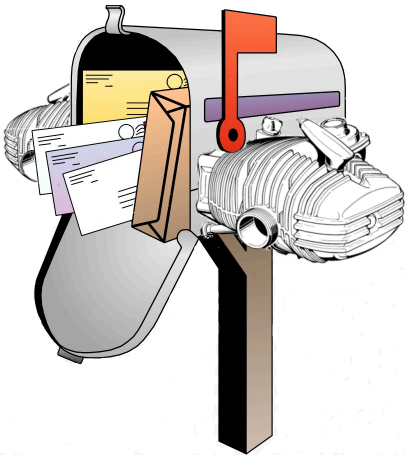

# THE MAIL BOXER

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

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# December Club News and Member Photos!

## *President's Letter*

**Greetings!**
I hope that you all had a great Thanksgiving.
Meghan and I had ours early, as in the Sunday before, since we both had a very busy week with my shows and her prep to head off to do a major event.

I didn't get to ride much in November, but I hope that some of you took advantage of the warm days to put a few miles on the bike. With all the snow in the forecast, it looks to me that December may be the end of the riding season for all but the most hardy of our membership.

***December 7th Meeting Coming Up Fast!***
I am quite excited to be leading the December meeting as your President for the first time. **I want to thank Chad, Rhonnie, and Sue for their service as Pres, VP, and Treasurer. I also want to thank Tom Van Horn for his service as Newsletter Editor and Chris Brown for a job well done heading the Rally Committee.** Well Done everyone.

I want to welcome Tom Lubben as VP and Rally Chair, Susan North as Treasurer, Jim Kossow as Board Member at Large, Jim Harms as Web Guru, Jim Low as Membership, Liz Jacobs as Newsletter Editor, and finally, a big thank you to our only returning Officer, Secretary Linda Low, who promises to keep all of us in line. And oh yeah, Bert is still the activities director….. for life.

I'm looking forward to a good turnout at the December meeting on Sunday the 7th at 8:30am. See you at Tully's II, **6401 Monona Dr, Monona, WI 53716.**
SamG

**Inside This Newsletter!**

- Member-submitted Favorite Ride Photos of 2025
- Upcoming Events (okay it's winter, so there's just a few)
- How to Submit a Product Review or Ride Story
- News from Our Officers
- Renew your Dues - Or Join up. Whatcha waitin' for?

# Upcoming Events

- **Sun. Dec. 7, 8:00 a.m. - Club Monthly Meet-Up and Breakfast Eat-Up!** Tully's II, **6401 Monona Dr, Monona, WI 53716.** Come around 8 a.m. to order your breakfast. Club meeting starts 8:30 a.m.

- **Sun. Jan. 4, 8:00 a.m. - Club Monthly Meet-Up and Breakfast Eat-Up!** Tully's II, **6401 Monona Dr, Monona, WI 53716.** Come around 8 a.m. to order your breakfast. Club meeting starts around 8:30 a.m.

***Tully's II - Monona = see you there***

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## What???A Motorcycle Derby Jan. 1 in Minneapolis? Yep - and we're hoping to finally go!

*Submitted by Liz Jacobs, Newsletter Editor*

My husband Doug and I have attended many motorcycle events that are put on by a group called **Team Strange** in Minnesota. BUT, they're usually held sometime between April and September!

We've always wanted to go to their I-Cycle Derby on Jan. 1 to watch or participate in this zany event. This Jan. 1 we're going to try to get there. Doug's planning to trailer our little Himalayan 411CC to participate, leaving the bigger BMWs home.

**This event has been going on for 76 years!!!**

Click the I-cycle Derby logo to link to the history of the event. Click the motorcycle photo to hear the news story (from 2016) about it. The news video featured a number of our motorcycling friends from MN who now run the Derby.

# Quick Up-Dates from Club Officers

## "The burgers were great...."

**by Tom Lubben, Club VP & GR3 Rally Chair**

*What's one of the most important jobs of the Club VP? Hey - checking out great places to eat while riding the Driftless Area and sharing that with us! Here is Tom's report on his latest and maybe last ride of 2025.*

I managed to get in what may be the last ride of 2025, on November 23. My son was visiting, and I got together with Mark Denhart (not a member, but still a regular attendee of GR3), and Susan North, Club Treasurer. I was on the red R90/6, my son Daniel on the Blue Max (a former R60/6 mostly converted to R75/6 specs).
*(Keep reading further below...)*

## Madam Secretary says.... by Linda Low

We held our Club meeting during our annual banquet on Sat., Nov. 1 at Kavanaugh's Esquire Supper Club.

The major activity was club elections, which Sam covers in his President's letter this month. Find the new board and officer names and contact info later in this newsletter. *A copy of the minutes and bylaws will be emailed to members Dec. 5.* Major business was:
**Passage of bylaw revisions.**
**Treasury -** accounts are balanced, full.
**RA Rally Report -** June 18-21 Chippewa Falls, WI!
**MOA Rally report** - June 11-13 2026 Essex Valley, VT!
**2026 Rally Chair Tom Lubben** would be kicking off Rally planning in December with Club volunteers.

## GR3 2026 - Slated for the weekend of May 15-17, 2026

Mark your calendars for the 51st GR3 Rally this May.

It's truly amazing that this fun weekend for BMW motorcycle enthusiasts throughout the Midwest has been put on by our club for 51 years!

A big thank you to Chris Brown who was Rally chair in 2025.

The baton has been taken up by Tom Lubben for 2026 and a number of volunteers have already jumped in.

Get in on the action! There's many small and large tasks you can support.
Email Tom **lub_sur@sbcglobal.net** to get in on the fun.

# Club Members' Favorite Ride Memories - 2025 and beyond

**Susan North, tearing up Tail of the Dragon on her way to NC.**

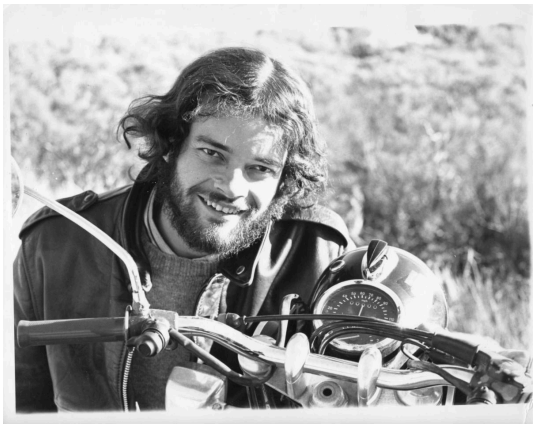
**John Gaydos getting ready to ride Sturgeon Bay.**

**Tom Van Horn getting ready to roll from Snowriver in Wakefield MI in July**

**Liz Jacobs, practicing riding dirt in Black River Falls WI, October.**

**Doug Jacobs' 2011 GS rolling over 100K miles on a 75F day this summer.**

# Seeing Double at 200,000 miles!



When Tom Lubben's odometer on his R75/5 "Green Machine" hit 200,000 miles, he recreated his pictures from when the bike turned over 100,000. And yes, that is corn in his top box and bags. You'll just have to ask him.

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## The Burgers Were Great - **Club VP message cont.**

...Mark's bike is the red R80RT, and Susan's is the F750GS. We rode in a circuitous route to Boaz, WI, where we ate and watched the end of the Packers game at **The Lonesome Dove**. I highly recommend their burgers. Homemade, delicious, and big. The place is kind of a "Harley and locals" hangout. Usually a 4-wheeler or two there. Because it was getting late and the temperatures were dropping, we high-tailed it home on US14, with the electric gear on pretty high settings. All in all, a great final ride for 2025!

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## Submit Your Story, Product Review or Ride Photos for our January Newsletter by Dec. 27.

Just email Liz at **beekeeper60021@gmail.com** with your photo(s) and text.

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