

# THE MAIL BOXER

MADISON BMW CLUB ~ MAY 2020

BMW MOA #7 BMW RA #5



**GR3 has been postponed until further notice. Get the bikes out and enjoy the road, even if only for a solo ride!**



- ♦ MAY BREAKFAST CANCELLED
- ♦ SPRING CRUD RIDE - SEE INSIDE
- ♦ GR/3 CANCELLED
- ♦ HIAWATHA AND IOWA RALLIES MOVED TO SEPTEMBER
- ♦ MOA NATIONAL RALLY MOVED TO 2021
- ♦ SUE'S COUNTY CHALLENGE - SEE INSIDE

← We will see the day when these aren't everyday wear. Eventually...  
(pic: TVH)

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## MAY 2020

CLUB BREAKFAST MEETING  
Have been postponed  
until further notice.

### FUTURE EVENTS:

**MOST EVENTS MAY BE CANCELLED OR  
RESCHEDULED. BE SURE TO WATCH FOR  
UPDATES REGARDING SWAP MEETS, RAL-  
LIES AND SUCH.**

**BE SAFE, BE SMART, AND STAY HEALTHY**

### ROAD AMERICA

Motoamerica Event  
Elkhart Lake

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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## JUNE 2020

### NATIONAL MOTORCYCLE MUSEUM

Vintage Days  
Anamosa, IA

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

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## WORDS FROM OUR INTREPID LEADER

### GREETINGS

Hoping this months letter finds you in good spirits despite the stay at home, and social distancing rules the virus has put upon us.

Sunday April 19th would have been a great day for the Wild Goose ride to Beaver Dam.

The way the weather has been going, I think we would have had a really good GR 3 this year. And watching the MOA Facebook site, it looks like a lot of events are canceling or rescheduling.

It looks like some of us are out there enjoying the weather and taking a ride when possible. Be safe and don't do anything too foolish.

This one is for you puzzlers out there:

Ole: I'm proud of myself; I finished that jigsaw puzzle in just 6 months.

Swen: That sounds like a long time.

Ole: Not when the box says 4 to 6 years!!

Hopefully we can have a meeting by June, if things get better and we get back to somewhat normal. Until then, stay safe.

Dick



Hi members,

As you know all of our BMW motorcycle events are canceled until October. I have contacted HQ and canceled our June breakfast. In March, I canceled all of the hotel rooms for GR3 in Soldiers Grove. Dick canceled our May breakfast at Sofra in Middleton as well as our August picnic at Brigham Park.

Our October 4th breakfast at Sofra is still scheduled. Hopefully this coronavirus will have resolved so that we can meet for this breakfast.

I hope all of you are staying safe and are wearing masks or bandannas when you go out.

I miss you all and the camaraderie we have during our monthly meetings and outings. Do get out & enjoy individual bike rides as we still want to be the number 1 state for mileage.

Until we can meet again, be safe.

Tsaritsa Dawn



## SECRETARY'S REPORT (Linda Low)

Due to the cancellation of the April meeting, there are no Minutes to report - Thank you, Linda!

# SLIMEY CRUD

## CAFE RACER RUN



ride hard - ride short

COVID-19 Official Announcement., from the Slimey Crud FaceBook page:

First, We hope that you and your family are safe and healthy. In support of the governor's efforts to stop the spread of Covid-19, we will post our recommendation for the Spring 2020 Crud Run near the 21st of April as we get near the end date of the Governor's order and have a better understanding where this health crisis is. We are hopeful that we will have the Spring 2020 Crud Run run this year, but this is bigger than a motorcycle gathering and ride, and we will get through it together (from a distance).

We strongly encourage all riders to practice rational risk management (eg., wear a helmet), use objective data provided by healthcare experts in risk-related decision making about exposure, and follow the Governor's directives aimed at protecting public health. **The CDC has issued guidance calling for no gatherings of over 50 people through May 11th.** In addition, the State of Wisconsin has issued a "Safer at Home" order which we'll address separately below. As no one has a crystal ball, these dates may change over time.

Effective on 3/25/2020 at 8am, the State of Wisconsin entered a Safer at Home order. The order is in effect until April 24,2020 unless it is superseded by a future order. You may read the order by visiting: <https://evers.wi.gov/Documents/COVID19/EMO12-SaferAtHome.pdf>

As keepers of the Crud Run Facebook and website, we seek to keep riders informed about the run. We offer encouragement, advice, and warnings. Please check back with us later

Thank you for your understanding,

The SCMG

Ride Hard - Ride Short ©



## The Official Word from the BMW Motorcycle Owners of America

**The MOA has announced a date change for the Saddle Up & Ride event to June 24-27, 2021.** The new date is the same weekend in June, but one year later than originally planned. Rally Chairs Corey & Becky Smith will continue to guide the largest event of the year for us and the location at the Montana State ExpoPark will remain the same for 2021.

Members and guests registered for the National Rally this summer will remain registered for the 2021 dates. If you can ride to Great Falls next year, you don't have to do anything with your registration. Your tickets, t-shirts, RV space - anything you registered for in 2020 - is still intact for the new dates.

Members who cannot attend Great Falls in 2021 or prefer to receive a refund and make a decision about 2021 later have two options - a full cash refund or an event voucher which includes a 20% value bonus. The event voucher is a coupon code that can be used for any BMW MOA event including a National Rally, MOA Getaway or Premier Training event. Event vouchers including the 20% bonus will be valid for all MOA events through December 2022.

To receive a refund or an event voucher including the 20% bonus, members should complete the Refund Request form online ( <https://airtable.com/shrduEBjt8UzQ7t5h> ) by December 31, 2020. Completing the online form allows the MOA staff to efficiently process refund requests as quickly as possible. Members who request a refund should expect confirmation by email within ten days. Beginning January 1, 2021, refunds for the National Rally will be available in accordance with the MOA's regular refund policy.

Personally, I would like to thank all of you for your support for the National Rally. Whether you have volunteered each year, registered early or sent comments about the current situation, your enthusiasm for the Rally is unmistakable. The Rally Chairs, the MOA Board of Directors and the MOA Membership Team are committed to delivering an exceptional event in 2021 as our way of saying 'thank you for being a member.'

The latest rally news is always available at [rally.bmwmoa.org](http://rally.bmwmoa.org). I promise, there will be lots of news to talk about for 2021!

Sincerely,

Ted Moyer

Executive Director, BMW MOA





## ROAD AMERICA MESSAGE:



Hello everyone,

As we make our way through what can only be described as uncharted territory, I want to send a note of gratitude to our dedicated fans. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate the circumstances facing the world considering the global COVID-19 pandemic.

To those who are in this continuous battle on the front lines, including doctors, nurses, first responders, grocers, farmers, pharmacists, parcel carriers and truck drivers, we salute you. To the families and friends who have lost loved ones, we send along our deepest prayers and sympathy. We are in this complicated, uncertain and rapidly evolving situation together, and we encourage everyone to look out for each other and be safe.

Many have asked about our season schedule, and as of today, our timetable for our next major decision point is not until the end of April. We have already postponed our Spring Vintage Festival Featuring SVRA on May 15-17, along with other events and schools through the first week of May, and we are continually preparing and in planning mode, which includes a variety of "what-if" scenarios. The best thing we can do right now is keep a watchful eye and make the best decisions as factual information comes in, to ensure the health and safety of everyone who passes through the gates.

Make no mistake, we are looking forward to coming together to share Road America this season. Our dedicated staff have already finished the serious work to prepare the grounds and the racetrack. We are diving in to raise funds for Meals On Wheels of Sheboygan County and Road America will donate 20% of Paddock Shop retail proceeds generated April 15-30, 2020.

We are also still planning to begin our 65th Anniversary season beginning with the MotoAmerica Superbike Weekend Featuring Vintage MotoFest, May 29-31 and we want to remind fans that anyone may still make online merchandise purchases and have items shipped or event ticket purchases online and print their tickets at home.

On behalf of all of us at Road America, please take care of yourself and your loved ones and we look forward to sharing Road America together again soon.

Mike Kertscher

President and General Manager

Elkhart Lake's Road America Inc.



"Bringing Dreams Home."



# Madison BMW Club



## 2020 Club Challenge

Friends and Fellow Members of the Madison BMW Club....

With the current Covid-19 threat looming over our world right now, many of us are changing our riding plans for the summer. Instead of riding out to Great Falls, Montana, we are wondering what destinations we can choose that will keep us healthy and closer to home.

So here is our challenge to you: Instead of your Rand-McNally, pull out your 🗺 Wisconsin map. There are 72 counties in our state. Our challenge to YOU is to see how many of those counties you can tag this year.

You may be asked to prove it, so snap a picture of your bike (or just your helmet, that works too) in front of some sort of County sign. So ... for instance: Dane County Courthouse, Entering Dane County, Dane County Park, Dane County Sheriff Dept.... Just remember to always have part of your bike or your helmet, or even yourself in your riding gear, standing near an identifying marker.

FABULOUS\* Achievement Awards will be presented at the Annual Club Banquet in November. FABULOUS prizes will be awarded! Stories will be shared and hilarity will fill the hall. We hope that many of you will use this excuse to get out, do some touring in our beautiful state, and participate in this challenge.

Here are the Categories:

**10 COUNTIES**

"Whoop, That was fun!"

**25 COUNTIES**

"Let's See Where This Road Goes"

**50 COUNTIES**

"Burning up the pavement &  
a few gravel roads too."

**72 COUNTIES**

"... and They Ain't Caught Me Yet..."



**Small Print:**

- ⇒ All entries must be submitted by Nov 1, 2020 to Tom Van Horn / Sue Rihn
- ⇒ \* The word "Fabulous" is yet to be defined.
- ⇒ If anyone needs a new map, we have a few.

## Spring Tune Up Day

*(or - "It just needs a little work.  
This will just take a few  
minutes...."*



Tom and I spent the afternoon trying to install the new battery on my K75. The old battery was from 2007, so I got my money's worth out of that one. He didn't take a picture (last fall) of how the old battery was hooked up, so it was a comedy of errors. To add to the complication, I had wiring on the old battery for a very old and long-gone radar detector. So there was some debate about just cutting them, and hmmmmm .... Do these wires 'here' belong to those wires up there on the handle bars? So – do ya feel lucky, punk? We cut the wire at both ends.

Eventually, hooking up the battery (should have been a 2 minute job) after moving this wire here, then there, then back again ... the clock lit up and we had power. HURRAY! Took maybe 1.5 hours.

THEN – we couldn't start the bike. Starter tried and tried, but the bike wouldn't fire. Maybe out of gas? Couldn't open the gas cap. It would not budge. The key seemed to unlock it, but it was like it was glued to the tank. I guessed a possible vapor lock, so we cooled the tank down. Still no success. (Second guessing cutting the wires at this point.) Were those

wires for something else? No. NOPE! Not possible. Finally pried the cap loose, breaking it along the way. SNAP! (never a sound you want to hear) the rubber seal to keep the tank from leaking if you ever dropped the bike, was adhered to the tank due to alcohol in the gas, and just sitting. UGH. So, we added some fresh gas, moved the broken pieces off and fitted the inner piece back in to try to make it think it was sealed ....

But why won't it start? Now I am guessing it's old spark plugs. But we couldn't get at the plugs. What the Hell? By now there was a cranky old woman standing my shoes, thinking, I "used to be able" to check these. By myself. At the Great River Road Rally. In the rain.

So at that point we made cocktails and walked away. Tom is looking for a YouTube video right now of how to pull those plugs, and I am reading emails.

So our question to you, should we start drinking first, before we jump into the spark plug project?

- Sue Rihn



**MADISON BMW CLUB, LTD****MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Dues: New Members \$30 full year. \$15 if you join after June 30th. \$5 spouse

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BMWRA Number: \_\_\_\_\_

AMA Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Motorcycles you own:

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_

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Other interests or comments? \_\_\_\_\_



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