

THE MAIL BOXER

MADISON BMW CLUB ~ AUGUST 2020

BMW MOA #7 BMW RA #5



**VIRTUAL CLUB
MEETING THIS
SUNDAY VIA
ZOOM -**

SEE PAGE 4.

**THE RIDE-THE-
COUNTIES
'CONTEST' IS IN
PROGRESS - SEE
INSIDE...**



Nice R100S at Wild Goose 2019 (pic: Skot W.)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST 2020

CLUB BREAKFAST MEETINGS
Have been postponed
until further notice.

CLUB MEETING
August 2
Club Meeting via ZOOM
See details on page 4

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**

MOTORRAD WOCHE Aug 7-9
Big Snow Resort
Upper Michigan
www.bigsnow.com

TWISTAR 2.0 Aug 7-9
Stoney Creek Resort
Onalaska, WI
715-597-2102

MOA GETAWAY EUREKA SPRINGS
Eureka Springs, AR
(864) 438-0962
[https://www.bmwmoa.org/events/
EventDetails.aspx?id=1306311&group=](https://www.bmwmoa.org/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=1306311&group=)

BMWMOA MOTORRAD FEST
Lebanon, TN
mfest.bmwmoa.org

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SEPTEMBER 2020

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WORDS FROM OUR INTREPID LEADER

Greetings all,

I hope you are getting some riding time in. There isn't much news to report.

- ⇒ The Great River Road Rally will be May 20-23, 2021.
- ⇒ The MOA Rally is rescheduled for June 24-27, 2021
- ⇒ The BMWRA Rally is scheduled for May 20-23 2021, in the same location as the 2020 rally would have been.

These dates are set for now, unless we're still on pandemic rules.

As of this newsletter we will not be having the August picnic, however we have decided to try our luck with a Zoom meeting on Sunday morning, August 2. Details further back in this newsletter.

There is still talk about small informal rides and lunch at a venue with outside seating, social distancing of course. If you have a idea or destination contact a club officer, we'll try and get it out via email or some other posting.

If you ride, be safe and go far.

Richard aka, Dick, Ole, Hey you, Slippery

(Diet Day 1: I have removed all the bad food from the house.....it was delicious.)



Hi members,

There is not a lot to report on since the virus has now spiked again and all social events are canceled through the end of the year.

I talked with Dick this past week. We will determine in September if we will still have our October 4th breakfast meeting at Sofra Bistro in Middleton. Everything depends on what is occurring with the coronavirus.

We went on a pontoon boat ride with two friends on Lake Mendota last Friday evening. It was absolutely wonderful weather to be on the water without any worries. It was so peaceful!

I miss all of our socializing at the club breakfast meetings and picnic to talk with all of you members.

Stay safe,

Tsaritsa Dawn



SECRETARY'S REPORT (Linda Low)

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

From JIM HARMS

Hello fellow club members! It's been way too long since we've had a club meeting, so this month, we are going to try a virtual meeting using the **Zoom application!**

There are many ways to connect to Zoom, including:

1. Web Browser : Nothing to install
2. PC or Mac Computer - Download the Zoom App from the Test Link.
3. Android or iPhone smart phones - Download from the App Stores.

IMPORTANT!!!!

Zoom Test Link:

- If you've never used Zoom before, please follow the link above to do a 'Test Meeting'. This will ensure that you will be able connect before our club meeting. If you have issues, there is an embedded link to the Zoom support center, which should help you solve any problems connecting.
- You can either test thru a Web Browser OR download the Zoom App and run/test it from there. If you don't have a Web Cam (Video), you can still join via the Voice connection. There is also an option for smart phones, but I think you'll need to go to the App Store first to install it, then use the Test Link.

BMW August 2020 Zoom Meeting Link

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79839410626?pwd=VlhyWTA4ajl3cHlpS253V1lsRDZrQT09#success>

Date: Sunday August 2, 2020

- **8:30 am - 9 am** : Zoom Assistance Pre-Meeting
 - If you are still having problems, log on early and we'll try to resolve them.
 - Please call Jim Harms' cell if you are stuck. 608-332-7605
 - Stay connected as the real meeting will kick in at 9 am
- **9 am - 10 am**: Actual BMW Club meeting
 - Prez Dick Olson will reside and lead this as a regular meeting.

Zoom Meeting Tips:

- Turn off your video initially and only use the voice option. This is to minimize the video lag when a large number of people log in. When you are talking, then you can turn it on. If we find that video isn't too jittery, more people can turn it on. Please be patient as we do this trial run!
- Limit the number of applications you have open and running on your machine during the Zoom meeting. It will improve your system response.
- Put questions in the Chat option rather than talking over someone. You can also 'raise your hand' virtually to indicate you want to speak
- Make sure you are have light in front or above you. If behind you (eg. a sunny window), we will only see a shadow outline, not your face.

Thanks and see you Sunday!

Jim Harms

HOW ARE YOU ALL DOING ON THE CLUB COUNTIES 'CONTEST'?

Fellow Madison Club members....

Back in April, we challenged everyone to try to get some "social-distancing" in on your motorcycle this season, by tagging as many of the 72 counties that you can.

So far, Tom and I have 26 counties. How about all of you? It's tempting to stay safe and stay inside, but a little helmet time is good for your soul and your head.

Hope to see you at some crossroads somewhere, sometime, where we can elbow bump and air-toast each other.

Sue



EDITOR'S NOTES:

Since making this map, Sue also knocked out Iowa, Lafayette and Grant counties.

Chad and Rhonnie G. are at 42 counties at this writing - is anyone else?

Inquiring minds want to know - if you are, share your travels with us!

At Sunday's zoom meeting, be sure to congratulate Jim for his milestone mileage miles - Good going (and going and going), Jim!





The BMWMOA Eureka Springs Getaway is August 7 - 9 at Inn of The Ozarks. A grand time!

(pic: BMWMOA)



Nice rig at the Barber Museum (pic: TVH)

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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.

And let's keep it simple: This is all on the honor system. If you say that you did it, then we'll believe you. NO photos necessary... however, pictures are appreciated so we can add them to the newsletter. In order for you to keep track, we would recommend that you use a state map and highlight your routes each time you ride somewhere.

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.



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

Current Members \$30 regardless of when paid.

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Optional information:

BMW MOA Number: _____

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Motorcycles you own:

Year: _____ Model: _____

Year: _____ Model: _____

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Other interests or comments? _____



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