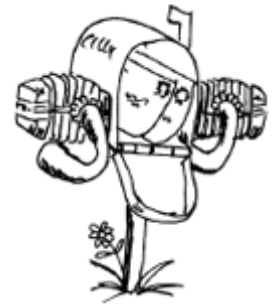


# The Mail Boxer

October 2015

BMW MOA #7 • BMW RA #5



## THE PREZ SAYZ

### *Fall Greetings!*

It was a fast 6 months, spring to fall, the next 6 months won't be as fun! The weather is getting cool and damp, time to switch from the mesh riding gear to the solid and warm stuff.

Safety stuff.....once again we have to watch the curves and corners for leaves, acorns, those small boulders they call green in the shell walnuts, run in to a bunch of them and it will throw your course off direction.

RA Rally coming up the 1st weekend in October.

Reminder that the October breakfast will be at the Hilltop, Pine Bluff, followed by the Slimy Crud gathering.

Check the Upcoming Events column >>>>>>> for up coming activities.

And a reminder for the November banquet menu and information was in last months Mail Boxer. (see page 3)

Ride safe, see you at the Hilltop.

*Dick Olson*



Special Thanks to Club Member **Bruce Bowman** for donating the Delicious BBQ Pulled Pork at the Picnic. It was Fabulous!!!

Special Thanks also to Club **President Dick Olson** for ensuring everything was set up and to Club **VP Dawn Feneht** for reserving the shelter.

And Special Thanks to Club Member **Sam Garst** for the new T-shirt design and taking the lead at finding a printer and taking orders. (If you ordered one, you can pick it up at the Oct. 4th meeting. See Sherry's minutes on page 3.)

And a Final **Thanks to All Members** that Attended, making this yet another fabulous and fun-filled club event.

## Upcoming Events

**October 1-4, 2015**  
National BMW RA Rally  
Harrison, AR

**October 4, 2015**  
Hilltop Restaurant  
Cty. P, Pine Bluff  
Meet at 9:00 am  
Breakfast at 9:30  
Meeting to follow  
*CRUD RUN after that!!!*

**November 14, 2015**  
Annual Club Banquet  
Madison Elks Club  
711 Jenifer Street  
*More info coming soon!*

**December 6, 2015**  
VFW Post 1318  
133 E Lakeside Street  
Meet at 9:00 am  
Breakfast at 9:30  
Meeting to follow

**January 3???, 2016**  
VFW Post 1318  
133 E Lakeside Street  
Meet at 9:00 am  
Breakfast at 9:30  
Meeting to follow

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## *In Tribute to* Henry "Jerry" G. Badker

December 13, 1956 - September 6, 2015

For any club members that participated in the Blackhawk MotoExpo and Swap Meet, you likely knew Henry Badker. He had become instrumental in organizing the meet.

I met Henry 11 years ago at the Dells Rally. He became more than just a friend. Over the years, I've introduced several of our club members to him. Brian Manke met him in Sedalia and the two quickly became close friends. Both are HUGE Blues Fans.

Henry was a long-time member of the Blackhawk Club in Rockford, the RA and the MOA. He joined us at a few Goose Runs, GR3s (always camped with the Madison Club), Dells Rallies and Nationals.

Henry died Sunday, Sept. 6, while doing what he loved—riding his BMW on a beautiful fall day. He will be greatly missed by all that knew him. For those of us that knew him well ...

*I will remember your laugh and your giggle. The spark in your eyes that always showed a little mischief and made us wonder. The way you always said, "Cmon Man" and "Be Cool. I know you can."*



Henry riding 'Lucille' thru the Dragon in NC.

*with Don Julio Anejo, enjoying the blues at the fests and various gigs, and in our thoughts and hearts forever.*

*You always hated the words "Good Bye"; you said they sounded too permanent. So my friend, I'll "See Ya." Peace my friend. ~Peace.*

By Heidi Goehring

## This Month's Photo

Submit your caption  
on the club's  
Facebook page.



# Secretary's Report

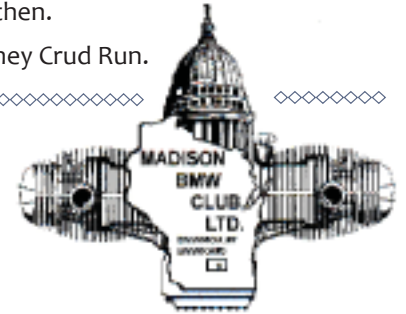
by Sherry Atkinson

No September Meeting ...



However, I have the club shirt orders. I will bring them to the October meeting. Anyone who can't remember if they owe money or how much they owe please let me know and I can give you total. If you missed ordering a shirt at the picnic, we will have order forms available so you can order then.

Nothing else to report. See you October 4th at the Hilltop for the next meeting & the Slimey Crud Run.



## 2015 Madison BMW Club Banquet

**Saturday, November 14th** at

the **Elks Club** in **Madison, WI**  
(same place as last year: 711 Jennifer St.)

**5 p.m. cocktails • 6 p.m. dinner**

### Menu items:

New York Strip Steak (15 oz. Medium Rare)	\$33.61
Double Fan-Tail Fried Shrimp (5 pcs.)	\$24.84
Chicken Maison (w/ Mushroom & Shallot Sauce)	\$18.61
Gluten Free or Veggie Meal	\$18.61

*(Special dietary needs can be accommodated.)*

All dinners include Salad and Au Gratin potatoes.

Prices include tax & tip.

Cash bar. *(Your on your own here.)*

The **Final Count & Payment deadline** is **October 30th**.

If you miss sign up at the Oct. 4th meeting, please mail your check (payable to Madison BMW Club) with your RSVP below to John Ong, 4725 Nora Lane, Madison, WI 53711.

*Tsaritsa Dawn*

The Club will pay for **\$10 OFF** the dinner **for Members Only!** It is **Full price for non-members!** Deduct \$10 (if a member) prior to writing your check payable to the **Madison BMW Club** (write menu choices on it) & bring with the below RSVP form at Oct. 4 breakfast at Hilltop. Include the RSVP form below. I will also have a sign-up sheet at Hilltop for names & meal choices. So bring a check, the form below, & give them to me at breakfast. Cash will NOT be accepted as a banquet payment—so bring a **checkbook**.

AND ... don't forget to **send in** your **Cherished-but-Totally-Insignificant Awards Form** ... (see page 5). Heck, fill it out now and bring it with you to the meeting!

## RSVP for the 2015 Club Banquet

Madison Elks Club, 711 Jennifer Street, Madison, WI • Saturday, November 14th ~ 5 p.m. Cocktails • 6 p.m. Dinner

Entree	Quantity	Selection & Pricing	Club Member Name(s) / Guest Name	Total
<i>Example</i>	<i>2</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Member(s): \$23.61 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guest: \$33.61	<i>John Smith (Member) / Jane Doe (Guest)</i>	<i>\$57.22</i>
Steak 15oz. MR		<input type="checkbox"/> Member(s): \$23.61 <input type="checkbox"/> Guest: \$33.61		
Shrimp 5 pc. Fried		<input type="checkbox"/> Member(s): \$14.84 <input type="checkbox"/> Guest: \$24.84		
Chicken Maison		<input type="checkbox"/> Member(s): \$8.61 <input type="checkbox"/> Guest: \$18.61		
Gluten Free or Veggie		<input type="checkbox"/> Member(s): \$8.61 <input type="checkbox"/> Guest: \$18.61	Please indicate which meal choice:	
				<b>Grand Total</b>

Mail your check (payable to Madison BMW Club) by Oct. 28th to John Ong, 4725 Nora Lane, Madison, WI 53711.





# Fall Party: BBQ & Campout!

Hosted by Brian Manke

(ssshhh....  
someone's  
turning 60)

Hi Everyone!

I'd would like to invite everyone in the Madison and Wisconsin BMW clubs to a Fall Party at my house in Fort Atkinson. I'll be featuring Charcoal-Roasted Chicken, Two 1/2 Barrels, a Bonfire at Dusk, and of course, BLUES MUSIC!

**Saturday, October 17, from noon 'til ??**

**W5429 State Hwy. 106, Fort Atkinson • 262-949-0715**

Please bring a dish to pass. No birthday presents please. Donations accepted. Camping is available for those wanting to spend the night. Inexpensive hotel rooms are near-by in Fort.

Bring your MOA mileage contest forms and I'll sign them. (Contest ends Oct. 11, 2015—Look for it in your October MOA Owners News.)



## Vizi-Tec Supabrake-II BMW Brake Light Modulator

by Joann Hayes

In my continual quest for conspicuity, I have discovered and added a brake light modulator to my bike—and Alan's too, of course.

I found Vizi-Tec online while searching the general topic of extra brake light attention. Since BMW's canbus system seems to ask unique demands of add-on electronics, I was impressed by the information on Vizi-Tec's site. They have proven success with units built specifically for BMW's system. Reviews from BMW owners convinced me that plug-n-play was available for my bike.

The other compelling sales point was how Vizi-Tec programs their units to quick flash when you first brake and than the pattern slows to end with a solid normal brake light. It also avoids recycling too soon in case you're in slow traffic and don't want to annoy those following you with constant flashing in stop and go crawling. There are 10 other patterns you can set, if you wish. I chose to stay with the default one which is effective and good for normal bulb wear. It's described fully and better on their website - vizi-tec.com

But being a sceptic, I called Bernard (Mr. Vizi-Tec himself) in Redwood City, California. Bernard, a very charming fellow, assured me that though he had not built a unit for an F800, he could do it once he knew exactly what connectors to use.

Thus commenced a 68 e-mail exchange of photos, drawings, descriptions, supposed factory specs, and friendly chit chat to come up with the proper connectors. Bernard mailed me two "prototypes"

that didn't match, but the third was the charm. Plug-n-Flash success!

Though it took a bit of research and trial with different plugs, we got the right one. And I can't say enough good things about Bernard and his enthusiasm for the project and making it work. It was a pleasure to work with him. The difficulty only arose because he is a new company and he had not worked with my unusual BMW model. He has and will build for any models, and any other make of bike. Again, see the reviews on his website. (I will write one there too.)

These units sell for about \$77 plus \$6 shipping. He does accept PayPal. (Bernard gave us a twofers price as part of our R&D process.)

Riding behind Alan on our recent Door County trip, I was very pleased with how effective his flashing brake light was in getting my attention immediately. If you have an LED bulb, it will be even more so. (An aside; I did put LED arrays in my turn signal lights and they are MUCH brighter.)

No use posting still pictures to show these lights, but I'd be happy to demonstrate them on my bike to anyone who's interested. I highly recommend this safety product and company. Check it out. Vizi-Tec.com

  
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# 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 10th**. Estimate your BMW miles ridden between January 1st and October 31st, 2014 (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 2015, 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 this year (not club rides) \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of GR3 rallies attended over the years \_\_\_\_\_

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. \_\_\_\_\_

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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:

- **Kalli Procopio** — *Leader of the pack.. woof woof woof*
- **Tom Norn** — *“Now, don’t lie to me - - You tailgated a livestock truck, didn’t you?..”*
- **John Bollig** — *Some bikes look fast standing still. Others look kinda doggy.*
- **Randy Boris** — *Looks mighty strange for a fire hydrant...*
- **Tom Schirz Sr.** — *...shit you not, I got from a riderless bike shelter..growls in the twisters, but learning fast?*
- **Andrea Stephenson** — *Yes, my bike is “Aire-dale” cooled. Want to see my Boxer engine?*
- **Anonymous** — *Even a dog knows this ain’t the bike for me.*



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# CLASSIFIEDS

**For Sale:** Lane Bowman's 1997 R850/R. \$2750. Call Bruce Bowman 815-289-7694 if you are or know of anyone who would be interested.

**For Trade:** 2007 Honda 250cc Reflex Scooter to trade for a cycle trailer. Scooter has 6k, new battery and rear tire. Runs fine. Contact George at geomrqt@gmail.com.

**For Sale:** 1995 Ural Sportsman with full-time 2-wheel drive! 650 engine. Great for camping and off-road. A really fun ride with ample room in the side car and trunk. Leather cover for side car when not in use. Original paint job with custom pin-striping direct from the factory in Siberia. Spare tire and luggage rack. Gas can included. Interested? Contact Richard Goehring at 1-920-743-0266 or email rgoehrin@itol.com. Bike is in Sturgeon Bay. (Ladies not included, but you'll find your own. Just ask William B.)



**Bikes in need of a new home:** 2004 K1200GT - Bags - Electric Windscreen - Heated Grips and Seat, Removable backrest, Michelin Pilot Road tires in good shape. Would like \$5000, but let's talk...

ALSO—1995 R1100RSL - rarer full-faired version, 77K. Also lightly used Pilot Roads, Corbin Rumble seat w/ folding backrest. Have both Touring and City lids for bags...Would like \$3500. Contact Tom Van Horn at gromitt@juno.com



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**Hey, Fellow Madison  
 BMW Club Members!  
 We did it again!**



We showed our support of our closest neighboring club with a good turnout of 20 members present at the Dells Rally. Let's continue to support them to show our appreciation of their members attending GR3!  
*Congratulations!*

**Tire Mounting?**

Steve Parker is mounting and balancing tires. \$20 per. You take off the wheel & bring to him. You discard old tire.

Steve's email is [teven@tds.net](mailto:teven@tds.net)  
 His phone is 608-240-2929.

**Final Club Reminders!**

Campout this weekend, Sept. 25-27. See Sept. newsletter for details ... or lack there of as this is an impromptu event.

CRUD RUN following our next meeting, Sunday, Oct. 4th.



**SAVE MONEY!**

Calling all Wisconsin Motorcyclists! Please go to [insuremybiketina.com](http://insuremybiketina.com). Click **REQUEST A QUOTE** & get a quote online for your bike(s) in the privacy of your own home. Or call me at 262.522.1102.

Thank you!

*Tina  
 Doggett*



**Cherish Your Time**

**"You never know how many heartbeats you've got."**

— Paul Thorn

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Home# \_\_\_\_\_ Work# \_\_\_\_\_ Cell# \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Membership status:  NEW Member  Current Member • Newsletter preference:  Email  Snail Mail

MOA# \_\_\_\_\_ RA# \_\_\_\_\_

Bikes Owned \_\_\_\_\_

Interests, comments, etc... \_\_\_\_\_

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

Madison BMW Club, Ltd., P.O. Box 152, McFarland, WI 53558-0152

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!

