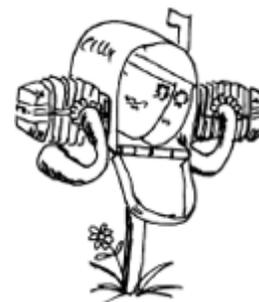


# The Mail Boxer

November 2014

BMW MOA #7 • BMW RA #5



## The Prez Says

### *Greetings all!*

Not much going on, riding season is winding down, and time to get out the winter toys.

Rode out to Brian Manke's oil change and tech day and picnic. Had a good showing of Madison Club members. I hope Brian managed to get all the chicken taken care of, he had about 10 chickens on a rotisserie and dips and snacks in the kitchen, along with liquid refreshments of your choice.

Don't forget to bring your mileage statements to the banquet, get them signed and we'll do a mass mailing.

Advanced reminder, you might want to mail in your membership due between now and January.

Ride safe, dress warm or plug in.

### *Dick*

### Thank You!

by Brian Manke

Thank you to all who attended the Fall Oil Change Clinic, Picnic & Campout. We had about 70 people stop by throughout the day. Members from both the Madison and Wisconsin clubs were present, along with some rally goers, friends and neighbors.

Some came just to chat, some to work on their bikes, and some to dine on the fabulous feast that was served. The day was a little chilly, but the fire pit & chicken roaster offered warm-up areas prior to lighting the big bonfire after we gorged.

Thanks to all those that brought a dish to share, and to those that contributed with a donation. And Special Thanks to GR3/Dells rally goers Eric Schindler, for roasting 15 chickens, and Tom Odgers, for bringing his Brand New Bike Lift for its inaugural operation—I think we broke it in.



### Upcoming Events

November 8, 2014  
Club Banquet & Awards  
Elks Club  
711 Jennifer Street,  
Madison, WI  
5 p.m. Cocktails  
6 p.m. Dinner

#### **Wear your name tag!**

December 7, 2014  
Club Breakfast  
VFW Post 1318  
133 Lakeside St. (corner  
of John Nolen Dr.)  
Meet at 9:00 am  
Breakfast at 9:30  
Meeting to follow

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

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

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## RIP to some dear friends

by Heidi Goehring

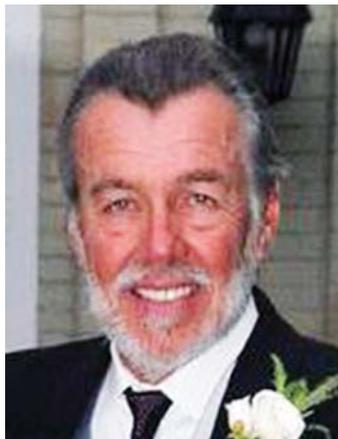
I regretfully am reporting on two long-time BMW riders that have recently taken to riding in heaven on the streets paved in gold.

**Steve D. Schlough** (right) was a former Madison Club member. He passed away on Saturday, Oct. 18, 2014, at age 76.

As per his obituary, Steve was an avid reader. He loved his newspaper and the first thing he checked was the obits to "see if I was in it."

He also enjoyed singing, as well as traveling with the Diocesan Choir. He loved being an armchair coach for the Green Bay Packers and UW-Madison sports. A special favorite were his trips with family and friends from coast to coast in his RV. He also enjoyed going to **BMW motorcycle rallies**, yearly trips to Jamaica, time at his cottage, working on old cars, and puttering around.

A memorial gathering was held on Friday, Oct. 24, 2014. Memorials may be made to Second Harvest Food Bank of Dane and Columbia Counties for anyone wishing to do so.



**Karl J. Kohlwey** (left), aka 'Lightning' in the BMW community, was a long time member of the **Port Washington Club and an avid rally goer**. He went to his heavenly home October 22, 2014, at age 66.

Services were held on Tuesday, October 28, 2014, in Grafton. I'm told it was quite a reunion of BMW old timers. Lots of stories shared about riding with Lightning and trying to keep up.

Memorials to the American Diabetes Association are appreciated.



This  
Month's  
Photo

Submit your caption  
on the club's  
Facebook page.

# Secretary's Report

by Sherry Atkinson



October 5th, 2014 Meeting Minutes

President Richard called the meeting to order. It was a Crud Run breakfast. Making it short so we can all go to the Crud.

The Annual Banquet will be November 8th at the Elks Club in Madison. Don't forget to get your mileage forms in. Bring them to the banquet for signatures and give to Tom Van Horn who submit them to the MOA. Club Elections will be held after dinner. Two positions open: Activities Director and Newsletter Editor.

No Rally updates at this time.

In MOA news, Sue Rhin has "Be the Adventure" sticker's available. Pick one up, put it on your bike and take pictures as you ride/travel.

In RA news, Randy Boris reported the RA Rally location will be selected soon.

Breakfast Winner: Mark Hoesly

50/50 Winner: Russ Mayne

◇ November: Banquet

◇ December: VFW

*See you at the Banquet!*

*Secretary Sherry*

## Creating for a Cause—A Holiday Art Fair

**When:** Saturday, December 6 from 10 am to 5 pm & Sunday, December 7 from 11 am to 4 pm

**Where:** Middleton Outreach Ministry Distribution Center, 3502 Parmenter Street, Middleton

Over 50 artists, each donating 20% of their proceeds to Prevent Homelessness and End Hunger through the work of MOM in our community. Beautiful hand-crafted items in time to help with your Christmas gift giving this season, with the added bonus of helping others in our community.

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## Large Number of BMWs sighted at the October 2014 Crud Run.

*I think it's due to the fact that it was a little chilly and we know about heated riding gear!*

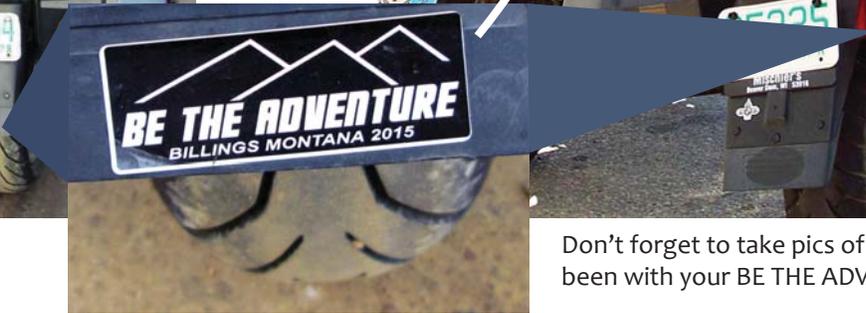




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## Ride to St. Louis

by Sam Hokin

I had a two-day meeting in St Louis and chose to ride down rather than take one of those flying cans you see in the air from time to time. The problem: Illinois. As many of you know, riding down central Illinois is a soul-sucking experience with small chances of survival. The road is littered with bodies of riders that have killed themselves in preference to another four hours of flat, featureless terrain where one is thankful for the occasional grain elevator breaking up the skyline.

But, St Louis is there because of the fact that three rivers meet in nearly the same place. So, I cooked a very simple route that took me down the Rock River from just west of Rockford, gave me a short prairie jump down to the Illinois, and followed the Illinois all the way down to St Louis. You can view the route at this simple URL:

<http://goo.gl/maps/IFISR>

The first part is getting to the Rock. I happen to drive US 14 and WI 213 a lot down to Blackhawk Farms Raceway, which is a pretty ride, so I did just that, but dropping south on K at the far end of Orfordville (after topping the tank with pure 91 gas at the Citgo). K takes you down to the border where it becomes Boswell Rd, from which you take a quick east jog on Shirland Rd to the key road of the northern part of this journey: Meridian Rd. A lot of roads in northern Illinois run for short lengths, but Meridian is a long haul: it takes you due south, skirting the east edge of Rockford, all the way to IL 2, the Rock River road. It's a pretty road and I'm really happy I found it.

I expect many of you have ridden IL 2 along the Rock. It makes for a great day ride, with a loop back up to the hills west of Madison. In this case, I rode it to Dixon (birthplace of some old GOP president) where I needed to head south, on IL 26, to get down to the Illinois. It's flat, but short enough that suicidal thoughts do not enter your mind. IL 26 takes you to the northern Illinois River route, IL 29, another lovely ride along a great river. You follow that down (pure gas available at Beck's 66 in Chillicothe), until you reach Peoria. Being a Peoria native son of sorts (my dad grew up there), I once again chose to ride through town and get depressed at what has become of this formerly great city. Better to take the I-474 bypass. South of Peoria, you grab US 24, which takes you along the river for the next leg. Then, around Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge, you'll grab IL 78 south through the Emiquon Preserve and US 136 west for a few minutes to grab your final river road: IL 100. IL 100 takes you the rest of the way downriver, and it's lovely. It doesn't follow directly along the river in some places, but you're always near the river valley, so there's always bluffs and hills and turns. The Mississippi meets you at Grafton (a little tourist town not unlike ones you see on WI 35) and pretty soon you're in Acton where you can take US 67 over to St Louis.

My trip to the meeting in Clayton (just west of St Louis) clocked 402 miles, and it felt like a lot less. I took exactly the same trip north (looks totally different), other than bypassing the city that used to be Peoria.

Illinois can be rideable!

# Airhead Header Pipes by Mac – Quality Considerations

By Michael Tatkov

Finding good head pipes for airheads is becoming more difficult as the years pass. Last winter found me working an R100RS back to solid condition. It had a myriad of minor issues, amongst which were head pipes which had been painted with several layers of BBQ paint.

I found what appeared to be a great deal on a complete new exhaust system on EBay. On arrival it consisted of a MAC head pipe and EMGO mufflers. Lower end, but OK, the price was right and the parts looked good.

The fight began the moment I attempted to install the head pipe. It physically did not fit. Back and forth communications with the vendor and MAC began, with over twenty e-mails with photos and detailed explanations. Even a video was sent to both the vendor detailing the issues. These included:

1. The pipe did not fit or route correctly. The center strap mounts could not be used. Though not exactly the vendor's issue, this also rendered the use of the Brown side stand precarious at best.
2. MAC terms this head pipe a double wall replica. First, the double wall consists simply of two layers of metal with no intermediate air space, so the pipe blues badly. Due to the way it is made it ends up with a mottled look rather than the symmetrical look of a standard head pipe.
3. The inner wall of these pipes was improperly drilled for the cross over. The hole was only about a half inch. [The pipes were returned to MAC and they did drill this properly after numerous communications on that particular issue.]
4. Finally after one season of use (10 months) a crack occurred at the weld for the crossover at the right pipe, rendering the head pipe useless. MAC has ignored all communications on this issue, even with photographs and purchase receipts forwarded to their attention.



Crack at right header after 3 months use.

One more technical note for those so inclined. On measuring inside diameter of the pipes, the clear exhaust area of the pipe is reduced by approximately 15% due to the manner in which these double wall pipes are constructed.

I have attached photographs to this article which show the dimensional issues and the manner in which these pipes have discolored in one season.



We spend a lot of time in our BMW publications exalting the merits of current products, however, we rarely speak out when sub-standard equipment (and customer service) is marketed to our membership. For this reason, I am sharing this experience as a caution.

As a side note, I have found no issues with the EMGO mufflers. They fit and sound very similar to the originals.

I resolved this situation at my own expense in the form of Terry Meetz and Custom Plating Specialists (<http://www.customplatingspecialist.com>), located in Wisconsin. I sent my original head pipes over to his shop and the result of his work was not only outstanding, but exceeds original factory quality. I would recommend his shop for chrome restoration to all membership.

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His phone is 608-240-2929.

The Madisonmotorsports website and  
email are GONE.

### Oops!

A father buys a lie detector robot that slaps people when they lie. He decides to test it out at dinner one night.

The father asks his son what he did that afternoon. The son says, "I did some schoolwork." The robot slaps the son.

The son says, "Ok, Ok. I was at a friend's house watching movies." Dad asks, "What movie did you watch?" Son says, "Toy Story." The robot slaps the son.

Son says, "Ok, Ok. We were watching porn." Dad says, "What? At your age I didn't even know what porn was." The robot slaps the father.

Mom laughs and says, "Well, he certainly is your son." The robot slaps the mother.

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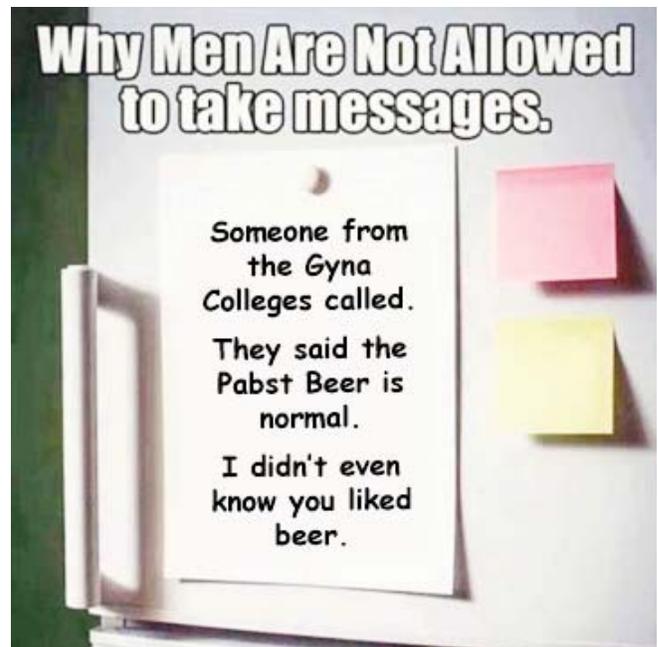
- John Bollig — “I can’t access the kick starter, but I can spin the prop. Contact!”!
- Corrine Jutz — I bagged a fighter. Does this make me an ace!
- Laurel Hefty — Off we go, into the wild blue yonder...
- Tom Schirz Sr. — Oops, cloaking device fell off..
- Kalli Procopio — I got this great idea, the prop drives a generator which in turn powers the electric motor that drives the motorcycle, the faster the motorcycle goes the faster the prop turns the more electricity you have to drive the motor. i estimate the top speed someplace near infinity! I haven’t actually been able to get past pushing speed but I’m hopeful. — Manny the Moron

## KUDOS to John Ong!

John earned an MOA Award for being a member for over 25 years and being over 75 years old!

### Life Before Computers

- Memory was something you lost with age
- An application was for employment
- A program was a TV show
- A cursor used profanity
- A keyboard was a piano
- A web was a spider’s home
- A virus was the flu
- A CD was a bank account
- A hard drive was a long road trip
- A mouse pad was where a mouse lived
- And if you had a 3-1/2 inch floppy... you just hoped nobody found out
- Delete was an eraser



### Open Positions for 2015

**Activities Director:** Bert will be stepping down from Activities Director. We would like a volunteer to organize a few events in 2015. Events range at your discretion. Rides, get-togethers, tech days, spaghetti boards, your choice!

**Newsletter Editor:** We need someone to take over the newsletter and it’s publication. I have a draft of info that needs to go in the monthly newsletter and the process for getting it out in a timely manner. I am also willing to assist with creating a template in the software of your choosing.

Please step up at the November banquet when elections are held!

# Madison BMW Club Membership Form

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

