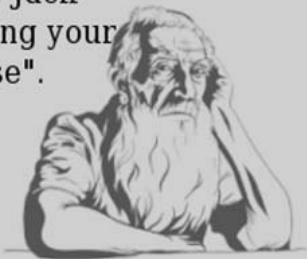
I thought the guy behind her was going to have a heart attack he was laughing so hard. Better watch what you ask me and be prepared for my answer. I have all the time in the world to think of crazy things to say.

Submitted by Anonymous

The Past, the Present and
the Future walked
into a bar.

It was Tense.

Grammar is important. Capital letters are the difference between "helping your Uncle Jack off a horse" & "helping your uncle jack off a horse".



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"That's what."

—She—

Madison BMW Club Membership Form

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