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Two capitol domes. (Pic: John B.)

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Calendar of Events

APRIL 2025

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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SLIMEY CRUD CAFÉ RUN May 4th
Pine Bluff, WI 10AM

CLUB MEETING May 4th
Tullys II 8:45AM
Monona Dr.

50th GREAT RIVER ROAD RALLY May 16-18
Soldiers Grove, WI
https://madisonbmwclub.org/gr3/

48th HIAWATHA RALLY May 30-Jun 1
Money Creek Camp, Houston, MN
https://www.bmwmocm.com/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=285381&module_id=290524

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WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

We just spent 8 days on a cruise to Cozumel & Costa Maya, Mexico, Honduras and Belize. The weather, sights, food and drinks were all amazing. The one thing that really stood out to us was so many people using motorcycles and scooters for transportation. The weather, tight roads and cheaper cost make this form of transportation best. As you can see in the photos there are a bunch of the two wheeled machines outside an outdoor shopping mall. Another picture shows a guy hauling a long board on his machine. The last photo shows a family of 3 riding on one machine, which we saw frequently. Obviously this is not safe, but I think they are doing the best they can with what they have, and I did notice more were wearing helmets than not. We also noticed every machine we saw was smaller, less than 500cc. We were very happy to return home to weather in the 50's and 60's as riding season is very close.

-Chad

Pics: Chad G.

As I write this article, we are enjoying some “fake spring” weather in Wisconsin. This is the time of year we are waiting for the riding season to begin. A great time to research rallies, rides and events to fill your calendar.

I know that we are already booked up until Autumn.

Just a reminder of our next meeting on April 6 at 9am at Tully’s II, come early to order breakfast.

We will need to discuss our banquet.

Rhonnie

Vice President

No March meeting, hence no minutes...

In reference to the Swap Meet:

Bert is again planning to have a Club table at the Blackhawk Club’s Flea Market in Leaf River, Illinois. If you have something you’d like to sell, let Bert know…

Please come on down and support our neighboring club’s activities; they always support our GR3. Bring some cash…

CLUB SHIRTS ARE IN!

The latest Madison BMW Club shirt has shipped!

Those who placed an order can pick them up at the April 6th meeting –if that doesn't work, get hold of Sue or me to arrange something else. If you haven't paid yet, $$ is due on delivery.

We will also have some extra shirts.

Be assured, it will look much better on you than on this dork… :-)

We are locked in for the Club picnic—at Brigham Park near Blue Mounds, first Sunday (the 3rd) as usual.

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

GR3 Rally: Six Weeks Out and Revving Up!

Hey folks,

The countdown is on- just about six weeks until the 2025 GR3 Rally kicks off, and your rally committee has been busy behind the scenes making this year's event one to remember. We're deep in the thick of planning, polishing, and plotting (in the best way), but we could use a few extra hands on deck to keep things cruising smoothly.

First up: door prizes. We're reaching out to vendors, businesses, and all those kind-hearted sponsors who love supporting good people on great bikes. But we can't do it alone. If you have a connection, a favorite shop, or just the boldness to ask- please help us collect some awesome goodies to give away. Every donation makes a difference and adds to the fun.

Next: ride leaders. The routes are already mapped and ready to roll- we just need some volunteers willing to take the lead. If you're comfortable riding in front and keeping a group together, we'd love your help making the rides smooth and enjoyable for all. And for those itching to hit the gravel (and perhaps a bit of dirt), Chad Berger is taking the reins on our ADV routes- so get your knobby tires ready!

We're still open to fresh ideas, clever suggestions, and any bursts of inspiration you might have. Shoot us a message if something pops into your helmet while you're out riding.

Fingers crossed the weather gods smile on us this year. But rain or shine, it's the people (that's you!) who make GR3 special.

See you soon,
The GR3 Rally Committee

The 40th Wild Goose Run is Sunday, April 27th at the usual Bayside Supper Club in Beaver Dam. Food is at noon, but it's usual to get there early to kick lies, tell tires, look at bikes and catch up with friends old and new.
Tickets are $19 in advance and $22 at the door. Advance tix are assigned seating by club.
Unless the weather is hideous, I'll be leading a ride up, departing around 10:00AM from the Capitol Petro Mart at **4905 Commercial Ave**.
This is just east of Thompson Dr. on the east side.
If you want an advance ticket, we will have them at the April meeting, or ping me (tvh@beemerhill.com) and I'll hold one for you.
TVH

Join us for the 50th Anniversary of the Great River Road Rally (aka GR3) in Soldiers Grove Wisconsin on May 16-18, 2025. The Madison BMW club is putting on an extra special rally to celebrate this milestone!

Located in the driftless area of SW Wisconsin, the scenic Mississippi River Road is just a short ride away. With no glaciers to flatten the terrain, we have the best riding roads in Wisconsin. Just pick a direction! The same fun continues in this part of Minnesota and Iowa, just across the river.

You'll enjoy two nights of camping, free firewood, rally pins, meals, door prizes, led rides, and more.

For additional details, free gps routes, and options to register online or via paper (mail), visit our website via the link below.

Preregistration is only $40 and closes on April 30th. Feel free to use the contact info if you still have questions. Hope to see you there!

Great River Road Rally – Madison BMW Club

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DUES: $30 full year. Spouse: $5

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MOTORCYCLES YOU OWN:

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