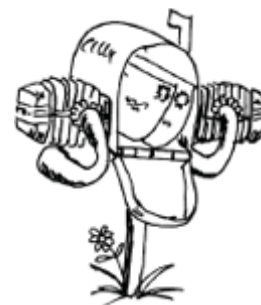


The Mail Boxer

May 2014

BMW MOA #7 • BMW RA #5



The Prez Says

Greetings!

It was great to see a large gathering for brunch last month, a sure sign that spring and riding weather are just around the corner, or everyone just wanted to get out of the house.

1st of the reminders about the new brunch location. New location will be at the VFW Club on Lakeside St. near John Nolan Dr. June breakfast will be the 1st meeting there, Dawn will have further info about this. (see below)

Slimy Crude.

May breakfast will still be at the Hilltop Restaurant, short ride to Pine Bluff and all the sights of the start of the Slimy Crude.

If you are going to GR3 and need something taken there that you can't get on your bike, get it to me and I will bring it for you.

Reminder to sign up for a volunteer spot, many hands make the job go faster.

Check out the when and where column to the right for future activities. >>>>

That's about it, get out there and ride.

Dick

Club Breakfast meeting location: Starting in **June**

We will meet on **Sunday, June 1st at Cranefield's VFW Club** at 133 E. Lakeside St in Madison 53715. It is across the street from Olin Park's entrance on John Nolan Dr. by the Railroad tracks.

Breakfast will consist of scrambled eggs, sausage patties, Texas French toast, pancakes, potatoes, OJ, & coffee. It will cost \$11.00 for all you can eat & unlimited coffee. If you only want coffee, it will be \$2.00. Plus, you can order items from their lunch menu which you will pay for directly to their staff.

Doors open at 9 AM & food served at 9:30 AM. The meeting room is to the left upon entering where you can pay John for breakfast &/or coffee. The food will be served from the bar to take back to the meeting room. The Club will pay .50¢ per person extra to include their tip.

Breakfast on **Sunday, May 4th will be at Hilltop** before the Slimy Crud.

Tsarista Dawn

Upcoming Events

May 4th, 2014
Club Breakfast
Hilltop Restaurant
Cty. P, Pine Bluff
Meet at 9:00 am
Breakfast at 9:30
Meeting to follow
CRUD RUN after that

MOA Mileage contest
starts April 12th
Have your forms signed
& submitted by May 12th

May 16-18th, 2014
the 40th Annual Great
River Road Rally!!!
Veterans Park
Soldiers Grove, WI
See pages 4 & 5

June 1st, 2014
Club Breakfast
* NEW LOCATION *
VFW Post 1318
133 Lakeside St. (corner
of John Nolen Dr.)
* NEW PRICE * \$11.00
Meet at 9:00 am
Breakfast at 9:30
Meeting to follow

BMW Motorcycle Club
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Mileage Contest

Shared by Tom Van Horn

...Once again, Wisconsin carried the day in the 2013 mileage count — Pennsylvania (who's been gunning for us) mustered 800,000+; We once again cracked 1,000,000...

...Let's keep it up!!

...Bring your form to the May b'fast so we can sign it! Thanks!!

(Contest runs from April 12th to October 12th, 2014. Miles must be on a BMW. Send in your odometer reading. Entries must be postmarked by May 12th.)



This
Month's
Photo

Submit your caption
on the club's
Facebook page.

**RIDER SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK
IS MAY 3RD-10TH, 2014.**

**EVENT MAY 8, 5:00PM-8:00
@ SOUTHEAST SALES**

FEATURING

ABS DEMO* 5:00PM
WITH LEARNING CURVES (I WANNA RIDE) RIDING SCHOOL
PLUS FREE SCHOOLING GIVEAWAY

APPAREL SEMINAR 6:00PM
WITH CHUCK ROSE FROM TUCKER/ROCKY
SPEED AND STRENGTH & ARAI

SPORT RIDER 101 6:45PM
SEMINAR WITH MOTOVID.COM
COVERS ADVANCED RIDING, TIRES, & SUSPENSION

*WEATHER PERMITTING

Secretary's Report

by Sherry Atkinson



April 6th, 2014 Meeting Minutes

President Richard called the meeting to order. Don't forget to get your Mileage forms Filled out and back into Tom at May meeting.

Vip and Tsarista Dawn found us a new Breakfast site. We will meet on Sunday, June 1st at Cranefield's VFW Club at 133 E. Lakeside St in Madison 53715. It is across the street from Olin Park's entrance on John Nolan Dr. by the Railroad tracks. Breakfast will consist of scrambled eggs, sausage patties, Texas French toast, pancakes, potatoes, OJ, & coffee. It will cost \$11.00 for all you can eat & unlimited coffee. If you only want coffee, it will be \$2.00.

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In Rally News, Bert will lead the Dave Maly memorial ride to Potosi Brewery. The fire house will open

showers for us. Volunteer sheets will be at the next meeting, please sign up. We will be honoring the Soldiers Gove retired President Laurel with a plaque for all of his outstanding help with our rally over the years. The 40th anniversary cake is still being considered.

MOA News, Wisconsin has won the Mileage contest again. Good job fellow riders. Sue reminded us it is a MOA election year. Please vote.

There has been some interest of having another conceal carry class. The possible dates are May 10th or May 24th. Finally date at May's meeting.

Art has new and used Bikes, so if you are in the market, stop and see the crew at Mischler's.

50/50 winner:	Boyd Weber
Breakfast:	Bruce Bowman
May meeting:	Hilltop

*Happy Mother's Day to
all you Moms!
Secretary Sherry*

2014 RIDE Dates

May 3	5th Annual SCMB Film Festival 5:30 pm Doors open 6:30 "the Bonneville Project" 7:30 "the Best Bar in America" Visit Barrymorelive.com for info	May 21	Bike Night @ Mischler's BMW Beaver Dam (see ad on page 6)
May 4	Slimey Crud Run Pine Bluff in the morning Leland in the afternoon No registration required www.slimeycrudrun.com	May 29- June 1	National RA Rally, Barber Motorsports Museum, Birmingham, AL Visit BMWRA.ORG for info
May 10	2nd Annual Pride in Your Ride Show Sponsored by MATC Auto Collision Cars, Trucks, Bikes Truax Campus, 9 am - 3 pm Vehicle registration, 7 - 9 am	June 18	Bike Night @ Mischler's BMW
May 16-18	Great River Road Rally -- see pg. 5	June 21 June 22	Aztalan Short Track Races ~ 1:30 pm Aztalan Short Track Races ~ 9 am N6643 Gomol Rd in Lake Mills, WI www.aztalanmx.com/straces.asp
		July 16	Bike Night @ Mischler's BMW
		July 24-27	National MOA Rally, St. Paul, MN Visit BMWMOA.ORG for info
		July 19	Aztalan Short Track Races ~ 1:30 pm

Come for the Roads— Stay for the Rally

The 40th Great River Road Rally, May 16-18, 2014

By Heidi Goehring

Club members & motorcyclists are eager to enjoy warmer weather and get those bikes out. As things thaw, the Madison BMW Club finalizes plans for the 40th Annual Great River Road Rally (GR3).

What does GR3 2014 look like?

The roads ... oh the roads! This part of Wisconsin is in the driftless area. It comprises some 13,000 square miles—largely in southwest Wisconsin, but extending into southeast Minnesota, northeast Iowa, and northwest Illinois. This area was untouched by the continental glacier event about 12,000 years ago, leaving the natural terrain intact. Explore the area on your own, or join others on one of our ...

Led rides

The GS bikes get to enjoy some of the best roads made for their sporty, off-road bikes.

A spirited ride returns for those that enjoy all the power of their fine machines through the twisties

A new, slower 'stop and smell the roses' ride for those that leisurely want to take in the lovely country views.

FOOD!

Friday night grilling is sponsored by Glad Farms Pony Club.

Saturday all-you-can-eat breakfast is sponsored by Our Saviors Lutheran Church. Bacon and eggs anyone? How about all the savory sausage and pancakes you can eat?

Saturday banquet buffet dinner featuring BBQ Ribs! (included in the rally fee) supports the local Lions Club.

Camping and facilities — Veterans Park, Soldiers Grove. Lots of shade. Surrounded by the Kickapoo River. Gazebo adds grace. Electric hookups for those that need them. Full restrooms and hot showers! Port-a-potties fill the gaps.

Not into camping? There are some lovely bed and breakfasts, and a motel, within walking distance.

Friday night entertainment — The Moon Gypsies. From Blues and Bluegrass, to Rock and Classical, this versatile band can play it all. Come to rally central to meet people and perhaps do some dancing. Or chat with old friends at your campfire and enjoy the music as it drifts across the campground.

Area Events — Nearby Muscoda is hosting the 32nd Annual Morel Mushroom Festival on Saturday and Sunday.

The Ah-Ohs and Oh-Nos — If something goes wrong, there are plenty of knowledgeable wrenchers to lend a hand, and a 'just-in-case' trailer.

A Look Back at GR3, Sort of ...

By Tom Van Horn

The first rally was held in 1974, so this year will mark our 40th. My first GR3 was round 1990.

GR3 is one of the spring BMW rallies in the upper Midwest (along with The Shakamak, Indiana, and Battle Creek, Michigan rallies), so our role is as a 'season-opener' for rally goers after the long winter.

The very first GR3 was held across the Big Muddy (Mighty Mississippi) in Iowa, at Pikes Peak state park (yes, Iowa has a Pikes Peak). The next year we moved to the Bagley Wisconsin area.

The little river town of Bagley hosted us for years thereafter, mostly at a Jellystone Campground just north of town, although we were also briefly at River of Lakes south of there. Changes in management and attitudes at the campgrounds led us to look elsewhere. So we tried Eagle Cave near Muscoda, but the Father's Day weekend slot didn't work out so well. Wisconsin Badger Camp, just north of Patch Grove, was home for awhile; wonderful spot, great hosts, but the long, unpaved entry road daunted many folks. (I heard one LT rider say, "I didn't know this was a GS rally!")

And so it came to pass that the Madison BMW Club and the river town of Soldiers Grove found each other.

Soldiers Grove is on the Kickapoo River—its downtown was right on a bend in the river for years. Now, the Kickapoo is—most of the time—a meandering little stream you could walk across without getting your knees wet. But when it jumps its banks and floods, it doesn't fool around. It devastated the downtown several times. Finally in the late '70s, Soldiers Grove moved its entire downtown to nearby higher ground, turning the old riverside site into the park that is home to GR3.

While they were at it, Soldiers Grove also committed to sun energy for its new downtown. It calls itself "America's First Solar Village". They have really made our rally folks welcome, serving us meals and drinks on-site, and bending over backwards to meet rally-goers needs.

So what is there to do at GR3? In a word, R-I-D-E. We're in what is called the 'driftless area', which was not scraped flat by the last glaciation. So, it's like small Appalachians or Ozarks—undulating terrain criss-crossed with fabulous roads, perfect for blowing out the winter cobwebs and tuning up those cornering skills. So, when you pull out of the rally site, turn left, Or turn right, Or go straight. It doesn't matter—you'll be on great roads...

2014 marks our 40th Great River Road Rally, May 16–18.

I hope you join us!



Registration Form 40th Annual Great River Road Rally (GR3)

**Veterans Park—Soldiers Grove, WI
May 16th – 18th, 2014**

Sponsored by the Madison BMW Club, Ltd.

RIDER INFORMATION <i>(please print)</i>			BIKE
First Name	Last Name	Initial	Make
Address			Year
			Club Affiliation
City	State	Zip Code	
To be notified about next year's Rally via email, please supply your address (will not be shared with 3rd parties)		Email	
PASSENGER INFORMATION <i>(please print)</i>			
First Name	Last Name	Initial	
Address			
City	State	Zip Code	
COST	RALLY FEES		
Adults Pre-register \$26 Gate \$33	Rider	\$	
Children 6-15 \$10 (Under 6 free)	Passenger	\$	
	Total	\$	
READ CAREFULLY AND SIGN BELOW			
The rally's sponsors, The Madison BMW Club, LTD., the presenters and/or agents assume no liability for injury, damages, loss, accident or irregularity which may be occasioned by any person or vehicle attending the Great River Road Rally. Please indicate that you have read and understood this statement with your signature below.			
Rider Signature		Date	
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PRE-REGISTRATION Check only. Do not send cash. Complete this form, sign, date, and MAIL TO » » » » » » » » » » » » » » » » Forms must be received by May 4th, 2014		Madison BMW Club, LTD. Attn: GR3 Registration P.O. Box 152 McFarland, WI 53558-0152	

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Munch on one of Mac's Famous BBQ sandwiches and listen to the music of DJ Dar.

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May 21st • June 18th • July 16th
 Aug 20th • Sept 17th

BUMPER STICKER » » » Are Turn Signals REALLY That Hard to Understand?

Noted by Bert

New Motorcycle Dealers headed our way!

Dunn's Imports on University Avenue, currently carrying Vespas, will start carrying Moto Guzzi!

Team Triumph out of Janesville is coming to Madison soon!

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Last Month's Photo

Captions submitted:

- Corrine Jutz — *Brings new meaning to the term tree hugger!*
- John Bollig — *This anti-theft device was slow in the making but highly effective.*
- Angie Bowman — *Proof that money may not grow on trees but motorcycles do!!*
- Tom Schirz Sr. — *Motorcycling, it kind of grows on you.*
- Tom Norn — *XS650. Hm - wonder if the engine is salvageable...*
- Kalli Procopio — *Treebeard's first motorcycle.*
- Brian Manke — *The tree wasn't there when I fed the meter the first time.*
- Corrine Jutz — *That tree wasn't there when I parked 25 years ago.*



So Excited—We're Invited!

What: WI BMW Club Annual Fish Fry Dinner

When: Friday, May 2
Cocktails 6:30 p.m. — Dinner @ 7
Meeting to follow

Where: The White Fox Den II
28023 Kramer Road, Waterford
(Hwy 36 – ½ Mile East of Hwy 164)

Cost: Members \$12.00 • Guests \$16.00

*Please RSVP to Ernie Grill @ 262-821-9137
BY April 28th*

Attention Rally Attendees!

**National BMW MOA Rally, MN State Fairgrounds
July 24-27, 2014**

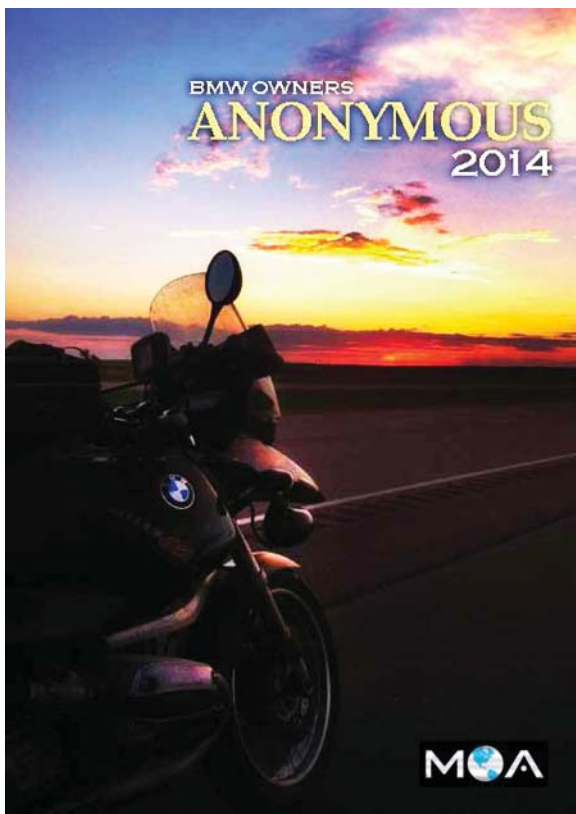
We have a group rate contract of \$92 (king or 2-double room) with the Ramada Plaza Minneapolis for the rally. Ask for Madison BMW MOA Rally for this rate. Reserve by July 7th.

Call 612-331-1900 or 877-774-4315 & ID yourself with the Madison BMW Club.

Great River Road Rally May 15-17, 2015

Planning ahead: I will make room reservations at Country Gardens Hotel for the 2015 GR3 when we arrive on Thursday, May 15. Please contact me before May 11th if you would like a 1st or 2nd floor room with either 1 or 2 beds. Include your phone number for reserving it. There are 4 other rooms that will be reserved on Friday by another motorcycle group so get back to me re: your choice of rooms.

Dawn, Vice Prez



«««« Congrats to Sue Rihn!

Sue took the lovely picture to the left on her way home from the MOA National Rally in Salem, OR, last summer. It has been chosen as the cover of this year's Anonymous book!



Dogs have owners.

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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... _____

Include your dues and bring to the next meeting or mail to:

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Dues: 1 calendar year membership \$20.00 individual / \$25.00 family ** After June 30, membership \$10.00 individual / \$15.00 family

CURRENT MEMBERS: Please update any information that may have changed for the directory. Thank you!

