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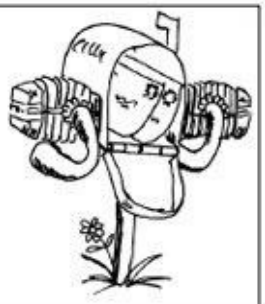

MADISON BMW CLUB ~ AUGUST 2017 / BMW MOA #7 BMW RA #5

“Hey! Who said you could camp back here?”

(Actually, Sam really was saying, ”Great spot to set up your tent!”)

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Calendar of Events

NO CLUB BREAKFAST

In AUGUST

CLUB PICNIC

Brigham Park
Blue Mounds.
Eat around Noon

GALENA CAMP OUT

Palace Campground
Galena, IL August 25, 26, 27

AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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NO CLUB BREAKFAST
In AUGUST

DELLS RALLY

Easter Seals Camp Wawbeek
1450 State Hwy 13
Wisconsin Dells
September 8 - 10

BMW MOA Weekend Getaway

Cranberry Country Lodge
Tomah, WI
September 29, 30, & Oct 1

SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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OCTOBER 1 - Plan Ahead

Club Breakfast - Hilltop (south of Cross Plains)
Slimey Crud Café Racer Run: Pine Bluff to Leland

SLIMEY CRUD
CAFE RACER RUN

RIDE HARD · RIDE SHORT

BMW Motorrad Club
Northern Illinois

https://www.illinoisbmwriders.com/rides/galena-campout

Words from our Intrepid Leader

Hot Summer greetings,

Hope all is well with everyone.

Welcome back to all the hardy souls that traveled to the various rallies. From what I heard on the news and the reports on face book, it sounds like it was HOT. But - can you really believe what you hear on the news?

Plans are underway for the August picnic meeting. I plan on the usual: chicken and pulled pork, coleslaw, potato salad. If anyone cares to bring a dish to pass (I don't mean a empty one) of their favorite salad or dessert that would be good. Paper plates and utensils will be provided. I will have bottled water, bring your beverage of choice. Bring baggies or containers for left overs if there are any.

Next breakfast meeting will be in October. There is no meeting in September. The Wisconsin Club Rally and Ironman are taking up that weekend.

Other things to do… check out the calendar of events elsewhere in these pages.

Stay cool,
Dick

The Tsarista speaks:

Our Annual Picnic is August 13th at 12 noon at Brigham Park. Please bring a dish to pass and whatever beverages you would like to drink. We do have a permit to bring in alcohol.
Dick will order chicken and pulled pork for the main dishes. You can bring friends if they are interested in joining our club. We will see all of you there!
We will not have a breakfast meeting in September due to the holiday.
Our next breakfast meeting will be October 1 at Hilltop followed by the Slimey Crud.

I just got a call from Elie that her banquet room is going to be closed for future breakfasts! GiGi's next door in the mall needs to increase their size so the landlord has told Elie that all her reservations need to be cancelled. It is so sad for her business & for us as we finally found a great place to eat & meet.

Please think of other restaurants with meeting rooms big enough for 40 - 45 members. Bring your suggestions to the Picnic on August 13, and I will follow up & check on them for December's breakfast.

Tsaritsa Dawn

Editors' Note:
There is not a Secretary's report this month, since we did not have a meeting in July.

2018 National Rally Ride Report, by Tom Van Horn

THERE AND BACK AGAIN

To the 45th National BMW Rally in Salt Lake City

I don't know about you, but when we plan trips, we start with a grandiose itinerary. This then plows into financial and schedule reality (with a muffled 'ka-runch' sound).

In 2014, we were talking about going from Madison to the St. Paul rally via New Orleans. Ka-runch. We went via Memphis instead.

Last year, we were going to make the Hamburg rally by traversing Canada to the Maine shore. Ka-runch. Straight to Hamburg on I-90 and back on 2-lanes.

This time? The plan was to 2-lane to Salt Lake and then meander on to the California wine country. Ka-runch.

So, what did we do?

We took out on July 6th (my birthday) and headed down Hwy 151 - our basic route would be US 20, which we picked up in Dubuque. We kind of celebrated our recent retirement by keeping days short. Good plan. It got kinda hot.

Bank thermometers in western Iowa and eastern Nebraska were all over 105 degrees. We stopped in O'Neill. Sue and I make a good team - I checked in to a mom/pop motel, she picked up microbrews at a shop next door. Hydration and electrolytes, don't'cha know...

...I varied from my usual Tour Wardrobe this trip: Instead of the 1-piece Aerostitch, I was in a Tour Master jacket and Aerostitch pants. I wondered if the jacket venting would be up to the desert west, and it pretty much was. Pretty much.

Next morning there was a wall of weather headed toward us. US 20 jinked north, so we mostly missed it.
Yesterdays 105 was now todays 65. We went barely a mile and stopped to close all the jacket vents.
It was the coolest day of the trip - and the last cool we encountered until we hit mountains.

Western Nebraska to eastern Wyoming. The big empty west, where the horizon's farther away. The sun's back out. It got kinda hot. Overnight in Casper. Still kinda hot...

We did just about all of Wyoming via 2-lane roads - a meander south and west through the Sweetwater Basin, where we saw far more pronghorn antelope than people or vehicles.

We stopped at Independence Rock, called such because travelers on the Oregon Trail wanted to be there by July 4th to beat the winter through the mountains.

After a night in Diamondville WY ("Fossil capitol of the world!"), we hit Utah and found some high and snaky pavement (Monte Cristo Pass) and some lower and snaky pavement (East Canyon and Emigration Canyon).

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And here's Salt Lake City. It's kinda hot.

We found somewhat shady camping next to a fairground building (featuring an always-on streetlight), and a fairground worker kindly offered us a picnic table. Nights got down into the 70s so sleeping was possible.

Daytimes, it was kinda hot.

The Utah fairgrounds are a big rectangle with buildings around the periphery and grassy areas in the center, which was most of the camping. Shade? Not so much, but that's usual...

...Sue, myself, and 'RT guy G.O. ran the seminars - right around 100 of them, in six different buildings. These ran from carpeted spaces with good air conditioning (it was kinda hot) to sawdust-floored stock barns with fans. If we could add golf cart miles to our riding tally, we'd have quite a few more...

...There were a lot of vendors, inside and outside - didn't buy much (like I need anything) - G.O. had Denali running lights put on his 'RT. The most Sue and spent was for bike detailing jobs from Marty, camped next to us. The 'GSes have never looked so good - so of course we have to mess them up by riding them home...

...The food vendors were a click better than usual in my opinion - a couple Polynesian, Mexican street food, wood-oven pizza, Jamaican, BBQ, and Thai were available. I doubt anyone missed funnel cakes or corn dogs - I know I didn't...

...Members present? Lessee - Linda Low(Jim also) did the sewing booth, Brian and Shad again handled oil changes, Jim Bronson, Mark Hoesly. Hmm. If I saw you and forgot, my apologies. If I didn't see you, well, there were a lot of people there. How many? Just over 4200, a bit less than planned. It was kinda hot.

Sunday morning, knock down camp, return golf carts and radios, load the bikes, and off we went. Where?
Well, not west. We rode towards Colorado instead. South to Spanish Fork, then southeast on 6 (over Soliders Summit). The elevation mitigated the heat less than before. Down to, and east on, I-70. It was no longer kinda hot - it was bloody damned hot. 106 in Grand Junction where we got a room - bless these early stops...

...Next morning, to Glenwood Springs, then south into the mountains. On the way west, we talked about checking out Jackson WY. I was worried about tourist gridlock. Sam G. went through there, said yep,
a mess, never again. Our turn came today in Aspen - stop and creep & stop and creep and etc... Oh well,
after Aspen is Independence Pass - 12,000 feet. Gotta be cooler up there. Right?

Well, yes. Cooler for sure. Wetter, too. Rain and then hail at the summit. We felt sorry for the Harley guys wearing tank tops and half-shell lids...

...Down down down, to US 24 and on to Colorado Springs, where friends Matt and Susanna Parkhouse put us up (put up with us?) for a couple days. Among other things, a much-needed laundromat run was accomplished. A nice couple days visiting and a little touristing...

2018 National Rally Ride Report, by Tom Van Horn

...The Original Plan was to head back west into the mountains (about 300 miles) to the Top O' the Rockies rally in Paonia. Sue and I had a council that morning, and concluded that we were running on too-much heat and too-little sleep, and just weren't up for a ride in the wrong direction. So (as LBJ would have put it) with a heavy heart, we saw Matt and Susanna off west and we headed east...

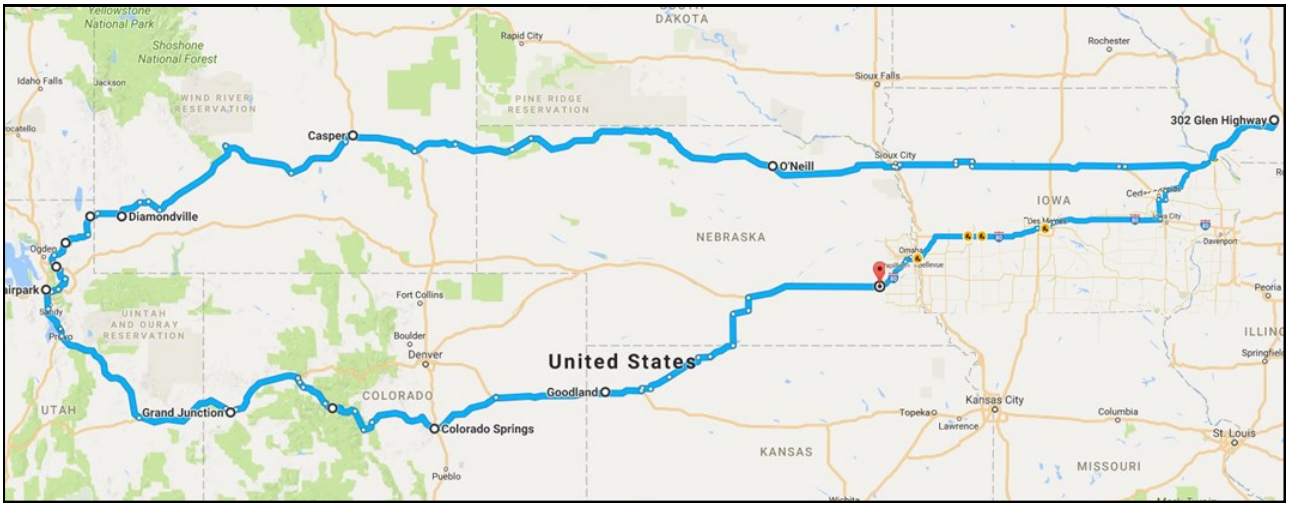
...We were pretty shagged out - 180-odd miles (shortest day of the trip) got us to Goodland, Kansas. Right around 100 degrees. The Holiday Inn didn't have rooms ready, but they let us sit in the air conditioning with a six pack of microbrew ale. Remember, kids - hydration and electrolytes...

The local brew encouraged us to have more than one.

The next day saw us jump north and east to US 36, then up to I-80. GR/3 regular Tom Buttars and wife live in Lincoln. A couple more days of relaxing and visiting ensued...

...Finally we mounted up and got on I-70 east. Hazy, then wet and foggy. Visibility not great, but I'm not complaining. Cleared up in Iowa, then sunny and not too hot down I-80 to 151 and into our driveway. Nicest riding day of the trip.

Total just under 3,000 miles. It was kinda hot.



2017 WI DELLS Rally for a Reason

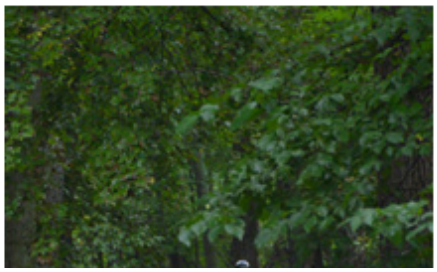
Wisconsin BMW Motorrad Club

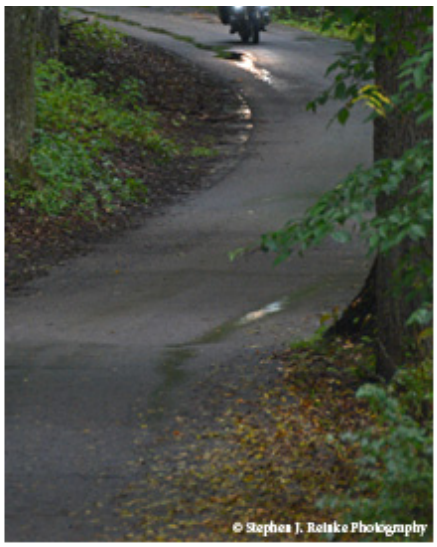
Join us for our second year at scenic Camp Wawbeek and *Rally for a Reason!*

September 8 - 10, 2017

RALLY FEE INCLUDES

- 2 nights free camping (early arrivals welcome)
- Rally mug for the first 500 attendees
- Rally pins for the first 250 attendees
- Complimentary coffee / tea / cocoa / lemonade
- Fire pits around campground
- Live music (scroll down for bands) & 50/50 raffle Friday and Saturday nights
- Friday night Hot Dogs & Chili until gone
- Saturday night Pig Roast–*Piggies Delight* back by popular demand
- Awards ceremony (you can't win if you don't sign in)
- Killer door prizes
- Saturday morning 5K Fun Run
- Bingo
- Non-motorized field events
- Playground for kids
- Sunday morning donuts & fruit until gone
- Hot Showers
- Self-guided rides
- Rally shirts for sale until gone
- Vendors
- Snacks available for purchase at Hospitality
- Indoor lounge areas throughout camp to relax in
- WiFi available (somewhat limited)
- Ample locations for recharging electronic devices
- RV parking (no hookups)
- More camping space
- Medical needs camping available (please indicate on your registration form; anyone plugging in and camping in this area WITHOUT medical needs will be asked to leave the rally immediately)
- Dogs OK as long as you clean up after them and don't let them run without a leash (only service dogs allowed in buildings)





ONSITE AMENITIES

- **Beer tent** sponsored by the **Lions Club**—also offering grilled food, chips, bottled water & soda.
- Soda Machine for times when Beer Tent is closed (at Rally Central near vendors)
- **On-site Saturday Easter Seals Breakfast** available for a low fee.
- **Bedroll space** available until gone. $10/night/person—fee to Easter Seals. Reservations suggested. Contact dellsrally@gmail.com to reserve.

PRE-REGISTER by August 25th and $ave $10.

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