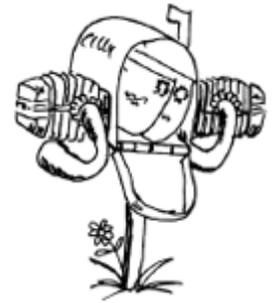


The Mail Boxer

January 2015

BMW MOA #7 • BMW RA #5



The Prez Says

Greetings all!

Not much to say other than ...

*Have a Joyous Holiday Season with
Family and Friends. See you in 2015!*

Dick

Hello!

Note posted to FB
from Perry Brokaw,
our Seattle member.

“Seattle skyline in
the background.
It’s December and
forty degrees ...
Equals motorcycle
time!”

Rub it in Perry.
Rub it in.



From the Family of Stephen D. Schlough

Dear BMW Members,

I was so pleased, as I know Steve was, to see so many BMW friends there to celebrate Steve’s life with us.

Steve enjoyed his association with the local club and continued his interest in BMW through local and Nat’l rallies when he could no longer ride. His BMW magazine contues to come to the house. When he longer manager books, he loved reading the BMW magazine.

The money you donated to Second Harvest Food Bank will help feed many during our cold Wisconsin winter. Thank you so much!

Mary Ellen Schlough

Upcoming Events

January 4, 2015
Club Breakfast
VFW Post 1318
133 Lakeside St.
Meet at 9:00 am
Breakfast at 9:30
Meeting to follow

**Time to *renew* your
membership! It has it’s
privileges!!!**

February 1, 2015
Club Breakfast
VFW Post 1318
133 Lakeside St.
Meet at 9:00 am
Breakfast at 9:30
Meeting to follow

**Wear your name tag at
club events and get to
know fellow members by
name!**

March 1, 2015
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Meet at 9:00 am
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The Passing ... er ... Sharing of Duties



“...As always, our Great River Road Rally chairs are sober, ready and organized...”

— Sue Rihn (Thanks for the photo too!)

Sam Garst (left), who agreed to be this year's rally chair and was unanimously voted in, receives the *GR3 Rally Binder of Almighty Knowledge* from previous chairs Katy (center) and Judi (right). Katy and Judi will continue to assist with the rally as co-chairs.

Planning begins this month! Come to the meetings. Get involved. Volunteer!

Remember, a good rally needs volunteers to be successful—but a GREAT rally has a team of volunteers working together, almost in unison, thinking about what needs to be done next so we can all relax and have a good time. And we host the **GREAT RIVER ROAD RALLY (GR3)** for a reason—We are a GREAT Club!!! With GREAT members and GREAT minds!!!

PS. Note the sign in the background behind Judi—It read, “Don't Scare Us Like That”

This
Month's
Photo

Submit your caption
on the club's
Facebook page.



Secretary's Report

by Sherry Atkinson



December 7th, 2014 Meeting Minutes

President Richard called the meeting to order. Membership dues are due. Please send a check to John Ong. (Form and address on back cover.)

We received a Thank You card from Mary Ellen Schlough (page 1). She will be donating some door prizes for GR3.

VP Dawn reports that this year's banquet had a record number of attendees. Next year's banquet will also be held at the Elks Club. Thanks for coming and a special thanks to all those who make the banquet a success.

The position of Activities Director is still open.

Congratulations Steve Lemke on the club high mileage award!!!!

Sue reminded us to update our anonymous book info.



Lars asked Ole, "Do ya know da difference between a Norwegian and a canoe?"

"No, I don't," said Ole.

"A canoe will sometimes tip," explained Lars.



Randy Boris announced the RA Rally is going to be in Harrison Arkansas at the Boone County Fairgrounds. October 1st thru the 4th, 2015. Preregistration starts in January.

50/50 winner: Angie Bowman

Breakfast winner: Dawn Feneht

January meeting: VFW

February meeting: VFW

Happy New Year!

Secretary Sherry

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How to Win Mileage Awards

ride, Ride, RIDE!!! eat. maybe some hot coffee or beverage of your choice. then ride, Ride, RIDE SOME MORE!!!

Despite the frigid Wisconsin Temperatures, Steve Lempke and Corrine Jutz both rode to the December Club Breakfast Meeting. Highs in the 20s. No snow. But bbbrrrrr..... these boys are cRaZy!

It's not mileage contest season, but these two clubbers show why Wisconsin remains the TOP state in Mileage awards. Combined, they have over one million, seven hundred thousand miles! Yes, that's 1,700,000 miles!



Congratulations Steve!
High Mileage Winner
Madison BMW Club
2014

Left: Steve and his award.
Upper right: Steve's
R1150RT
Lower right: Corrine's Dakar



A Little Humor to Warm You

PARAPROSDOKIANS (Winston Churchill loved them) are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently humorous.

Compliments of TVH, reposted from ListServ

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on my list.
3. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
5. We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.
6. War does not determine who is right—only who is left.
7. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
8. They begin the evening news with 'Good Evening,' then proceed to tell you why it isn't.
9. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
10. Buses stop in bus stations. Trains stop in train stations. On my desk is a work station.
11. I thought I wanted a career. Turns out I just wanted paychecks.
12. In filling out an application, where it says, 'In case of emergency, notify:' I put 'DOCTOR.'
13. I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
14. Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.
15. Behind every successful man is his woman. Behind the fall of a successful man is usually another woman.
16. A clear conscience is the sign of a fuzzy memory.
17. You do not need a parachute to skydive.....you only need a parachute to skydive twice.
18. Money can't buy happiness, but it sure makes misery easier to live with.
19. There's a fine line between cuddling and holding someone down so they can't get away.
20. I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.
21. You're never too old to learn something stupid.
22. To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
23. Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.
24. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
25. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
26. Where there's a will, there are relatives.

Mexico in February: continued...

The following is a blog created by Russell and Annette Champion in 2005 documenting their month long trip to Mexico. This is part TWO of a series which will appear in condensed form. For those of you who are interested in more detail and photos, gorgeous photos, it can be found at:

http://travelpod.com/z?u=tex06rus&t=cycle_mexico-05&e=113482580&p=tpod



February 8

hola! Amigos

Another day, another city, another internet shop. We left Ciudad Victoria at 11:05, travelling south to San Luis Potosi. People told us that it would be a four hour trip. We stopped about half way for gas in a town called Tula and decided to stay. Very Mexican. It was about 2:30. At my speed we would never make San Luis Potosi. I drive the speed limit, unlike most everyone else. We drove through the greatest mountain roads, which seemed to climb for over 1.5 hours. Constant curves. Then it was down, down, down. We finally drove quite some distance with stretches of construction, the longest was 7.4 kilometers. I drive very slowly through these stretches, adding to the drive time.

Our hotel in Tula is quaint. Clean and quiet, for 200 pesos, or just over \$18. The motorcycle is in a locked parking space. We are now going to find a nice restaurant, after having an abbreviated happy hour.

February 9

Greetings from San Luis Potosi! Our stay here has been so enjoyable that we extended for a second day. The weather is perfect, the city is clean, our hotel is within a couple blocks of two main plazas, it was an easy decision to make this a two day stop.

Yesterday was Ash Wednesday. People were coming to the churches all during the day, even past 9:00 PM to get blessed with the ashes. We attended the Carmel Church which is fantastic. There is a side chapel with the altar of gold leaf from the floor to the ceiling. The style is like we saw in some churches in Europe, very ornate. It was like a huge fair in the plaza outside. Mostly food vendors that sell a large variety of items such as malted milks (\$.50), French fries, hot cakes, pastries, Mexican specialties. Everything is so colorful!

Allow me to back up to the trip down from Tula. We left Tula at 11:05 and arrived in San Luis at 3:30. Driving the first sixty miles of the route was not so great due to the washboard surface.

Our hotel is but two blocks from the main plaza. The cost is only \$16 per night. Got my cycle through the front door with the help of the local motorcycle traffic cop. It is parked five feet from the main desk!

We took a guided one-hour tour of the city in a small bus made to look like a trolley car. It was in Spanish, of course. Gold and silver were discovered in early conquest times, making this an important center. We see a lot of restoration underway.

The cycle hasn't moved since parking it in the hotel lobby.

It is a good thing that we can walk to everywhere we want to go. The downtown area is not conducive to driving due to the narrow, old streets and the traffic. You can imagine that most corners are blind with few stop signs. The main arterials are mostly three to four lanes wide and have traffic lights, but get off them and it is another story. Pedestrians have the right of way and they are everywhere.

February 10

We fired up the cycle and were on the road at 10:35, a cool overcast morning. We have yet to be in any hurry to get going. Getting out of San Luis Potosi was a breeze. Highway 57 south was another fine road, a divided four lane road. We eventually turned off and travelled a good two lane highway, arriving in San Miguel in mid afternoon, 160km or 99 miles. We descended into San Miguel on cobblestone streets, reminiscent of Puerto Vallarta.

Found much traffic near the main plaza. No main thoroughfares here. A lot of stop and go driving which caused the cycle to run hotter than I would have liked. I parked the cycle as soon as we reached the main plaza.

As is the custom, Annette stayed by the bike while I went exploring for a suitable hotel. We located a lovely hotel for \$41 a night and not too far from the main plaza. While waiting for our room to be prepared I had a beer and Annette a liquado (bananas, strawberries, papaya), the best she said she has had in years. Beer and liquado cost only 23 pesos, or \$2.04.

All the streets that we have travelled today are narrow and lovely. The narrow sidewalks require me to often walk in the street, always conscious of cars and buses. The shopping "looks fabulous", according to Annette. Lots of different and beautiful things. This is the first time thus far that we noticed a good number of gringos on the street speaking English. The Mexican government has declared the entire town a national monument. The population is now 63,000 and the elevation is 1840m or 6,072 feet.

February 11

We took a city tour, again in Spanish, that even if we missed most of what was told us we still were able to see parts of the city and some important sites that we would have otherwise missed.

We will be off tomorrow for the next city. I'm not sure which one it will be. There will not be much travel time needed, as the rest of our intended towns are now quite close by.

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Last Month's Photo

Captions submitted:

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- Corrine Jutz — *The Grinch tried to steal Christmas. Looks like Rudolph caught him!*
- Tom Norn — *Sir - or whatever you are - are you the owner of this vehicle?..*
- Heidi Goehring — *So that's how the Grinch stole Christmas!?!?!*



Club Members Make Christmas a Little Better for an Area Family in Need

It was announced at the last meeting that an area family was in need of boys size 2T and girls size 3T winter clothing. The Bickels came up with several items for the little girl, but that still left the little boy 'out in the cold' so to speak. Boyd quickly took off his hat and said, "we can do better!" He reached in his pocket, tossed in some cash, and passed the hat. Kudos! We collected a total of \$82.

A few toys were added. A gift certificate was purchased at Goodwill for \$25, accompanying a 20% off coupon, and the rest in cash (crisp new bills from the bank) was presented to the family. Mom got tears in her eyes, gave me huge hug and kept saying "Thank You" over and over. They were deeply touched that a group of strangers would this for them.

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