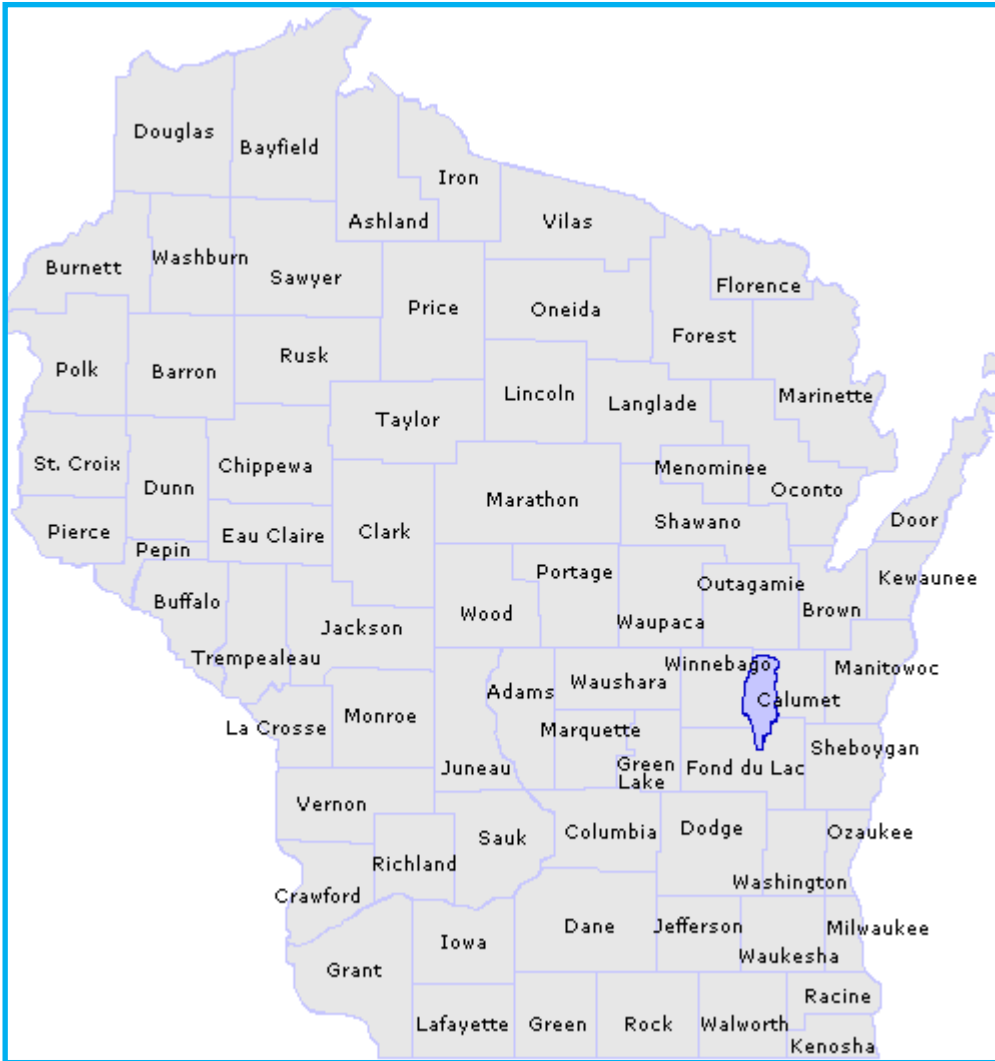


# THE MAIL BOXER

MADISON BMW CLUB ~ OCTOBER 2020

BMW MOA #7 BMW RA #5



CLUB MEETING  
ON 'ZOOM' -  
SUNDAY, OCT 4th  
- SEE PAGE 5

THE RIDE-THE-  
COUNTIES  
'CONTEST' IS STILL  
ON...

How are <you> doing?..

NOTE: IF you're participating - counting counties - PLEASE let Sue or me know. For awards reasons, we need a count of finishers.

THANKS!!

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Madison BMW (Motorcycle) Club

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## OCTOBER 2020

**CLUB BREAKFAST MEETINGS**  
Have been postponed  
until further notice.

**MOA GETAWAY TOMAH**  
Tomah, WI  
(864) 438-0962  
<https://www.bmwmoa.org/event/tomah2020>

**CLUB MEETING via ZOOM**  
9:00 AM SUNDAY, OCT 4  
SEE PAGE 5 THIS ISSUE

**45th FALLING LEAF RALLY**  
Oct 9 - 11  
Steelville, MO  
[Rally-coordinator@gatewayriders.com](mailto:Rally-coordinator@gatewayriders.com)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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## NOVEMBER 2020

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## 2020 Club Officers and Officials

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WORDS FROM OUR INTREPID LEADER

***Greetings all,***

***Not much going on - keep us updated.***

***The riding season is winding down.***

***A group of member have been checking off the Wisconsin Counties challenge.***

***Breakfasts and Banquet are on hold.***

***Words of wisdom....You can't glue a tomato back together with tomato paste. Believe me, I tried..***

***That's about it from my worldly view.***

***Dick***



Hi Members,

We have cancelled the November 14 Annual Banquet at the Esquire Club as the majority of members I surveyed did not want to attend due to COVID. I will call John, the owner, in October to reserve next year's date of November 13, 2021.

The October 4 Brigham Park meeting has also been cancelled due to low interest in attending in person.

We will instead have a Zoom meeting on October 4 at 9 AM. Jim Harms will put added info into this newsletter on how to easily connect to it. I will also send out a reminder on Saturday, October 3rd re: the Zoom meeting.

We only have 40 minutes of FREE time with Zoom for our 10/4 meeting so everyone connect less than 3 minutes earlier for it. Reconnecting everyone after 40 minutes is time consuming for Jim.

Thank You & Stay Safe,

Tsaritsa Dawn



# SECRETARY'S REPORT

September 6, 2020 Zoom meeting. 13 members were on the call

Two rallies in the future ; Falling Leaf and Tomah MOA Get Away  
2021 rallies in May 2021 GR3 May 13-16 and RA May 20-23

Discussion was held regarding holding an in person meeting October 4 but 25% is all restaurants can hold. Same holds true for November banquet at this time.

Chad Garcia volunteered to put a poll up on Facebook regarding banquet and if people would come.

A group was going to go camping in Soldiers Grove the weekend of September 11.

Discussion was held about having an outdoor meeting at Brigham Park on Oct 4.

Update: Breakfast and outdoor meeting on Oct 4 were cancelled and we will have Zoom again. Banquet in Nov also cancelled. Zoom kicked us out after 40 min. Question regarding buying monthly subscription. Board needs to decide. Don't sign in til 5 min before meeting starts so we can get meeting done in 40 min.

Sue gave treasurers report.

Chad Garcia has a new 2014 Triumph Tiger.

Will be adding Chris Foscett to the newsletter. He is changing tires. He bought Steve Parker's tire changing equipment last year.

Meeting adjourned 9:54.  
See you Oct 4 on Zoom.

**Submitted by Linda Low**



**Linda Trecek**

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All: Steve Parker used to change tires for folks;  
He's retired and sold his changing machines to Chris:

**Chris Foscett Tire Service**

(608) 332-5602

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# CLUB MEETING VIA ZOOM ON SUNDAY, October 5th

## Jim Harms, Media Czar

### Zoom Meeting:

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.

### \*\*\* The Actual Meeting Info and Link \*\*\*

Join the October 2020 meeting by clicking on the link below.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77715978376?pwd=bDA1RjZlUlpYVhmMS9iMTgrQWN4Zz09>

You should NOT need to enter a Meeting ID and Password, but it's listed here.

If you don't use the link (e.g. try to join from Test Link), you'll probably be prompted for them.

Meeting ID: 777 1597 8376

Passcode: 4BVmf5

**Date: Sunday Oct 4, 2020**

**9 am - 10 am: BMW Club meeting**

- Prez Dick Olson will reside and lead this as a regular meeting.
- No early start for Zoom help as people are getting in, but you can call Jim Harms if you need help: 608-332-7605
- **We are using Zoom's Free account. After 40 minutes, everyone will automatically be disconnected. You can reconnect again, but we'll try to finish in 40 min.**

### Zoom Meeting Tips

- Video was working well, but if we have too much lag, we'll ask people to turn it off unless they are speaking.
- 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**

## September 11 Soldier's Grove campout - J. T. Wagner

The weather forecast was a little iffy for the weekend but three of us decided to camp anyway. Bert Hefty, Jim Kossow and me. I was going to ride but I decided to drive my truck, plus I could haul more stuff. Firewood, food and beverages. Bert showed up early afternoon in his van and Jim K later. Jim rode his GS. In between sprinkles of rain we got the fire lit and managed to keep it going all day. Bert brought venison steaks and we had a good meal. Sat around the fire solving all the world's problems until the rain got heavier and we ran out of soda. Yeah, that's it - soda. Rained all night and I found a flaw in my tent's design. Someone thought it would be a great idea to incorporate a window in the rainfly. It was an interesting feature until the adhesive gave up the ghost during the rain and fell off, letting rain into the front door of tent. Dampness ensued. Bert woke us up saying the camp area was flooding. No kidding! After a quick tear down, we decided to not make breakfast at camp and stopped in Soldier's Grove for breakfast. After that it was head for home and dry out the wet stuff. Now looking for a new tent. Even with the rain, it was still good to get out and go camping.



# CLUB ELECTIONS FOR 2021

Per the Club bylaws, Club officers are elected by the membership at the November banquet meeting. As the November meeting is canceled, elections will take place via members emailing their votes. Steve Huber will be the point of contact for receiving nominations and votes .

All current Club personages wish to be considered for reelection.

## **Club Officers - 1 year term**

President: Dick Olson  
Vice President: Dawn Feneht  
Secretary: Linda Low  
Treasurer: Sue Rihn

## **Club Officials - 1 year term**

Newsletter Editor: Tom Van Horn  
Webmaster: Jim Harms  
Activities Director: Bert Hefty  
GR3 Rally Chair: Dick Olson  
Membership: Jim Low

## **Board of Directors - 3 year term**

up for reelection:  
Sam Garst  
Tom Van Horn

**ANY member in good standing can run for any Club office.** Contact Steve ([shuber@charter.net](mailto:shuber@charter.net)) if you wish to run for an office. The deadline for this is October 12th.

Votes will be solicited in order: Board of Directors first, Club Officers second, and Club Officials third. Deadline for voting will be October 26th. Results will be announced at the November 8<sup>th</sup> Club Zoom meeting.

**SLIMEY CRUD**  
**CAFE RACER RUN**



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The October 4th Crud Run is **officially canceled**, although it's been pointed out that people do show up. Participation is of course at your own risk.

# BMWMOA MILEAGE CONTEST Ends October 31st

Wisconsin has usually led in member miles - with The Current Situation, miles may be reduced, but that's true for everyone! You can't win if you don't play. If you sent a Start form to Jim in April, <please> get your ending mileage to him!

**2020 BMW MOA SUMMER MILEAGE CONTEST**  
 (Contest ends Saturday, October 31, 2020)

BMW MOA# \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chartered Club (provide MOA Charter Club Number) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Do not mail finisher pin

**NOTE:** The annual contest is intended to record miles ridden on BMW Motorcycles.  
 Please specify if Miles or Kilometers on all readings.

YEAR	MODEL	ODOMETER READING	MI / KM

**Verification:**  
 Two (2) signatures by BMW MOA members (not immediate family) or one (1) signature by an MOA Chartered Club Officer or Director, MOA Officer, Director, Ambassador, BMW Owners News Staff, BMW Dealer or Notary Public.  
 Contact Mileage Contest Coordinator at [jimlow@bmwmoa.org](mailto:jimlow@bmwmoa.org) with questions

1. Signature \_\_\_\_\_ BMW MOA # \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City / State / Zip \_\_\_\_\_

2. Signature \_\_\_\_\_ BMW MOA # \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City / State / Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Entrant: \_\_\_\_\_

The annual contest is intended to record miles ridden on BMW motorcycles.  
 BMW MOA does not encourage unsafe riding practices. See reverse side for guidelines.

**Must be postmarked by November 15, 2020**

**Jim Low says:** Because of the many state stay-at-home orders and the need to practice social distancing to limit the spread of COVID-19, the MOA mileage contests will temporarily relax the signature requirements when submitting mileage contest start and end forms. An easy option is to email digital photos of your odometer readings to me at [JIM LOW](mailto:jimlow@bmwmoa.org). Please note on the verification signature line of your mileage form that you have emailed photos to me for your starting or ending mileage. Other forms of verification are also allowed including recent maintenance performed by your local shop as long as the mileage is shown on the service order. Other allowances will also be made. Just email me to let me know your thoughts. Thanks to all who participate and remember to stay safe.

Thanks, Jim Low  
 BMW MOA Mileage Contest Coordinator



The man hunched over his motorcycle can focus only on the present... he is caught in a fragment of time cut off from both the past and the future... he has no fear, because the source of fear is in the future, and a person freed of the future has nothing to fear.

— Milan Kundera —



# 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.

**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..."**

Just a reminder ...

There are still 31 days in October to work on the Madison Club County Challenge. Nothing would make us happier than to see a big participation level for this challenge. In the snapshot below, Tom and I grabbed 10 counties in less than 5 hours.

So go on out to the garage, blow the dust off that bike, and take time to enjoy some of the fall colors. The final day for playing along is October 31. We hope to see you out there, burning up some pavement, yet this year.

Watch for the submission form in next month's newsletter.



### 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.

**MADISON BMW CLUB, LTD**

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Dues: New Members \$30 full year. \$15 if you join after June 30th. \$5 spouse  
Current Members \$30 regardless of when paid.

Print this form out, fill it in, and mail it  
with your dues to:

**Madison BMW Club, Ltd**  
P O Box 5601  
Madison, WI 53705

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Optional information:

BMW MOA Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Motorcycles you own:

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

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

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



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