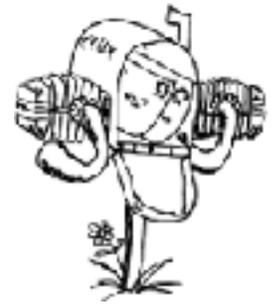


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The Prez Says

Greetings all,

From the desk of the President and the rest of the officers.

Please accept, with no obligation, implied or implicit, our best wishes for an environmentally conscious, socially responsible, low-stress, non-addictive, gender-neutral celebration of the winter solstice holiday, practiced within the most enjoyable traditions of the religious persuasion or secular practices of your choice, with respect for the religious/secular persuasions and/or traditions of others, or their choice not to practice religious or secular traditions at all.

Following this, accept our wishes for a fiscally successful, personally fulfilling, and medically uncomplicated recognition of the onset of the generally accepted calendar year, but not without due respect for the calendars of choice of other cultures whose contributions to society have helped make America great (not to imply that America is necessarily greater than any other country), and without regard to the race, creed, color, age, physical ability, religious faith, choice of computer platform, or sexual preference of the wishee .

(By accepting this greeting, you are accepting these terms. This greeting is subject to clarification or withdrawal. It is freely transferable with no alteration to the original greeting. It implies no promise by the wisher to actually implement any of the wishes for her/himself or others, and is void where prohibited by law, and is revocable at the sole discretion of the wisher. This wish is warranted to perform as expected within the usual application of good tidings for a period of one year, or until the issuance of a subsequent holiday greeting, whichever comes first, and warranty is limited to replacement of this wish or issuance of a new wish at the sole discretion of the wisher.)

The week before the Mayan calendar said everything was going to end I started on my bucket list of things to get done, you know buy a new truck and motorcycle, and other fun things, well someone thought it would be a good idea to hold off, just in case nothing happened, it was a good thing I waited, the 22nd dawned and were still here, I would have had to go back to work to pay for everything, I don't like that idea at all.

On a sad note, Sam Garst's mother passed away Dec. 29th. Our condolences.

Seems we have breakfast location problems...again. **The caterer that had taken care of the East side Club has lost the brunch contract.** Watch the listserv and the Club's website for further info, Dawn is checking on locations, we just might end up at the Hill Top in Pine Bluff until further notice.

A reminder to get your dues into John Ong.

That's about it,

Dick Olson

Upcoming Events

January 6, 2013

Club Breakfast

**See Website & check
ListServ for location**

Meeting at 9:00 am

Breakfast at 9:30

February 2, 2013

TECH Day @ Bert's

Details inside
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February 3, 2013

Club Breakfast

TBA

Meeting at 9:00 am

Breakfast at 9:30

March 3, 2012

Club Breakfast

TBA

Meeting at 9:00 am

Breakfast at 9:30

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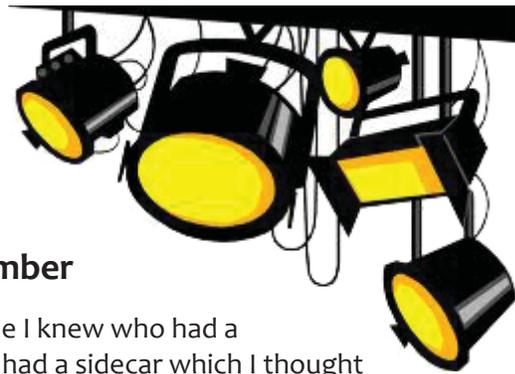
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Club Spotlight

John Ong

Club Treasurer &

~~Oldest~~ Most Cherished Member



“When in grade school, the only one I knew who had a motorcycle was the village cop. He had a sidecar which I thought was pretty neat. No one in high school or college had one. One fellow in the army had one (which I thought I should buy from him). No one in the apprenticeship had one either.

When I was 61, I read an ad in the paper where MATC was running a class, rather cheap as I recall, so I thought it would be interesting to see what it was all about even though I wasn't planning to buy one. Upon completion of the class, I decided this was fun and looked in the newspaper to see what might be available. A 1967 BMW R50 with sidecar was available, so the wife and I went to have a look. The guy gave her a ride and she agreed it would be fun. We often rode with 3 on it. (This rig recently sold to be shipped overseas. China I think.) I heard about the BMW club when I bought the rig and we joined about the same time.

My second rig was the IMZ (URAL) that I bought when I was 75 and is my final bike.

Other activities:

In the mid-1940s I joined the regular Army for 3 years and became a radio teletype operator stationed in Labrador for a little over a year. 25 years later, became bored with winter and at age 48, I joined the Army Reserve for 12 years. At age 52, I served some of the time as a drill sergeant at Fort Sill.

Also spent a total of 9 months working with a seismic crew in Antarctica in the early 1960s. The government named Ong Valley after me in the Transantarctic Mountains (my 15 minutes of fame). From that I also worked with seismic crew on 30 nuclear power plant sites and a couple of nuke waste disposal sites around the U.S.

Along with all this, I operated a tree service and a drilling and blasting service over a period of 30 years. I was involved in competition rifle, pistol, sub-machine gun, and shotgun shooting for many years. I still enjoy working with chain saws, grinding stumps, and plowing snow with an end loader in winter.”

Special Thanks to John for agreeing to be my first member spotlight columnist. He said I could edit at will, but this heartwarming summary needed none. It sounds just like John. And if this sparked a question—we'll see you at the next meeting where you can ask John yourself!



Secretary's Report

by Sherry Atkinson

Sunday, December 2nd Meeting Minutes



President Dick Olson called the meeting to order. Several people rode to breakfast in December. We probably won't see that again for a while.

Next year's Banquet will be held at the Elks club, Dawn's got it all taken care off.

A \$50 donation has been made to the American diabetes foundation in honor of JT's father-in-law who passed away. You have our deepest sympathy.

The breakfast war flair up has been smothered for now. We will stay at the Eastside club and the Hill Top.

In Rally news, the entrance price will stay the same this year. We will call the hotels and block rooms. When you make your reservation, let them know you are with the Madison BMW club. Rally dates are May 16th thru the 19th. Sam Garst is getting started on the poster.

Burt is hosting a Tech Day sometime in January. More details to follow.

Free Breakfast winner: Art Mischler

50/50 winner: Geo Marquette



New for iPhones: Tourstart app

Tourstart's iPhone/iPad app has a lot of the same functions as you find on the tourstart.org website, such as:

Activities

Find a lot of interesting motorcycle activities in your local area, including related information.

Tour

Use this function to find existing motorcycle routes that have been planned by other Tourstart users.

Drive

All the things you find in Activities and Tour, you can transfer to Drive, and plan a route.

Profile

You can create a profile directly through the App—the login is also valid on the tourstart.org website.

You can read more about the Tourstart app by visiting the Appstore. It should be a free app from tourstart.org.

If you've tried tourstart.org, either the website or the app, please write a review and share your experience. Send to editor@madisonbmwclub.org. Thanks!

Happy New Year!

Secretary Sherry





Motorcycle for sale

1967 BMW R50/2 with a Spirit of America/Eagle side case. Rebuilt front end, engine, side box, rear fender. 3 new tires, Enduro back fender & bench seat, manual, top case, bike cover, garaged. Same as under 22 years. 44,000 total miles—1,000 since rest. \$6,900. Contact John Ong 608-222-6489.

SOLD
BTW: This was John's 1st Bike

Judi Trampf

Here it is. The bike that started it all. The Greatest Motorcycle ever built. The motorcycle that put a generation on the road along with entire nations. It was in production for over 50 years, bike enthusiasts agree it's the Number 1 Greatest Motorcycle ever produced, The Honda Cub. For proof, check out this youtube video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aaeKrqJJqm0>

Mine was a Honda Passport C70 which I had wanted since high school. One day driving in Madison, there it was parked on the street with a For Sale sign on it. A mere \$600 later, it was mine! I used it commute to the UW and though it was technically a motorcycle, I played hide and seek with parking enforcement to keep from getting tickets. I learned to hide it behind dumpsters so it wouldn't be spotted! I put over 5,000 miles on

that bike in 4 years...that's a lot of in-town driving folks! Plus I sold it for MORE than I had paid for it (which I did for my first 4 bikes).

As is the case with so many addictions, you start out small, and it just leads you to bigger things. A friend peer-pressured me in to buying his old Yamaha Virago 750 under the conditions that I take the MATC Safety Course and get a full endorsement. Sure, it was big jump from 70 to 750 cc's, but then I was looking for a 1000 or 1100 cc, when that didn't cure it, I got a 1200cc. I couldn't stop buying motorcycles. The addiction took control until the garage could literally hold no more: 2 Honda Passports, 1 Genuine scooter, 1 Vstar, a BMW K1200LT all in the garage. I hit rock bottom when one day I had to get to the lawn mower, and needed to move 5 motorcycles to get

in. After two passer-bys asked if I was opening a used bike business, I knew it had to stop. So I down-sized to one scooter (kept the newest and sold my beloved Passport to another college student who admired it) and bought an RT...but I can never stop looking... and am looking for a R1200C if anyone has one laying around!

But no matter what, that Passport will always have a sweet-spot in my heart. All 70cc's of it. That thing ran, and ran, and ran.... I know it's still running somewhere!





JT Wagner

My first bike was a well-used 1973 Triumph TR5T dual-purpose bike. I didn't like the fact that the front brake didn't do much actual braking and the trials universal tires were fine on dirt or new house construction site, but not pavement. So I had a smaller front wheel and bigger front brake from

a Daytona put on and clubman handlebars. Café racer-ish. Somebody replaced the original muffler with a short little noise-maker which was loud but sounded cool. Two kicks and it always started. No dreaded Lucas electrical gremlins. Of course the one candle-power headlight precluded motoring about after dark.

Send your 1st bike story with a photo to editor@madisonbmwclub.org. Read more stories next month.

Peter Feneht

It technically was a 'Harley Davidson' but during the AMF years, single cylinder 350 cc. I saw the same basic bike in Italy and figured it was a contracted, resell deal vs. it being made in the USA. I survived several trips to Chicago with it. I think my dad re-assigned his guardian angel to me since I probably need double-teaming in the heavenly protection department. Since dad 'infected' us all with the love of motorcycling there were no secrets needed. Rock climbing, SCUBA and skiing were also ok, but some objections/worry about hang gliding. There is some overlap here, we use a re-formulated scooter to tow up hang gliders for training. There ya have it...

Tom Van Horn (TVH)

'My' first bike was a year-old '73 R75—a guy in my unit said, "Keep it for a few days—see if you like it." I tooled around the little burg of Zirndorf in Bavaria, and <somehow> managed to barely keep it between the ditches. Then I got cocky and got out on a stretch of autobahn. The middle lane, 75-85+. Woooh. So, why not the left (FAST) lane? Wicked up, down on the tank, front end oscillating (what'za steering damper??), crying for mommy, flashing headlights in my mirrors. 90ish plus, moved back over and an alter hausfrau in a beige Mercedes whooshed past like I was parked...

...Didn't buy it, just as well—I got kicked all over the map over there, and a personal vehicle would have been a bother a lot of the time. It set the hook, though. Back over here, a coworker sold me a '72 Yamaha 650 twin that I incrementally cafe'ed. Some things never change...

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This Month's Photo

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Last Month's Photo



Captions submitted:

- "Sick of dealing with Reindeer Poop, Santa upgrades his ride." — Sean O'Brien
- "Santa suddenly realized he hadn't finished his naughty or nice list!" — Chris Nackers
- "On Dasher! On Dancer! On Prancer! On Vixen! Woah Gixxer!" — Keith Doyon
- "Reindeer in the road!" — Judi Trampf
- "Silly Santa Tricks." — Mary Klopp
- "I should have gone potty before I left..."
"Does this bike make my butt look big?"
"How about now? Can u see my red brake light now?" — Andy Feest
- "Maybe laying off the reindeer to save money wasn't such a good idea." — George Marquette
- "Damn, I forgot the milk and cookies!" — Bill Jutz
- "I didn't believe the salesman when he said it'd stop on a dime." — Heidi Goehring
- "Damn it! I forgot the toys! Now I'll have to go back." — John Ong



Rustic Roads

Did you know that Wisconsin has 108 marked Rustic Roads covering over 600 miles in 56 counties? The Wisconsin DOT has a program established that rewards riders for visiting these lightly traveled areas and enjoy some of the best roads the state has to offer.

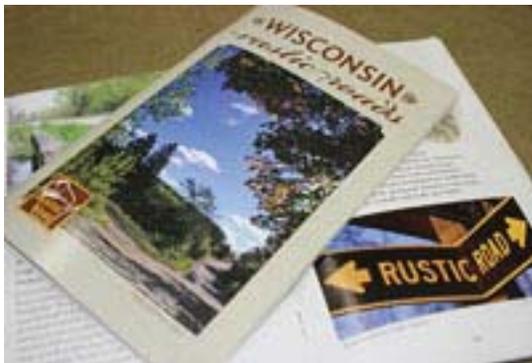


The way it works is, if you visit 10 of these roads you'll be eligible for a *Rustic Roads Motorcycle Tour* patch and if you visit 25 of them you qualify for a special state certificate.

All you have to do is take a picture of your bike in front of each of the numbered Rustic Road signs you visit. Once you've met your goal all you have to do is send them in to the *Wisconsin Motorcycle Safety Program* for review and they will send you your patch or certificate.

For more information on the Rustic Roads just visit the Wisconsin DOT's Rustic Road website.

<http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/travel/scenic/rusticroads.htm>



TECH Day @ Bert's

When: 11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 2

Where: Bert Hefty's house
P.O. Box 433, Albany WI
608-862-3671
heftyville@tds.net



Com'on over! Randy Borst will be joining me on the topics of wiring and accessories. Adult beverages are allowed. We'll probably grill something dead. You're welcome to bring a dish to share.

Bert Hefty
Activities Director

Club Classifieds

Unit Leading Link Forks & Fender for an R100R

Slightly used. In great shape!
Contact Bert Hefty (above) with questions.
Contact Heidi Goehring at
heidigoehring@charter.net to make an offer.

... just a little humor

Q: How do Biblical scholars know that King David rode a motorcycle?

A: Because in the Bible, it says that David's Triumph could be heard throughout the land...

Q: How is a Harley Davidson like an old dog?

A: If you leave them alone long enough, they'll both mark their territory.

Q: What is the difference between a Harley Davidson and an old dog?

A: The dog can get in the back of the pickup by itself.

Q: Why do Harley owners have tassels on their handlebars and clothing?

A: To be able to tell if they're moving or not!

Madison BMW Club Membership Form

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Bikes Owned _____

Interests, comments, etc... _____

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

A 1-year membership is \$20.00

