# The Mail Boxer

June 2013 BMW MOA #7 • BMW RA #5



## The Prez Says

## Greetings all,

We're into the riding season....finally.

May breakfast had a good turn out with members and some prospective new members and all the "slimy crud" visitors / guests.

GR3 was great this year with over 200 attending. Started off a little damp on Friday morning, rain came in around 3:00 am and left around 11:30 am and then the registration tent got busy.

Two mechanical breakdowns for motorcycles this year, Tina and Mark Doggett had a little problem of wide open throttle, while passing a car, exciting to say the least, end of ride call back to GR3 and Bert to the rescue with truck and trailer.

Jim Harms and Linda were out for a ride on the River Road / Hwy 35, and Jim thought his bike could be used as a rock crusher, they hit a flat rock about 4" thick, broke it into smaller rocks but destroyed the front rim, got off the road safely, call back to GR3 and I went out to bring them back.

Loaded the two disabled bikes on Sunday morning and back to McFarland. Bikes were picked up and sent off for repair.

Thank you to everyone who help set up the Rally, did the registration tent work, and all the other volunteer stuff we do to put on a Great Rally. Many hands make the job go quickly.

Have a great June, ride far, ride safe.

Dick Olson

Once Again ... Special Thanks to Mischler's for Providing GR3 Rally Mugs, Coffee & Lemonade!!!

Did you have fun at the rally? Watch for photos and a rally wrap-up in our July newsletter! Better yet, share your story of rally mayhem. Send an email to editor@madisonbmwclub.org.

## **Upcoming Events**

June 2, 2013 Club Breakfast Hilltop Restaurant Cty. P, Pine Bluff Meeting at 9:00 am Breakfast at 9:30

July 7, 2013 Club Breakfast Hilltop Restaurant Cty. P, Pine Bluff Meeting at 9:00 am Breakfast at 9:30

August 11, 2013 Club Picnic Brigham Park 3160 County Highway F Blue Mounds, WI

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

#### BMW Motorcycle Club Ride, Eat, Ride Madison, Wisconsin



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## Day Ride Destination

#### by Steve Huber

National Motorcycle Museum 102 Chamber Drive Anamosa, IA nationalmcmuseum.org/



A national motorcycle museum makes sense to me, however why they didn't simply call it *The Motorcycle Shrine* I'll never understand. Still, National Motorcycle Museum it is and it's only 140 miles from Madison in Anamosa, Iowa.

I first visited the museum 10 years ago when they were located in downtown Anamosa. At that time the museum occupied the ground floor and basement of what I took to be a former retail store. As I recall they had quite a few nice bikes and memorabilia then; this new location has really expanded on that.

Of course there's ample parking for motorcycles out front. Besides the bikes inside, there's often quite the exhibit outside in the parking lot. On several trips there I saw various classics either trailered or ridden in.

Admission is a very reasonable \$8 with a \$1 discount for various membership groups (HOG, AMA, ABATE, etc. No BMW MOA, though. Hmmmm?). That paltry admission fee gets you into an extensive collection of motorcycles and memorabilia covering most all motorcycle activities from custom bikes, dirt bikes, board track, drag racing to M/C engines in midget cars(!). I did not see a M/C powered unicycle ridden by clowns. It might have been there, I missed it.

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## This Month's Photo

Submit your caption on the club's Facebook page.



## Secretary's Report

## by Sherry Atkinson

Sunday, May 5th Meeting Minutes

President Richard called the meeting to order.

Volunteers' are still needed for the Rally. We could use more door prizes. Everything else is on track.

Stop in At Mischler's and see Art and his crew. They have a wide selection on hand.

The Club will make a \$100.00 donation to Camp to belong. This is the Charity that the MOA has selected to support. Jim and Linda Low will be delivering the check in person this year. Thanks guys.

Joanne has stickers with our club logo available for \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00.

We will stay at the Hilltop for Breakfast.

June Meeting is at the Hilltop.

Don't forget the Club Picnic August 11th. Same place as last year.

50/50 winner: Mary Nelson

Breakfast winner: Carla Shedivy and

Jim Kossow

Happy Riding!
Secretary Sherry

**FOUND:** 

A white plug adapter for some electronic thingy-ma-bob was found at the club shelter near where the Madison clubbers camped after GR3. Heidi will bring to the next club meeting.

### For Sale

#### Club Decals

I had a bunch of *Ride*, *Eat*, *Ride* decals printed and will sell them for \$2 each or 3/\$5. These are high quality decals (not stickers) suitable for outdoor applications. i.e., you may stick 'em where you want. They are 3" w x 2.5" diam. on white stock.

When/if I break even, I will donate the profits to the club.

I'll bring them to the Crud breakfast in May and to the GR3 Rally.

#### Club T-shirts

A couple of people have asked me about getting t-shirts too. I have to have at least 24 shirts ordered to make a print run. If any of you are interested, let me know. You can have them in almost any reasonable, mid range color, in both short and long sleeves, and we can get sweatshirts and hoodies too. The last prints were under \$15 for the T's and about \$25 for the sweats. They are high quality, all cotton garments, and are very well printed. Please contact me, if you're interested.

Thanks! Joann Hayes

## **Tire Mounting?**

Steve Parker is mounting and balancing tires. \$20 per. You take off wheel and bring to him. You discard old tire.

Steve's email is teven@tds.net

His phone is 608-240-2929

Steve said the madisonmotorsports website and old email is going away the end of April.



Wide Selection on Hand! Stop in and See Us!

## **Touring Tip**

Submitted by Judi Trampf to MOA ON

How often don't we look like "Gunga Din" with all the bags, helmets, side cases, cameras, and so on dangling off nearly every appendage as we try to lug our stuff into a motel (and the room is never that close!)? What I did to simplify this circus de soleil impersonation is purchase a huge-yet-inexpensive, featureless duffle bag big enough to unload everything into, and then use the oversize arm handles to slip it on like some giant backpack. Now I can often safari to my room in a single trip, don't risk dropping/marring the helmet or electronics, and I have a rolled up spare bag should I overdose on souvenirs or deals at a rally.

### **Leather Repair Tip**

Shared by your friendly editor

I got a DEAL on some very USED leather saddle bags. With my sidecar, I can't use hard bags. Thus these well-worn bags seemed like an option.

I took them to Cecil's shoe repair on Odana Rd. in Madison and ... OMG! Seams restitched with reinforced nylon loops to strap on plus muffler holes from previous owner repaired. Almost like new! Price \$18.

See Cecil before you throw your worn leather items away.



#### 2013 RIDE Dates Every Wed BIKE NIGHT 5:30-9:30 Quaker Steak & Lube Live Music + Vendors Aztalan Short Track Races ~ 1:30 pm June 15 N6643 Gomol Rd, Lake Mills, WI www.aztalanmx.com/straces.asp June 20-23 BMW RA National Rally The Biltmore Asheville, NC June 20-23 United Sidecar National Rally Stone County Fairgrounds Mountain View, AR June 29 Aztalan Short Track Races ~ 1:30 pm N6643 Gomol Rd, Lake Mills, WI www.aztalanmx.com/straces.asp June 30 Aztalan Short Track Races ~ 9 am N6643 Gomol Rd, Lake Mills, WI July 18-21 **BMW MOA National Rally** Oregon State Fairgrounds Salem, OR July 19-21 2013 BBC Motorcycle Rally & Show (www.britishbiker.net) Eagle Cave, Blue River, WI Aztalan Short Track Races ~ 1:30 pm July 20 N6643 Gomol Rd, Lake Mills, WI www.aztalanmx.com/straces.asp August 4 Ride for Kids Firemans Park Middleton, WI August 11 Club Picnic (see upcoming events, pg. 1) August 17 Aztalan Short Track Races ~ 1:30 pm N6643 Gomol Rd, Lake Mills, WI www.aztalanmx.com/straces.asp Sept. 6-8 WI Dells Rally Chula Vista Resort Wisconsin Dells, WI Sept. 21 Aztalan Short Track Races ~ 1:30 pm N6643 Gomol Rd in Lake Mills, WI www.aztalanmx.com/straces.asp Sept. 22 Aztalan Short Track Races ~ 9 am



## Wild Goose Run photos

Submitted by Chris Eisenhauer, Keith Doyon & Lori Anderson





What a ride it was.
Started cold.
But we rode.
Then it snowed.
And we ATE.
The food was GREAT!
The sun showed.
The wind blowed.
RIDE • EAT • RIDE





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Unlike many museums, this one actually encourages photos! Make sure you bring an extra camera battery along. I would have taken more photos, however my battery died after an hour. Believe me, within just the entrance you'll be wishing for more batteries.

As mentioned they have a bit of everything if its related to motorcycles, even a sparkplug collection. Photos of clubs through the century, racing leathers, trophies, riding gear; the items are boggling.

While just about all motorcycles are represented, there is a preponderance of that Milwaukee brand. I don't mind and really enjoyed the pre-1920 models the museum had on display. Speaking of pre-1920's bikes, the museum had some I'd never heard of. Of course there were the old Indians and several Thors, but a Reading-Standard?



There was even a Curtis motorcycle of Glenn Curtis fame, who went on to develop his own contraption called an "aeroplane". BTW, in 1907 Glenn Curtis set an absolute land speed record of 136.3 MPH on an eight cylinder motorcycle he built. That record stood for 11 years. The motor-cycle shown here isn't that one. I can imagine the passenger holding on and screaming in terror, at least that's what my passengers do.



One interesting thing: Many of these bikes have been restored to beyond showroom condition but others have obviously been ridden hard and put away wet. Some look just like they were when taken out from under the tarp in

the barn. There was a four-cylinder Henderson under glass case. Under the bike was a pan to catch the oil drips, from the oil already there that

drip pan was needed.

Another interesting vintage motorcycle is the 1912 Pierce. Here's an in-line four cylinder with shaft drive. To my eye

it looks like not only an oil-inframe design but fuel-inframe. Oh wait, didn't a guy over in East troy design a line of "modern" motorcycles like that?



There's even a diorama of

a board track racers and a hill climb diorama. They really do try to have something for every motorcycle interest, although it just occurred to me I didn't see an ice racing exhibit. Maybe they bring those out during the winter months.

I can't think of a better way to spend an afternoon or two than walking around motorcycles (besides riding them of course). The National Motorcycle Museum is open seven days per week, hours vary between summer/winter so check ahead. Oh, and don't forget the extra camera batteries. •



No good can come of it when the latest in suspension, braking and two-stroke technology collides with a beatnik poet and his chunky sidekick Herb.



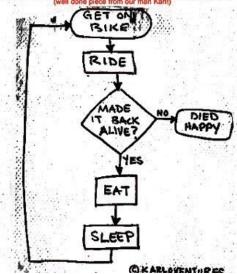
#### Captions submitted:

- John Bollig This is how chopper builders came up with the idea of extended forks..
- Tom Nauman Wheelies: you're doin' it wrong.
- Brian Manke So that's what those two nuts were for.
- Chris Eisenhauer now what? Maybe I shoulda worn that helmet after all...
- John Bollig Are these what you call air shocks?
- Brian Manke This is gonna HURT!



tires? \$11/pair. That's what!

#### **Motorcyclist circle of life!**











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#### 1st Annual Black River State Forest Trail Run Sat. June 8, 2pm-11:45pm & Sun. June 9, 12am-9pm

Start at Motorcycles of Milwaukee and Ride to Black River Forest. Spaces are limited, please RSVP with Kent at 414-358-2465 or kent@motorcyclesofmilwaukee.com.

#### BMW Bike Night at the Iron Horse Hotel Tuesday, June 18

Iron Horse Hotel 500 W Florida St Milwaukee As always, please feel free to check our website motorcyclesofmilwaukee.com or www.facebook.com/ motorcyclesofmilwaukee for more information.

## Madison BMW Club Membership Form

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