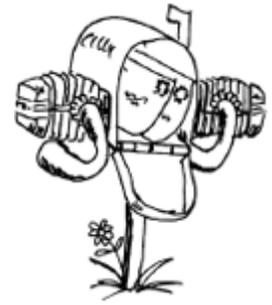


The Mail Boxer

September 2013

BMW MOA #7 • BMW RA #5



The Prez Says

Greetings all,

The summer is going by to fast.

Thanks to all who came to the club's picnic. Some one left a plastic container, with chips in it, the chips are gone. I will bring it to the October breakfast.

A little excitement at Tom's annual ride, you can read more in the newsletter. (See page 5)

Some up coming events...The Dells Rally, put on by the Wisconsin Club and the Iron man competition both on the 1st weekend in September.

Ride safe!

Dick Olson

Important!! Banquet information page 3!!!

How to Write Good

1. Avoid Alliteration. Always.
 2. Prepositions are not words to end sentences with.
 3. Avoid clichés like the plague. They're old hat.
 4. Comparisons are as bad as clichés.
 5. Be more or less specific.
 6. Writes should never generalize.
- Seven: Be consistent!
8. Don't be redundant; don't use more words than necessary; it's highly superfluous.
 9. Who needs rhetorical questions?
 10. Exaggeration is a billions times worse than understatement.

-- EATLIVER.COM

(now you know what's wrong with your newsletter. the editor.)

Upcoming Events

September
Club Breakfast
CANCELLED

September 6-8, 2013
Wisconsin Dells Rally
Chula Vista Resort

October 6, 2013
Club Breakfast
Hilltop Restaurant
Cty. P, Pine Bluff
Meeting at 9:00 am
Breakfast at 9:30 ...

... followed by ...
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

November 9th, 2013
Club Banquet
Elks Club,
711 Jennifer Street,
Madison, WI

**BMW Motorcycle Club
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Improvised Repairs -- pt. 1

Warning: *Emergency repair procedures can involve hazards and risks to health, life and safety. Do Not undertake improvised repairs or self-help procedures without first considering your own capabilities and circumstantial factors like weather, traffic conditions, etc... Your first responsibility is to safety.*

Ask around any rally campfire about improvised 'get it home' emergency repairs and you'll hear some stories that are believable and others that aren't. All will be memorable. Like the one about the guy who rode ten miles across town holding the end of a broken throttle cable in his teeth while yanking down on the cable housing to gas the bike onward. (Ed at Aerostitch has details.)

This barely-a-repair improvisation actually got him home. A more common and classic tale involves clamping a locking pliers firmly onto the shift shaft after the gear lever fell or broke off. Many a dirt bike riders have done this.

How about the guy with the broken and dead battery who rode many miles to a rally following carefully close behind a friend's bike because his own bike's ignition system was functioning only via two ten foot lengths of wire stripped from non-essential parts of the wiring harness and strung from the healthy bike's battery to his bike's electrical system.

Or how about the boat trailer tail light assembly that was hose clamped where the stock tail light was...after it went missing. Improvised repairs like there look terrible but can get you where you need to be.

Tune in next month for the general bodge principles ...

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

This Month's Photo

Submit your caption
on the club's
Facebook page.



Secretary's Report

by Sherry Atkinson's



Sunday, August 11th Picnic Meeting Minutes

The club picnic was held on August 11 at Brigham park in Blue Mounds. Great turn out for an Nice Brisk August day.

There will be no meeting in September. There are so many things to do on the weekend it normally falls on Dells Rally and The Ironman support crew and riding. We just cant squeeze it in. Next meeting will be in October at the Hill Top. This is also crud run weekend.

Jim and Linda Low attended the National rally. Linda made Big Foot and shirt and Jim reported we can resubmit our club logo.

We have to do some modifications. Joann and Jim are figuring out the specifics and we may have a design soon.

In Rally news Jim also made a suggestion we could try have a rally team made up of several different chairs .

Brian Manke reported next years national rally will be in St. Paul Minnesota. The MOA gave away 15 bikes this year. We all have a better chance of winning next year when we are all there. It's just up the road.

Our condolences go to Bert and Laurel Heft on the passing of both their mothers.

A few guests were in attendance.

See you in October!

Secretary Sherry

Mark your calendar

...for the **BMW Banquet** on

Saturday, November 9th at the **Elks Club** in **Madison**, WI.

I will meet with Julie for our menu prices in September. More info for menu options & prices will come in the October newsletter. I'll also put it on the list serve.

BRING your checkbooks to the

October 6 breakfast meeting as I will have a signup sheet & you can pay our Treasurer, John Ong. Due to tax/tip on meals, cash can be used but it will be rounded up to the next dollar amount. It is too complicated for John to give you change back on 10/6.

After 10/6 breakfast, you will need to email me 1st your menu choices for the count then send your money to John's address.

The **deadline** for the banquet is **October 31st** .

Tsaritsa Dawn

2013 WESTBY RIDE, 8/18 —

— I for one hope that this one goes in - and stays in - the books...

...First, I want to thank all of you who came on the ride

...Second, I want to apologize to you for the dramatic delays

...Third, THANK YOU BLESS YOU to all who helped get things sorted out after John's and Sue's prangs on Morningstar Road...

...John's sidecar nose is a bit stove in, quite fixable; It steered strangely en route back, I gather—he finally determined that it had gotten stuck in two-wheel-drive, which steers awfully on pavement. Once that was knocked loose, things worked fine...

...Sue slid out and went down the rocky, wooded embankment—her bike wedged between two trees, which saved her going down another 50+ feet. Her bike has (it appears) mostly plastic damage—it was towed yard in LaFarge, pending being moved to a shop...

...Sue herself has a fractured rib or two and a couple minor punctures. Viroqua hospital treated those, and she was resting pending release when she kind of crashed (again?)—blood pressure dropped etc. Apparent internal bleeding—spleen or liver damage. She was rushed to Gunderson in LaCrosse, and was in ICU there; She's pending release on the 24th as I write this...

...For those who haven't figured it out, Sue and I are an item...

...Fourth, thanks to both Sams: for their tremendous help at the crash scene, Sam G. for standing by with me at Viroqua E.R. and running Sues gear to my place; and to Sam H. for shepherding folks back from Westby...

...Morningstar Rd. is neat and technical—maybe a bit too technical for largish groups. I do not plan to use it for such in future rides...

THANKS again to all!...

...TVH!

(aka Tom Van Horn)

Apology and Thank You

from Sue Rihn

Dear Friends in the Madison Club ...

A week ago I managed to perform a rather impressive off-road event, which caused a significant amount of distress for many of my friends in the Madison Club. Please accept my apologies for this unruly behavior, and also be assured I will not repeat it again in the near future.

Yesterday I was discharged from the Trauma 1 center in LaCrosse, where they treated my injuries & internal bleeding with extreme caution. This resulted in no SURGERY on my spleen. I still have about a liter of blood in my abdominal cavity which is uncomfortable, but it's slowly dissipating & getting better every day. I will continue to convalesce at home.

My riding gear is all 100%, completely intact with no damage to any of it, with the exception that somehow my face-shield on my helmet went missing. I have a deep puncture wound to my upper

shin (below my left knee) that required internal and external sutures, but the Darien pants are clean with no indication that something tried to push its way through at that point. The jacket also shows no mud or grass stains, affirming my statement that I stayed on the motorcycle seat with my hands on the bars until the bike came to a complete stop. Seriously - I was ready to ride it out of there if the opportunity arose. (Can you hear me shouting this? -> "BRING IT!!!!")

The nursing staff didn't quite know what to make of me, which is the way I like it. So - until my spleen has mended, I will not be riding. But I am doing well and knowing I have my sisters and brothers in the BMW family with me has given me strength and peace. Thanks to JT and Sam for your initial care, and to the team of others who pulled me up to roadside. Thanks to the mobilization team who were ready-to-roll to fetch my bike from what could have been its final resting place. And thanks to Tom, for just being you.

I love you guys - and that's really the truth.

Sincerely,

Sue Rihn

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Last Month's Photo



Captions submitted:

- John Bollig — *Light years ahead of other motorcycle manufacturers, BMW built the first hovercraft motorcycle decades ago.*

- Duane Gerhard — *Gear up*
- Corrine Jutz — *We have liftoff*
- Geo Marquette — *The Force, Luke, use the Force*



DNFL: Do Not Attempt to Check Levels While Riding.



The HOKEY-POKEY

What if it's really what it's all about?

HOKEY POKEY ANONYMOUS

A place to turn yourself around.

... ever wonder ...

Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?

Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?

Why isn't there mouse-flavored cat food?

Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?

Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?

You know that indestructible black box that is used on airplanes? Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff??

Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?

Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?

If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?

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