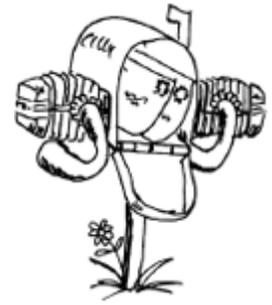


# The Mail Boxer

August 2013

BMW MOA #7 • BMW RA #5



## The Prez Says

### *Greetings all,*

Summer is almost to the half way mark, the days are getting shorter and the nights longer.

The big rally have wrapped up, hope you had a chance to get to one of them, or any of the rallies put on by our neighboring clubs.

Condolences go out to Bert and Laurel on the passing of his Mother on Sunday, July 21st.

See you at the picnic Aug 11th. Fried Chicken & Pulled Pork will be catered. Bring a side or dessert to share.

*Dick Olson*

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“People will stare. Make it worth their while.”

-- Harry Winston --

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### Homework Excuses

- It's not my fault.
- Our new puppy ate my English assignment ~ then he had a **vowel** movement.
- My brother put my homework on eBay. I tried to get it back, but I wasn't the highest bidder.
- I folded it into a paper airplane, and now I can't get to it without a ticket and two forms of identification.
- The cat ate my homework. Then my science project ate the cat.
- I did do my homework, but I closed my notebook before I could save my work. When I reopened it, it was all gone.

### Upcoming Events

August 4, 2013  
Ride for Kids  
Firemans Park  
Middleton, WI  
[www.curethekids.org/rideforkids/](http://www.curethekids.org/rideforkids/)

August 11, 2013  
Club Meeting & Picnic  
Brigham Park  
3160 County Highway F  
Blue Mounds, WI  
12 Noon

August 18, 2013  
Club Ride  
Departing at Brennans  
at 9 am ~ destination  
Borgens Cafe in Westby  
for lunch

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

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**Ride, Eat, Ride**  
**Madison, Wisconsin**



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## Summer ain't over ...

### Some Nav/Plan Tips

- Trip themes lead to interesting roads and places. Try Civil War battlefields, ferries, highest points or covered bridges. Almost anything can work for wandering the country "on tour".
- Full size gas station maps are bulky, but detailed maps are essential. Buy an oversize fifty state atlas and then tear it up, taking along only the pages needed. These oversize atlas maps contain nearly all the details of the larger folding maps.
- Downloadable GPS maps don't offer the planning and overview capability of a good printed map. "Zooming out" eliminates the details needed to plan a day of good riding. A GPS plus a library of regular printed maps make the best combination.
- An old fashioned grease or wax pencil is more reliable than a felt tip highlighter. These can go dry unexpectedly and most types use an ink that will bleed if the paper gets wet.
- When tracing a route with a pen or pencil, do not trace directly over the road's line, but draw along parallel to it, about one eighth of an inch to the side. This leaves the original cartography intact. The 'double' line that results is more noticeable at a fast glance.
- Maps go out of date. Older maps show the cool early roads and places, but they also contain errors that can cause big navigational mistakes. Use any map over ten years old with caution.

(from *Lightweight: Unsupported Motorcycle Travel for Terminal Cases*, by Aero Design & Mfg. Co. Inc. ~ aka Aerostich)

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## This Month's Photo

Submit your caption on the club's Facebook page.



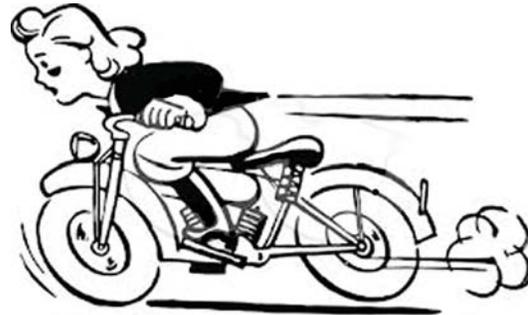


## Day Ride Destination

by Steve Huber

Hoard Historical Museum  
National Dairy Shrine  
401 Whitewater Avenue  
Fort Atkinson  
<http://www.hoardmuseum.org>  
<http://www.dairyshrine.org/>

*(closed Sunday & Monday)*



Yes my friends, there is a national dairy shrine. And yes, you should visit it. And to sweeten the deal you get two museums in one visit!

I became more interested in Wisconsin's dairy history after reading *Creating Dairyland* by Ed Janus. After riding past this nondescript building for years the "National Dairy Shrine" sign finally got to me and decided to stop in for a visit. What a loss of my time for passing by this little gem.

I'll start out that I am prejudiced: I appreciate that most collections have Aunt Maud's hanky and the hand cranked Victrola. I hate those, usually the items have no context and aren't labeled. Yes, this museum has those items and much more.

Let's start at the beginning. It's a free museum and except if you're really a cheapskate the "suggested" \$5 donation is not unreasonable. For that insignificant contribution you get a museum volunteer who hands you a map to the museum and chats you up about the exhibits. That map is useful, both museums (the dairy museum and historical museum) are spread out and cover two floors plus the attached Hoard mansion. It's easy to think "gee, that must be it" and miss an entire room.

The Dairy Shrine has a self-guided audio/visual presentation that extolls the dairy industry. I suppose that shouldn't be a surprise. The presentation is entertaining but won't be challenging Disney World in production values.

Downstairs is an extensive collection of dairy industry artifacts. You'll see butter churns, butter molds, cow blankets, cow models, cream separators, milking stools; you name it they likely have it.

After satisfying your curiosity over the dairy implements turn your attention to the historical museum. On the first floor are exhibits on early Native American woodland life from around the mound building period.

The Abe Lincoln library has exhibits from the Fort Koshkonong period and Abe's involvement during the Blackhawk War. No, you're not allowed to browse the books or check them out. And as far as I know there's not a Kindle edition either.

Wandering elsewhere through the building brings you to the Hoard house and exhibits of 19th century life. The museum is attempting to restore the mansion to it's period décor as funds allow. Unfortunately they do have a way to go before this is completed (so pay that admission donation!).

Fort Atkinson is short ride from Madison via Hwy 12, however if you try I'm sure you'll find some interesting roads along the Rock River. Get off that couch and take a ride.

## 2013 RIDE Dates

- Every Wed BIKE NIGHT 5:30-9:30  
Quaker Steak & Lube  
Live Music + Vendors
- August 3 Rockerbox  
818 E. Center St. Milwaukee
- August 4 Ride for Kids  
Firemans Park  
Middleton, WI  
Register online at [www.curethekids.org/rideforkids/](http://www.curethekids.org/rideforkids/)
- August 10 Motorcycles of Milwaukee  
1st Year Anniversary Open House  
(See ad on page 6 for more info)
- August 11 Club Picnic  
Brigham Park  
3160 County Highway F  
Blue Mounds, WI  
12 Noon
- August 17 Aztalan Short Track Races ~ 1:30 pm  
N6643 Gomol Rd, Lake Mills, WI  
[www.aztalanmx.com/straces.asp](http://www.aztalanmx.com/straces.asp)
- August 18 Club Ride  
Departing at Brennans at 9 am ~  
Destination Borgens Cafe in Westby  
Ride • Eat • Ride
- August 24 Motorcycles of Milwaukee  
Wheelie Wizard Stunt Show  
(See ad on page 6 for more info)
- Sept. 6-8 WI Dells Rally  
Chula Vista Resort  
Wisconsin Dells, WI  
[www.wiscbmwclub.com](http://www.wiscbmwclub.com)
- Sept. 21 Aztalan Short Track Races ~ 1:30 pm  
N6643 Gomol Rd in Lake Mills, WI  
[www.aztalanmx.com/straces.asp](http://www.aztalanmx.com/straces.asp)

**I'M NOT  
SPEEDING  
I'M QUALIFYING!**

## Book Review: *A favorite of your editor*

### Longrider: A Tale of Just Passin' Through

By Mark "Tiger" Edmonds

"BMW's (Bavarian Motor Works) are German bikes. In fact, the BMW people invented motorcycles. The machines are known for their durability. That first BMW was a brand new 1971 R75/5 (the R75 meant it was a 750cc, and the /5 indicated the first model like it put into production). They advertised it as The WunderBike, and The Obermeister of the Autobahn.

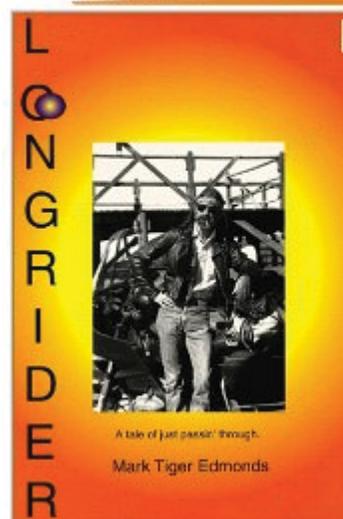
This one was gray, woops, I mean German Racing Silver. I dressed it with a handlebar fairing. A fairing is the big plastic portion that the windshield is attached to. Handlebar fairings are small, and attach to the handlebars. Frame mounted fairings are much larger, often covering the whole front of the motorcycle.

I can't recall the name of the brand. Yes, I do too. It was a Wixom. This was back when the only frame-mounted fairings were those English Avons, and they were lots more dangerous than a handlebar fairing. They were also real expensive, and I doubt they even made one that would go on the new BMWs. Nineteen seventy-one was the first year BMW made a bike without that big, heavy Earle's fork front end. That fairing I got for mine was black. That was the color you could get. I also bought a real good pair of leather saddlebags, and put a tailrack and crash bars on it. A tailrack is a chrome luggage carrier that attaches behind the seat. Crash bars stick out low on the sides, and work sort of like roll bars on a car. In the case of BMWs, they protect the cylinders which stick out sideways from the engine.

It was one hell of a ride. Riders often refer to their motorcycle as a ride, a bike, a scooter, a machine, a cycle. And that really does rhyme with pickle. See glossary for details.

I rode way over two hundred thousand miles on that machine. Most of it long rides, trips of a few thousand miles, and more. His name was Charlemagne, but he let me call him Chuck. Only time I ever had to put any oil in that bike was in Nevada one time in a hundred and eleven degree temperature after we had run all day up around a hundred miles an hour. Chuck was a hell of a bike."

Here's a peek **INSIDE!**



# Secretary's Report

by Sherry Atkinson's  
ghost writer...



Sunday, July 7th Meeting Minutes

The meeting was not happening. Cancelled due to riding, vacations, riding, nice weather, riding, swimming, riding, family reunions, riding, eating, riding, drinking (not while riding), track days, riding, boating, riding, music fests, riding and ... did I mention riding.

*See U at the Picnic!*  
*Secretary Sherry's ghost*

## Announcing "Chicagoland"—a 9-hour Rally

I'm throwing my helmet into the ring and announce the "Chicagoland" 9-hour Rally August 17, 2013. This is the perfect event to try your hand at the long distance motorcycle rallying. Encompassing the "Chicagoland" area, this overgrown scavenger hunt on two wheels is designed to be a fun challenge for riders with all levels of experience.

Rally HQ is Veteran's Memorial Park 5899 E. 73rd Ave Hobart, IN 46342.

Riders meeting at 8am. Rally starts at 9am and riders shall return by 6pm.

Entrants are welcome to run their digitally equipped full-on rally bikes in the Expert and Novice classes and there will be an optional "Unplugged" rally book for those that do not wish to use GPS or computers. If you are new to rallies, keep in mind any type of bike can be ridden. Farkled out LD bikes are not required to have a successful rally...it's all about Reading Comprehension and Time Management.

Cheap Entry fee too: \$25 solo; \$30 two-up (Kids under 18 as passengers are free BUT they must wear a helmet, long pants and long sleeve shirt.)

See the website for more details <https://sites.google.com/site/chicagoland9hourrally/>

Registration is now open at <https://rides.jasonjonas.com/regRequest.php?id=285>

Hope to meet you there.

*Phillip DeCausemaker*, Rallymaster

## True Story

While hanging out at a condo with a couple of BMW friends, this conversation *actually* took place:

Biker 1: Don't worry about the cooking. We're gonna take care of everything and give you a night off.

Biker 2: Hold on! If you mean I'm helping, we've got to find the smoke detector and put it in the freezer.

Biker 1: But ... then, how do you know when it's done?

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### Events

What: Motorcycles of Milwaukee 1st Anniversary  
 Open House

Where: Motorcycles of Milwaukee  
 12011 W. Silver Spring Drive Milwaukee, WI

When: Saturday, August 10th

Food, Drinks, Sales prices on bikes, apparel and more!

What: Wheelie Wizard Stunt Show

Where: Motorcycles of Milwaukee  
 12011 W. Silver Spring Drive Milwaukee, WI

When: Saturday, August 24th from 10am to 1pm

First show starts at 10am and the second show is at Noon!

# Last Month's Photo



Captions submitted:

- Corrine Jutz — We're going to beat em! Then we take 1st 2nd & 3rd.!
- Angie Bowman—School girls rule!
- Todd Herbst—Helmets! We no need no stinkin' helmets. Sept' in our basket.
- Rick Bartels—Crap were gonna be late for school!!
- Geo Marquette—I told you! Ethanol free makes everything go



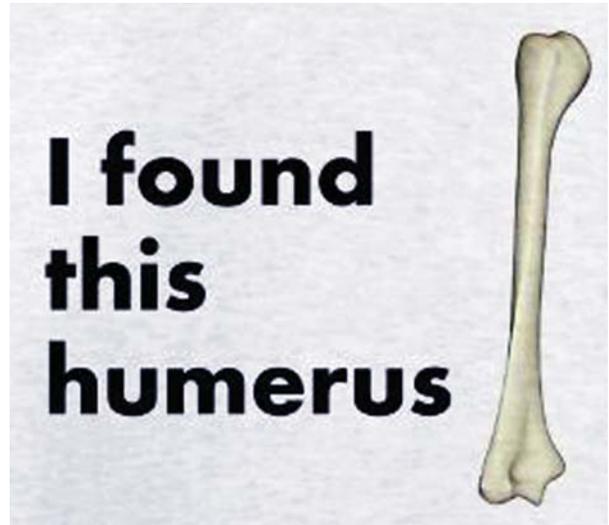
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**Holy Sh\*t!** That's a cop!



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# Madison BMW Club Membership Form

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Are you a New Member Y / N or are you a Current Member \* Y / N

MOA# \_\_\_\_\_ RA# \_\_\_\_\_

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Interests, comments, etc... \_\_\_\_\_

Please send the Mail Boxer via e-mail Y / N 1 calendar year membership\* \$20.00 / family + \$5.00\*\*  
\*\* After June 30, dues are 1-year membership \$10.00 / family + \$5.00 \*\*

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

