

THE MAIL BOXER

MADISON BMW CLUB ~ DECEMBER 2022

BMW MOA #7 BMW RA #5



Noshing at the 2022 Club banquet. (Pic: Chad G.)

NEXT MEETING DECEMBER 4th.

BE SURE TO RENEW!!

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FaceBook:

<http://www.madisonbmwclub.org>

Madison BMW (Motorcycle) Club

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 2022

CLUB BREAKFAST
December 4
Tully's II, 6401 Monona Dr, 8:45 AM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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JANUARY 2023

CLUB BREAKFAST
January 8
Tully's II, 6401 Monona Dr, 8:45 AM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

In 2018 while at the BMW MOA rally in Des Moines, Iowa I met Motorcycle Relief Project representative Mike Bobbitt. I learned that MRP is a non-profit set up to provide relief for Veterans and First Responders with PTSD and other related issues by taking them on a week long structured motorcycle adventure ride. They run a couple Spring/Fall rides outside of Tucson, AZ and then a half dozen summer rides in the Pikes Peak, CO area.

I immediately applied and after going through the process was accepted in late 2018. None of the rides fit my schedule in 2019, so I booked one for 2020 and then COVID hit. 2021 was too busy, so I pushed it out until the fall of 2022 and finally was able to make it.

You need to provide your own transportation and they take care of lodging, food and provide a BMW GS to ride all week. In addition they provide a trainer all week to help participants learn proper off road techniques. Our trainer was Ben Dragoo of DART (Dragoo Adventure Rider Training).

We have all meals together, no alcohol and no phones when sitting down to eat or during our nightly group session. During group therapy they help us identify issues and how to deal with them. My assigned motorcycle for the week is the current "world's fastest BMW GS" as it holds the world record set at the Bonneville Salt Flats. It was built to raise money and awareness for MRP. They put an RT rear end on it, high flow air cleaner, Remus exhaust and a tuner. They also added NOS (nitrous) to make it capable of doing 170+ mph, but found that without NOS it was able to set the record at 147mph, which was what they did.

I truly learned a lot about myself and met some awesome people. I also learned quite a bit about adventure riding and am now hooked!! Our last day of riding was the day we worked towards all week as it consisted of a large water crossing, lots of ruts, rocks, technical off road, hills, gravel, dirt plus a 5 mile stretch of packed gravel, where I got to use some of the GS' power maintaining a speed of 70 mph (peaking at 80+ mph) all while standing on my pegs!! All I can say is WOW, as the entire experience was life changing! Also I got to see first hand that the BMW GS is the best multi-purpose/do everything motorcycle on the planet! I highly recommend MRP for those that need it and if you are looking for a place to donate this is a worthy cause doing great things!!

- Chad



Hello members,

We all had a good evening with great food, friendships & laughter at our annual Banquet. Yours truly will remain as VP for my 11th year as the food Tsaritsa. How time flies! We figured out [just this last week] that Sam Hokin was the member who corralled & nominated me for VP in 2012.



Members voted to have the Annual Banquet on the 1st Saturday of each November so put November 4, 2023 in your calendars. That avoids Veterans Day & hunting season Saturdays, so now ALL our breakfast meetings, annual picnics & banquets are on the first weekend days of each month.

We will decide at the December 4 breakfast if we return to the Esquire Club for the 2023 Banquet, so come & vote.

Our December 4 Breakfast is at "Tully's 2" at 6401 Monona Dr. at 8:45 AM.

- 1) The waitress will take orders as you arrive - **there's an online menu:**
<http://tullys2.com/doc/Tullys%20New%20Menu.pdf>
- 2) Help yourself to coffee and water at 8:45 AM.
- 3) Order off the menu + 20% tip + the coffee. Have waitress add coffee to the bill.
If you want, leave an Extra Tip! Waitresses make little in hourly wages.
- 4) When you leave, pay your bill at the bar. The waitress is busy also serving people in their dining room.

State if you are eating &/or just coffee. I need a food + coffee count. You coffee drinkers don't want to run out. I need the count by Thursday, December 1.

If you can come later, please do! Please email me if ordering food or coffee. It helps the kitchen know about extra orders. Otherwise, just show up!

2023 Breakfasts: January 8, February 5, March 5, April 2, May 7 & June 4
January 1 is New Years Day so come January 8.

Happy Holidays & stay warm!
Tsaritsa Dawn



SECRETARY'S REPORT

November 19, 2022 Annual Fall Banquet

The Board of Directors met on 10/25/22. Sam Garst reported the club finances are great. Board decided to leave \$3,000 in general fund as a 'financial floor'. They decided to give members a \$10 discount for the annual banquet. New club t-shirts will be coming with new logo at a discount for members. Club will reimburse members for taking motorcycle training classes. \$50 per member, \$500 a year total.

The GR3 cost will be \$30-35 per person. There will be brats on Friday night and hamburgers on Saturday. They decided to reduce the size of the rally pin and order 200 rather than 250. Beer will have to be donated due to regulations.

The Board decided to make Tom Van Horn a lifetime member in appreciation for all he has for the club. Congratulations Tom!

VP Dawn: She figured out she has been VP for 10 years! Tully's II will continue to be breakfast spot for the foreseeable future.

Treasurer Sue: Will have current numbers at December meeting.

Newsletter Tom: Please send him things!

Randy Boris: The 2022 RA Rally had 300 attendees and broke even. The 2023 rally will be September 14-17 Canaan Valley in West Virginia. Drew Alexander will be rally chairperson.

Old Business: The BMW roundel couldn't be used after 2021. Our new logo was finally approved.

New Business: Dues for 2023 can be paid on line or use the form in the monthly newsletter. \$30 for member and \$5 for second.

Elections. Chads board seat was up for 3 year renewal. He was reelected. All current officers were reelected.

Next meeting will be December 4. The January meeting will be on January 8th due to the 1st being our normal meeting. The club voted to make the annual banquet the first Saturday of November. The 2023 banquet will be November 4.

Submitted by Linda Low

A Memo from our Treasurer

It is that time of year again. DUES are DUE!

What does the club do with the dues that are collected?

- ◆ Some of the money goes to the annual club picnic in August. Park rental and payment for the yummy broasted chicken costs in the area of \$250.
- ◆ Another expenditure is our donation to the Annual Charter Club Challenge at the BMW MOA National Rally. (The last few years we have donated \$300.)
- ◆ Also: the cost of printing and mailing the newsletters to those members who still receive it that way.
- ◆ And finally, in October, the Board meets to review the year-end financials and decides at that time if the club can cover a \$10 discount on the annual banquet for all members who attend.

By the end of year our dues generally cover our spending with little over/under to spare.

With that in mind, please use the form on the cover page of this newsletter, and either mail to the club at the address below, you can pay me directly at the December club meeting. And of course, the third option is the “Join/Renew” link on the club web page: <https://www.madisonbmwclub.org/>

Dues remain at \$30/year for full membership. \$5 for a spouse if you wish to add your spouse.

CLUB MAILING ADDRESS:

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Madison, WI 53705-5601

Thanks!

Sue Rihn, Club Treasurer



Banquet 2022 (Pic: Rhonnie G.)

NAME TAGS

We will be ordering club **NAME TAGS** in December.

Please let Sue know if you would like one. Cost is still a bargain at \$10.

A ONCE-OVER-LIGHTLY CLUB MILEAGE REPORT

We had a dozen responses to the Club Cherished-But-Totally-Insignificant award request:

MOST MILES: Chad G., 10,000+; Shad V., 5,616; Jim K., 5,400.

COMMUTING MILES: John B., 11,000; Everyone else, 0 (we're a mostly retired bunch...)

SPORT/DAY RIDE MILES: Jim K., 5,400; Chad G., 3,500; Russ C., 3,370.

TOURING MILES: Chad G., 6,500; Shad V., 2,900; Sue R/TVH, tied at 1,400.

PASSENGER MILES: Rhonnie G., 8,500; Linda L., 1,500; Jeanne T., 700.

(J.T. said 'the voices in my head, for all of them'.)

MOST MILES/DAYS: Chad, 6,000 in 19 days; Shad, 1,600 in 7; Jim L., 1,261 in 9.

MILES IN ONE DAY: Shad, 650; Chad, 500; Jim L., 316.

MILES/TWO DAYS: Shad, 1,200; Chad, 900; Jim L., 625.

NIGHTS IN TENT: (tie) Russ c., Sue and TVH, 6. (tie) Corrine J., J.T., 3. Jim K., 2.

(JoAnn H. said "Hahahaha"..)

NIGHTS IN MOTEL/RV: Chad, 32; Jim K., 14; Shad, 12.

STATES/PROVINCES RIDDEN: Chad, 17; Russ C., 5; (tie) Jim L. Shad and Jim K., 4.

(Shad also rode 6 European countries)

RALLIES ATTENDED: Jim K., 4; Sue and TVH, 3; Russ and JoAnn, 2.

No one towed a trailer.

SIDECAR MILES: Jim L., 1,990; TVH, approx. 300.

TOTAL BMW MILES: Corrine, **1 million +**; Sue R., 450,000;
Russ C., 263,300.

YEARS RIDING: Russ C., 70; Corrine and Jim L., 52;
John B., 40.

GR/3s ATTENDED: Russ C., 38; TVH, 31?; J.T., 30?

SHAFTY CHARACTER: Bert, as usual, had a lock on the
vote, with Tony Bickel and Yertz Truly getting mentions...

The BMWMOA medallion for Club Service went to Jim
Low, for all his work on Club membership behind the
scenes.

- TVH

(Pic: Linda L.)



**MADISON BMW CLUB, LTD
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

DUES: \$30 full year. Spouse: \$5

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

**Madison BMW Club, LTD
PO Box 5601
Madison, WI 53705**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

OPTIONAL INFORMATION

BMW MOA # _____

BMW RA # _____

AMA # _____

MOTORCYCLES YOU OWN:

YEAR _____ MAKE/MODEL _____

YEAR _____ MAKE/MODEL _____

YEAR _____ MAKE/MODEL _____

OTHER INTERESTS OR COMMENTS _____



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