THE MAIL BOXER

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

Editors ride, 7/25 (Pic: TVH)

CLUB PICNIC AUGUST 3rd!

Please notify Sam G. guanocave@gmail.com so he brings enough chicken!

Calendar of Events

CLUB PICNIC AUGUST 3rd
Brigham Park, Black Earth 11 AM

COSTA NORD RALLY August 7-9
Snowriver Mountian
Wakefield, MI
Snowriver.com

AUGUST 2025

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NO CLUB MEETING IN SEPTEMBER

54th WISCONSIN DELLS RALLY Sept 5-7
NEW LOCATION!
Sky High Camping Resort
Portage, WI
https//wiscbmwclub.com/dells-rally/

49th PURE STODGE RALLY Sept 18-21
Elkader, IA
https://purestodge.org/iowa-rally/

SEPTEMBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2025 Club Officers and Officials

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WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

We have returned from the 2025 BMWMOA rally and I would say it was another success! The weather could have been better as it was VERY hot and humid plus plenty of rain & mud. Rhonnie and I were the RV chairs again, which brought about a new set of challenges this year with the rain and mud. We had multiple RV campers get stuck, but fortunately members helped members get out. It made me feel good to see members helping each others and all the smiles despite the weather. Members of the Madison BMW club have always been very active within the MOA at a variety of levels and continue to do so. Thank you to all that have stepped up in the past and to those currently stepping up to help. As I always say you get out what you put in and with many officer positions open this fall please consider stepping into one of the open roles. (Picture below) was of the one day we got a few hours to ride with friends from New York).

-Chad

Meeting reminders:

August picnic/meeting will be at Brigham Park Sunday, August 3 at 12pm. The next meeting at Tully's will be Sunday, October 5 at 9am. Chad & I will not be able to attend either meeting because of a trip in August and our son is getting married the first weekend in October. So other Club officers will be handling the August and October meetings.

Rhonnie Garcia

Vice President

People always ask what it's like being retired and empty nesters. Our home no longer has children, but Chad and I decided that we didn't have to feel empty at all. We take the opportunity to rediscover ourselves, try new activities, and do things outside our comfort zone. Our life is full of meaning and fulfillment. We are self-proclaimed Empty Nexters. We are moving forward in our life together, asking, "What's next?"

For many parents, the years spent raising children mean putting personal interests on the back burner. Chad and I always put our marriage first and included a motorcycle trip every year as a couple. We asked, "What's next on the motorcycle?" This time, it wasn't a new destination—it was more involvement in the motorcycle community. Chad and I became more involved in the Madison BMW Club and the MOA. Running for an officer position was a step out of my comfort zone. As my term comes to an end this November, I am once again asking myself, "What's next?" I'm looking forward to new opportunities in our local area.

After motorcycling in every state, we will be traveling to Europe for an Edelweiss Touring Center Alps tour. This will be our first trip to Europe, and we will experience riding in four countries.

The empty nest phase offers a rare opportunity to focus on your relationships—not only with your partner, but also with your friends, riding partners, and Rally friends you see once a year. It's easy to lose sight of each other amidst the constant busyness. With the house quieter and your schedules more flexible, you can reconnect.

Volunteering allows you to connect with others and make a positive impact on your community. Giving your time to others can bring immense satisfaction and purpose. It can also help you develop new skills, meet new people, and expand your network. It's an excellent way to stay engaged and make a difference in the world around you. A great way to start is by volunteering at our GR3 Rally or the MOA Rally.

One of the most liberating aspects of the empty nest phase is the opportunity for personal growth. No longer consumed by the daily demands of parenting, you now have the time and mental space to focus on your own aspirations. Have you ever dreamed of returning to school or changing careers? Or maybe you've always wanted to start a new project, write a book, or travel more. Whatever your goals are, this is the time to take action. Set new challenges for yourself. I'm taking a chance by writing another article about life for our club newsletter.

Your nest may be empty, but your life can be full. Take time to enjoy each moment and ask yourself, "What's next?"

—Rhonnie Garcia

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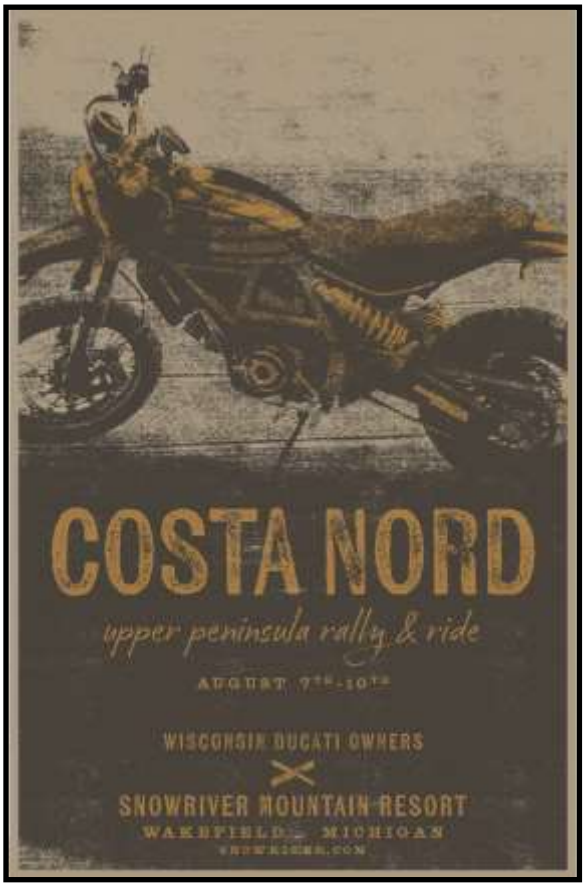
NO JULY MEETING, SO NO SECRETARY'S REPORT...

A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER:

Just a heads-up that this will be my final year as Treasurer of the Madison BMW Club.
Please consider those who you would trust in the future to handle the Club finances.
We will vote, as usual, at the annual Club banquet in November.
Thanks for your support over the past years.
Sue Rihn



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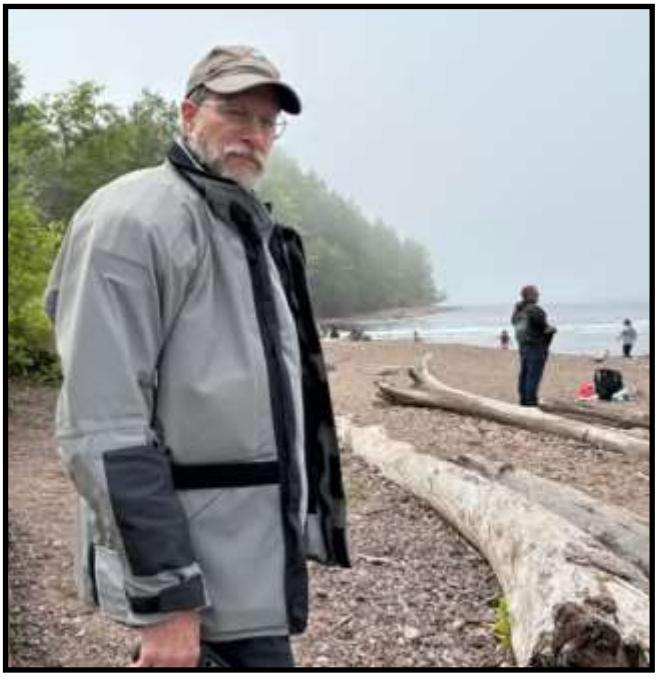
(Pics: JT)



54TH ANNUAL Wis Dells Rally

September 5 – 7, 2025

NEW LOCATION

Join us *On Cascade Mountain*
Sky High Camping Resort
N5740 Sky High Drive Portage, WI 53901

Rally includes: 2 nights camping, rally pins to the first 250, rally mugs, shaded camping, flush toilets, 24/7 NA beverages, evening live music, Fri and Sat 50/50 raffle, Fri evening brat dinner (until gone), Saturday evening Banquet Dinner, plenty of electricity and hot showers. Pool available, weather permitting. Awards and door prizes. On-site food, soda, beer, etc. Sunday AM donuts and fruit until gone, quiet camping.
RVs will feel like they're really at the rally!

Come play on the Mountain

Bedroll Bunks are available.
Reservations are required.
Contact Rally Chair; Bob Lannin
FirewagonBob@aol.com **or (414) 477-9629**

Pre-register and save $11.00
Must be postmarked by August 23rd

Driver: _____

Address: _____

C/S/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Club Affiliation: _____

Driver: Check One ☐ Male ☐Female

Vehicle: ☐BMW ☐Other brand MC ☐Car

PASSENGER: _____

Address: _____

C/S/Zip: _____

Names *and Ages of children attending*:

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☐ Need Medical Needs Camping
(Anyone camping in this area without medical needs will be asked to leave the rally immediately.)

RALLY PRE-REGISTRATION FEES

Pre-registration: Adults 59.00 / Children 6-15 $29.00
At the Gate: Adults $70.00 / Children 6-15 $35.00

_____# Adults @ $59.00 = $_____
_____# Children @ $29.00 = $_____

Total $_____

Make Check or MO Payable to: WI Dells Rally

Mail postmarked by Aug 23, 2025 to:
Wisconsin Dells Rally
c/o Mike Cohen
9452 N 47th St
Brown Deer WI 53223

PayPal can only be used with online registrations!
(PayPal may have a small charge for it's use.)
Last day for online registrations is Aug 23, 2025
See our web site for PayPal link
https://wiscbmwclub.com/dells-rally/

49TH PURE STODGE IOWA RALLY

September 18-21, 2025
Elkader City Park, Elkader IA

Rally admission is $55 in advance and $60 at the gate. Includes 3 nights of camping, Friday and Saturday dinner, live music, wine tasting, games, and prizes.

Come experience NE Iowa and the great driftless roads among the beautiful fall colors.

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

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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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