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BMW Motorcycle Club Wisconsin



Wisconsin Club Membership

Many long and lasting friendships have been made through the Wisconsin Club since its inception in 1967. You are welcome to come join us, and meet the friendly and knowledgeable people who share a mutual respect for riding BMW motorcycles.

Our membership includes men and women; families, couples and singles. Our monthly meeting is held at the New Berlin VFW Hall, and is open to all BMW riders. During the riding season we sponsor many activities, including group rides, tech days, social get-togethers, and in September host the annual Wisconsin Dells Rally.

Visitors are welcome. If you are interested in membership, you will be asked to attend two club rides and two monthly club meetings within 12 months prior to being voted in by the general membership. You must be the age of majority, carry liability insurance, and above all, own and operate a BMW motorcycle.

Helmets & proof of insurance are required
by all participants on club rides.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Another Dells rally is in the books. Last I heard all of the bills were not in yet but I am sure Mike will have a report for us at the November meeting. Overall I think everything went smoothly and I owe a special thanks to everyone who stepped up at the rally to help at the gate.

Another rally worth noting was the RA down in Arkansas. I am not sure how many Wisconsin club members we had present but it was enough that someone commented we should have held our October meeting down there. Nice job with the rally Tina. We all had a great time.

For those who did not make our early October meeting, I hope you can make the November meeting to participate in nominations. I think we have accepted nominations for all but 1 or 2 positions. This is a great improvement over last year so I am very encouraged.

Please remember to bring your completed MOA mileage forms to the meeting as well so we can get them signed and mailed in. Jim will also need your mileage

for our club mileage awards. I can't believe it is that time of year already but with the weather we have been having, I do not plan on putting the bikes away any time soon. Ride safe. - Doug Twing

Secretary's Report * Highlights from the October Club Meeting held September 23, 2015

Meeting called to order at 8:00pm.

GUEST: Ken Roscher

CORRESPONDENCE: Mike Cohen received a letter from Grandma's House thanking the club for the \$100 donation.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: No report

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Jetta Diesel for sale

SECRETARY: No report

TREASURER'S REPORT: Amount in checking given.

MOA REPORT: Brian does not have info on when the mileage contest ends but he will sign forms at his birthday party on October 17th. Bring a dish, he will supply the meat.

RA REPORT: No report

TOUR DIRECTOR: Dave Kurth is leading a ride on Saturday. Meet at Hardee's at 8:00. Going to an apple orchard and then lunch. Karen is leading a cheese ride on October 24th. Eddy is the ride leader for October. Ride 1 is on the 17th to Brian's birthday party. Ride 2 is the fall colors ride on 10/25. Ride 3 is the Halloween ride on 10/31. Haunted house to follow.

DELLS RALLY: Attendance – 397. Mike does not have all the bills yet so there is no report on a profit/loss. We did not make money but we are okay. There were way too many pre-registrations (280?). Discussion... Look at other venues? Share with other European clubs?

EDITOR: No report

WEBMASTER: No report

CONSTITUTION: Surprisingly, no report

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE: Karen and Mark Smith are taking over for Bob and Nancy. Thanks for your hard work over the last few years!

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Mike Cohen makes a motion to have a rally in 2016. Ron Lampe 2nds. Eddy has a truck ramp to get rid of. Gil and Shirl Wozniak's church is holding Oktoberfest on Saturday. Rally shirts for sale tonight.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS: None

NOMINATIONS FOR 2016 OFFICERS:

Rally Chair – Brian Manke/Sharon Ernest co-chair

President – Bob Lannin

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Submitted by Becky Policht

Saturday, November 7th, 10:00am • PRESIDENT'S SNOWFLAKE RIDE

This year's closing ride will again begin at Amalia's in Oconomowoc on November 7th. I am pushing the time back a little in hopes that the temps will have a better chance to warm up this year before the ride. Plan on arriving for breakfast by 10am if you are interested and we will be departing for our ride at 11am. Based on the turnout from last year, I am expecting a large crowd for this major event. See you there. -Doug

RIDE REPORT: Saturday, October 17th RIDE TO LAKE GENEVA - led by Ed Boskamp

At 10am I was joined at Hardee's by Mike Cohen, Marcel Riebe, Doug Twing, Glenn Christensen, Dick Burton and Rick Hemenway. It was 28 degrees when I woke up, but by 10am it had already reached 37F, so I got rid of some of the electrics pretty early on. At 10.30 am we left to the SW, did some KM roads and ended up in Delavan, then Lake Geneva around 12.15 pm. My GPS was giving me trouble, but luckily I had the route pretty much memorized. The fall colors were beautiful, especially on Snake Road in the Lake Geneva area. We stopped at Popeye's for lunch. Doug had other plans, so he took off. The 6 of us spent about an hour and a half at lunch after which Glenn, Mike and myself moved on to Brian Manke's Bday party in Fort Atkinson. Glenn took off for home after we arrived there. Mike and I stayed for about 15 minutes to congratulate Brian with his 60th birthday, but both of us had other activities planned for the afternoon. Everyone had a good time.



RIDE REPORT: Saturday, October 24th 4th ANNUAL CHOLESTEROL RUN by Karen Jacobs

We all met at Hardee's and noticed what we thought was Mike McArthy ride past and turn. We waited, thinking he was going around the block. After 5 minutes, we left and slabbbed it along I-94 to Sun Prairie, then back roads to Plain for two cheese shop stops and a bathroom break. We then took alphabet-back roads for another 45 minutes, ending in Mazomanie for the final cheese shop, Carr Valley.

After some riders went home, a number of us had a loooong lunch at The Feed Mill in Mazomanie before heading back on Hwy 19 to Sun Prairie again and finished off on I-94 back to town.

Joining in the ride were Mark & Tina Doggett, Doug & Gina Twing, Brian Manke, Keith Emich, Dick Burton, Andy Pretzl, yours truly and catching up with us was Mike McArthey and guest Gene Huegin. Marcel Riebe rode with us as far as Lake Mills before turning off. It was a pretty cheesy day.

RIDE REPORT: Saturday, October 25th FALL COLORS RIDE - led by Ed Boskamp

On Sunday morning Oct 25, at 10 am the following riders joined me at the Hardee's: Mike Cohen, Greg Hagopian, Ron Feurer, Kevin Pepin, Tim Koester, Mike McArthey and Tom Stresing. Around 10.30 am we took off in a SW direction to find rural roads with colorful trees. Tracking west on Bluff road we ran into Brian Manke, who was going east. He joined the party westbound. We did many rural roads and arrived at Cozumel Mexican restaurant in Whitewater around 12.20, some of us with full bladders. The food was excellent, the fall colors were amazing and everybody had a good time.



RIDE REPORT: Saturday, October 31st FALL COLORS RIDE - led by Ed Boskamp

It had been raining all day when I went to Hardee's, so I did not expect anyone to show up except for Glenn Christensen. I waited for half an hour, and was just about to go home when Glenn pulled into the parking lot. We took off in the rain, stopped briefly at Glenn's house in Pewaukee, and then did some back roads all the way to Brown Deer, where the destination was Mike Cohen's birthday party. About half the club was there having food and drinks. We all had a good time.



Down the Edges, Through the Passes, Up the Mountains Steep
The Less-Than-Direct Route to the Billings MOA Rally - by Tom Stresing

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July 13. Friday the 13th falls on a Monday in July. The trip started later than planned due to storm damage keeping my riding partner, Jim Wiskerchen, from getting into, and, therefore, out of, his garage. We are further hampered by the fact that Jim, whom I'll alternatively refer to as Tonto, or Sancho Panza, or Jingles, was only slowly recovering from a nasty bout of food poisoning. I am hampered in writing this because Jim was along as a witness, so there won't be as many of what Huck Finn called "stretchers" as you've come to expect from me. OK, so late start meant we got only to Fergus Falls, MN, on Monday night.

-July 14. Early start, but Pancho was still in recovery mode, so when we reached Glendive and had to decide whether to approach East Glacier via highways 12 and 89 or take the shorter route via highway 2, we wimped out and ended up in Malta, MT, in a scruffy but adequate motel. Queequig was able to eat a good meal (and have a beer), so things started looking up for the rest of our Adventure of a Lifetime. Earlier, as we crossed the Missouri and headed toward Mandan, ND, I started thinking about William and Meriweather--what, exactly, was their sales pitch? "Hi, we're looking for 30 or so strong lads who'd like to row heavy boats upstream all the way to the headwaters of the Missouri, and then walk the rest of the way to the Pacific. Then, we'll walk back. It should only take 4 years or so. Who's in?" Somehow, that worked, but I'm glad I waited for pavement.

July 15. Easy ride to East Glacier and the Mountain Pines motel, where I'd stayed a couple of years ago. They had either forgotten or forgiven me for the prior visit because we were able to get a room. Off to the Goat Lick. No goats. Pretty ride, though, and finally we're starting to use the sides of our tires. We walked over to the Lodge for dinner; great meal and a spectacular view of the mountains from our table. East Glacier is on the Blackfeet reservation, and some of the natives were demonstrating their music and dances. The tourists were welcomed to join in, and many did, but we were afraid that it may have been the "scalping dance," so we just snuck off.

July 16. Up early for the ride up MT 49. Lovely twisty road, but the combination of damaged areas, terrific vistas, and very large cows on the open range kept our speeds down. Breakfast at the Inn just outside the park. We're in huckleberry country now, so we could get huckleberry just-about-anything for our meal. I got the huckleberry pancakes with huckleberry syrup, huckleberry toast with huckleberry jam, with a side of huckleberries and (probably) huckleberry coffee. We started a theme here. I don't think we were able to finish a meal until we got back to Minnesota. Westerners put a lot of food on the plate. A lot. All right, so we half-finished our meal, back on the bikes and into the park. This was Jim's first visit to any of the places we were going, while I had been to most of them before. I was eager to see the park through Jim's eyes. I couldn't do it. Even though this was my fifth visit I was still just as enthralled with it as the first. It was a very overcast day, and we didn't see any critters except some goats that were so far off that the only reason we knew they were goats was that snow seldom moves uphill on mountains. But, still, wow. Lunch at West Glacier, then south on 93 past Flathead Lake. Beautiful ride to Missoula, with lots of rain in our mirrors. We just barely escaped some storms.

July 17. Lolo Pass. I had tried a couple of times before to take this ride, but had been thwarted. Not this time. Despite signs posted to warn motorcyclists of dangerous roads, it's possible to set the cruise control to a little over fifty and never have to touch brakes for the entire road. That's not what we did, of course, but, just sayin'. Jim still thinks this was his favorite ride. It IS incredible. Probably 90% of the vehicles we saw were motorcycles, so I guess the secret is out. Speaking of secrets, we stopped in Lowell (population 23) for huckleberry muffins (actually, cinnamon rolls) and it is there that I learned the etymology of "high-tailing it." I will share it with you if you send \$5 and a SASE to me.

Turned south on ID 13, which was a great idea; very technical road gave us a chance to work on those chicken strips. Just before we turned to ID 55 to head for Boise we met some airhead riders who warned us about "8 miles" of construction in our way. Those old bikes need to get odometers checked; it was mud and/or loose gravel almost all the way. Then, just to make matters a little worse, I encountered an aggressive driver in Boise. He came within inches of me twice, then shouted something unintelligible (but probably not nice) as we parted ways. Motel and a great (unfinished) meal in Boise.

July 18. ID 21 north. A true conflict: enjoy the amazing scenery or attack the amazing road. An amazing dilemma, and you would be amazed at how we resolved it. Met up with "Scenic Sawtooth" ID 75 south and got rained on a lot, so, not as scenic as we'd hoped. The rain stopped as we got to US 20, east to Craters of the Moon, a huge expanse of lava flow, stark and desolate, a reminder of who's really in charge of this planet.

On to Motel 6 in Idaho Falls. Motel 6 was called that because the rooms were \$6/night. Evidently, that was long ago. Still, it was nice that Tom Bodette left the lights on for us.

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July 19. Beautiful ride over Teton Pass to Jackson WY. Jackson has grown a lot since I last passed through but the elk antler arches still define the town square. We parked and walked around a little. Lots of upscale shops. We had (unfinished) home-made ice cream cones, then headed for Grand Teton National Park. The views of the mountains are phenomenal, but I had to wonder about those voyageurs calling them tetons. It's a sad commentary either on how long it had been since they'd seen a woman, or on the women they had seen. And I have to wonder, too, how long before the PC police sue to get that name changed.

On to Yellowstone, and hoping to see some animals. So far, we'd seen only a few deer, one antelope, and some moving snow that may have been goats. We checked in and got the keys to our cabin. It was teeny, but about as close as one could get to Old Faithful.

I had booked the cabin as soon as the MOA announced Billings, and when Jim decided to keep me in line I tried several times to upgrade to two beds. No luck. Jim got his cot and sleeping bag. I got the bed--probably not much bigger. We moved in, then took the long version of the walk around the geyser basin, saw an eagle, and--perhaps--a cougar, and ended up at the Inn for a late dinner (unfinished). Slept the sleep of the just.

July 20. Up and to the Lodge for a quick breakfast of ham and scrambled egg sandwich. "Would you like that heated?" "YEAH! Pretty sure I don't want cold eggs." 30 seconds in a microwave makes neither a hot, nor a good, breakfast sandwich. The coffee was OK, though. We rode north toward Mammoth Hot Springs, taking all the side roads we could. Just before we got to the Madison turn-off, a car pulled out in front of an on-coming southbound car and got most of its front end scattered all around us. It appeared that no one was hurt (but one person was really angry), so we rode forth to report the incident to a ranger. Ran into a major construction project between Madison and Mammoth, and were unable to turn off to the top of the Hot Springs, so continued to the village and were forced to create our own parking space. Had an uninspiring lunch at the Grill, then turned west toward the Lamar Valley. The ride between Mammoth and Canyon is one of my favorites, just attempting to take in the vastness of the park. And, finally, animals! The elk seem to have figured out that wolves don't want to be near humans, so they (elk) are using us (humans) for protection from them (wolves). Just before the Lamar Valley turn, we stopped to watch a black bear. There were lots of bison in the valley, some MUCH closer than we would have liked. A lady in a Mercedes, paying no attention, almost hit one right in front of us. Out of the valley, on to Canyon for a quick drink, then across the middle of the park, through Firehole Canyon, back to our cabin, and a stroll to the Inn for an excellent dinner (unfinished) and a beer (finished)(of course). <<<TO BE CONTINUED IN THE DECEMBER ISSUE>>



Wisconsin BMW Motorcycle Club
Installation Dinner



Meyer's Restaurant

4260 South 76th Street
Greenfield, WI

*On the corner of
Forest Home Ave. and Coldspring Rd.*

Friday, January 8th, 2016

Cocktails 5:30, Dinner 6:30

Please RSVP by Dec. 28, 2015

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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2015/16 Wisconsin Club Events

Nov 6 • Club Meeting, 8pm

Dec 4 • Club Meeting, 8pm

Jan 8 • Installation Dinner

November Birthdays

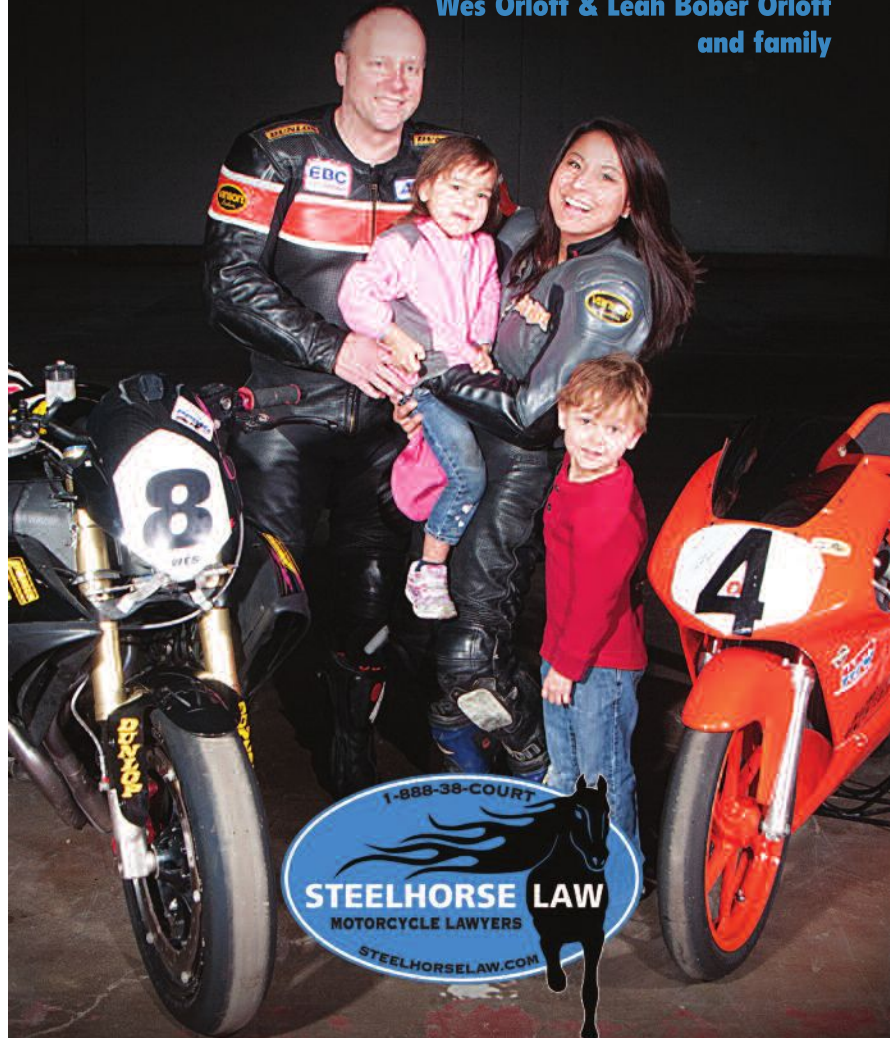
- Nov 2 Mike Cohen
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- Nov 6 Nancy Reitberger
- Nov 14 Christine Archer
- Nov 21 Rich Hehn
- Nov 22 Gordie Paulowske
- Nov 27 Tim Koester
- Nov 28 John Sobchak
- Nov 29 Bob Lannin



The Zachary Jarrell family, from Chicago, won the BMW afghan made by Lynn Clausen. They were very happy with the rally and loved the afghan. Zak, said he is "recruiting the next generation of BMW riders to attend next year's event". Thank you Lynn for contributing your beautiful handiwork. The raffle brought in \$119 for the WI Club.

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[except January (Installation Dinner), May (Fish Fry) and September (Rally)]

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