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MADISON BMW CLUB ~ MAY 2021

BMW MOA #7 BMW RA #5



Rich S. contemplating a GR/3 fire. (pic: TVH)

NEW BREAKFAST MEETING LOCATION - SEE PAGE 4

GR/3 IS A GO! SEE PAGE 13

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Madison BMW (Motorcycle) Club

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 2021

CLUB MEETING at Tullys on Monona Dr.
ZOOM Meeting to run concurrently
8:45AM SUNDAY, MAY 2
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GREAT RIVER ROAD RALLY
 May 14-16
 Soldiers Grove
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JUNE 2021

GREAT LAKES TO GREAT FALLS Event
 June 18-30
 Big Snow Resort, Wakefield, MI
www.bigsnow.com

BMWMOA National Rally
 June 24-27
 Great Falls, MT
www.bmwmoa.org

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WORDS FROM OUR INTREPID LEADER



Greetings all,

The spring rains have cleaned some of the sand, salt and other crud off the road, get out there and ride.

Great River Road Rally plans are rolling along. I will still need some volunteers. You will be able to sign up at the May breakfast at Tully's Restaurant in Monona, corner of Monona Drive and Broadway.

Our rally info is starting to show up in the MOA and RA magazines. If you have the time and feel comfortable with the Covid situation, take in a nearby rally.

That's it for now. Get out there and enjoy the weather.

Dick

If tomorrow isn't the Due Date. today isn't the Do Date....

GR/3 news: The Muscoda Morel Festival is on May 15th - Saturday only.

Likewise, Westby's Syttende Mai event is May 15th - Saturday only.



Jim and Linda Low's new rig. (pic: Linda L.)

Hi Members,

We just had our breakfast meeting at the HQ for the first time in 14 months!

It was great to see everyone that came.

This is our last breakfast meeting there. They are turning their banquet room into an adult entertainment room with golf simulators, foosball & shuffle board tables + a fireplace area with a bar. I just found this out which gave me a few more silver hairs.



I talked to Dick and we were temporarily going to have the May 2 meeting at Lake Edge Park on Madison's east side that I found. But I did more research on Madison banquet rooms. We have exhausted the majority of them in the past by out growing them or not wanting buffets.

Our May 2 new breakfast meeting will be at Tully's 2 at 6401 Monona Dr. It is close to E Broadway next to the Americana Hotel. They will have coffee and water ready at 8:45 AM. You will be ordering off the menu with a 20% tip included with your bill + the coffee.

We will not be going to Sofra Bistro on May 2 and it is questionable for the October meeting. It is just the two owners now with no additional help at this time.

We will also be meeting on June 6 at 8:45 AM at Tully's 2. I definitely need to be paid a union wage for finding our new location ! ☐

Tsaritsa Dawn

Per Prez Dick, there will be **no** Zoom connection at the May 2nd meeting. Please join us in person at Tully's!

Also per Prez Dick, the date for the Club picnic is August 1st - Brigham Park as usual...

BIG MIKE'S CYCLES

Big Mike's Cycles, LLC would like to welcome all the Beaver Dam and surrounding area BMW owners and customers to come visit us.

Big Mike's Cycles is here for all your parts and service needs to keep your bike on the road. We offer all aspects of repair for your BMW including routine maintenance, performance upgrades, and accessories, etc.

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Mike Stadler
OWNER

The BMWMOA Mileage Contest closes entries soon! Wisconsin was narrowly edged by Minnesota last year - let's fix that.

Let me or Jim Low know if you need help with this.

Must be postmarked by May 1st! - TVH

2020-21 ANNUAL MILEAGE CONTEST END FORM
The 2020-21 Annual Mileage Contest ends March 31, 2021

BMW MOA# _____ Female _____ Male _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip/PC _____

Phone _____ email _____

MOA Chartered Club affiliation _____

**Only miles ridden aboard BMW motorcycles are eligible for BMW MOA Mileage Contests.
A valid BMW MOA membership must be maintained throughout the Mileage Contest time period.**

YEAR	BMW MODEL	ENDING ODOMETER READING	MILES/KM

The signatures of two BMW MOA members (not immediate family) or one signature of an MOA Chartered Club Officer, MOA Board member, MOA Ambassador, MOA Staff member, BMW Dealer or Notary Public required for verification.

Contact Jim Low, BMW MOA Mileage Contest Coordinator at lowjim09@gmail.com with questions

1. _____
BMW MOA # _____ Signature _____ Date _____

2. _____
BMW MOA # _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Signature of Entrant: _____

**End forms must be
postmarked by May 1, 2021**

**BMW MOA does not encourage unsafe riding
practices. See reverse side for guidelines.**

**Mail contest form to:
BMW MOA Mileage Contest
c/o BMW MOA
2350 Hwy 101 South
Greer, SC 29651**

MINUTES, APRIL 11TH MEETING

First in-person meeting back at HQ. We had 27 members in physical attendance and several more on Zoom.

GR3 is a go. No meals offered by rally, no pre-registration. A volunteer list was sent around for people to sign up. Old Oak will have food on Friday and Saturday night. Live music on Saturday too. Dick will be moving to a condo and can no longer store the rally stuff. Sam Garst volunteered to take it.

No word on status of the May Slimey Crud.

The Wild Goose run has moved to October. An unofficial meeting will be held on April 18 to help the restaurant out.

If interested in joining the BMWMOA, can sign up for free today, April 11.

Treasurers report. One check written to Soldiers Grove. We have 3 new members.

Annual BMWMOA mileage contests for 2021 start May 1.

NOTE: May 2 breakfast will be last one at HQ. They are changing their banquet room into a game room.

June 6 breakfast will be a Tullys in Monona. Opens at 8:45. Located on Monona Dr at Broadway.

Where to go for service on your bike?

Big Mike's in Beaver Dam

Tytler's BMW in Green Bay

Barrington BMW in Barrington, IL

(Pending) New Tytler's in West Allis Hwy 100 (old Moto Union)

RA rally August 12 to 15 in Waynesboro, NC.

MOA rally in Great Falls, MT June 24 to 26. Plenty of tent camping space.

Montana has no face mask or social distancing requirements.

Big Snow in Michigan is having a gathering for those who want to travel to rally in a group starting June 18th.

Meeting ended at 9:35.

- Submitted by Linda Low



It is with great sadness we relay the news that our friend Chuck Manley passed away on April 13, following a brief battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife Julie and his children, Ryan and Brandi.

Chuck regularly attended the Great River Road Rallies, Wild Goose Run, Wisconsin Dells, Hiawatha & Iowa rallies, where in the evenings you could hear the laughter of the "circle" throughout the rally site. Sadly, Charter Club #333 (The Knights of the Roundel) has now lost another charter member - Chuck's wit and humor will live on through our memories and the stories we will tell.

On the "BIG-Club" side of things, Chuck served the MOA as a Board Member, President, Rally Chair, Ambassador - and in so many other ways. He was awarded the BMW Friend of the Marque in 2012. Most recently, he served as President of the MOA Foundation.

On a personal note, Chuck was a good friend. We've always camped in the same group and have ridden many miles together.

Sue



Great Falls, Montana! Will you be there?

Here are some of the answers to our frequently asked questions:

More people have registered to attend the rally in Great Falls, Montana this summer, than those who planned to attend the rally in Lebanon, Tennessee in 2019 during the same time frame. If anyone thought COVID was going to keep MOA members away from the Rally, think again!

WHAT IS SPECIAL THIS YEAR? Everyone who attends this year will be treated to some first-time events:

-- a First Timers Happy Hour for new (first-time) rally attendees; - so this is the year to bring a new friend!



-- Montana's largest BMW Brewfest

where rally goers will have an

opportunity to sample over 50 Montana-made craft beers;

-- an electric bicycle demo track where new riders can experience two-wheel motion from the driver's seat;

-- the largest off-road training area ever

-- and a one-hour closing ceremony!

HOW IS THE CAMPING? A few folks have asked what the camping is like at the rally site, and we've included a few photos to show you how the grounds look. The trees are tall with plenty of grassy camping spaces under the canopy of leaves.

GENERAL INFO:

The elevation in Great Falls is 3,300' - but the higher peaks are a short ride away. The temperatures generally are high's in the mid-70's, and low's near 50 at night, so you might want to pack some wool socks for those nights in the tent.

Glacier National Park is only 3 hours from the rally site. Watch the National Parks web site for updates on road closure announcements. ALSO: Day-use visitors who arrive by private vehicle or motorcycle must have an Entry Reservation Ticket and a current park pass when entering the park through the West and St. Mary Entrances, or via the Camas Road, between 6 am and 5 pm from May 28 to September 6, 2021. Please be prepared to show your reservation confirmation and photo ID at park entrance stations upon arrival. We strongly recommend that you read the website at www.nps.gov/glac for all of the small print.

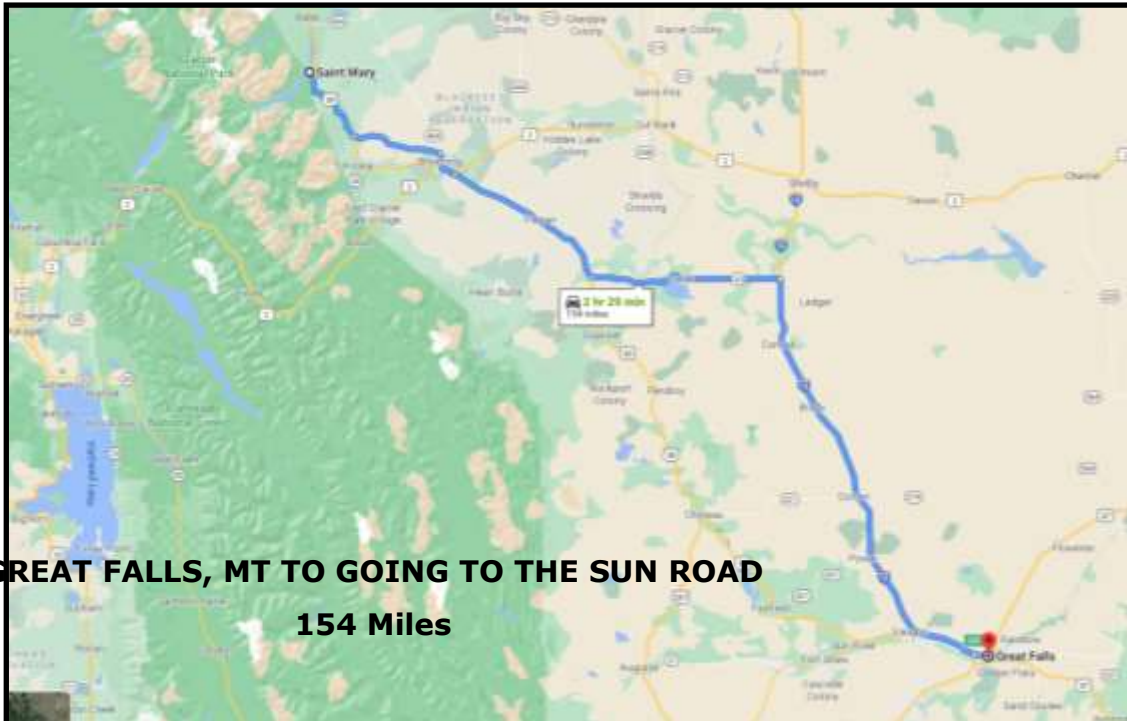
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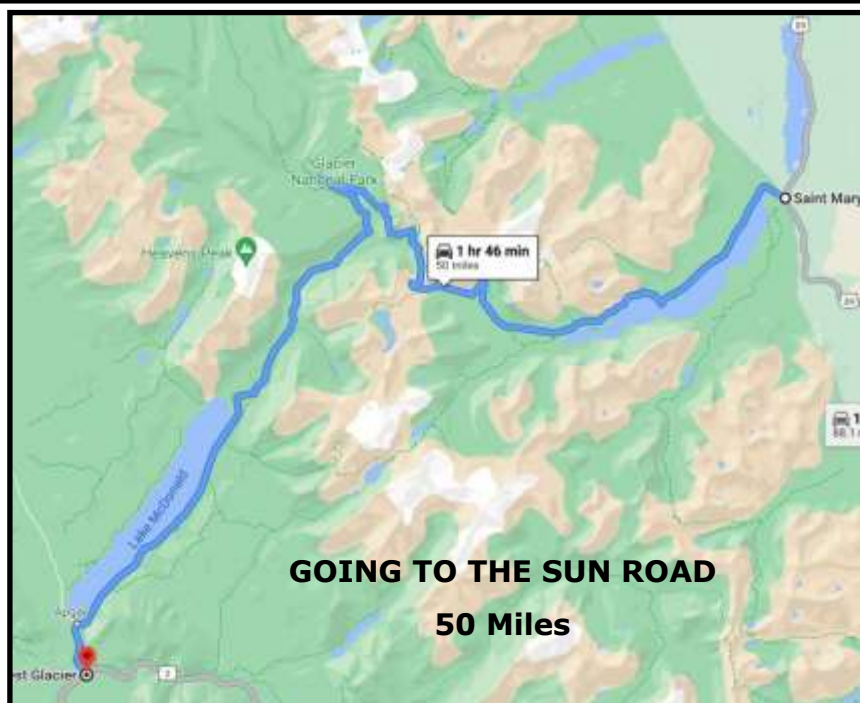
BMW MOA National Rally in GREAT FALLS

While you are at Great Falls, you might decide to run up to Glacier National Park. Here are some tips for you, including drive-times..

- ◇ Distance Great Falls to St. Mary: 154 miles
- ◇ Distance on Going to the Sun Road: 50 miles of stunning vistas and heavy traffic.
- ◇ You will need to pay the typical park pass, unless you bought a lifetime pass before they stopped selling them
- ◇ You will need to buy (in advance) a \$2 "day-pass" These are limited, to reduce the traffic jams on the highway. You should buy this in advance, because when they max out, there are no more admissions to the road. More information about this in the link below:
- ◇ <https://www.nps.gov/glac/planyourvisit/gtsrticketedentry.htm>



**GREAT FALLS, MT TO GOING TO THE SUN ROAD
154 Miles**



**GOING TO THE SUN ROAD
50 Miles**

2015 Out-West Ride (Jim Harms)

Since Tom is always needing for something for the monthly newsletter, I thought I'd go back and tell you about my ride out west in 2015.

There are highlights from each new state that I visited on two wheels, plus other stuff. My plan was:

1. Visit my oldest daughter and her husband in San Francisco
2. Add 9 more states to the list states I've ridden on a BMW.
3. Attend the BMW MOA Rally in Billings Montana



Kansas

I've always thought it was very flat with nothing to see, but that wasn't the case. In the south, there are tree lined rivers. It started to feel like I was 'Out West' with huge hilly prairies, historical markers and western towns.

The trip was in July and it got extremely hot during the day. After visiting Dodge City's Boot Hill Museum (recommended), I spent the rest of the afternoon in a mall watching a movie in the cool AC.

While taking a break at the Panhandle Railroad Museum in Wellington, I saw a sign that said 'Midway USA'. It was 1,561 miles to both New York and San Francisco. It would take me longer to get to San Fran. There was no set route beyond driving up Highway 1 in California.

My best memory here is driving thru the extremely large cattle stock yards just as the orange sun was breaking the horizon. The sites, smells and sounds are best enjoyed in person.

Colorado

Just hit the closet roads in the far southeastern corner. Still on my bucket list is to return and ride the Million Dollar Highway.

Oklahoma

Nothing memorable in the panhandle part of the state that I did pass thru, except for the Rita Blanca National Grasslands.

Texas

Backtracking a bit, I rode to Texline, a very small town just across the border in northwest corner, where I had true Mexican food at a small restaurant.

New Mexico

Cimarron Canyon State Park, south of Green Mountain, had the first decent elevation changes on the trip. Along highway 64, it's a narrow forested canyon that runs up to Eagles Nest Lake. Speed limit was 25 mph much of the way, which seem to go on forever.

Located in the high country, looking down onto Eagles Nest Lake was just one of those WOW moments! Parked to admire the view and take a few pictures.



2015 Out-West Ride (continued)

Riding along the Rio Grande on State Road 68 was very scenic. Nice sweeping curves which I'm sure that former club member Sam Hokin has ridden many times from his home in Santa Fe.

Arizona

In an effort to make up some time, I basically stayed on I-40 from Albuquerque New Mexico to Bakersfield CA (800 miles) and wasn't disappointed! It's been 25+ years since I've driven thru Arizona in a car. On a motorcycle, the rock formations you ride past are really impressive, even from a distance.



California

First stop was Needles, one of the hottest places on earth, where I got off the bike before 2pm. The temp in the Mojave Desert town that day, [July 15th](#), was 104. Even the pool's water was hot.

To beat the heat, I left the hotel shortly after sunrise with a Camel water pack strapped to my trunk lid and drinking tube to the tank bag. Still, I made frequent stops to douse the long sleeve polyester shirt under my full gear, plus the gator and head cap. It always felt wonderful, but that feeling only lasted for about 20 minutes.

If the city sounds familiar, it's also where Snoopy's cousin, Spike, moved to in the Peanuts comic strip. :)



Bakersfield stuck out for the thousands of acres of fruits and vegetables that I rode by. I was excited to get my first glimpse of the Pacific Ocean at Morro Bay. During the 2010 Redmond Oregon MOA Rally, I was close, but ran out of time and daylight. From here it was up the California Coast on the famous Highway 1.

At Ragged Point, there was an elevated walk way to see the elephant seals. Fun to watch and listen to all the grunting! Next major stop was the amazing Hearst Castle, high on the hill. Shortly after that, I ran into many sports bikes with guys (and gals) in full racing leathers. Chatted with

them for a while. It turns out they were coming back from Laguna Superbike races, north of LA.

A quick tour thru Carmel by the Sea to see the quaint town, Spanish Mission, it's beaches and the famous Pebble Beach golf course.

I arrived at my daughter Kara's apartment shortly after sunset and in proper Midwesterner fashion, we walked down to a local Irish pub for a couple of pints. I average 340 miles per day on the days I was riding, so I was very glad to be off the bike for a couple of days while Kara and her husband Robin showed me the sights of San Francisco and Napa Valley.

2015 Out-West Ride (continued)

Nevada

I'm not much of a gambler, but I did spend the night in Reno. Check out the National Automobile Museum, rated as one of America's Top Five. The retro parts of the town were very cool at night with their old neon signs.

Utah

To beat the heat, I rode longer than usual after dark on I-80, stopping for a walk onto the Bonneville Salt Flats. Spent part of a day in Salt Lake City visiting the Mormon Temple Square and the place where the famous Mormon Tabernacle Choir sings. Amazing acoustics and tour guides. All 9 of the states on my list were now checked off!

Montana

Unlike in Wisconsin, where I can easily go in another direction if there is a storm coming, that isn't an option in Montana. There are few roads and even fewer motels and gas stations, so I stayed on I-15 keeping my eye on one coming from the West.

Big Sky country can be deceiving. I thought I could make it a few more hours before I got to the motel room reserved in Boise, but Mother Nature would have none of that. Before I knew it, the wind and rain was blowing hard, making it a real struggle to stay upright.

Luckily I saw an exit sign for Lima and was able to make it off the road. There wasn't much there but a gas station and small motel. The motel initially told me that they didn't have any rooms available so I asked if I could pitch my tent on their grounds in the pouring rain. Eventually they agreed to put me up in an uncleaned bunk room used by hikers.

It was wonderful to pull into Billings for the MOA Rally, where I ran into other club members, visited the vendors and enjoyed the beer and live music.

While there, I took a day ride to Red Lodge, then up and thru Bear Tooth Pass, which is still as awesome as it was when I rode it on my way to Redmond, Oregon years before. This time I also fit in the Chief Joseph Scenic Highway. Compared to the mountain switchbacks of Bear Tooth, this was very leisurely sweeping curves ride with gorgeous scenery on all sides. I stopped to chat with other fellow BMW riders doing the same loop and remember that one of them didn't have the side case on his RT fully closed. He was the last rider in their group and no one noticed that it popped open and he lost everything in the case. I'll check mine more closely!



I-94

After being gone for so long, I stuck to the Interstate and I didn't make too many stops. One was at the Range Riders Museum in Miles City MT, plus an overnight in the Twin Cities where my other daughter, Amy was going to school. The last day, number 18, was for taking the Great River Road back to Mt. Horeb. As Linda would attest, once I got back, there were quite a few days where I had no desire to get back on the bike.

- Jim Harms

THE 2021 GREAT RIVER ROAD RALLY IS A GO!

Join us May 14 – 16 for the 46th annual Great River Road Rally in beautiful Soldiers Grove Wisconsin, located at the epicenter of the best riding roads in the state. We are returning to Veteran's Park near the intersection of Highways US 61 & 131. This year's rally will be a stripped-down, bare-bones event. Your rally fee (\$20 at the gate) includes 2 nights of shaded camping, pin and mug to the first 250, plus all the firewood and coffee you could want. Early arrivals are always welcome: Just pay the nightly camping fee at the Village Offices or Mobil station. Electrical hookups are available throughout the rally site. RV sites with water and electric are available for an extra charge. There are motel options close by. The registration form will be on our website soon. Experience the best riding rally in Wisconsin. Madison BMW Club, LTD, PO Box 5601 Madison, WI 53705-5601.

MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING ARE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED!

Dick Olson bmwrichard2000@yahoo.com (Rally Chair)



**MADISON
BMW
CLUB 46TH ANNUAL
GREAT RIVER ROAD RALLY**

May 14-16 2021

Veteran's Park • 101 Church St. • Soldier's Grove, WI

\$20 at the gate

camping • rally pins
Coffee - Mugs
Friday night Chili until gone

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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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