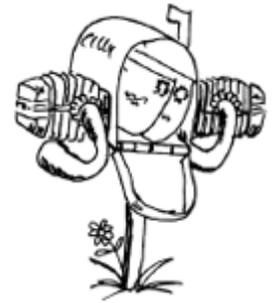


The Mail Boxer

March 2015

BMW MOA #7 • BMW RA #5



The Prez Says

Greetings all!

By the time your reading this, hopefully the extreme cold will be done with. I will be driving back from Florida, so VP Dawn will be doing the March meeting. Check out the what's happening column, for upcoming activities. See you at the April breakfast.

Dick

Attention All Members:

Due to holidays and conflicts, our meeting schedule for 2015 has some adjustments. We will have our Breakfast meetings on the following Sundays at the VFW on Lakeside St.: March 1, April 12, June 7, July 12 and December 6. Usual time—meet at 9 a.m., breakfast 9:30, meeting to follow.

We will meet at Hilltop on May 3 and October 4 before the Slimey Crud Run. Meet at 9 a.m., breakfast 9:30, meeting to follow.

There will be NO breakfasts August, September & November. August 9th is our Picnic at Brigham Park; September's meeting is cancelled; and November 14th is our annual Banquet at the Elks Club.

ALSO...

It is time for our **RA membership renewal**. I am asking for 3 RA members to be at the March 1st Breakfast meeting at the VFW to sign the renewal form. Please bring your RA number to add to it. I'll send it after the meeting as it's due March 1st.

Tsaritsa Dawn



The Madison BMW Club would like to give a warm welcome to new members Phil & Vicki Ostien, Bruce's parents. They have joined the club and Phil is getting a 1200RT spiffed up for some riding with us.

Upcoming Events

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

****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

April 19, 2015
Wild Goose Run!
Info on page 2

April 25 – 26, 2015
Blackhawk Swap Meet
Info on page 2 & 4

May 4th, 2014
Club Breakfast
Hilltop Restaurant
Cty. P, Pine Bluff
Meet at 9:00 am
Breakfast at 9:30
Meeting to follow
CRUD RUN after that!!!

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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...

...Once again, the good people at the Port Club would like to sell the tickets in advance. At-the-door sales are done, but they (understandably) would like us to buy in advance for head count reasons. Also, advance tix are reserved seating with your own club. I have advance tickets at \$13 a piece... (\$15 at the door)

I'll be leading a ride up—As in the last few years, I'll be at the Citgo station at 4901 Commercial Ave. meeting around 9 a.m. and leaving around 9:10-5 ish. This is east of Thompson Dr., and north of Hwy 30 on the east side.

You need not run up with us to sit at the club table, but I need to know if you want a ticket... ...Let me know sometime if you're joining us. The season's coming!

2015 BMW Flea Market & MotoExpo

by Bruce Ostien

I can't guarantee that you'll find what you are looking for at the Pecatonica flea market, but I can guarantee that you'll be surrounded by people that likely have the same sickness for motorcycles as you.

One could probably make it around to all of the booths in an hour's time, but I find that spending the entire weekend allows the right amount of time for in-depth conversations about the merits of this motorcycle design over that one, and just general obsessing about cycles. Having bits and pieces of cycles laying around greatly assists this process!

In the evening, I usually end up over at the Blackhawk club campsite begging for food, trying to stay warm and listening to campfire stories. The flea market is my first overnight outing of the season and leaves me with a small sense of accomplishment when I wake up and find that my tent and sleeping bag have sustained me during the cool night.

The flea market is a great opportunity to get rid of your own unused motorcycle related items. The Madison Club will have a couple of tables to display items that you may have for sale. Everyone shares working the booth so there's plenty of time to walk around and see what others are selling.

All in all it's a great opportunity to expend pent-up motorcycle related energy and enjoy great fellowship. Hope to see you there!

(More info on page 4; Contact Bruce if you've got something to sell.)

This Month's Photo

Submit your caption
on the club's
Facebook page.



Secretary's Report



February 8, 2015 Meeting Minutes (Storm chased Feb.1 meeting to the 8th)

President Richard called the meeting to order. **Busy meeting! Rally planning! Lots of stuff covered!!!**

Tom Van Horn announced the date of the Wild Goose Run as April 19th. Tickets are \$13 in advance/\$15 at the door. The full announcement and information will be in the next newsletter (see page 2 ««).

MOA Ambassador Sue Rihn, National Rally Chair, gave an MOA update on the Billings Rally reminding everyone that if they've ever wanted to take an Alpine riding trip, the Bear Tooth and many beautiful area passes are the closest they'll find in the US.

July
23rd-25th



Sue also gave a plug for the MOA and shared an extra copy of ON. She included a reminder that the mileage contest begins in April.

MOA Ambassador Brian Manke will chair the Oil Change area at the Billings Rally. Bruce Bowman and Bruce Ostein will co-chair. They invited anyone going to stop by and volunteer for a few hours.

Tom Van Horn announced the International Motorcycle Show is next weekend (Feb. 13-15) in Rosemont, IL. Anyone planning to attend should let members know for possible car pooling. Sue added that the MOA will have a booth there that will include MOA branded clothing.

Sam Garst, GR3 rally chair, gave an update on the rally. Headline: Tight Budget!

- ◇ Mugs have been ordered with the a big twin logo design. The order will cover future rallies and to get a quantity discount. Art Mischler is sponsoring the mugs. The rally pins will be dated and show updated logo.
- ◇ There's no volunteer rate this year. All members are encouraged to attend the rally **we host**. Volunteer sheets will be available at the next meeting.
- ◇ Negotiations with the Lions Club for prices & menu options is underway. If anyone has suggestions, please share. (John Ong suggested serving road kill. He was kidding of course, ... or was he? He rides a Ural.)
- ◇ Hoping to negotiate a better Sat. breakfast deal with the church ladies. (GR3 is prime fundraiser for Lions & Church group; we'd like to continue to support them.)

- ◇ The Driftless Brewery is being contacted about selling craft brews at rally central.
- ◇ The Dave Maly Memorial Ride will be led by Peter Feneht this year.
- ◇ On a final rally note, no \$\$ for band on Friday. George Marquette suggested we run motorcycle movies instead. Sam will research to see if we can get sound equipment to go with his projector & make this feasible.

Bert Hefty is looking for someone to run the Madison table at the Blackhawk Swap Meet. We need someone to set up our spot Sat. a.m.; same spot as previous years. Other members with stuff to sell join in and split the nominal fee, chat, and take turns manning the booth. Camping is free. Usually some libations are shared around a campfire. The event ends Sun. afternoon and you pack up and go home. Bruce O. volunteered. (See pages 2 & 4.)

VP Dawn announced she has reserved the shelter at Brigham park near Mt. Horeb for our summer picnic on Sun., Aug. 9th. She will also be signing the contract with the Elks Club for the fall banquet in Nov.

Next breakfast is March 1st at the VFW. Bert asked if there was any interest in holding a 'Ride-n-Shoot' after the meeting. Come prepared if interested, and head to the Yellowstone Shooting Range for some target practice after.

April meeting is at the VFW on the **12th** due to Easter.

May meeting is the 3rd and will be at the Hilltop in Pine Bluff. Slimey Crud Run to follow. TVH said there will be a movie night prior to the run. "The Penton Story" will be shown.

50/50 winner: Katy Henning • Breakfast winner: Bert Hefty

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

"The world has much more to offer than a green blur as you cling to the handle bars with white knuckles. Enjoy the ride, not to see how fast you can cover ground, because someday that same ground, will cover you."

— Dave Maly



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

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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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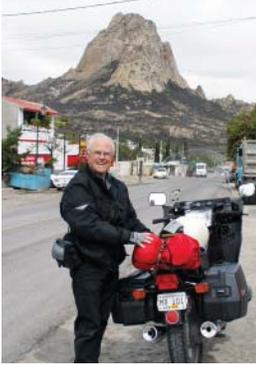
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Mexico in February: the final chapter...

The following is a blog created by Russell and Annette Champion in 2005 documenting their month long trip to Mexico. This is part 4 and the final part of a condensed series. 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=1113482580&p=tpod

February 18

As we came over the Desert Mountains, we saw below us a beautiful green fertile valley of vegetables that stretched for almost

as far as you could see. When we passed the Birdseye plant, I realized that this was the place my cousin had worked as an engineer for many years, staying for three to four month stretches.

We are now in Celaya, 70 miles southeast of Guanajuato. It was an enjoyable drive, taking highway 67 through some up and down and around terrain. Arrived in Celaya just after 1:00 to find more traffic than I liked. Lots of one-way streets, traffic lights yes, but some tight intersections with a sign that reads, "Alto, uno por uno". Translated—*Stop & proceed after letting one car from the right or left through.* There is a lot of courtesy expected of drivers. We have yet to see a fender bender or accident in our Mexican travels.

I found a nice hotel, Hotel Isabel, perhaps the best this trip. Only \$23! It is large and clean, with 3 beds—2 doubles & a single. Still no CNN however, but there are quite a few English stations. My cycle is in the secured hotel garage, right in front of the guard office.

February 19

Getting to Queretaro, our southernmost destination, from Celaya was a snap.

However, finding our resort proved a real challenge. We drove around for two hours and asked for directions four times before reaching the Hacienda Jurica.



February 20

We took a bus trip into the city where we attended mass in the Templo de San Francisco. There is a good regional museum next to the church, a former monastery and seminary begun in 1540.

The bus ride back to Jurica was a hair raising experience. Some of you will remember the ride in Puerto Vallarta when a lady accused the driver of being a "driver from hell." Our driver was his brother.

February 22

The desk clerk here at the resort advised us to visit a church that he considers a true gem. The Templo of Santa Rosa de Viterbo has the "most beautiful retables of the city", he

said. It was amazing, one of those churches with walls of carvings covered with gold leaf.

February 24

Another trip into the city today. A couple places on our list to see included the aqueduct and the Church of the



Holy Cross. Both proved to be worthwhile. The aqueduct was an engineering marvel for that day. Still bringing water to the city, it is gigantic and includes 74 arches. Started in 1726, it took just over eight years to be constructed.

A short five minute walk from where the aqueduct enters the

city is the famous Church of the Holy Cross. Connected to the church is the Convent of the Franciscan missionaries.

The trip has been an economical one for us, costing an average of only \$21 a day, excluding credit card purchases.

February 25

Today we prepared to leave in the morning. There is a great mountain road going north that we look forward to traveling as motorcyclists—highways 100 and 120 on the way to Jalpan, Xilitla and Ciudad Valles.

February 27

After a one day delay caused by rain, we fired up the BMW and began our return trip to Texas. But first, let me tell you a few things about yesterday.

What a trip on highways 100 and 120. We traveled 130 miles taking a route recommended by Pancho, a man who lives in The Valley and has taken many groups on motorcycle tours into Mexico. He said it would be unforgettable and it was.



March 1

Well we did it! 1,500 miles traveled on our month long trip to the central plateau of Mexico. It ended at 1:30 today. Annette calls it the trip of a lifetime. We are so happy that we were able to do it, that our health allowed for it, that we had no accidents and our cycle ran perfectly all the way.

Editor's note: What has been condensed doesn't do justice to Russ' trip. Read the full version and see all the photos online!

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March 14th: "Info-Tainment" Seminar for BOOM!

at Mischler's, 11am – 1:30pm

March 25th: Ladies Night

at Mischler's, 6 – 8pm

All Month

Schedule your pick-up date for stored motorcycles.

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.

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Last Month's Photo

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- Jim Galaszewski — The old "Slippery Wiener" trick.
- Todd Herbst — Boy. You are asking for trouble.
- Corrine Jutz — Keep your wiener under control!
- Todd Herbst — I've never let my wiener get that out of control.
- John Bollig — A giant wiener accident? That's the WURST.
- Anonymous — Heading to Miller Park for race tryouts, Oscar lost control while trying to 'ketchup' to the Brewers #1 Brett Wurst.



2015 RIDE Dates: Spring is coming!

& so is Rally Season!

- 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 at portbmwclub.com.
- April 25-26 30th Annual BMW Flea Market & MotoExpo. Sponsored by the Blackhawk Region BMW Asso. Winnebago County Fairgrounds, Pecatonica, IL. Sat. 1-6 pm • Sun. 8 am-3 pm More info at Blackhawkbmwclub.org
- May 3 The Slimey Crud Run!!! Pine Bluff in the morning; Leland in the afternoon. See 1000s of bikes, all different makes & models at this unofficial MC event which can literally be described as a *Museum on Wheels!* Increase your miles for the mileage contest and pick a diverse route back home. Beautiful Sunday ride! Pray for good weather!!!
- June 20 Aztalan Short Track Races ~ 1:30 pm N6643 Gomol Rd in Lake Mills, WI www.aztalanmx.com/straces.asp

- May 15-17 41st Annual GREAT RIVER ROAD RALLY (GR3) Our annual club event!!! Veteran's Park, Soldiers Grove, WI. Registration form in April newsletter!
- July 23-25 43rd International BMW Motorcycles Of America Rally • Metra Park, Billings, MT BMWMOA.org
- Aug. TBA Galena Campout illinoisbmwrider.com
- Sept. 11-13 Wisconsin Dells Rally Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells, WI wiscbmwclub.com
- Oct. 1-4 National BMW Riders Association Rally Boone County Fairgrounds, Harrison, AR bmwra.org
- Oct. 9-11 the Falling Leaf Rally Lions Club Fairgrounds, Potosi, MO gatewayriders.com

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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