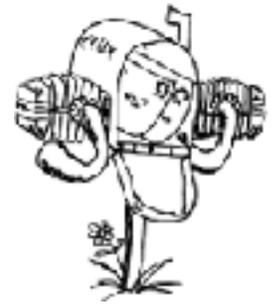


The Mail Boxer

NOVEMBER 2012

BMW MOA #7 • BMW RA #5



The Prez Says

Greetings all,

Not much to talk about.

Todd and Betty had a good turnout for the chili cook off, and some really good tasting chili, and deserts.

October b-fast had a good turnout, followed by the Slimy Crud run starting in Pine Bluff.

The days are returning to colder again after that nice week of upper 60's weather, time for some of us fair weather riders to start thinking of changing oil, and cleaning up our rides for the season and dream of warm weather and rallies for 2013.

As some of you who use facebook have read, Ben Atkins is getting better day by day, hoping to return to work in November.

Thank you to all, for getting signed up and paid for the banquet.

For those of you still riding, be safe, watch the leaves and corners.

Dick Olson

Upcoming Events

November 10, 2012
Club Banquet
Elks Club,
711 Jennifer Street,
Madison, WI
5:00 p.m. Cocktails
6:00 p.m. Dinner

December 2, 2012
Club Breakfast
East Side Club
3735 Monona Drive,
Monona, WI
Meeting at 9:00 am
Breakfast at 9:30

January 6, 2013
Club Breakfast
East Side Club
3735 Monona Drive,
Monona, WI
Meeting at 9:00 am
Breakfast at 9:30



Slimey Crud Run Fall 2012 — Pine Bluff

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More Cool News: Why the Madison Club Rocks!

- Featured on the cover of the October MOA *Owner's News* was Roland Thompson's scooter.
- Featured in the same issue was an article on Traveling Spain written by none other than our own Sam Hokin & Carla Shedivy.
- Featured on the cover of the October RA *On The Level* was club founder Jeff Dean's bike.



Oops!

Missed this in the last newsletter.

The Madison BMW club had not 2 but **3** winners in the Dells Rally Vintage Bike show.

Chris Eisenhauer also got 2nd place in the /5 and /6 division for his 1972 R60/5.

Congratulations Chris!

Reminder: Awards Banquet Nov. 10th

Forms due Nov. 9th

A (dwindling) club tradition is the *Cherished-But-Totally-Insignificant* awards, via the form in recent newsletter. This is where members mention the miles they've done this year—or why they haven't done them—as well as incidents, anecdotes and such. AND it's how we vote on the member who gets the 'MOA medallion for exceptional service to the club...'

...Back when, two dozen plus forms were common—last year, I got ten. Please send me your experiences this year, hard copy or e-mail me (gro-mitt@juno.com). [Form is on page 5. If you get this electronically, Heidi is going to set it up as an eform as well.] If this keeps dwindling, we'll have to come up with another means of awarding the medallion.

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PS. Got schwag? Feel free to donate for door prizes for the banquet. Just as with GR/3, if there's something yawl want to chip in, bring it! I'll pick up some schwag from Motorcycle Performance, but the more the merrier (schwaggier?)...



Write a caption for this cute photo on the club facebook page. Thanks for Sharing Bill!

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Membership News

by Jim Low

George Marquette, Joe Heggstad, and Tony Bickel have just joined the club. George rides a 1980 BMW R100CS, Joe has a Honda ST1100, and Tony has a 2000 BMW K1100LT. Please join me in welcoming George, Joe, and Tony to the club. If you would like contact information for our new members, please call me or email membership@madisonbmwclub.org.

Fall Camping Sweet Spot

By Carla Shedivy

For those of you who love to fall camp and have never been to Brunet State Park, we'd like to recommend it to you. Located one mile north of Cornell, WI (25 miles north of Chippewa Falls), this beautiful camping site is located on an island in the Chippewa River.

The colors were spectacular the last weekend in September and the campground was roomy with very few neighbors



(the high summer season won't have the same feel). RV camping is located on the south side of the island and quiet tent campers are nestled on the north side around a lagoon. The park was beautiful and felt remote even though we could walk or ride to town for provisions.

Our route there took us through the Mindoro Cut and our route back went down the Mississippi to La Crosse and back to Madison on 14—all of it beautiful. The Packers were playing during our trip home, which left the roads nearly empty for our enjoyment.

Of course the riding in Chippewa County is fantastic, and WI Hwy 178 was even more beautiful than during those summer days of the RA Rally. We also hit a very long dirt road in Sawyer County, took in a nice hike in the Flambeau River State Forest and followed it with beers at the Big Bear Lounge where County W crosses the Flambeau.

We recommend Brunet State Park in autumn!

Secretary's Report

by Sherry Atkinson

Sunday October 7th Meeting Minutes



President Dick Olson called the meeting to order.

The club will pick up \$10.00 of each meal for the banquet. Banquet will be November 10th at the Elks Club. Send money to John Ong, our cherished club treasurer.

Breakfast will be at the Eastside club December thru April.

In shirt news, Joann will have them at the banquet. For a small fee club stickers are also available. If you still want to order a shirt please contact Joann.

Several guests were in attendance.

Meeting adjourned, to the awaiting Slimey Crud Run!

Get Well Steve Huber, We miss you!

November is the Club banquet. It's scheduled for the 10th at the Elks club.

December meeting is at the Eastside.

50/50 winner: Joe Hegisted

Breakfast: Steve Lemke

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Secretary Sherry



Thank You

Unofficial Club Events

Club members Todd and Betty hosted a Fabulous chili cook-off. A number of club members made it out for the event. Several chilis were entered along with a few other tasty treats. The weather was cool, but the ragin' fire kept all warm & toasty.

Brian Manke hosted a fall campout and put grill chef Eric Schindler (you may know him from various rallies) to work roasting 16 chickens—at once! Bert's Beans were another spectacular hit! The rain stayed away and we torched the accumulated forest debris. There will be more next year.

Harleys replaced by BMWs in Michigan

From <http://beemersandbits.com/2012/10/harleys-replaced-by-bmws-in-michigan/>
by Dirty Fingernails, October 3, 2012

Ouch. Sorry Harley.

From CNN:

Sometimes the criticism is justified. Harley was embarrassed recently when the Michigan State Police announced it was replacing its inferior Harleys with BMW motorcycles. After conducting performance tests, the state cops determined that BMWs were pfaster, handled better, and were safer than Harleys — by a wide margin. While the BWW screamed to 100 miles per hour in less than 11 seconds and topped out at 131 mph, the Harley needed 31 seconds to reach 100 mph and never got faster than 105. As a consolation prize, the Michigan police allowed that Harley hogs were a “capable vehicle for parade and ceremonial use.”

Full article here:

http://money.cnn.com/2012/10/03/autos/harley-davidson-polaris.fortune/index.html?iid=HP_River

Thank You

Madison BMW Club

Cherished-but-Totally-Insignificant Awards Form



Members!! Please fill out all the blanks below and send this form to Tom Van Horn at: 302 Glen Hwy., Madison, WI 53705 by **November 9th**. Estimate your BMW miles ridden between January 1st and October 31st, 2012 (to the nearest 100 miles). You may use this form for more than one rider but please separate with different ink colors or a slash (/) mark.

Name _____

For 2012, your total BMW miles ridden _____

Divide your totals into:

Commuting Miles _____ Sport or day ride miles _____ Touring miles _____

My co-rider _____ was along for _____ miles.

My/our longest trip was _____ miles over _____ days.

Most miles in one day _____; two days _____

Number of nights in a tent: _____; in a motel _____.

Number of states/provinces ridden in _____

Miles in the rain _____

Number of rallies attended (not club rides) _____

How many GR3 rallies total _____

Sidecar miles _____

Trailer miles (motorcycle on trailer does not count) _____

Estimate your total overall mileage on every BMW you have had _____

How many years riding _____

Share any unusual or memorable incidents you have had this year. _____

Who should this year's shafty character be? _____

Who should get special mention for service to the club and why? _____

Club Classifieds

New Color T-Shirt Prices

Hello T-Shirt Buyers,
I got the shirts and they look Great. Can't decide which is my favorite color.

Good news on prices too. They came in less than they originally quoted me.

So here's the final breakout.

- Hoodie Sweatshirt = \$25
- All T's sizes Small thru XL = \$13
- All T's sizes 2XL and 3XL = \$15

Please plan on pickup at the banquet unless you want them sooner. If you do, contact me and we'll make something up.

Thanks, everyone!

They really look good.

Joann Hayes

BMW Motorcycle Club
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Motorcycle for sale

1967 BMW R50/2 with a Spirit of America/Eagle sidecar. Rebuilt front end, engine, gear box, rear end. 3 new tires, Enduro bags, single & bench seat, manual, tool kit, bike cover. Garaged. Same owner 22 years. 44,000 total miles—1,000 since rebuild. \$6,900. Contact John Ong @ 608-222-6489.

Parts for sale

Parting out an 1996 R1100RT. High mileage parts. Was running great before it met a Chevy. Contact Brian Manke at 262-949-0715.

Member Updates

Steve Huber is healing slow & steady. He raked his leaves and states he's now paying for it—Sore back and ribs—and thankful for Extra-Strength Tylenol. He's planning on attending the banquet and wants to thank everyone for the words of support, and especially Tom Van Horn & Barbara for the several bags of groceries that got him through a rough spot.

Wanted: New Column info

As per member requests, I'd like to start a couple of new columns. One column called ...

Things to Do: Places to Ride

- Share upcoming live music, favorite gigs or benefit information with club members.
- Enjoy hanging out with club members outside official club events.
- Share a new route for others to enjoy.
- Use that 'the more the merrier' saying and get out of the house yourself.

And the 2nd called...

First Bike

(I know, not original, but it works)

Due to listserve, I have received some already. Would like pics to go with :) Send to editor@madisonbmwclub.org.



See My Motolights

By Joann Hayes

I've always been interested in auxiliary lighting for my F800 ST mostly for safety to be more visible as I approach. I don't ride much after dark and I didn't want to tax my bike's electrical system, so that narrowed my choice.

In Sedalia, Alan and I spoke with the woman who owns Motolights, out of Cincinnati, and she was very helpful in going over their LED brake mount lights. I had seen these lights, knew a little about them, and was impressed with the relatively new LED option. These draw very little juice and can be mounted low on any dual disk front wheel. And they are all US made and warranted for 3 years.

Motolights had a rally special for free fancy end caps and they would mount them at the rally. We debated a bit and

decided to wait until we got home. Motolights agreed to honor the free end caps if we ordered within a few weeks of the rally.

I knew Mischler's is one of their dealers. We ordered through Aaron there and had Mischler's install them. They were less expensive than the rally price because installation took less time at Mischler's. No way I was going to install them. Things electrical are voodoo to me and I was happy to pay the priests (Jason and crew) to do it.

I'm very pleased with the results. Hope my pix show well enough the effect and details. They are well made and well finished. I settled on the standard brushed-aluminum finish, 'tho they have a couple of other options. You can see other products on their website.

When I ride during daylight, I'm amazed at how bright they are and how much better they show than my single low beam headlight. They make a nice visible triangle of lights that I can tell get more noticed. Haven't tested them at night, but Jason said they mounted them to illuminate low on the road to enhance my view and not shine in eyes of oncoming drivers. Because they are wheel mounted, they turn with it and I like that effect too. They do have an on/off switch mounted to dash, but I just leave 'em on.

I think they look and work great. Other than the expense, these are some of my best farkles, if safety devices fall into the category of farkling.



Madison BMW Club Membership Form

First _____ Last _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home# _____ Work# _____ Cell# _____

E-Mail Address _____

Are you a New Member Y / N or are you a Current Member Y / N

MOA# _____ RA# _____

Bikes Owned _____

Interests, comments, etc... _____

Please send the Mail Boxer via e-mail Y / N

A 1-year membership is \$20.00

