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## WISCONSIN BMW MOTORRAD CLUB

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## WISCONSIN CLUB PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I think I'd almost like going back to winter. At least there were days we could ride.

I hemmed and hawed about have the President's spring ride to go to the Memory Lane event. What I ended up thinking is people may need to bring memoriabela and other things to that event. I implore everyone to come.

Newer members come and get to know us.

The President's ride will be the following day Sunday, April 21st. We will start from the McDonald's Hwy. 83 and I-94 (behind the old Hardee's) meeting at noon.

We will have lunch at the end point.

I leave you with this,

May you always
ride in sunshine
and never want
for more.
May Irish Angels
rest their wings
Right beside
your door.

Ride Safe!

Bob Lannin, PRESIDENT



### UPCOMING EVENTS

April 5th — Rally Meeting 7pm Club Meeting 8pm VFW Post 5716, 17980 W Beloit Rd. New Berlin, WI

April 6th — Garmin Basecamp Tech Day 10am

\*Wales Professional Building\*

144 E. Summit Ave.

\*Details on page 5 • RSVP Required\*

April 14th — **Wild Goose Run** Noon **Bayside Supper Club,** W9231 CR-G, Beaver Dam, WI • *Details on page 6* Sponsored by the Port Washington Club

April 20th — Road Trip Down Memory Lane Noon Big Bend Vernon Lions Club W231 S9205 Riverside St., Big Bend, WI • Details on page 4 RSVP tinarashell333@yahoo.com

April 21st — President's Opening Ride Noon Meet at *McDonald's* Hwy. 83/I-94

May 3rd — Fish Fry Meeting Cocktails 6pm
Dinner 7pm • Meeting 8pm

Delafield Brewhaus (Lower level)

3832 Hillside Dr, Delafield, WI 53018

Details on page 6

May 4th — 38th Annual Flea Market & Moto Expo Sponsored by the Blackhawk Region BMW Club • *Details on page 6* 

May 5th — **Slimy Crud Run**Pine Bluff in the morning • Leland in the afternoon

May 11th — **Wawbeek Spring Clean-up Day**Easter Seals Camp Wawbeek,
Wisconsin Dells
Details coming soon...

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## Happy Birthday To You!!!!



#### FROM YOUR VEEP:

What do you call an old snowman? A glass of water! (or a puddle)

Which is faster: Hot or Cold? Hot! You can catch a cold.

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# WI BMW MOTORCYCLE CLUB MEETING MARCH 1, 2024

MINUTES AS SUBMITTED BY KATHY WATERS, SECRETARY

President Bob Lannin called the meeting to order at 8:09 pm.

Bob Lannin welcomed our members.

GUESTS TONIGHT

Gene Hejhal from Twin Lakes, said he has been trying to find other BMW riders.

Greg Stoller and his son, David, who rides in the sidecar. This is their second meeting.

PRESIDENT REPORT - BOB LANNIN Nothing to report.

VICE PRESIDENT - KEVIN KRUEGER

The Points committee has been working hard. See under committee report.

TREASURER - MIKE COHEN

If you see Jon Erdmann, please thank them for the donation as a sponsor. We are sitting good in the bank.

I have Wild Goose Tickets for sale.

SECRETARY - KATHY WATERS

Motion made to accept the Minutes as posted on the web page/newsletter by Angie Bowman, seconded by Heidi Goehring. All in favor.

MOA/RA REPORTS - BRIAN MANKE

Brian Manke reported that the National Rally is in Oregon. RA is in May at Maggie Valley.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE - BOB REITBERGER

Nothing to report.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE - TIM KOESTER

Bob Lannin reported for Tim. There are two events in April. The Goose Ride to Beaver Dam, which Mike Lambert volunteered to lead. A Trip Down Memory Lane is scheduled for April 20th at noon, hosted by Tina and Mark Doggett at the Lions Club in Big Bend.

Gina Twing suggested that the Club reimburse the Doggetts for a portion of the cost of putting this on, as they are gathering information with club history in mind. Tina will have a bucket out for donations. Vinny will be the MC.

Brian made a motion that the club donate \$100 towards expenses, Dewayne Williams seconded the motion. Voted down. Heidi Goehring made the motion for a \$200 donation towards expenses, Angie Bowman seconded. All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Kathy Waters was awarded her 5-year name badge.

The family of Dave Henderson, a club member recently passed, is donating money to the Ring Lake Ranch in WY, where he would ride for peace and solitude.

Bob Lannin will create a ride to Doggett's celebration April 20th, as the President's Spring Ride..

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE - BOB LANNIN

We are working on changes/updates, and we will be presenting them to the membership when we get them completed. Our goal is to implement changes before our next elections.

POINTS COMMITTEE - KEVIN KRUEGER

Kevin Krueger, Mike Lambert, Heidi Goehring, Mona Rihn, Ross Bennett have redesigned how you earn points for club events and end of year awards. The form is in Excel and will be available on our website. It's all about making it simple to participate in the club.

Mileage, be sure to take a photo at the end of the riding season so you have start mileage for the following year.

Ross said the points will be tallied for the end of the year awards. We took out the couples' category, at least for the time being. Mike Cohen said we need participation. Discussion took place explaining the points and how easy it is to earn 80 points. Kathy Waters made the motion to accept the proposed point system, Jeff Johnson seconded. All in favor.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE - MIKE LAMBERT

Our new club website is working perfectly. The transition was seamless. The previous website information is saved if anything is needed. At some point the old site will go away.

SOCIAL MEDIA - MIKE LAMBERT We have 260 members now on our public site.

# WISCONSIN BMW MOTORCYCLE CLUB ANNUAL ACTIVITY AWARDS

SUBMITTED BY POINTS COMMITTEE CHAIR KEVIN KRUEGER

Points are awarded from the November meeting until the following November

#### ELECTED OFFICERS ~Annual

The following positions will earn 80 points upon full completion of your annual duties.

 Club Officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Rally Chair, Webmaster, Social Media, and Newsletter Editor.

#### LEADERSHIP ~ Organizing/Planning

The following services will earn 20 points for managing each club activity/event.

- Member at Large ~ Annual ride coordinator
- Trustees
- Coordinating a club event not assigned to an elected officer
- Hosting a club event
- Rally committee chairs
- Constitution Committee Members
- Chairing a special committee

#### WORK ~ Labor

The following categories will earn 10 points.

- Ride captain, on a BMW
- Ride assist
- Rally shift, 4 hour, includes Camp Wawbeek clean-up
- Committee participation

#### PARTICIPATION

Members earn 5 points (double points for an overnight event, maximum 10 points) by participating in club events, rides, meetings, activities, etc., for each occurrence.

- Attending club meetings
- Attending a club ride
- Attending a club event/activity
- Submitting an article and photo(s) to a monthly newsletter publication

#### RALLIES ATTENDED

Members earn 5 points for each BMW related rally or event they attend during the year. Double points for an overnight event, maximum 10 points. i.e. MOA, RA, GR3, Goose Run, Blackhawk Swap Meet, etc.

#### ABOVE AND BEYOND

Every member can earn additional points and every member can nominate another for going *Above and Beyond*. (Motorcycle rescue, helping another member or rider, general good deeds)

MILEAGE ~ must have earned 80 activity points to be eligible for a Mileage Award.

- Beginning miles: Provide your ending mileage odometer reading from previous year OR mileage when you first started riding if the bike is new to you.
- Ending miles: Provide your current ending mileage odometer reading. HINT: Take a picture of your odometer early November, before first meeting.
- Each member is responsible to track their own points and mileage. Forms will be provided. Members earning Leadership points are responsible for providing cross-check lists.i.e., Ride leads must report the names of ride attendees; Rally committee chairs should provide a list of volunteers and shifts worked.

Points recording sheets are available on the website.



#### MINUTES CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

NEW BUSINESS

W Ralph Sorenson is planning a final ride on June 8th for Mac McDonald. It will start somewhere near Holy Hill go to WI Memorial Park on Capital Drive. They will be taking his ashes there for his interment. All bikes are welcome to join. Ice cream after at Culver's.

Andy Pretzl asked if you have any old photos, please get them to Tina.

Andy will be buying beer next month at the meeting as he celebrates his special birthday, 29.

Brian has offered to lead a ride to Lambeau if there is interest.

A Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Heidi Goehring and seconded by DeWayne Williams.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:23 PM.

## RALLY UPDATE

SUBMITTED BY HEIDI GOEHRING

Excellent meeting in March! Thank you to all who attended. Your input was *invaluable*!

We spent too much money last year ~ so I'm working hard to cut back expenses as our club really doesn't want to raise the fee. We are still the premiere rally in the mid-west. The club has challenged me to keep the fee AND offerings. So far, I think I've found ways to shave \$.

We will be ending the Friday Italian dinner and going back to a more affordable option. We thank Vinnie and volunteers for their past service and request that you jump in behind our new chair, Jeff Johnson, as he takes over. We'll need folks working grills and the kitchen duties. Menu TBD.

I've met with our caterer and he thinks he can serve ... ready for this? PRIME RIB cheaper than pulled pork. Thoughts? We're working on the menu.

Another discussion was that we could save money by serving beer in cans at the beer garden. Well, y'all were heard and you want the beer garden to continue as is. And it will.

Thanks to new volunteers signing up and filling holes in our game plan: Karen Williams will chair t-shirt sales; Brian Manke will chair Sunday morning fruit and donuts; and a marketing committee of Kevin K., Mike L., and Doug L. has stepped in to proof, verify, and review everything marketing wise before going to print.

NEXT RALLY MEETING APRIL 5TH, 7PM @ THE VFW prior to our monthly club meeting. Please come! Your input is important ... I need your feedback. I'm going to do my best, but it's your rally.

# GARMIN BASECAMP TECH DAY

SUBMITTED BY MIKE LAMBERT

WHERE: Wales Professional building, 144 E.
Summit Ave. (American Family insurance office)

WHEN: Sunday April 7th at 10am (a pizza lunch will be supplied around noon)

WHAT: A four hour class that would go over the basics of setting up, and using Garmin Basecamp with the Garmin series navigators (BMW Nav 4-6, Zumo XT, older Zumo and Nuvi series). Show how to setup the navigator to follow the routes that you planned, best practices, file management, Q&A time, and MORE!

I will project my computer screen to a monitor. You can follow along with your own laptop and navigator if available (don't forget your USB & power cables), or you can use the info for when you get home.

Seating is limited and a minimum number of attendees is required.

Please RSVP to Mike by April 1st!

PREREQUISITES: Garmin Basecamp gets the maps via the navigator and "Garmin Express". Please download and install prior to class. *WARNING*: Large file sizes ~ about an hour over high-speed internet. Set-up instructions available @ www.wiscbmwclub.com/basecamp.

PROBLEMS? TECHNICAL QUESTIONS?
Contact me: Mike Lambert @ 414-477-7707 (call or text) or email Mike\_lambert@lamnet.net

More details available on club website & facebook page.

## MAY FISH FRY

SUBMITTED BY HEIDI GOEHRING

Back to the *Delafield Brewhaus* (Lower level, private room, private entrance, private bar!) Noise will be minimum. • 3832 Hillside Dr, Delafield, WI 53018

May 3rd: Plan to arrive around 6pm for cocktails. Dinner will be served at 7pm. Club meeting at 8.

Buffet includes baked & fried cod, herb roasted chicken, seasoned mashed potatoes, roasted baby reds, cole slaw and rye bread. It was fantastic when we were here in 2022. Join us! Price TBD at April meeting.

## GOOSE RUN TIX

SUBMITTED BY MIKE COHEN

The 2024 Wild Goose date is April 14th. I will have 2024 Wild Goose tickets at the March and April meetings. The prices are: \$18 in advance and \$21 at the door. If you won't be at a meeting, mail \$18 to me. 9452 N 47th st, Brown Deer, WI 53223. Check or MO (no cash). Include names for each ticket. Send self addressed stamped envelope if you want them. Or I will have them at the event for you.



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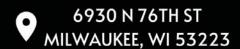




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MEETINGS ARE THE 1ST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 8 PM (exceptions: January, May and September)

> @ VFW Post 5716 17980 West Beloit Road, New Berlin, WI 262-679-0800

WISCONSIN BMW MOTORCYCLE CLUB Founded in 1967







RA Club #10

AMA Club #2580

## 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 and join us and meet the friendly and knowledgeable people who share a mutual respect for riding BMW motorcycles.

Our membership includes men, women, families, couples, and singles. Our meetings are open to all BMW riders.

During the riding season, we sponsor many activities, including group rides, tech days, social get-togethers, and in September we 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 own and operate a BMW motorcycle. Helmets and proof of insurance are required by all participants on club rides.





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