THE MAIL BOXER

MADISON BMW CLUB ~ JANUARY 2025

BMW MOA #7 BMW RA #5

An old pic of Corrine Jutz's year-round ride.

(Pic: C. Jutz)

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Calendar of Events

CLUB MEETING Jan 5th
Tullys II 8:45AM
Monona Dr.

JANUARY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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CLUB MEETING Feb 2nd
Tullys II 8:45AM
Monona Dr.

MAMA TRIED SHOW Feb 22-23
Milwaukee

https://mamatriedshow.com/

FEBRUARY 2025

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WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

I can't believe it's December already and the holiday season is upon us. We are enjoying our Milwaukee county adventures and are out exploring all the time. We recently participated in the Santa Rampage bike ride, which is a 12 mile ride throughout downtown Milwaukee. Last year they had almost 1,400 people dress up like Santa, the Grinch, Elves and Reindeer as well as blaring Christmas music from their decorated bicycles. This year we had 1,900 participants. All money raised goes to the Wisconsin Bike Federation to promote safe bicycling. This was held in Milwaukee on December 7th with another being held in Madison on December 14th. We were happy the weather was in the 30's, which was tolerable. I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying the holiday season.

-Chad

Happy 2025! I hope you all enjoyed the holidays with family and friends. This year I hope to experience new places with Chad from the passenger seat. Winter is the time we take the time to plan our trips for the year. REVER and MyRide are apps that Chad & I have used to plan routes. We will be heading South later this month to enjoy some January riding.

I have confirmed our 2025 Club meeting dates with Tully's II and our banquet with Kavanaugh's Esquire Club.

SECRETARYS REPORT—- Linda Low

Short meeting.

Minutes of December 1, 2024
Meeting was called to order by Tom VH, standing in for Pres Chad.
Treasurer Sue. Both our regular account and GR3 account are in good shape.
Membership Jim Low. Let him know of any changes for the directory.
Editor Tom. Is everyone getting the monthly newsletter? If not, let him know.
Nothing new to report on MOA. The 2025 rally will be in Lebanon, TN where it was in 2019.
National RA rally will be in Athens, Ohio Labor Day weekend.
No guests or new bikes.
BMW has sent a national recall on the gearbox input shaft on the 2019-2023 R1250GS,R1250GS Adventure and R1250 RT-P.
In certain engine operating and riding conditions, the gearbox input shaft can become damaged or break.
New business: Jim Kossow suggested that in honor of out 50th GR3, we get new club shirts, polo style in one color. We can discuss when more members are present.

Meeting adjourned 9:15.

As Jim K. proposed above, Sue and I went to a vendor to get some ideas on a Club polo shirt. Our first Club shirts were a dark blue, so we thought to stick with it as a Club identifier. We're looking at offering both short and long sleeves. We're still awaiting quotes, so no prices yet. Below is a shot of a possible design. The jugs and dome don't show up well in black, so we suggested white thread. We <might> have samples at the January meeting...

(Editors Note: A friend's brother died—friend is trying to sell his bike…)

For Sale: 2003 BMW K-1200 GT.
Asking $4,000

22,045 miles
Mint condition - No dents or scrapes on bike.
*one corner of one pannier is scraped and has a small dent.
- Matching, locking, removable panniers.
- Quick release tank bag for devices, maps/ GPS and personal items.
- BMW smart battery charger;
- BMW oil filter wrench, extra oil filters;
- OEM rear luggage rack.
- everything works.

An old pic—is any caption necessary?..

(Pic: Sue R.)

TREASURERS REMINDER

With 2025 peeking around the corner, it's time again to start thinking about club dues.
For you new folks who recently joined the club since September 1, you are solid for 2025. (Yay! And welcome to the club!)
And here is more good news: The Board agrees that the dues can stay at the same bargain price of $30 per new member, and $5 for a spouse (associate) member.

There are several ways that you can renew:

* One way is to send a check to the club, using the form at the back of this newsletter. Be sure to add pertinent information including what motorcycles you have in your garage, your MOA and/or RA numbers, and address or phone number changes.

* Another way is online, using the link on the club webpage.

* And ... finally, I will be at the Club meeting and will be happy to take your dues then. If you want to do that, please have exact cash (or check) and please, please: a piece of paper with your name, etc on it.
(Ed's note: the last page of this newsletter is a sign-up form)

—Treasurer Sue

An old pic. Sue's K75 in a cotton field in front of Muddy Water's shack, on the Stovall Plantation in Mississippi. The shack is now in a museum in Clarksdale... (Pic: Sue R.)

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
DUES: $30 full year. Spouse: $5

Print this form out, fill it out, & mail it with your dues to:

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OPTIONAL INFORMATION

BMW MOA # _____

BMW RA # _____

AMA # _____

MOTORCYCLES YOU OWN:

YEAR_____MAKE/MODEL _____

YEAR_____MAKE/MODEL _____

YEAR_____MAKE/MODEL _____

OTHER INTERESTS OR COMMENTS _____

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