

The Mail Boxer

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The Prez Says

By Todd Herbst

I hope everybody is surviving well, now that the riding season has finally ended. I was actually able to ride to work 3 or 4 days at the beginning of January.

I volunteered to be the Cleanliness Chair at the National Rally in West Bend in July. Sue Rihn-Manke emailed me recently to let me know that I'm in. She also listed the Madison BMW Club as the supporting club, like we discussed at the December meeting.

The job involves scouting the grounds and making sure everything is staying clean and notifying the park staff if there are any problems.

I was thinking 2 people every 4 hours from 6AM to 10 PM from Thursday until Sunday, that's 32 volunteer positions. We don't need to come up with that many ourselves because many rally goers like to volunteer also. The rally will have a volunteer station to help fill our unfilled spots. The working crew will get a golf cart for their 4 hour stint. (Assuming it doesn't get highjacked, which is likely if left unattended.)

I just got off the phone with JT Whiney's verifying our breakfast meetings from February through July.

The events page on the web site is pretty well filled up with this years doings, but we can always use more. Send of a note to Burt Hefty and Marcus Schumann when you find out about anything new.

I hope I can pull off the St. Patties Day Ride this year, The last few years have been a bit cold and slippery to lead a ride. But I have hope.

I'll see ya on the 4th.

Membership News

by Derek Engelen

Just a reminder that the end of February is the cut-off date for inclusion in the 2007 member directory. Non-renewal by the end of February will result in removal from the newsletter mailing list. So pay up now!!!

Upcoming Events

Sunday Feb. 4—BMW Club breakfast & meeting at J.T. Whitney's at 9am.

Friday Feb. 9-11—Chicago International Motorcycle Show at the Donald E. Stephans convention center.

March 2 – 11—Daytona Bike Week

Sunday March 4—Madison BMW Club Breakfast, J.T. Whitney's 9:00 a.m.

March 17—St Patrick's Day Ride lead by Todd Herbst. Meet at the Citgo on Hwy 14 in Cross Plains at 9:45am, depart at 10am. Ride length will be determined by weather

Sunday April 1—Madison BMW Club Breakfast, J.T. Whitney's 9:00 a.m.

April 22—Wild Goose Run. Meet Sunday at noon at the Bayside Supper Club in Beaver Dam sponsored by the Port Club

April 22—BMW Flea Market. Pecatonica, Il. sponsored by the Black Hawk Club

May 4-6 —Original Mini Rally Sturgis MI Battle Creek MI

Sunday May 6—Madison BMW Club Breakfast, J.T. Whitney's 9:00 a.m.

Sunday May 6—Slimy Crud Run

May 18 – GR3 Rally Soldier's Grove

June 1-3—Hiawatha Rally Honey Creek MI, sponsored by the Minnesota Club

Sunday June 3—BMW Club Breakfast,
J.T. Whitney's 9:00 a.m.

June 7–9—RA Rally at Biltmore
Estates Asheville, NC

Sunday July 1—BMW Club Breakfast,
J.T. Whitney's 9:00 a.m.

July 12–15—MOA Rally West Bend, WI

August 10–12—Annual Field Of
Dreams Ride. Friday, ride to New
Vienna, Iowa for a charcoal grilled
steak dinner. Then camp at the New
Wine camp ground (on-site registra-
tion). Saturday, group ride and/or
Field Of Dreams visit. Sunday, ride to
the Madison BMW picnic at Brigham
Park. ed_burington@yahoo.com or
772-1933 for details.

August 12—BMW Club Picnic
Brigham Park

September 7–9—BMW Dells Rally
Chula Vista

September 9—Iron Man Competition
Madison

Sunday October 4—BMW Club
Breakfast, J.T. Whitney's 9:00 a.m.

October 4—Slimy Crud Run

October 12–14—32nd Falling Leaf
Rally Potosi, MI Sponsored by the
Gateway Riders of St Louis

VP's Report

by Todd Erickson

2007 season rolls in...

Holy canolis, is there ever some great snow out there!! If your into X-country/downhill skiing, snow-shoeing, or those other winter snow sports to keep in moto shape this winter has been great. For the most part the snow has been light, fluffy, and great for skiing. It hasn't been too awful cold either so firing up the garage furnace to wrench on the bikeshas been tolerable too. On the motorcycle front...

Rumor from the Rider's Association publication, On the Level, is that the new BMW 650 singles may be on the way to the Cycle World show in Chicago. The new line of 650s debuted down south and reappeared again in the Seattle show. Principally the bike is 3 new derivations on the 650; a supermoto, a harder core dirt machine, and a stripped enduro all carrying the designation of being a sort of G650X or another. MSRPs are in the \$8500-10k range. Also reported being seen were the new 800 twins in the guise of an S and a GS, I believe. If you are looking for a new sport machine there is one to definitely take a closer look at while at the show or a dealership; the new R12S.

Wow, is all I could utter while looking one over at Mischler's a few months ago. Whilst Schroeder was hammering out the details of his new R12GS ride with Art I gave a gorgeous black R12S the once over. Ohlins front and rear, Michelin Pilot Powers, a new motor, new swingarm, underseat exhaust, and on and on. The final Wow! of amazement came when I saw the price. Affordable. If you're not going to the Cycle shows give Art Mischler a call and see if he still has the black R12S in stock for a look-see.

Come on over to JT Whitney's for breakfast, re-up your membership, and chew on some road talk with your riding buddies. Ciao, Todd Erickson, V.P.

Help Wanted

by Betty Herbst

After 5 long years (at the end of 2007) I'll be retiring from my position as Madison BMW Club newsletter.

For those of you with home computers, we'll need a volunteer or two by the November elections. I have been producing the newsletter on a Mac using Adobe Indesign. If you have this software I'll make these files available to you; however you may produce a newsletter in nearly any word processing software. The only "requirement" is the ability to product a pdf file to be used for the email list and on the website.

Generally, the newsletter takes between 4–6 hours to produce, not including the time spent harassing, begging, and cajoling folks for stories and submissions. Feel free to give me a shout if I can answer any questions that may assist with your consideration.

Your Stories and Photos Could Go Here

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