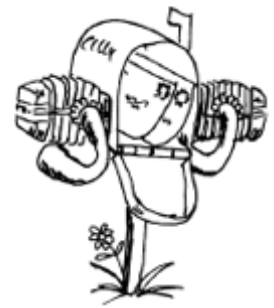


The Mail Boxer

April 2015

BMW MOA #7 • BMW RA #5



The Prez Says

Greetings all!

Welcome back to reality to all the returning snowbirds.

Not much going on, other than a SPRING snow storm. Oh well, the days are getting longer and warmer.

If you have been out riding you are well aware of the sand and other crud still on the road, and don't forget the potholes.

A few activities coming up listed in the Upcoming Events » section. Big thing coming up is GR3. May will be here before we know it.

That's all for now. Ride smart, ride safe.

Dick

Upcoming Events

****April 12, 2015****

(date change due to Easter)

Club Breakfast

VFW Post 1318

133 Lakeside St.

Meet at 9:00 am

Breakfast at 9:30

Meeting to follow

**** BMW MOA Mileage**

Contest starts April 11th **

April 19, 2015

Wild Goose Run!

April 25 – 26, 2015

Blackhawk Swap Meet

Info on pg. 4

May 3, 2015

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 15 – 17, 2015

Great River Road Rally

Info on pg. 3; Pre-reg form pg. 5

31st Annual Wild Goose Run

by Tom Van Horn

The Wild Goose Run brunch is April 19th at the Bayside Supper Club in Beaver Dam. This is **The Season Opener** in these parts, where folks ride, meet, greet, and eat...

...Last chance for advance tickets at \$13 a piece... (\$15 at the door) ... contact me.

I'll be leading a ride up—Be at the Citgo station at 4901 Commercial Ave. around 9 a.m. We'll head out around 9:10-5 ish. ...Let me know sometime if you're joining us. The season's coming ...



Mileage Contest



Starts Saturday, April 11th

This annual contest records miles ridden by MOA members on BMWs. And Wisconsin has a long tradition of winning! But last year, Pennsylvania, who's been gunning for us for years, topped us by over 92K with only 98 riders vs. our 121 completing the contest. Let's get our title back!

Get your starting entry form in the MOA Owners News or download from BMWMOA.org. Record your mileage and bring to the next meeting. Club members will sign to verify. Don't forget to include your MOA number and Charter Club number (Madison, #7). All entries must be postmarked by May 11th. Contest ends October 11, 2015.

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Happy Easter!



Motorcycle Sport-Touring Expeditionary Forces Set Sights on Wisconsin

Motomarathon to circumnavigate state for Long-distance adventure

The 2015 Wisconsin Motomarathon™ is set to bring its long-distance, motorcycle sport-touring format to the Badger State May 29-June 1, starting and ending in Wisconsin Dells with overnights in Silver City, Mich., and Hayward, Wis.

“Our Wisconsin Routemasters have designed a scenic backroad adventure, circumnavigating the entire state through its forests, prairies, rivers, lakes, hills, dales and dells,” said Motomarathon Founder John Metzger. “In our quest to ride America’s great motorcycling regions, we’re excited to discover what Wisconsin has to offer.”

For a \$50 fee, participants will receive a precisely engineered route for each day, and a copy of Metzger’s book, *Motorcycling Through Midlife*, which he wrote to help baby boomers manage the dangerous adolescent urges of “midlife crisis” through his personal journey on a motorcycle.

Motomarathon routes and checkpoints are kept secret until the night before each day’s ride. Participants complete a series of self-recorded checkpoints, photographing their badge numbers at designated landmarks. For more info and hotel details for each night, visit www.motomarathon.com or call John Metzger at 303-641-1062.

This Month's Photo

Submit your
caption on the
club's Facebook
page.



Secretary's Report

by Sherry Atkinson

March 1, 2015 Meeting Minutes



Vice President Dawn called the meeting to order. President Richard was MIA—something about, sand, beaches and warm weather.

Sam Garst gave a Rally update. The GR3 is listed in the MOA magazine. The mugs have been ordered. Volunteer sheets will be at the next few meetings so sign up.

The position of Activities Director is still open.

Sue Rhin gave a MOA update. The “Be the Adventure” sticker made the March issue of the MOA magazine. It features JT and Tom Van Horn’s bikes. If you send in a picture, make sure to use the best quality format.

Sue and Tom worked the MOA booth at the Chicago Motorcycle show. It’s the last year the MOA will be there. Thanks guys for all of the volunteer work you do!

Brian Manke MOA update, there will be a day pass into the National Rally. It’s for Saturday only and the cost is \$30.

Tom Van Horn gave the Wild Goose Ride Update—The Port Club is selling the tickets in advance. You can buy at the door but preferably in advance due to head count reasons and to reserve seating at our club table. Tom is selling tickets \$13 in advance. They are \$15 at the door.

Tom will be leading the ride up—as in the last few years, Tom will be at the Citgo station at 4901 Commercial Ave.

Meeting around 9 am and leaving around 9:10. This is east off Thompson Dr., and north of Hwy 30 on the east side. You do not have to ride up with the club to sit at the club table.

A motion was made that the club pay for club matriarch Sharon Maly and her granddaughter to attend the Wild Goose Brunch. It unanimously passed. Heidi volunteered to drive them.

Tom also gave the Slimey Crud Movie Announcement: Slimey Crud Film Festival, Saturday night, May 2, 6:30 pm at the Barrymore Theater. Bike parking out front on Atwood Street. The movie is a documentary about John Penton’s life and adventures.

Art Mischler was looking good and moving good. He’s got lots of new bikes as well as used. Stop in and check it out.

50/50 winner: Pilar Doyon

Breakfast winners: George Marquette and George Lulling

Next meetings: April VFW • May Hilltop

Think Spring! Riding Season is Coming!!!

Secretary Sherry

It's Rally Time! GR3 2015!!!

Join the Fun as the Madison BMW Club hosts the 41st Annual Great River Road Rally, May 15th–17th, at Veterans Park in beautiful Soldiers Grove, Wisconsin! Come and enjoy the roads!

Pre-register and save some \$\$. Form is on page 5. Fee covers 2 nights camping, firewood, & Sat. evening meal. Full details available at MadisonBMWClub.org & in next month’s newsletter.

Lesson Learned The F800 Shifter

by Michael Tatkov

Not sure if this translates to other newer BMW models, but a *Lesson Learned* from my wife’s F800ST: The shift lever has a pressed in bushing which appears to be made of Teflon. It is not available as a separate part.

Jill’s bike developed slop in the shifter caused by wear of this bushing. A yearly touch of grease would have avoided this condition — I was able to fabricate bushings myself, else the only solution is to purchase a complete new assembly. Not cheap.





30th Annual BMW Blackhawk Swap Meet Flea Market and MotoExpo

Now Open Two Days! April 25 & 26, 2015

Where: Winnebago County Fairgrounds (GPS coordinates: 42.316242, -89.366612)
Pecatonica, IL—Located 15 miles west of Rockford and 1 mile north of US20

Calling all shoppers, motorcycle and accessory dealers, vendors, and enthusiast-sellers!

**** Largest event of its kind! ** Admission: \$5.00 donation ****

Saturday Arrivals

- Vendor registration and set up from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Note: POSITIVELY no admission before 9 a.m.!
- Open to buyers at 1 – 6 p.m.
- Serving Lunch & Supper Saturday, as well as camping, electric hookup, showers, and flush toilets.

Sunday Arrivals

- Building opens at 6 a.m. for vendors only.
- Open to buyers at 8 a.m.
- Serving Breakfast & Lunch on Sunday
- No vehicles may be driven inside between 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

>>>> No pets inside, please! (Sorry! Fairgrounds regulations)

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Veterans Park, Soldiers Grove, WI
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May 15th – 17th, 2015

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			Club Affiliation
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PASSENGER INFORMATION (please print)			
First Name	Last Name	Initial	
Address			
City	State	Zip Code	
COST		RALLY FEES	
Adults	Pre-register \$26 Gate \$33	Rider	\$
Children 6-15 (Under 6 free)	\$10	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.			
Rider Signature		Date	
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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 1st, 2015		Madison BMW Club, LTD. Attn: GR3 Registration P.O. Box 152 McFarland, WI 53558-0152	



Last Month's Photo

Captions submitted:

- John Bollig — *How is this Wisconsin biker doing? Just scrapin' by.
— Leave the trailer in the garage; I'm heading for Daytona Bike Week.*
- Richard Olson — *Where is the lever to move blade to lefts idea roll*
- Laurel Hefty — *Do I see a tub? Why aren't they helping to shovel?*
- Corrine Jutz — *Snow! Ain't no stinking snow going to stop me.*



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2015 RIDE Dates & Rallies

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| April 19 | 31st Annual Wild Goose Run!!! Hosted by the Port Washington BMW Club. Noon brunch and festivities at the Bayside Supper Club. W9231 County Road G, Beaver Dam, WI. More info on page 1 | May 31 | Carbs & Coffee (Vintage Bikes & Cars) @ School Grounds, 4691 Sounty Hwy. N, Cottage Grove |
| April 25-26 | 30th Annual BMW Flea Market & MotoExpo. Sponsored by the Blackhawk Region BMW Asso. More info on page 4 | June 20 | Aztalan Short Track Races ~ 1:30 pm N6643 Gomol Rd in Lake Mills, WI www.aztalanmx.com/straces.asp |
| April 26 | Carbs & Coffee (Vintage Bikes & Cars) @ School Grounds, 4691 Sounty Hwy. N, Cottage Grove | July 23-25 | 43rd International BMW Motorcycles Of America Rally • Metra Park, Billings, MT • BMWMOA.org
<i>Be The Adventure!</i> |
| May 2 | Slimey Crud Run Movie Night, The Barrymore on Atwood in Madison— <i>The John Penton Story</i> | Aug. 28-30 | Galena Campout • illinoisbmwridders.com
Have some fun in Northern IL |
| May 3 | The Slimey Crud Run!!! Pine Bluff in the morning; Leland in the afternoon. Basically, a rolling Museum on Wheels! Beautiful Sunday ride! | Sept. 11-13 | Wisconsin Dells Rally • wiscbmwclub.com
Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells, WI |
| May 15-17 | 41st Annual GREAT RIVER ROAD RALLY (GR3)
Our annual club event!!! Veterans Park, Soldiers Grove, WI. Details at MadisonBMWClub.org. More info on pg. 3. Registration form on pg. 5! | Oct. 1-4 | National BMW Riders Association Rally
Boone County Fairgrounds, Harrison, AR
bmwra.org |
| | | Oct. 9-11 | the Falling Leaf Rally • gatewayriders.com
Lions Club Fairgrounds, Potosi, MO |

If you have a BMW or motorcycle event you like to attend, share with your fellow club members! Send a note to the editor for publication in *The Mail Boxer*. Events are awesome, and sometimes even better with a group of club members!

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Summer hours begin in April!

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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!

