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MADISON BMW CLUB ~ MARCH 2021

BMW MOA #7 BMW RA #5



Hopefully, these conditions will be on the wane soon! Linda L's F650. (pic: Jim L.)

CLUB ZOOM MEETING --- SUNDAY, MARCH 7th

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*HELP! As you may have noticed, I'm running out of Club pictures for the newsletter (and the Club website). If you have anything we can use, please send it along. THANKS!! Your editor*

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## MARCH 2021

CLUB BREAKFAST MEETINGS  
Have been postponed  
until further notice.

CLUB MEETING via ZOOM  
8:45AM SUNDAY, MAR 7  
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## APRIL 2021

CLUB MEETING via ZOOM  
8:45AM SUNDAY, APRIL 4  
DETAILS TBA

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WORDS FROM OUR INTREPID LEADER



*Greetings all,*

*Hopefully that nasty freezing weather is done for this year.*

*I have heard and seen some Robins, I think they are looking at the wrong calendar. Any wildlife experts out there that might know what we can put out for them?*

*We are still waiting for better covid reports which will help us decide what we are going to do for GR3.*

*If you decide to try a ride, be careful.*

*That's about all I have, see you at the Zoom meeting, watch for instructions.*

*From the window seat of the Presidential car heading down the highway.*

*Dick*

*SELF-EMPLOYED: I'm not talking to myself. I'm in a staff meeting.*



An early-20s R32 in a museum in Neckarsulm (pic: TVH)



Hi Members,

Well another Wisconsin wintry February of extreme cold has now passed! Hopefully March will begin to bring Spring!

I know we are all getting tired of the weather plus being sequestered in our houses. I'd rather be in Costa Rica or Mexico where it's warm. I saw a Robin during the -30 degrees last week on our heated bird-bath & a second Robin 2 days ago!

Not sure what they're eating but hopefully Spring will arrive soon!



I had lunch a few weeks ago at Sofra's Bistro. I talked to Gerry, the owner - unfortunately because of 25% capacity now, we will not be able to have our May breakfast there. So breakfasts are temporarily on hold.

The Club's Board of Directors will decide at the end of March about GR3, if it will occur in May or another date?

Then we motel members will know when to book rooms in Soldiers Grove & Readstown. It was decided two months ago that I would no longer be in charge of reserving rooms for our members. When it comes time in April's newsletter, I will get everyone the motel's phone number to book reservations.

I have had my first Covid vaccine and will be getting the second one March 5th. I hope you all are also getting vaccinated. I know Wisconsin is getting a smaller supply of vaccines than other states. I hope that will increase so we can soon all be together again ! I Miss You All !

Stay warm, think Spring & Riding!

Tsaritsa Dawn



A BMW prototype, never produced.

At the BMW Group Classic shop in Munich. (pic: TVH)

## SECRETARY'S REPORT Zoom meeting of February 7th, 2021

Meeting of February 7 started a bit late after confusion with the Zoom link.

Treasurer Report: All is good

Membership: New directory will be out in the next few weeks.

VP: Nothing new

President: Board of Directors will be getting together in March to decide what to do about GR3. The on-line registration is not active at this point. If you want to stay in a hotel, members will have to make own reservations. A notice will be put on club website that rally is on hold.

Rally Info: RA has moved its date to August 12-14

MOA is a go for its June 24-27 rally

Iowa rally has changed from June to Sept at a new location close to Wisconsin border. (Elkader, IA - Ed)

Bike Shop News: Barrington shop is in nice old building with restaurants close by.

Big Mike's in Beaver Dam is opening with staff from Mischlers.

Meeting ended at 9:50.

Next Zoom call March 7 at 9 am.

*- Submitted by Linda Low*

DSK was a Japanese firm that copied the BMW R25.

At the Barber Museum (Pic: TVH)





## CLUB MEETING VIA ZOOM ON SUNDAY, March 7th

Jim Harms, Media Czar

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### Mar 7th Club Meeting

Topic: Madison BMW Club Mtg - March 7th 2021

Time: Mar 7, 2021 08:45 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85901921029?pwd=QUxPUVU4b0U1WkjcVp6THU5cTNOQT09>

If you use the link, you shouldn't need these, but just in case:

Meeting ID: 859 0192 1029

Passcode: 679957

### Audio Only Option.

If you have issues with the video option or just want to dial in only. 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 #

(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 7th! - Jim Harms**



A long-ago GR/3...

## ANONYMOUS BOOK

As many of you know, one benefit of being a member of the BMW Motorcycle Owners of America is the Anonymous Book. It remains one of the best tools I keep in my tank bag, with access to thousands of other like-minded riders across the country; actually, around the world. Knowing I have this is my ticket to ride, knowing that wherever I go, I am never alone.

Inside its cover it contains State / City / Phone numbers of helpful members who have offered to step in to rescue another traveler. There are codes which denote their level of help: maybe they have a spare bed you can use. Maybe they have a truck or trailer to rescue you. Other codes include technical assistance, tools and workspace, coffee & conversation, and so much more.

The long awaited DIGITAL ANONYMOUS BOOK is here. It's the same information as the paper edition with a few improvements. Most notably, it's available on your desktop, tablet or phone. And, you can search cities, states or keyword. The even longer awaited ANONYMOUS BOOK APP is here as well! It's the same information as the paper edition, now available as a smartphone app.

Using the Anonymous App allows you to access lists of BMW Motorrad Dealers and Chartered Clubs across the United States. Once you're logged in, you can access the traditional AB listings, provided by MOA members who have opted in to the Anonymous universe. Filter by state and city to find MOA members near you willing to help or just get together for a cup of coffee.

In the October issue of the BMW Owners News, the MOA announced that the popularity of this electronic tool has been enthusiastically received by the membership. With all of this information now available at your fingertips (whether it's a smart phone or a computer), access is much more convenient and current. But let me add ... The "book" is NOT going away yet! When the new technology was announced, they also announced that members now need to "OPT-IN" if they want to continue to receive the paperback-version of the book. This is a new initiative, as the MOA leans into the 21st century. A number of members have requested that they would prefer to stop receiving the book, because the app provides more information and is always kept current. Every member now has access to the MOA Anonymous App. In order to receive the hard copy of the book, Tom and I needed to notify the staff at headquarters to please keep us on that list.

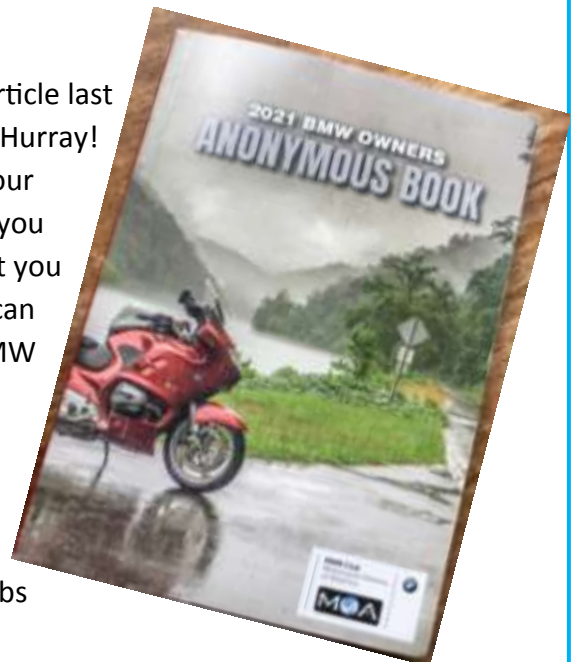
Yep: we are still old school .... We opted in when we read the article last October. SO this week, we received our 2021 Anonymous Books. Hurray! If you were also one of the people who opted-in, keep watching your mail for yours to arrive in the mail. If you did NOT "opt-in", and if you still want the hard-copy of the book, then I would recommend that you call or email the offices to request one ... if that is your wish. You can find their contact information on one of the back pages of your BMW Owners News, or on the web page at [bmwmoa.org](http://bmwmoa.org).

Sue Rihn

Treasurer, Madison BMW Club

Secretary, BMW MOA Board of Directors

Friend of the Marque, BMW Motorrad International Council of Clubs



**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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