THE MAIL BOXER

MADISON BMW CLUB ~ MARCH 2025
BMW MOA #7 BMW RA #5

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An old banquet pic, just because...

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- ⇒ **NEXT MEETING APRIL 6th**
- ⇒ **RALLY NEWS (page 5)**

Calendar of Events

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MARCH 2025

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CLUB MEETING Apr 6th
Tullys II 8:45AM
Monona Dr.

Blackhawk Swap Meet April 26th
Leaf River, IL

Wild Goose Run April 27th
Beaver Dam, WI

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WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I type this I am enjoying my morning coffee on the porch with temperatures in the upper 50's at 7am. In the past week we have put about 500 miles on the GSA exploring northern Florida with temps in the mid 70's to mid 80's every day.

We went to a Northeast Florida BMW Club meeting and everyone was very welcoming. They have a buffet breakfast and 50/50 at every meeting. They have many group rides, overnight rides, annual fun challenge (this year it is state park visits) and other events going on.

We don't like Wisconsin weather in January and February, but talking to people here, they don't like Florida weather in July and August. Make the most of every day, my friends.

-Chad

Member Jim Bronson got sprung from his facility for lunch.

THANKS to everyone who made this happen!

9:03 - meeting started

Pres Chad and VP Rhonnie are on vacation.
Treasurer Sue ran the meeting. Dues for 2025 are due.
Newsletter editor Tom: Please send stuff in.
Membership Jim: New directory will be out in March.

GR3

Chris and committee: The park, sanitation and food are in order.
Tom L: Driftless Road Adventure is setting up rides. One will be to Wildcat Mtn.
Chad Berger is setting up GS ride.
Ordering 60 rally t shirts in L and XL.
Leaving rally flyers at Mama Tried event in Milwaukee.
Food: Ordering through Sam's brother again.
Beer: Lions club will be selling beer on Fri and Sat 4:30-8.
Motorcycle: Jim Bronsons motorcycle (75/6) will get cleaned up at Bert's.
Will sell outright. 37,000 miles.
Tech Day is Sat Feb 15 at 10am. Bring dish to pass and your own coffee.
Hotel list is updated.

Events: Natl MOA in Lebanon, TN in June, 19-21
Swap meet in Leaf River, IL April 26
Wild Goose in Beaver Dam on April 27

Computer Stuff: Jim Harms….
GR3 forms almost done. Ad on Facebook page.

RA: Word is out that 2026 rally will be in Chippewa Falls, WI.
2025 rally will be Labor Day weekend in Athens, Ohio

There's a group taking Jim Bronson to lunch on Monday.

Brian Halverson: BUILD Moto is in Milwaukee with partnership with Harley-Davidson for next 2 years using their XG500 bikes. Teams building bikes have tech programs Bradley Tech HS, Cedarburg HS, Central WI Christian in Waupun, Columbus HS, Delavan Darien HS, an all girls team who meet at the HD STEM Lab, Muskego HS, Oak creek HS, Rufus King HS, She Builds from Hales Corners, Sheboygan South, St Francis HS and Tomahawk. If you want to volunteer contact buildmoto@gmail.com or read about them at buildmoto.com

Bikes for sale:
Sam Garst - 2011 R1200GS and 83 R100GS
Dick Olson - 2007 R 1200 RT

Meeting adjourned 9:49

-Submitted by Linda Low

Big Mikes Cycle in Beaver Dam has a nice set of aluminum bags and top box for sale. They came off of a 2016 R1200GS, mounts included. Seller is asking $850. 920-219-9964

50TH GREAT RIVER ROAD RALLY UPDATE (submitted by Rally Chair Chris Brown)

Updates, Unexpected Wins, and Beer Economics (and T-shirts)

Greetings all,

I wanted to take a moment to check in and share some updates—some of which were intentional, and others the result of sheer happenstance (which, let's be honest, often leads to our best successes).

First off, I'll admit that my noble effort to keep everything for the rally locally sourced may have... meandered a bit. That said, we've actually done an admirable job without even realizing it—except for food. And believe me, Dawn fought the good fight to make that happen, but alas, the universe had other plans.

On a more productive note, I recently attended a Village Hall meeting, where I thanked them for their years of support and let them know we'd like to return the favor. While chatting with reps from the Lions Club, the American Legion, and the volunteer fire department, I asked for their thoughts—since, after all, it's their community, too. They're brainstorming and will get back to us, but here's a fun tidbit: The Lions and the Legion have an impressively efficient beer redistribution system—whatever beer is left over from the Lions, the Legion buys. Now that's teamwork in action. Speaking of teamwork, the Legion has also offered to cook for us. We're in the early stages of discussing this, but it's a promising option.

I know budget is always a concern, but surprisingly, we're in good shape. And in a delightful twist of unexpected fortune, the folks at Nature's Way completely forgot about me (not a negotiation strategy I'd recommend, but hey, it worked out). As an apology, they're giving us a discount, saving us about $150 compared to last year's price. Silver linings all around!

And now, the moment you've all been waiting for—the T-shirts! Dawn and Sue have been hard at work designing them, and let's just say they've outdone themselves. We'll have details on ordering soon, so stay tuned.

Lastly, if anyone has personal connections with potential vendors for door prizes, let us know. It's always nice to work with someone you trust, and we'd be happy to give them a proper shoutout. Shoot me a note if you have any leads!

Cheers and safe riding,
Chris

A guy at a recent 'MOA rally wanted to make his K100 look like a vintage MV Agusta…. (Pic: TVH)

Madison BMW Club Presents:

The 50th Annual Great River Road Rally

2 nights camping
Free firewood
Meals Friday and Saturday night!

Spaces for tents, cars, or campers.
BRING THE FAMILY!

May 16-18, 2025
Soldiers Grove, WI

Guided rides to Pete's Hamburgers, Muscoda Mushroom Festival, and other places!

In the middle of the Driftless Area,
The BEST riding in the Midwest
(and other places too) ☺

ALL BRANDS WELCOME!
Including scooters!
We want to see all of you!

$40 fee per person (on-site cash or check only)
(children under 12 free)
Incentive for pre-registration (see website).
Rally fee includes:
2 nights camping
Firewood
Evening meal Friday and Saturday.
Roofed shelter with tables
Led rides, plus pdf and gpx files
Social tent with Bring one/Take one Cooler (so you don't need to bring one) and
Mp3 Bluetooth player available
Vendors on site
Coffee/Tea/Lemonade
Quiet areas
Prizes: long distance, oldest, youngest bike, rider etc.

To get to Soldiers Grove:
The easy boring way: Take US14 to US61 and head 5 miles south.
For non-boring ways, check our website for pdf or gpx files from Madison, the Twin Cities, or other points.

Bling bag
Door prizes
Field games

For up-to-date information:
https://madisonbmwclub.org/gr3/

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