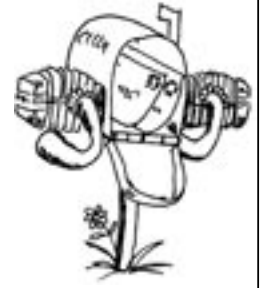


# The Mail Boxer

July 2005

BMW MOA #7



## Member Update

by Tom Van Horn

No, I'm not a club officer anymore, but I can still flap my yap now and then...

On the GR/3 front, the attendance at our 31st rally was about 125—this is about half of a nice turnout, and about 50 or so less than needed to break even. JL Richards adjusted his Saturday meal to allow for the numbers (again), bless his heart...

Mischlers, Madison Motorsports (who also vended at the rally), Motorcycle Performance in Madison, and Gina's in Iowa were very generous with door prizes—remember them when you're doing business! Also, Berres Brothers Coffee in Watertown provided a bunch of their house blend, gratis (again). At this writing, I'm working on getting thank-yous out to all of them...

...speaking of thank you, Dick Olson has faithfully provided his his big (i.e., gas hog) truck to the rally, hauling (and storing) all the Rally Stuff back and forth for several years. He requested that he not be compensated for his fuel use, due to our light turnout. THANK YOU, Dick!!

The lingering question is, why the shrinking attendance? Ambassadors Sue Rihn and Brian Manke noted that attendance for every event is shrinking somewhat. Also discussed was the proliferation of riding events (more things mean fewer at any one of them), and the aging of the riding population and the reduced numbers of us who camp...

All that being chewed on, the conclusion of many of us involved with the rally is that the couple miles of gravel coming in to the site is—apparently just too daunting to folks. We've gotten lots of comments and talked with people at other events, and the upshot is always whining—uh, I mean comments—about that road...

So, whatta we do?? Badger Camp has implied that, if we can't assure them a certain amount of money for our weekend there, our arrangement might be jeopardized... Other venues are being looked at—very preliminary at this point, but changes may be in the offing...

Okay, what ELSE is going on?? Well, the 'MOA National is the 21st to 24th of July. In Lima, Ohio. This is one fair day's ride. I find that the Nationals are always a Large Time, each for its own reasons. I don't consider western Ohio a riding mecca (although it gets interesting as one heads south towards the Ohio River), but I always have fun. The Madison BMW Club (that's uh, us) has volunteered to run a gate at the rally on Thursday the 21st from 2 to 6PM. If you're there, be there! Your blue club shirts and/or hats would be grand treat...

The July meeting is the 10th (NOT the 3rd) at the Maple Tree—we have things to discuss—see ya there.

On the Oh Yeah front, Barb and I took in a neat little event recently—'Bobfest' is held behind the general store in Spring Green. An assortment of artists sing, play, recite, etc. The thread is that only Bob Dylan material is performed. A laid-back affair, with food available, and Lake Louie beer proudly served by the brewers. Folks spotted there included member Knud Tinglev-Hansen and Friend of GR/3 Eric Wallner. We'll be fitting this in again.

### Upcoming Events

**Sunday, July 10** - Madison BMW Club breakfast & meeting at 9:00 am at Maple Tree Restaurant (Hwy. 51) in McFarland.

**Sunday, July 17** - Glenn Rago will lead a ride out to the Platteville area. Meet at 8:00am at the Kwik Trip on Hwy. 138 and MM in Oregon. "We will visit the first state capital in Belmont. Then we will visit the Platteville mound which has the biggest letter M on it in the state (241' high by 214' wide) which is the symbol for the UW Platteville College of Engineering. You can actually walk up to the top if you would like. Then check out the observation tower where you can see 4 states, followed by some lunch." For more details contact Glenn at home #608-882-3718, or cell phone #608-931-6167.

**Thursday, July 21 - Sunday, July 24** - 33<sup>rd</sup> BMW MOA International Rally in Lima, OH.

**Sunday, August 7** - Madison BMW Club breakfast & meeting at 9:00am at Maple Tree Restaurant (Hwy. 51) 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](http://www.rideforkids.org) or contact John Schroeder # 608-325-4621.

**Sunday, August 14** - Tom Van Horn will lead the “Annual Hillsboro Ride.”

**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 at least 5 Canadian provinces and several Canadian National Parks including Jasper and Banff. We will travel approx. ½ 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.”

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

**Sunday, September 11** - Madison BMW Club meeting will be on the Wisconsin BMW Club Rally site at Chula Vista Resort. Time and exact location will be announced later.

**Saturday, September 17** - Ride to American Players Theatre led by Todd Herbst. We will see The Marry Wives of Windsor at 3:00 p.m. Call 831-4439 for details.

**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 (Hwy. 51) in McFarland.

**Saturday, October 15** - Chili cook-off. We will break in Todd and Betty’s new garage with fun, food, and drinks. More details to come.

**Saturday, November 5** - Madison MBW Club Banquet at Essen Haus Restaurant, 514 E. Wilson St., Madison.

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# Gloom and Doom

## from the Treasury Department

June 12, 2005 Club Picnic

Reserve site \$83.00

JL Richards 416.25  
(50 meals)

Glenn Rago (pop) 30.96

Total \$530.21

Income

(28 attendees@\$8 each)224.00

Net loss \$306.21

# What's in Your Tank Bag

by Todd Herbst

1-Red pen flashlight	1-Neck gator
1-FM handheld radio	1-Small pack towel
Autocom cables	1-REI firstaid kit
Shannonville track day patch	9-tablets Ibuprofen
Potential rally site info	2-Tie down straps
2-Small screwdrivers	1-Zooke anti fog
1-Plastic cycle-foot kickstand pad	1-Rally mug belt clip
1-GR3 rally mug	3.5-sets of earplugs
1-Package of bungee buddies	1-Mischler gift card
1-Keyring	2-Misc. unidentified junk
1-Tankbag rain cover	1 pkg. Allergy tablets
1-Rally hat	1-Bicycle chamois cream
1-RA National flashlight	1-bic lighter
2-zipper pulls	1-small tripod
2-campground receipts	1-duct tape
1-Madison BMW Club name tag	1-Highlighter
1-Sony Discman	1-Garbage bag
1 pr. Shure earphones	\$2.88 in change
	8-AA batteries (condition unknown)

# News from Northern Illinois

by P.J. Francis

For those members who do not know me, I am an Irish guy who has been living in Northern Illinois for the past ten years. I have been a member of the Madison BMW Club for most of that time since attending my first rally in Bagley. (Remember Bagley?) Hmmm, now that I think of it I am late sending my sub again. I am the sort of person who makes a club official's life miserable. My family (wife Helena and daughter Sasha) have just moved to the delightful village of Durand where we purchased a pre-Civil war farmhouse on the edge of town. We have completed the physical move so now lets get on with the writing stuff. (Now that the old computers have been unpacked.)

Assuming I am still a member and assuming The Mail Boxer editor is interested I would like to expound on matter of interest to BMW motorcycle owners that are occurring in Northern Illinois. (It is just south of the state line, folks.)

The 20th annual BMW flea market took place on Sunday, April 24 at Winnebago County Fairgrounds in Pecatonica. This event enjoys the status of being the largest indoor BMW flea market in the world.

For a number of years now I have been participating in the annual Gold Wing Riders Association, Chapter "L" Rockford, Illinois "Toy Ride and Poker Run". The event raises cas to purchase teddybears that are carried in police cars to give to traumatized children. That is done at accident sites, scenes of child abuse, etc. Police officers have found the practice to be of immeasurable value.

This year's event takes place on August 21 at 3829 11th st. (IL 251), Rockford, Illinois. (South of bypass 20.) The admission is \$7 and the first 400 registrants are guaranteed an event pin. There is a breakfast ride at 8 a.m. The first bike out on

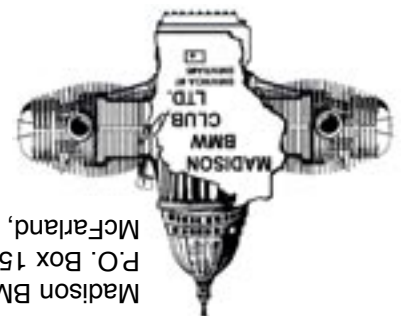
the poker run at 9 a.m. Last bike in at 3 p.m. Awards/drawings at 3:30 p.m. There is a grand prize drawing for round trip air fare and three nights at Las Vegas for two plus other prizes. (You can give the tickets to me if you don't want them.) For more information contact Ron and Lori Heffelfinger at (815)335-2151.

One of the things that kept me away from motorcycling in 2004 was my involvement with Midway Village and Museum Center, 6799 Guilford Road, Rockford, Illinois 61107. Phone (815) 397-2112. Fax: (815) 397-9156. Website: [www.MidwayVillage.com](http://www.MidwayVillage.com). For 2005 Midway has a plethora of events that may be of interest to club members. June 25-26: Chautauqua and Revolutionary War Reenactment. July 16-17: Vintage Farm Show. August 13-14: Wild West Days. September 24-25: World War II Days. October 8-9: Harvest and Scarecrow Festival. October 22: All Hallows Eve. November 5-6: Model Train Show. December 10-11: Holiday Traditions. If you visit ask for P.J. Francis or Patrick as some people there insist on calling me. I may be the village policeman. Or helping out at the Gazette office. Helena is usually in charge of Holcomb bank. Sasha may be in the old schoolhouse. If there is a vintage baseball game on we will probably be spectating. Huzzah, as they would shout back in 1880. Now I say to all you bugs, kranks, rooters, charming deadheads and kranklets: Lay the willow on that onion.

# Classifieds

**For Sale:** 1995 BMW R1100R Aprox 91,000 miles — good condition — well maintained & runs great. A very nice bike (shown right). Asking \$3000. Call Brad Beghin at 608-838-7353.

**For Sale:** 1987 Black K75C, 23,000 Miles Location: Brookfield, WI \$3400.00 OBO Black. BMW hardbags and National Windshield but alas, no heated grips. NO SPEEDO PROBLEMS! New front and rear tires this spring along with front brake pads. Throttlemeister cruise control and all new fluids this year with the exception of the coolant. This was my wife's bike so it was treated with kid gloves and has been a reliable touring companion. She has upgraded to a Touring K75 so this one needs a nice home. Buy with confidence, we are long time BMW owners, active members of the Wisconsin BMW Club and staight shooters — we like to deal with the same. For more information, send me an email at [skohlmann1@wi.rr.com](mailto:skohlmann1@wi.rr.com).  
Photo Link: <http://www.bikebitsonline.com/K75.html>  
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