

THE MAIL BOXER



MADISON BMW CLUB ~ DECEMBER 2020

BMW MOA #7 BMW RA #5



We hope that every member got the cards we sent out...

CLUB ZOOM MEETING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH - SEE PAGE 5

COUNTY CHALLENGE COMPLETE! - SEE PAGE 7

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Madison BMW (Motorcycle) Club

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 2020

CLUB BREAKFAST MEETINGS
Have been postponed
until further notice.

CLUB MEETING via ZOOM
9:00 AM SUNDAY, DEC 6
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WORDS FROM OUR INTREPID LEADER



Greetings and Happy Thanksgiving,

I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving with social distancing, of course.

If you are a deer hunter, I hope your hunt was successful.

We have all heard by now that Mischler's BMW is closing just before Christmas. They will be missed. Good luck to Art and crew...job well done.

Some of you may have received an email from me soliciting for gift cards. According to the email, I was in Anchorage Alaska, fishing and enjoying the nice weather (not!). Well, it was a scam. I asked Sue R. to sent a note out alerting the membership about the scam. Thank you Sue.

I think the riding season is over, time to rotate the winter toys and summer toys.

The virus does not want to go away. Linda and I took a chance and went out for breakfast a couple of times. It will be a very different holiday season for everyone. Maybe the new year will be better; we can only hope.

I woke up this morning determined to drink less, eat right and exercise..... That was 4 hours ago, when I was younger and full of hope.

Be safe,

***Happy Holidays,
Dick and Linda***

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

Chris Foskett Tire Service

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Hi Members,

I called the HQ in Oregon to cancel the December breakfast meeting. I told the manager we would decide at the December Zoom meeting how to handle breakfast meetings at the HQ January through April.

I will be sending out a reminder to all members on December 5 for the December 6 Zoom meeting at 9 AM. Jim Harms will have the zoom link.

I hope to see a lot more members at that meeting than we previously have had. It would be nice just to see your faces and hear any items you may want to discuss.

For those of you who do not know, Peter had double knee surgery 8 days ago at American Center Hospital. He has been home since late Tuesday p.m. He is doing quite well especially in Home Health PT which he had on Thanksgiving and Friday. I feel as a nurse, he is under medicated and in pain quite frequently. We just talked to the on-call Dr. who increased his pain meds.

I am also three weeks out for my hernia surgery. So now, I am a nurse, aide, gopher and doing all the household tasks that he's done in the past, and mine. So I am busy, occasionally stressed and at times tired. Send some prayers & healing his way. Anyone can also call his cell to cheer him up.

I miss seeing and talking with everyone in the Club! It's been very challenging for all of us to be cooped up in our houses. Stay safe, wear your masks and socially distance.

Since currently there is a Wisconsin recount of the Presidential election in Milwaukee and Dane Counties, it's nice to know there is not a recount of the Madison BMW Board Members and Officers! HaHa !

Tsaritsa Dawn



At the 1993 BMWMOA National (pic: TVH)

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SECRETARY'S REPORT Zoom meeting of November 9, 2020

JT and Tom took club member Carol Bracewell out for a last fall ride due to an injury that prevented her from being able to ride.

With the closing of Mischlers at the end of December, the closest two BMW dealers will be Tytlers in DePere and Cyclewerks in Barrington, IL. Moto Union in West Allis has been rumored to be trying to get a BMW dealership.

Manitowoc Harley has taken over the Honda dealership in that area.

2021 Rallies:

- ⇒ GR3 May 14, 15, and 16. Set up on May 13.
- ⇒ RA May 21, 22, 23 in Waynesville, NC
- ⇒ Hiawatha June 4, 5, 6 in Money Creek, MN
- ⇒ National Sidecar June 3, 4, 5, 6. Mena, AR
- ⇒ MOA June 24, 25, 26, 27 Great Falls, MT

Treasurer Report: Sue paid the MOA charter dues and paid for an annual subscription to Zoom.

Discussion held regarding putting info in the MOA and RA magazines regarding GR3. Will hold off to last minute depending on the virus situation. Chad Garcia will mail RA info to Sue as it appears our club charter has lapsed.

There may be a possible spring tuneup gathering for GS911 service warning reset.

December meeting will be the 6th at 9:00am on zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 9:47.

FYI. Jim Low had appointment at Mischlers for replacing the recalled fuel pump on the K1300GT. They cancelled it as BMW wouldn't send the part. New appointment at Tytler's in 2 weeks.

- Submitted by Linda Low



At the 2009 GR/3.
(picture credit: Unknown)

CLUB MEETING VIA ZOOM ON SUNDAY, December 6th

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 December 2020 meeting by clicking on the link below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89508089014?pwd=K0RJR2xTTTF0OENCcTR1SFc1RHJ5Zz09>

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: 895 0808 9014

Passcode: 007912

Audio Only Option. (if you just want to participate via phone)

**** Note.** This is NOT a toll free number, so you could incur phone charges.

**** Works on any phone (smart phones or land lines).**

Dial: 1-312-626-6799

Enter Meeting ID, then #

Enter # to skip the Participant Number

Enter Passcode, then #

Date: [Sunday Dec 6, 2020](#)

9 am - 10 am: BMW Club meeting

- Prez Dick Olson will preside 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 have gotten a better Zoom service so we won't have a 40 minute limit.)**

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 [on the 6th!](#) - Jim Harms**

SO, WHO GOT SOME COUNTIES?

We got eight responses from members:

Chad and Rhonnie Garcia were first in with all 72!

Sue R. and TVH also got them all, in the course of which Sue had The Fuel Pump Issue, so we rode from LaCrosse to Mischler's in a 45 degree down-pour...

Jim Harms hit 44, and also got a few Rustic Roads.

Andy Pretzl got 43.

Jim and Linda Low got 42, despite their new sidecar rig (Big Red) being stuck at the dealer in Kentucky most of the riding season ...

J.T. got 29, reporting "good rides with good friends - didn't see aliens or Sasquatch..."

Brian Halverson got 18 - and also did a 5800 mile trip with his son to the Pacific Northwest, fitting in Glacier Park and the northern Cascades.

We are still working on awards to bestow on the finishers - thank you for your patience, and our thanks for all who participated!



NOTE TO THE MEMBERSHIP

2020. Wow. What a crazy year. We have all missed so much, especially gathering and riding with our motorcycle family.

As we look forward to 2021, we anticipate returning to a new normal, riding our bikes with a new appreciation of the freedom that the open road brings us.

It is with great pleasure that the Madison BMW Club Board of Directors and Club Officers have decided to waive your 2021 club membership dues. If you were a member in 2020, you are automatically renewed for 2021 at no cost to you.

We wish you all happiness and joy during the upcoming Holiday season, regardless of how you celebrate.

The Officers and Board of the Madison BMW Club

A MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

We have a temporary “donation link” on the Madison Club Web page, for anyone who would still like to make a donation to the club.

www.madisonbmwclub.org

We hope your holidays are safe, healthy, and filled with hope for 2021.

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:

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NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

Optional information:

BMW MOA Number: _____

BMWRA Number: _____

AMA Member Number: _____

Motorcycles you own:

Year: _____ Model: _____

Year: _____ Model: _____

Year: _____ Model: _____

Other interests or comments? _____



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