

The Mail Boxer

April 2005

BMW MOA #7



The Prez Says...

by Todd Herbst

On March 10th I received an email from a new club member, Tim Hegeman, wondering if I was going to be having the St. Patty's day ride. I told him it didn't look to good, but if I show up on a bike "everything is good", if I show up in a car and anyone that shows up on a bike are either crazy or studded up.

Well, it ends up snowing the next day. We still have two days for it to melt, right? Wrong. Being as lazy as I have been this long, crappy winter. I didn't shovel the drive this snowfall.

Saturday rolls around, I get out of bed and check the thermometer. A (yep, winter's still here) 18 degrees. I go to the window, look down at the driveway. one continuous sheet of ice from the house down to the road. I'm not riding today.

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if I joined the right club.”**

At 9:45 I check the thermometer again, 24 degrees. I jump in the Jeep and head down to the Citgo in Cross Plains and low and behold a bike, one lonely R90/6 and guess who, Tim, he rode down from Sauk City. He looked a little chilled but not crazy at all, hmm. We talked for a few Minutes then parted ways, as I was walking away Tim says "Hey, what does studded up means?". I proceed to tell him about ice studs, and he says "Good, I was wondering if I joined the right club."

It's great, I didn't have to cancel the St. Patty's day ride after all. Tim was out there riding for all of us.

As I write this the weatherman is saying it's going to be over 60 degrees today, the first time since Nov. 17th.

It's coming, it's coming

Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 3 - Madison BMW Club breakfast & meeting at 9:00am at Maple Tree Restaurant (Hwy. 51) in McFarland.

Sunday, April 17 - "21st Annual Wild Goose Run" sponsored by Port Washington BMW Club, brunch at Niles Restaurant on Hwy. 33 between Beaver Dam & Horicon. Contact Tom Van Horn for tickets (\$9.00/person), phone # 608-238-5181. Tom Van Horn will lead a ride to Niles Restaurant, departing from Madison Motorsports (2013 S. Stoughton Rd. in Madison) at 9:30am.

Thursday, April 21- Sunday, April 24 - Steve Lemke will lead a ride to "25th Trail of Tears Rally" in Marble Hill, MO. Meet at 1:00pm at Lake Mills McDonalds, will be stopping Thursday night to camp, & arriving at the rally on Friday. Please bring camping gear. Call Steve at # 920-648-3710, if you are planning to go. Will return on Sunday, April 24 to Madison.

Sunday, April 24 - "20th BMW Flea Market" sponsored by Blackhawk Region BMW Assoc. Located at Winnebago County Fairgrounds in

Pecatonica, IL, opens at 8:00am.
\$5.00 donation.

Thursday, April 28-Sunday, May 3 - Ed Burington will be leading a ride to "Memphis in May." Departing Madison on the afternoon of April 28th. He and Karen plan to take in the Beale Street music festival at Tom Lee Park on the Mississippi River. <http://www.memphisinmay.org/> They plan to stay in Memphis Friday-Sunday. Leave Memphis on Monday, travel about 100 miles northwest to Missouri Highway 19 and start north to Wisconsin through the Mark Twain National Forest and the Ozarks. They would arrive back in Madison sometime on Tuesday, May 3. Currently they have 7 people going on 5 bikes. For more details, contact Ed at 608-772-1933.

Sunday, May 1 - Madison BMW Club breakfast & meeting at 9:00am at Maple Tree Restaurant in McFarland.

Sunday, May 1 - "Slimy Gruds Ride" begins about noon and ends in Leland, WI.

Friday, May 20 - Sunday, May 22 - 31st Annual Great River Road Run (GR3) at Wisconsin Badger Camp near Prairie du Chien.

Sunday, June 12 - Madison BMW Club Picnic at Brigham County Park. JL Richards will cater.

Sunday, June 26 - Todd Erickson will lead a ride through the Blue Mounds area.

July breakfast/meeting date to be announced.

Thursday, July 21 - Sunday, July 24 - 33rd BMW MOA International Rally in Lima, OH.

Sunday, August 7 - Madison BMW Club breakfast & meeting at 9:00am at Maple Tree Restaurant in McFarland.

Sunday, August 7 - "Ride for Kids" donations/pledges for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. Registration 7:30-9:15am at Fireman's Park in Middleton. Registration & pledge forms available online at www.rideforkids.org or contact John Schroeder # 608-325-4621.

Friday, August 19-Monday, Sept. 5 - Ed Burington to lead a ride to Skagway, Alaska. Per note, "This ride is not for the faint of heart but that said, it might be your easiest two wheel passage to Alaska. At present we have 4 motorcycles carrying 5 drivers and one truck carrying an additional MC class driver. We will travel to (or at least very near) Whitehorse in the Yukon territory before turning to Skagway and the Pacific Ocean. We will cover 5,500 land miles passing through as least 5 Canadian provinces and several Canadian National Parks including Jasper and Banff. We will travel approx. 1/2 of the ALCAN Highway and once we reach Skagway, we will become an ocean going adventure for a 36 hour ride through the inside passage to Prince Rupert, British Columbia. The cost to you is 11 vacation days, a well tuned and mechanically sound ride and probably should budget about

\$100 a day for the 18 day ride. For more details, contact Ed at 608-772-1933."

September breakfast/meeting date to be announced.

Friday, September 9-Saturday, September 10 - Wisconsin BMW Club Rally at Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells.

Sunday, September 18 - John Schroeder will lead a "Non-Cheese Days Ride" to Monroe.

Sunday, October 2 - Madison BMW Club breakfast & meeting at 9:00am at Maple Tree Restaurant in McFarland.

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Membership News

by Derek Engelen

Please correct Carl Rainey's email address in your club directory:
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Please welcome these new members:

Kendall W. Moore
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2004 BMW R1150RA
2002 Yamaha Vstar Classic

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N8996 Hughes Road
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608.424.1736 home
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2002 BMW R1150RT

Renewing members last month include:
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1147 Furlong Drive
Libertyville, IL 60048
847.680.9140

1996 BMW R1100RT

Jim Dickey
5010 Sunrise Ridge Trail
Middleton, WI 53562
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1995 BMW R11GS
2000 Kawasaki Drifter
1972 BMW R75/5

Troy Kratz
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2004 Honda CBR 1000RR
2001 Honda CBR 1100XX

Secretary's Report

by Roland Thompson

The March 2005 meeting was held at the Maple Tree in McFarland with 38 people attending, including 12 who rode their bikes.

New Business:

1. Jeff and Chris Dargis have volunteered to be the new activities directors. Thank you Jeff & Chris! Several rides are in the works for the coming season and will be organized by both Jeff & Chris and others who have come forward. They will coordinate the dates, changes in dates or venues, and communications through the newsletter, list serve, and Madison BMW website. The Dargis's have asked for volunteers for rides and other activities.
2. Bert Hefty reports that the rally details are about set. It appears there will be no outside beer vendor and JL Richards will once again cater Saturday evening's meal.
3. Todd Erickson will have motorcycle inventories provided by Southeast Sales, Mischlers and Nick's BMW at future meetings. This will be good information for anyone needing a quick look at what's available in the area.
4. Tom VanHorn is taking reservations for the April 17th Wild Goose Run breakfast in Beaver Dam. If you make a reservation, you will be able to sit with the other club members. Tom also asks that you show up and pay him for the ticket!
5. The Ride for Kids is August 7, 2005. John Schroeder has pledge sheets and other information for interested people.

Old Business:

1. The club picnic is scheduled for June 12th at Brigham Park.

The 50/50 was won by Ken Moore, and Bill Jutz won the free breakfast. Meeting was adjourned at 10:45.



Reminders and Such

All: Just a reminder that the Wild Goose Run is this month: Sunday April 17th.

I'll be leading a ride up to Niles Pyramid, leaving Madison Motorsports on Stoughton Road, leaving around 9:30. This should put us at Niles between 10:30 and 11:00.

If you want to sit with the club, you need to buy advance tickets—see me about this. They're \$9.00 per person this year—let me know you want one and I'll hold one. You need pay me only when I give you your ticket.

PLEASE!! If you can't make the Run, let me know so I can try to move your ticket. Every year I have a few no-shows. If I wait for you with 'your' ticket and you don't show, I'm still stuck paying for it. If you can't make it, okay, these things happen, but please tell me!

Remember the Cruds ride is right after the May b'fast -

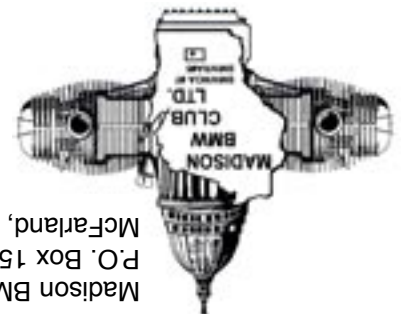
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Classifieds

For Sale: 1992 BMW R100RS. 139,459 miles. Blue and silver color. Stock seat and Corbin seat. Well maintained. Newer tires. \$3500. (608)222-3758 J.T. Wagner

For Sale F650GS: 12,000 mile maintenance complete. Ron Woods Kit installed by Eric Mischler. Rock solid. Approx. 58 MPG, 4.2 gallon tank. Runs on premium; runs best with octane boost. Hand guards, electric grips, and a tail trunk. Good rubber. Weighs about 370#. Sort of custom painted; BMW TerraFirma red, but the painter used the wrong base coat and it came out about the color of a slightly tarnished copper penny. Pretty color. \$5500. Call Dave Jenneke at (608).

For Sale: Women's First Gear Air Pants. Size 14. Excellent condition; lost weight—pants no longer fit. Asking \$75. Call Betty at (608)831-4439.



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