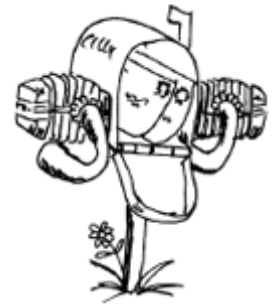


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The Prez Says

I Will Conquer My Procrastination Problem ...

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Dick Olson

Don't Forget

BMW Club Banquet
Saturday, November 9th at the
Elks Club in Madison
(same place as last year)
5 p.m. cocktails • 6 p.m. dinner

Call or email VP Dawn Feneht at 608-277-0731 or FlyHome@charter.net with your name & menu choices. Then mail your check payable to the Madison BMW Club to treasurer John Ong at 4725 Nora Lane, Madison, WI 53711. Write your menu choices on your check. **Deadline for Final Count & Payment is October 31st.**

AND ... don't forget to **mail** your **Cherished-but-Totally-Insignificant Awards Form** to Tom Van Horn (see page 5).

Menu items:

New York Strip Steak (15 oz. Medium Rare)	\$24.83
<i>* members price</i>	\$14.83
Double Fan-Tail Fried Shrimp (5 pcs.)	\$24.83
<i>* members price</i>	\$14.83
Chicken Maison (w/ mushroom & shallot sauce)	\$16.12
<i>* members price</i>	\$6.12

Sides include: Salad and Au Gratin potatoes.

(Special dietary needs can be accommodated.)

Prices include tax & tip.

Cash bar. (Your on your own here.)

Tsaritsa Dawn

Upcoming Events

November 9th, 2013
Club Banquet
Elks Club,
711 Jennifer Street,
Madison, WI
(see below & page 5)

Mileage contest forms
need to be postmarked by
November 13th. Club officials
on-hand at Banquet to sign.

December 1st, 2013
Club Breakfast
Hilltop Restaurant
Cty. P, Pine Bluff
Meeting at 9:00 am
Breakfast at 9:30

January 5th, 2014
Club Breakfast
Hilltop Restaurant
Cty. P, Pine Bluff
Meeting at 9:00 am
Breakfast at 9:30

February 2nd, 2014
Club Breakfast
Hilltop Restaurant

BMW Motorcycle Club
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Door County Trip October 2013

By Alan Penn

So, Joann and I have bike-to-bike communicators. These conversations from our Door County trip demonstrate how useful such devices can be.

Joann: Let's stop for lunch in Mayville. I really like the Irish place. OK?

Alan: uh huh.

Joann: It figures that they'd be closed on Monday. Let's just grab a quick bite and ride on. The Kettle Moraine is beautiful this time of year. We can take county roads. Wow. Did you see those turkeys? They're so big that at first I mistook them for deer.

Alan: uh huh.

Joann: Wow. The Virginia creeper is gorgeous. The colors are so intense this time of year, soon to be followed by the subtle shades of winter. I'm so glad that we appreciate the same things.

Alan: uh huh.

Joann: Wowzers. Look at the turkey vultures. A few years ago you hardly ever ran across them. Now they're everywhere. The bald eagles are fearless now; the one we passed a few miles back barely looked up when we rode by, though I do think the sound of our Remus exhaust does warn the deer to get out of the road. What do you think?

Alan: eh?

After a few days of bicycling, hiking, touring the peninsula and marveling at the gold-slipper clad women shopping for "art" made in China while their bloated and beleaguered husbands slugged Maalox straight from the bottle and plotted their next meal, we rode home in the rain.

Alan: I drank too much coffee at the coffee shop in Two Rivers. Let's stop at the coffee shop in Juneau.

Joann: uh huh.

Alan: You know, International Talk Like a Pirate Day was last month. I sure hope you remembered to celebrate. You did remember, didn't you, Joann?

Joann: Aargh.

This Month's Photo

Submit your caption on the club's Facebook page.



Secretary's Report

by Sherry Atkinson



October 6th Meeting Minutes

President Richard called the Meeting to order. The annual club banquet will be held at the Elks Club on November 9th. Cocktails at 5:00, dinner at 6:00. Hope to see you all there!

In Rally news, we will try a new thing this year; we will have a breakdown of responsibilities and someone in charge of them. This will help the rally to run smooth and take some stress of Rally chairs.

The RA Rally is going to be held in Alabama this year May 29th thru June 1st. The MOA rally will be in St. Paul Minnesota in July.

MOA news, Sue Rihn talked about BMW and the Logo issues. We will be resubmitting our logo again with a few changes. Brian Manke followed up with don't forget how fun it is to Volunteer at the National rally. Everyone should Volunteer at the National at least once.

CONGRATULATIONS to Steve Lemke on 750,000 miles award!

Breakfast winner: Alan Penn

November: Banquet

December Meeting: Hill Top

Stay Warm!

Secretary Sherry

TRACK DAY NEWBIES

By Joann Hayes

I used to be a professional ski instructor and worked with many new to the sport, so I could relate to being a track day never-ever newbie. And I think that any physical activity is the most fun when you are brand new to it and just beyond the sheer terror stage. Every little bit of progress is thrilling as long as you trust your coach/instructor and the environment. I always tried to foster that attitude among my new skiers and it usually paid off with smiles and "Let's do that run again!" enthusiasm.

Several decades later, Alan and I were the newbies at a Blackhawk Farms track day workshop — me, because of Tom Van Horn's generous donation of his winning track day prize to me. Alan, because he didn't want to miss out on the adventure and opportunity to learn too.

We rode 50 miles down to the track very early on a foggy Sunday morning in September. It was a very warm day, rather hard to remember warm right now. We rolled in on our F800 STs and dressed in our armored textile BMW suits. We were also well armed with blue painters' tape to furiously tape up all our lights and mirrors. They zip tied our kick stands and we passed tech check, looking for Jason Herheim and his extra front wheel chocks. Yes, I know, just give it a little gas and ease the clutch to roll right in. Weird, though.

We were both a bit tired from the week before while they described the flag signals, track etiquette, and safety rules. My terror level was rising as I considered all this information, wondering if I'd remember enough to be safe and not be a problem for our fellow classmates

There were about 100 or more riders attending a varied level of classes, but Alan and I were the only never-ever any track day participants. That was probably obvious by our outfits and ages. Definitely a pair of senior BMW touring riders. But our fellow trackees were very helpful and welcoming. Several used the "awesome" word to salute our attitude, if not our track skills. Everyone really made us feel like part of the group and safe on the track. Jason was our coach and he was patient despite the fact that I usually wasn't going fast enough — for him! I felt kinda fast and scared myself a little a few times. And I did come home with track goo well out on the sidewalls of my tires where there was no road wear before. Came home with my bike and all plastic parts intact. Never had to test the blue tape.

I probably got the most practice being passed at high speed, but that was okay. I didn't flinch or look around or

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Day+ Ride Destination

by Steve Huber

Kansas Motorcycle Museum

120 North Washington, Marquette, KS
<http://www.ksmotorcyclemuseum.org/>

The Kansas Motorcycle Museum (KMM) is not quite a day ride destination, at least from a Wisconsin perspective (~690 miles one way, go for it). However, if you find yourself in the area, I recommend a detour and a visit. It's not quite out-of-the-way, but does a good job trying.

Located about 30 miles southwest of Salinas, KS (Salinas is just off I-70), the KMM is both an eclectic collection and a monument to "Stan the Man" Engdahl. The museum is run on donations, both by visitors and the bikes displayed. "Suggested" admission is \$7. (And if I hear of any club member donating less I will hunt you down and bitch-slap you.)

Quoting from the web site:

"The museum was started in 2003 as a local tribute to Marquette's own motorcycle racing legend and FIVE TIME National Racing Champion, "Stan the Man" Engdahl. On display are over 600 trophies Stan won and his legendary Harley Davidson custom-built racing motorcycle he rode during his motorcycle racing career which spanned six decades from the 1940s to the 1990s. While Stan unfortunately passed away on November 12, 2007, his wife, LaVona, continues to be curator for the museum."

The museum doesn't rival the National Motorcycle Shrine in extent (e.g. clothing, spark plugs, board track replica), but it does have its charm and the old crocks that still need drip pans to collect the oil leaks. The displays cover three rooms, There wasn't a theme that I was aware of; however bikes of a style were (mostly) grouped together. Many of the bikes are donated or on extended loan by local enthusiasts.

Not all the bikes are restored, some do look like they were recently dragged from the barn (and many are labeled as such). Fortunately the pigeon droppings were cleaned off.

My favorites are the pre-WWI bikes. Here is one new to me — a 1912 Emblem.



There are a few examples of other models that got many Boomers into riding: ***



There were a good number of early scooters. And of course some off-ball models that rival the Rokon. This Yamaha seats three, at least two I suspect should be very close friends. And yes, it does have two driven rear wheels. My guess is cornering isn't as tight as the SR1000RR.



If you have the time the town is worth exploring. Unfortunately while I was there Kansas was experiencing a series of heavy rainstorms that I thought I could easily pass through, so I decided to continue west. I ran right into the storm. To quote an Indiana Jones line, "He chose poorly". Next time I'll take a break at the cafe for pie & coffee.

Make a detour to Marquette. It is worth the miles and LaVona is worth meeting. She'll even turn all the museum lights on for 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 2nd. 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? _____

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Last Month's Photo



Captions submitted:

- John Bollig — *Four wheels move the body; two wheels move the soul; two wheels in bed move something else.*
- Corrine Jutz — *Honey you are a little cold and lifeless. What happened?*
- Ric Larson — **BASTARD'S SLEEPING WITH MY GIRL!!!!!!**
- Corrine Jutz — *Please practice safe sex.*
- Heidi Goehring — *I can't believe rally season is over.*
- John Bollig — *When my buddy said he "laid his bike down," I thought he meant something else.*
- Anonymous — *Oh why, Why didn't I get the BMW ... Why? Why?*

(Track Day Newbies ... continued from page 3)

get too spooked. As I said, other riders observed the safe passing rules, but I rode without my earplugs so I could hear their screaming machines coming up on me. When I hit the throttle, my aftermarket Remus exhaust gave a little bark too, so I felt like a bonafide noise maker anyway.

I finally started connecting the dots on the track surface to find a decent line, but it was challenging to try to put it all together at speed and with the other riders coming through. The few times I did ride well through a passage was a real rush. I could see how these kids get addicted especially once you know the track layout comfortably. Forty-five minute classroom sessions were followed by 15 minute track sessions and everyone had to be ready to ride to keep the day on schedule.

Like a ski lesson, there was not enough time to put it all together and process a lot of information, but we all knew that and took what we could from the day. I learned to trust my bike and tires in a steeper lean angle, and saw how the good riders never used their rear brakes in the corners. They kept their right heels tucked into bike and trail braked with light touches of the front brake; changing gears, obviously, before the lean in. I knew this stuff, but it was fun to practice in this environment.

I would definitely do this again if I could ride with a few more new riders. I was comfortable enough on my bike, but was a little concerned that I might be holding others up, although

no one ever complained or inferred such. Just me, I guess. Despite my road bike, tires, and outfit, I had a good time. Came away feeling a little more competent in bike handling and able to make better/safer, smoother corners. It would be a treat if there ever was a true road riders' track day for folks like us. By that I mean, road riders who need to practice bike handling at typical speeds — sounds like most of us, actually.

I owe BIG THANKS to:

Tom for giving me the prize he won to attend this event.

Alan for joining me and riding better than me!

Jason for being a good coach to a couple of old newbies.

If any of you are considering doing a session next season and have not done so before, I'd be glad to give you my thoughts. We drove down to the track the week before to check out the route, nice back roads, and location. We were fortunate enough to have one of the track principals there to give us a short tour. She really helped us feel more comfortable just seeing the layout of the facilities. The track, etc., is very nice, by the way.

Sorry, no pics. Didn't have time. I did keep my track day sticker on my bike, though.

Ride, Eat, Ride.

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 1 calendar year membership* \$20.00 / family + \$5.00**
** After June 30, dues are 1-year membership \$10.00 / family + \$5.00 **

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

