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MADISON BMW CLUB ~ SEPTEMBER 2020

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Breakfast at the Delta Diner - first day of reopening!

(Pic: Sue R.)

CLUB MEETING
ON 'ZOOM' -
SUNDAY, SEPT 6th

CLUB CAMPOUT AT
SOLDIERS GROVE -
SEPT 11 - 13th

THE RIDE-THE-
COUNTIES
'CONTEST' IS IN
PROGRESS - SEE
INSIDE...

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Madison BMW (Motorcycle) Club

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2020

CLUB BREAKFAST MEETINGS
Have been postponed until further notice.

CLUB MEETING via ZOOM
8:30 AM SUNDAY, SEPT 6
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CLUB CAMPOUT Sept 11 - 13
Soldiers Grove Park

NORTH COUNTRY ADV FEST Sept 10-13
Big Snow Resort
Upper Michigan
www.bigsnow.com

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OCTOBER 2020

MOA GETAWAY TOMAH
Tomah, WI
(864) 438-0962
<https://www.bmwmoa.org/event/tomah2020>

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WORDS FROM OUR INTREPID LEADER

Greetings all,
Not much to write about. I have not been too far from home, grocery shopping is my biggest adventure.

I have contacted Soldiers Grove Village Hall and inquired about activities at Veterans Park, there is not anything planned. So with that in mind

It has been suggested that we have a little get together on Sept 11th -13th. Nothing fancy, bring your own food and beverage, tent and other things you need for camping, or whatever you can pack on your bike.

How many of us were on the Zoom club meeting in August? We're doing it again on Sunday September 6th. 8:30 if you need to figure-out getting on, meeting starts at 9:00 am. See Jim Harms' article further back in this newsletter for details and instructions on how to log on.

We continue to be at a standstill for face-to-face breakfast meetings, due to inside quotas for safe-distance protocol.

Not much else to report on. If you're riding, be safe.

Stepped on the scale this morning and it said: Please use social distancing, one person at a time.

Dick



Hi all members,

We will be having a member zoom meeting on Sunday, September 6 at 9 AM. We had a meeting on August 2nd but we had very few members online other than us officers.

I would like to remedy that and have many more members online for the September 6 meeting. I will send 2 email Reminders on connecting to the zoom meeting on September 2 and Saturday, September 5. Jim Harms has detailed info in this newsletter so look for that. It's super easy as I'm not computer savvy so all of you can do it as I did.

We have two big decisions to decide. Will we have our October 4 breakfast Meeting meeting at Sofra's Bistro? Will we have our November 14 annual banquet at the Esquire Club? The Covid pandemic is making it challenging so we need member input on September 6.

I am five days post op from Meriter Hospital after my colon surgery on August 18. I am doing quite well regulating my non-prescription meds, new temporary diet, ice packs and short walks. Unfortunately, I won't be up for motorcycle riding for quite some time.

Thank you all that sent healing energy and prayers to me before, during and now after surgery. It certainly has helped immensely as I left the hospital a day earlier than My doctor expected as I was doing very well. I do miss though being waited on 24 hours by the excellent nursing staff and having the kitchen staff prepare three good meals after not eating for three days.

Take care, wear your mask and be safe,

Tsaritsa Dawn



SECRETARY'S REPORT

Minutes from August 2, 2020 Zoom meeting

There were 9 members on the Zoom call.

Our leader forgot about the meeting but eventually he joined us at 9:11am.

New bikes: Randy Boris 78 R100S

Jim Low 2010 K1300GT (to replace last years charred LT)

Chad Garcia K1600GT (Has done 67 counties with 5 to go in counties challenge)

(Editor's note: at this writing, Chad and Rhonnie have hit all 72!!)

Treasurer Report:

No activity since March

Main account \$5,634.04

Rally account \$3,544.62

Total \$9,206.66

Rally:

Pins don't have a date on them, just the number of the rally so they can be used in 2021.

Date for rally is May 14 to 16, 2021

Other national rally dates are the RA May 20 to 23,

2021 Sidecar Rally June 3 to 6, 2021

MOA rally June 24 to 27, 2021

These rallies will be at the 2020 locations.

Slimey Crud breakfast will be determined in early September.

November banquet is on hold. Will need to wait to see what restaurant will do. The room is small.

Next meeting will be a Zoom call on September 6.

Call ended at 9.47am.

Submitted by Linda Low

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CLUB MEETING VIA ZOOM ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th

Jim Harms, Media Czar

Hello fellow club members! The first Zoom meeting was small, but it went pretty well, so we are doing it again in September! There are many ways to connect to Zoom, including:

1. Web Browser : Nothing to install
2. PC or Mac Computer - Download the Zoom App from the Test Link.
3. Android or iPhone smart phones - Download from the App Stores.

Important!!!! <https://zoom.us/test>

If you've never used Zoom before, please follow the link above to do a 'Test Meeting'. This will ensure that you will be able connect before our club meeting. If you have issues, there is an embedded link to the Zoom support center, which should help you solve any problems connecting.

You can either test thru a Web Browser OR download the Zoom App and run/test it from there. If you don't have a Web Cam (Video), you can still join via the Voice connection. There is also an option for smart phones, but I think you'll need to go to the App Store first to install it, then use the Test Link.

*** The Actual Meeting Info and Link ***

Join the meeting by clicking on the link below.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75817540327?pwd=eWJlOQ2NuTm1PTis3WFAXN3FhMmxEZz09#success>

You should NOT need to enter a Meeting ID and Password, but it's listed here.

If you don't use the link (e.g. try to join from Test Link), you'll probably be prompted for them.

Meeting ID: 758 1754 0327

Passcode: 0AEBRj

Date: Sunday Sept 6, 2020

8:30 am - 9 am : Zoom Assistance Pre-Meeting

- If you are still having problems, log on early and we'll try to resolve them.
- Please call Jim Harms' cell if you are stuck. 608-332-7605
- Stay connected as the real meeting will kick in at 9 am

9 am - 10 am: Actual BMW Club meeting

- Prez Dick Olson will reside and lead this as a regular meeting.

Zoom Meeting Tips

- Turn off your video initially and only use the voice option. This is to minimize the video lag when a large number of people log in. When you are talking, then you can turn it on. If we find that video isn't too jittery, more people can turn it on. Please be patient as we do this trial run!
- Limit the number of applications you have open and running on your machine during the Zoom meeting. It will improve your system response.
- Put questions in the Chat option rather than talking over someone. You can also 'raise your hand' virtually to indicate you want to speak
- Make sure you are have light in front or above you. If behind you (eg. a sunny window), we will only see a shadow outline, not your face.

Thanks and see you Sunday!

Jim Harms

HOW ARE YOU ALL DOING ON THE CLUB COUNTIES 'CONTEST'?

Fellow Madison Club members....

Back in April, we challenged everyone to try to get some "social-distancing" in on your motorcycle this season, by tagging as many of the 72 counties that you can.

So far, Tom and I have 48 counties. **Chad and Rhonnie G. have Gotten Them All!** How about all of you? It's tempting to stay safe and stay inside, but a little helmet time is good for your soul and your head.

Hope to see you at some crossroads somewhere, sometime, where we can elbow bump and air-toast each other.

Sue

CLUB CAMPOUT AT SOLDIERS GROVE!

WHEN: SEPT 11 - 13

WHERE: SOLDIERS GROVE PARK

WHY: WHY NOT?

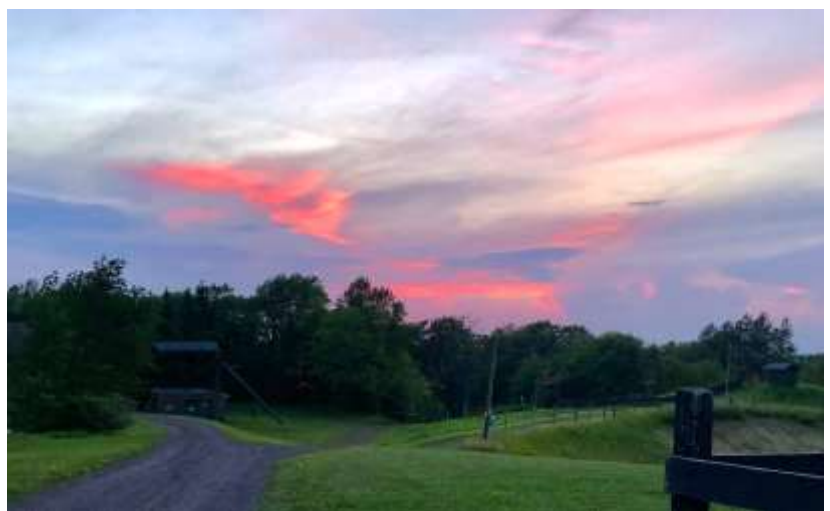
Buy your camping passes at the Mobil station

- hope to see you there!



Left: Presque Isle Falls.

Below: Sunset at Big Snow



(Pics: Sue R.)

YAH GEEZ, RIDIN' TO DA YOOP, DERE...

At the February Club meeting, we had a guest, Steve Eliassen, speak to us about his desire to get riders to enjoy the roads and attractions in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Steve represents Big Snow Resort - a pairing of two long time ski areas near Wakefield. He extolled the roads paved and not, the beautiful places along the Lake Superior shore and the Porcupine Mountains, among others...

...Since events precluded rallies and rides we usually attend, Sue and I (getting cabin fever) opted to go to two of Steve's events: Lake Superior Beemer Bash in late June, and Motorrad Woche on August 7 to 9.

To the Beemer Bash, we just bashed up I-39 and US51 - when we were on the home stretch, we peeled off on to Hwy G north of Mercer. Nice twisties that got us to a road straight into Wakefield. We'd reserved a room in the main lodge (\$48 a night). In ski season, there's a plethora of bars and eateries on site - in this off-season, there was the 'Sky Bar'. Good food, nice microbrew selection, good prices, and a big deck with a fabulous view.

Steve's bike events are very loosely set up: No one has to be anywhere at any time - meet up with people or not as you see fit, ride to wherever or just relax. When we arrived, a group from Indiana was just wrapping up their stay. The day before we departed, a crew from Illinois showed up.

Sue and I went over to Saxon Harbor on the Superior shore, then on to Forest Road 236, up to Cornucopia and down to Bayfield for refreshment, then back to Big Snow. A couple from the WI Club showed up, and we all rode to Presque Isle Falls, and twisty shore roads to Ontanogan for lunch.

Since we were Stalking the Wily Counties, we started westward towards home - ate at the Delta Diner, continued west to clip Douglas county, then south on 27. We'd planned to come in on 12, but construction put paid to that - we just did I-94...

...J.T. joined us for the Motorrad Woch in August - we'd decided to do nice roads (and more counties) to the east. So, up 22, over to 49, back to 22, then north on 55 (55's a Must Ride!), 32 to 45 and into Da Yoop. Got a 2-bed condo this time (\$66 a night)...

...More people showed this trip: Besides us three, members Jim & Linda L., Jim B., Andy P. and Bruce O. were there, as well as old and new friends from Illinois, Iowa, and Michigan. More lovely roads - Lake of the Clouds was a highlight...

We returned east first, snaring the northeast counties as we went. Both were grand times, especially with the dearth of usual things to ride to. Recommended!

TVH



JIM AND LINDA'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURE

It seemed like a simple adventure. Ride up to Big Snow Resort for the Motorrad Woche on August 7 to 9. Then, the August newsletter came out with reminder of the Club Counties Contest. Ok, we can do a few on the way up to Michigan.

The trip begins on Hwy 134, which changes to County O. Dane, Jefferson, check. On to Hwy 89, Dodge, check, on through Columbia on Hwy 73. Next up Green Lake and Marquette. Wow, 6 counties in 90 minutes. This is easy. What's next? Waushara and Portage, 8 done. Marathon, Lincoln, Oneida, Vilas and Iron. Thirteen counties on one ride.

We need a different route to come home ; do we go east or west? We decide west. Hwy 2 to 77 to 13. Ashland County done. Price, Taylor, Clark (don't you love county borders which are the highway!). Wood and Adams are next and we are back on our original route. Nineteen counties in one trip. Where to next?

- Linda Low

TVH's GS at snow-free Big Snow...

(pic: Sue R.)



Madison BMW Club



2020 Club Challenge

Friends and Fellow Members of the Madison BMW Club...

With the current Covid-19 threat looming over our world right now, many of us are changing our riding plans for the summer. Instead of riding out to Great Falls, Montana, we are wondering what destinations we can choose that will keep us healthy and closer to home.

So here is our challenge to you: Instead of your Rand-McNally, pull out your Wisconsin map. There are 72 counties in our state. Our challenge to YOU is to see how many of those counties you can tag this year.

And let's keep it simple: This is all on the honor system. If you say that you did it, then we'll believe you. NO photos necessary... however, pictures are appreciated so we can add them to the newsletter. In order for you to keep track, we would recommend that you use a state map and highlight your routes each time you ride somewhere.

FABULOUS* Achievement Awards will be presented at the Annual Club Banquet in November. FABULOUS prizes will be awarded! Stories will be shared and hilarity will fill the hall. We hope that many of you will use this excuse to get out, do some touring in our beautiful state, and participate in this challenge.

Here are the Categories:

10 COUNTIES

"Whoop, That was fun!"

25 COUNTIES

"Let's See Where This Road Goes"

50 COUNTIES

"Burning up the pavement & a few gravel roads too."

72 COUNTIES

"... and They Ain't Caught Me Yet..."

Small Print:

- ⇒ All entries must be submitted by Nov 1, 2020 to Tom Van Horn / Sue Rihn
- ⇒ * The word "Fabulous" is yet to be defined.
- ⇒ If anyone needs a new map, we have a few.



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Year: _____ Model: _____

Year: _____ Model: _____

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Other interests or comments? _____



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