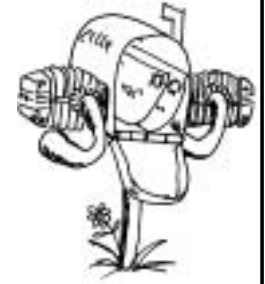


The Mail Boxer

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The Prez says...

by Steve Huber

Geesh, what happened to spring? What with the GR3 and other rallies time has sailed past me and we're staring at Memorial Day weekend and summer. I'm apologizing ahead of time for the briefness of this message, however, as I write this, the GR3 is just over, I'm trying to do laundry and pack for the Rocket City Rally, and even trying to show up at the office and get some paying work done. Oh crap, I forgot to feed the cat, too!

On to Club Stuff:

As mentioned the 2003 GR3 est fini. A more complete report will appear (Bert and TVH will likely have synopses) but things went

well. We should come out ahead after all the expenses are tallied. There was great weather, rally-goers liked Badger Camp, the GS ride was a hit, and everyone got fed.

Club picnic is June, catered by Lums and is at Festge County Park. It's open to Club members and their invited guests. I think we're aiming to eat around 2PM. Check the newsletter calendar for specifics.

Me? Well I gotta go replace the rear brake pads and pack the RT for another trip. Oh, the burdens I suffer. See y'all in June and at the picnic.

Secretary's Report

by J.T. Wagner

47 people showed up this month. In part probably because of the Slimey Crud run the same day. We gave away two free breakfasts for August. Because the June meeting will be the picnic. And there will be no July meeting except for an impromptu one at the National.

Tom Wiesen gave a rundown on the insurance situation for people helping out at bicycle events. He should have more info elsewhere in the newsletter. The 50/50 went to Roland Thompson. The free breakfasts went to Derek Engelen and Fred Kitchen.

Upcoming Events

6/1: Club picnic at Festge Park more details to come...

6/12-15: 27th Iowa Rally. New location, Wind Millridge Campground located just South of Kalona, Iowa.

6/14: Horribly Hilly Hundred Century Ride to support Blue Mounds State Park. Needs motorcycle support. Contact Tom Wiesen for more info.

6/28: Belle City Beemers Picnic in the Park at 3725 Nicholson Rd. Franksville, WI. Beer, food, and music. Camping is encouraged.

6/29: Dells Tin Man needs 12 motorcycles for support. Stage at the entrance to Mirror Lake State Park (just southwest of the Dells) 6:30 am to 1:00. Contact Tom Wiesen for more info.

8/8-10: New Vienna, IA ride Leaving 4:30 pm Friday from Speedway on corner of Hwy 151 and Raymond Rd for steak dinner, camping and Perseides meteor shower. Field of Dreams or Amana Colonies possible on Saturday. Brunch at Timmerman's overlooking the Mississippi and return home on Sunday. Contact Ed Burington for more information.

8/22-25: Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario Friday ride through Upper Peninsula Michigan to Canada. Saturday take the Agawa Canyon train tour. Sunday visit Mackinac Island and

stop in Manistique, MI for the evening. Monday return to Madison. Contact Ed Burington for more information.

9/7: Ironman Wisconsin needs 60 motorcycles for support. Staging at Monona Terrace in downtown Madison. Contact Tom Wiesen for more info.

9/27: Dual-sport Ride in Wabeno, WI. For more information contact the Madison Motorcycle Club.

9/28: Dyersville, IA. A Sunday morning ride to Timmerman's, East Dubuque, IL for brunch. Continue to Dyersville for a Field of Dreams visit. Back home the same day. Contact Ed Burington for more information.

11/8: Club banquet at JT Whitney's. More information to come...

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V.P.'s Report *by Tom Van Horn*

Well, lessee, the May meeting wasn't as warm as one would wish—but a lot of us rode anyway. A lot of us to the point that the Maple Tree had to open the partition so we could spill into the next area. Biker trash, everywhere ya look nowadays...

Tom Weisen mentioned the Tin Man triathlon in the Dells in June—bikes and riders needed! I gather that the Tin Man is one-half an Iron Man in duration. I know my limitations—I asked if there was a Wet Toilet Paper Man...

NOTE!! The June 1st meeting is NOT at the Maple Tree—We're having the annual picnic at Festge Park(Hwy 14 between Cross Plains and Black Earth), with a catered meal. Cost will likely around \$5.—call Ben C. for particulars.

AND!! We voted not to have a July meeting—a lot of folks are planning on the National rally in West VA the following week, and won't be here. Dave M. proposed having a club breakfast somewhere in Charleston on the 10th or 11th or such, a fine idea. If we come up with someplace, we'll put it in the July 'letter.

After the meeting, I switched bikes and Duck'ed :-)) out to Pine Bluff for the Slimey Cruds gathering. Large turnout despite the cruddy weather—some interesting machines—am I dating myself when I say I'm just as pleased by a prosaic-but-nicely-turned-out Japanese bike (say, a cafe'd CB 450 or 500) as the European exotica? Among the latter, I saw an MV F4 and two Boxer Cup replicas...

Okay, now, uh, how 'bout that GR/3?? Last year, with clear-but-cold weather and a new location, I expected marginal turnout. Buut, it was about usual, around 250. This year, with better weather forecasted, I figured we'd do as well or better. Nope—we ended up with 200 or so. The club did okay, nonetheless.

The kinks from last year were ironed out: Registration got up and running on time, we were able to keep the coffeemakers running, and the Saturday meal had enough for everybody. We handed out small door prizes during Saturday, so Yertz Truly didn't have to flap his jaws quite so long at the awards. High miler was a fellow from Vacaville Ca, who edged a guy from the Calgary, AB area... John O.(74+)was edged for oldest male rider by a chap who's 77, although Johns /2 rig did get oldest BMW at the rally... Youngest male rider was riding an R100RS older than he was...

Art and Deb Mischler were VERY good to us with door and drawing prizes—The Nolan helmet was won by a guy who desperately needed a new lid—he was “thrilled!” The Motorrad synthetic riding jacket(Steve S.) and Boxer Cup heavy windbreaker (Tom K.), and the BMW battery tender also found good homes. Door prizes were also received from Southeast Sales, Sharer Cycles, and many of you members—THANK YOU ALL!

Dave M.'s ride to Mineral Point was well received, Todd E. and Ernie's GS run got raves, the Saturday meal was much-praised, and Clarissa and her Badger Camp crew fed us well Friday night and Saturday morning. They like us, they really like us! After being everywhere at once all weekend, Czar Bert rescued a guy who high-sided his RS on Lawless Rd. (the paved part, even), driving him home to south Chicago. Roger K. stayed on top of the coffee rushes, Prez Steve was likewise everywhere, and many, many of you pitched in with registration, cleanup, and anywhere else needed. You did it—bless you!

TVH

Eating Out in Charleston, WV.

by John Schroeder

Charleston, WV was featured on the food channel. Here are some tips for those going to the national rally.

Joseph's for breakfast. (sweet potato pancakes with pecan butter).

Jestine's for lunch. (okra gumbo, red rice, and blackeyed peas).

Dessert stop at Middleton Place Plantation (pecan pie and others).

And supper at Hominy Grill. (catfish and baked grits).

I did not sample this food, but it sure looked good. Bon Appetite!

Winter Escape

by Russ Champion

Imagine my surprise when in Mazatlan, Mexico, my wife Annette and I find club members Todd and Tanya at a nearby restaurant table. Seems that the four of us are on a fantastic Mexican vacation during February. If you cannot ride in Wisconsin, some enjoy just getting away into warmer climates. Annette and I did just that in spades, spending two months south of the border. During that time Steve and Mary Ellen Schlough joined us for three weeks in Puerto Vallarta.



Calamari Cattitori

"Wayward Wembley Wenches" or "Our Garage Wars"

by Todd Erickson

I have a situation. This is a grave situation. Our garage is like many others; full of bikes, gas cans, stools, tools, etc., etc.. Our garage also has the potential to be the blast off point for our business, TT Euro Moto Corp.. So, I am out there in the garage working on the business, polishing Ducati exhausts I do not have a bike for, the 748/916/996 line-up. That's right, I do not have a 748/916/996. However, I do have two beautifully polished sets of these pipes ready for their next project in coring them. Coring is opening the exhaust canister to remove all the heavy innards and replacing them with less restrictive, and of course, lighter stuff. We don't have an Aprilia Falco either, but we have a brand new shock for one. Don't have a '62 Bultaco Mk III 125s either, but we have an engine for one. So, the situation.

I am gazing glazy eyed in the garage, pre barley therapy, trying to do my best Valentino Rossi imitation. (He is an Italian rider for Honda in the Moto GP races.) The impression is horrible but I plunder on through Rossi's acceptance speech anyway, sounding like an English trained Jane Goodall chimpanzee that has been huffing helium and is high on Moto GP fumes. I am physically looking at this pile o'parts but thinking about welding sticks, Whitworth wrenches, and Wayward Wembley wenches. This is the extent of my multi-tasking talents. A Swiss army knife I am not, nor as sharp either. So, the situation.

The Rossi impersonation was starting to develop a Scottish brogue when I catch movement out of the corner of my glassy eye at the driveway end. Two squirrels have stopped at the driveway's end and look as if they might spar, but they don't. They don't spar 'cuz they are eyeing our inventory of shiny parts!! (They want the 160 Monza Piston and the Bultaco clutch

cables, I know they do.) They wouldn't be staring at the 260# Norwegian trying to sound like a 120# Italian that actually sounds like a wine drunk Spanish chipmunk would they? Noooooo. The lime jello wrestling Wembley wenches jousting with Whitworth wrenches disappear from thought as I conjure up ways to take out these little tree-rat suckers that are coveting our pile o'parts. Then, it hits me!! The '92 Ducati Super Light instrument cluster auction expires in 43 minutes!?! I must get to a computer. (Note to self: Look up auction for rodent live traps.)

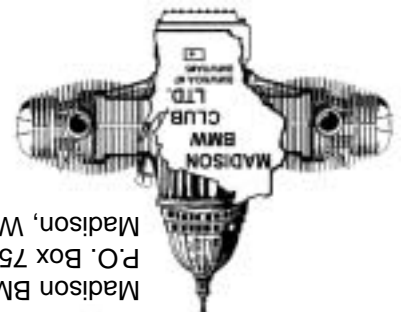
Moto parts coveting aside, there is a plethora of pleasing track activity in the area this summer. Championship Cup Series at Blackhawk Farms as follows: May 31-June 1st, July 19-20th, August 23-24th, and Sept. 6-7th. Blackhawk Farms is in the Beloit countryside and has been repaved wonderfully. CCS action at Road America is August 8-10th. And of course, the AMA Superbikes will be in Elkhart Lake's Road America June 5-8th, paddock opens Thursday, the Super Pass is about \$100. When do AMA Superbikes run at the Colonel's Brainerd? Who knows better than Mike Shannon? "Hello" to his cutey Helen too. Anyway, go to www.ccsracing.com for more info. or call me 11am-3pm days if you are chip and bitless. The better participating deal for track action is the Lockhart Philips USA Team Privateer Sport Rider Days. Tanya and I will be running the GS at the remaining CCS midwest events which coincide with the Privateer Days, so give a call if you wanna tag along. Anyone need clutch and choke cables for a 900SS? How about a Dyna ignition for a Guzzi Le Mans III? Did someone grab me a ticket for the Hiawatha Milk Truck Nationals?

Let's be careful out there.

Club Apparel Order Form

	Qty. Small	Qty. Med.	Qty. Large	Qty. XL	Qty. XXL Add \$2.00	Qty. XXXL Add \$2.00	Total
Short-sleeve Tee \$7.70							
Long-sleeve Tee \$9.70							
9oz. Heavy-cotton Sweatshirt \$12.30							
9.3oz. 50/50 HoodedJerzees \$16.65							
Totals							

These prices are based on a total order of between 24–47 shirts and sweats. These are offered only to club members. Checks should be made payable to the Madison BMW Club. Write down what the payment is for on the check. Send orders and checks to J.T. Wagner at 4717 Shaffer Avenue, Madison, WI 53716. The cut off date for orders is June 30th.



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