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MADISON BMW CLUB ~ SEPTEMBER 2025

BMW MOA #7 BMW RA #5

Club picnic, 8/3/2025 (Pic: TVH)

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Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER 2025

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/

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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OCTOBER 2025

CLUB MEETING OCTOBER 5th
Tullys II, Monona, **8:45** AM

SLIMEY CRUD RUN Oct 5th
Pine Bluff, 10 AM

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WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

We just returned from the trip of a lifetime. We flew to Munich on Wednesday, July 23rd and spent the day exploring. Thursday we took train to Stuttgart Porsche museum where we rented a Boxster for the day to tour the Black Forest. Friday was a visit to BMW offices, museum tour and visit to the Welt. Saturday we toured Dachau concentration camp. Sunday we took a train to Seefeld, Austria for our Edelweiss Alps motorcycle tour. We had a meet and greet with dinner to meet everyone, which included people from WI, ID, CA, FL, MN, CT, OH, PA, Canada and Switzerland. Throughout the week we rode in two groups of 7 motorcycles each touring Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Italy with the highlight being Stelvio pass! We stopped for mid-morning and mid-afternoon coffee everyday. We rode BMW R1250RTs, R1300GS and Ducati Multistrada. The rider from Switzerland rode his personal Harley on the tour. We made some amazing friends, toured the best area we have ever ridden in, ate some delicious food and checked a lot of things off our bucket list. We highly recommend Edelweiss motorcycle tours and specifically our guides Christopher and Markus from Austria.

-Chad

(Pics: Garcias)

Happy September! One of my favorite months of the year, as the temperatures vary from summer to fall each day.
It is time to start thinking about our banquet in November. Please fill out the RSVP form in the newsletter.
I ask that you send the filled out form and payment to me (check made out to Madison BMW Club) before October 17.
I will need to give the final count in October to Kavanaughs. The meals choices have been our most popular as well as the salad bar and coffee. The banquet will be Saturday, November 1 at Kavanaugh's Esquire 5-6pm Cocktails and 6pm Dinner with the meeting to follow.

Chad & I will not be able to attend the October meeting because our son is getting married. Another officer will be running the meeting.

Rhonnie
Vice President

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

Priced is reduced, must sell. $2,500

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.
- rear luggage rack OEM.
- everything works.

Contact Eric Lewis: erlewis@wisc.edu
608-244-0404 land line, leave a message
608-770-1431 text

↓ **1975 R90/6,** 37568 miles. Tires like new. Oil changed, valves set, ignition checked, carbs checked and balanced at tech day in April. Fresh paint on tank and battery covers. 3500.00 or reasonable offer. ↓
Proceeds go to the Club to cover the cost of the trailer. Call Jim Kossow 608-335-2762.

Banquet RSVP & Meal Choice 11/1/25 5pm Cocktails 6pm Dinner
Followed by meeting at Kavanaugh's Esquire Club

Name #1

First Name_____ Last Name_____

Name #2

First Name_____ Last Name_____

- Meal Choices:
  All dinners include baked potato, salad bar and coffee. Prices include tax, gratuity and $10 subsidy from Club.
  - Guest #1
- _____ NY strip steak GF $38.00
- _____ Ribeye Steak GF $39.00
- _____ Jumbo broiled shrimp GF $26.00
- _____ Salmon fillet with dill sauce GF $25.00
- _____ Stuffed Chicken breast $22.00

Guest #2
- _____ NY strip steak GF $38.00
- _____ Ribeye Steak GF $39.00
- _____ Jumbo broiled shrimp GF $26.00
- _____ Salmon fillet with dill sauce GF $25.00
- _____ Stuffed Chicken breast $22.00

Mail RSVP Form & Payment prior to 10/17 (checks payable to Madison BMW club):

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of Madison, Wisconsin

Badger Motorcyclists of Wisconsin
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August 5, 2025

Good evening,

We wish to express our sincere gratitude to the Madison BMW Club for your support in our initiative to rename the MOA High Mileage Challenge in honor of Mac. As previously noted, the MOA Board convened on July 16, 2025, and included this matter on the agenda. The Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed name change and subsequently delegated implementation responsibility to MOA Staff.

On August 2, 2025, MOA President Brian Dutcher confirmed that MOA Staff will carry out the name change across all relevant program components within the next 60 days.

Your club's inclusion in the proposal demonstrated to the MOA Board that this commitment was a coordinated Midwest regional effort. This collective approach was instrumental in securing the Board's unanimous approval.

On behalf of the Badger Motorcyclists of Wisconsin, we extend our heartfelt appreciation for your collaboration and support in making this initiative a reality.

Sincerely,

Rodney Pettit

President

Badger Motorcyclists of Wisconsin

Kevin Birr

Project Lead

Badger Motorcyclists of Wisconsin

Product Review – Why I bought a MotoJackBike Product Review

By Liz "Shorty" Jacobs

Riding solo on a 900 CC motorcycle since 2022 after 40 years of riding 2-up with Doug Jacobs on our BMWs, I've learned many new things and heard many stories of riders getting into a few jams. Now I've experienced those on my own than thought I'd share a product.

I hope anyone interested will find this article useful.

First, I have a confession.

I'm short. Getting' old. Kinda wimpy weak.

Not only am I all these things, but because of my challenged inseam and pathetic muscle factors, I occasionally drop my Triumph Tiger 900 GT in an uneven parking lot or dimpled gravel surface that sneaks up on me as I come to a stop. Not many drops/mile ridden. But it has occurred.

It's typically a slow-mo, humorous scene, and sadly always is a surprise to me, because my heart says I'm 6' tall and a muscular 160 pounds, but my doctor says I'm now 4', 11.8" and hover around 125 jello-like pounds.

At first I was hesitant to tell anyone of these occasional flubs. But then, after riding to Fort Smith, AR and talking to the women – and some of the husbands/boyfriends who accompanied them – at the all-ladies Valkyrie Motorcycle 32 hour Rally, I heard stories from both sexes of surprise bike drops, and the challenge of lifting them up. So I felt less conspicuous.

Typically, when this happens to me, a couple of guys about the age of my 2 sons run up, call me ma'am and pick up the bike. I thank them and wonder if they tell their moms about this crazy senior citizen.

The incident is over before the paparazzi have time to shoot photos, and off I go nursing my pride a little. I know I have more miles on my 2021 Triumph than the average, non-MOA rider. So I'm not too discouraged.

I'd never dropped "Little Darling," my 300cc Honda Rebel nor the 500cc Moto Guzzi I rode a couple years BC (before children). I have practiced picking the Honda up and can do it, but it wasn't like... a feather.

So on to why I bought – and am AMAZED WITH – the MotoJackBike.

It was June of 2024.

I was about 450 miles into a long day in Minnesota, on my own, on a Saturday night, searching for a bonus at a university during the 2024 Northstar Rally. Doug, my much better half, was off somewhere else in Minnesota, riding his own route, miles and miles away.

It was about 8 p.m.

I was riding through the quiet, empty campus (it's summer...no students). Rather than parking on the street (flat) I decided to pull into the building's parking lot (slight inclined, but still looked good) and walk the building perimeter to find the historical plaque that was the bonus I was to photograph.

I was slowing to a stop, putting my feet down to the surface, and there it was... air on my left side where I swear there should have been solid ground. It doesn't take much of a lean. Don't know why I hadn't noticed the issue. Perhaps the dusk coming on played shadowy tricks? Perhaps I was tired? Perhaps the 3" heels on my Harley riding boots (where else can you find 3-inch-heeled riding boots?) fell off somewhere? Not.

Bloop. It was a graceful get off.

I looked up for the son-like men who should have been rushing in to help, and only saw some white gulls with black on their wing tips looking at me.

But it was okay. I'd lifted the Honda on my own. I was ready for this challenge. The Triumph with full tank of gas, some-stuff in my bags, weighed in probably around 440 lbs. at that point. Maybe I was 126 lbs at that time because I'd just eaten some bacon jerky.

I assumed the position, pushed with my legs, the bike moved up. Yea!

And then I couldn't move again.

I tried to shuffle my feet to continue to walk up with my legs but my boots slipped. Nope. At this point the gulls with their black-tipped white wings were clucking, which I assumed to be laughter.

Tried 2 more times. Nope. It was hot, I was sweating, and I could tell if I strained one more time, I would likely pull a muscle or pop a rib.

By now streetlights were coming on. So, in full gear, with much humbleness about me, I walked about a block to a street intersection. After minutes of nuthin', a car showed up, and I waved with all the friendliness I could muster.

The car slowed, and a 50ish gentleman rolled down his window.

Product Review Cont.

I pointed to my prone motorcycle in the distance. I pointed to the laughing gulls. I asked him for help. And he did.

Again I assumed the position, pushed with my legs, and this time with his help, was able to walk the bike up, turn and flip the kickstand down.

His words to me. "Wow, that's surprisingly heavy and awkward." Duh.

I thanked him, and he got back in his car.

I rode the 60 more miles to my hotel, got up by 5 a.m. Sunday morning, rode to my last bonus, rode back to MotoPrimo Motor Sports in Lakeville, MN by 7:45 a.m. for the Rally finish with other competitors, and kept thinking about...

...what if I had dropped the bike when I was stopped in the evening in the middle of nowhere in Minnesota at a bonus at some "no-one-comes-here" historical marker on the North Shore?

Or what if it had been some remote place in Oklahoma or Texas, where I would be riding solo in September?

Super husband Doug had long ago mentioned to me a product that existed that could jack up a motorcycle. Not sure I was listening that well (do you listen when your life partner talks about something you don't need *at the time*?)

Back home I looked up the MotoJackBike product, checked the videos, thought it was too good to be true but spent the $228 before Doug could say, "I can make it for you," which he could but when?

I waited for the UPS man.

The box came, and I unpacked this simple to assemble thing.

It consists of 2 steel poles, 1 steel pole with a ratchet strap bolted on, and a square metal base, a bag, and a Velcro strip. You insert each pole into the next, then into the base, lay the bag on your bike seat against which the ratchet strap will rub, hook the strong hook onto an area in the center of your bike (foot peg, center stand or the like on the frame), and you're ready. It takes about a minute of assembly.

Still doubtful I could do this alone, Doug and I lowered the Triumph onto an old sleeping bag on the garage floor and he stepped back. (Okay, maybe I yelled at him "don't help me. Get back.")

I had made sure the bike was in 1st gear to avoid rolling. And to be certain, I wrapped the Velcro strap around the brake lever and handlebar grip so the front brake was engaged.

I hooked the product's hook onto the area where a center stand would normally be (my bike doesn't have a center stand because it's lowered.) I put my foot on the square plate like the video showed, and started to ratchet.

I had looked before laying the bike down for the test where I could attach the hook. Once the bike was on its side, I had to crawl around to maneuver to place the hook in the hole.

HOLY COW.

The bike started to lift. I ratcheted. The bike lifted more. The metal rods held and the ratchet did not crumple like my racing mind visualized. The device started to angle, just like in the video, but it wasn't difficult to keep my foot on the square plate and feel stable. Ratcheting got a little harder as the bike lifted more upright, **but lordy, lordy, within a few ratchets – literally – I could maneuver to lower the kickstand and the bike was upright!**

Why no pictures of this? Doug doesn't usually have his cell phone, takes photos even less, and I wasn't thinking about doing a product review.

So I added a photo from the website to illustrate.

The right strategy is...don't pack this device in either of your side bags. Put it in your top box, or bungee it to your passenger seat where accessible.

The product is: MOTOBIKEJACK.

The website is: motojackbike.com

The cost: $228 plus S&H.

Rated to lift: 3,300 lbs.

Weights: 7 lb 12 oz. Size: 15"x5"

Picnic minutes August 3, 2025

Group thanked Sam and Dick for obtaining chicken.
No guests at picnic.
Pres and VP are in Europe riding.

Treasurer report. We are looking good in both club and GR 3 account.
Secretary. Would like to step down for position. Not up for reelection til Nov 2026.

GR3- Tom Lubbens would like to run for rally chair in November.

RALLYS- 2025 RA will be in Anthens, Ohio Labor Day weekend.
The 2026 rally will be in Chippewa Falls, WI over Labor Day.
The 2026 MOA Rally will be at Essex Jct, outside Burlington, VT.
The Wisconsin Dells Rally will be 9/5 at new site Sky High Campground so no meeting in September.
Pure Stodge - Iowa Rally will be 9/18 in Elkader

Bert planning to go camping at Soldiers Grove in the next week or so for 3/4 days.

Lynn Jacobs said members of the Chicago Club were going to go to Tanzania 1/31 to 2/10/26 if anyone was interested in joining them.

Ironman Madison is same weekend as Dells Rally.

No meeting in September.
Annual banquet in November. Will be voting for VP and treasurer. Secretary job is available for remaining year on term.
Also GR3 chair will be voted on.

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 bbq 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.
We will feel like they're really at the rally!
Come play on the Mountain

Deluxe Suites are available.
Reservations are required.
Contact Rally Chair: Bob Lennon
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A Club picnic attendee's K16 quit; Doug and Liz Jacobs provided a jump with a lawnmower… (Pic: Liz J.)

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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BMW RA # _____

AMA # _____

MOTORCYCLES YOU OWN:

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