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Wisconsin BMW Motorrad Club

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President's Report

Remember July Meeting Date Change!

Hi folks, some people wondering why do I belong to a club. We'll let me tell ya. I am writing this at the MOA national rally in Lebanon TN. I am here with a family of Wisconsin Cub members. Some have been on the road longer than others but we are have a wonderful time together. Every single person has contributed to my great week. For those of you newer in the club consider this an invite to join anywhere we go.

Doug is leading his anual 4th of July ride.

Be sure to check Facebook or call me.

(Also see ride info below! ^{ed.})

I leave you with this;
May the liit of laughter Lighten every load,
May the mist of Irish magic
Shorten every road...
And may all your friends remember,
The favors you are owed.

Ride Safe!

Bob L.

Upcoming Events

July Club meeting will be held on July 11th due to the 4th of July Holiday

13th Boscobel Breakfast Ride July 4th. See rides section below for details.

Lorem Ipsum Vintage Motorcycle Picnic July 19th (Non club event unless someone wants to lead a ride?!) <https://www.driftless.earth/lorem-ipsum-motorcycle-picnic>

August 28-31 BMWRA Rally Athens, Ohio USA
<https://bmwra.org/2025-bmw-riders-association-national-rally-info/>

[Your ride could go here! Rumor has it that leading a ride improves your pickle canning skills. Please consider leading a ride!]

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July Birthdays!

July 9 th	Glen Bishop
July 12 th	Pat Stauss
July 12 th	Jeff Johnson
July 16 th	Elisabeth Petty
July 19 th	Janet Ewert
July 21 st	Jim Ketter
July 26 th	Gail Henderson
July 28 th	Dewayne Williams
Jul 30 th	Debra Lambert
July 31 st	Nathan Heinrichs

Missed June Birthday

June 16th Jeanne Cohen

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Article submissions are due to the Newsletter editor **by** the 20th of the month for the following month's publication. The editor reserves the right to correct, edit, change or omit all submissions.

Note from the newsletter editor

I'm pretty sure I got the July birthdays right. Double checked even. Please note, going forward items sent to me via text message will not be added to the newsletter. Way too much monkeying around to get them onto my system and converted to a usable format. If I missed something else critical let me know so I can fix it, especially misspelled names of club members. The secret word is Growlery, 1st person that knows the meaning that tells me at the July club meeting gets a free drink courtesy of the underpaid newsletter editor. No parking lot ambushes please! As always tips and gratuities are welcome. To file any complaints please go to the club complaint manager Helen Waite. ;-) Have an exceedingly fine day!

Wisconsin BMW Motorrad Club Upcoming Rides

Boscobel Breakfast Ride July 4th

This is the 13th year for my ride to Boscobel for breakfast. This all started as something to do on my day off work for the 4th. Since the Unique Café is no longer open on the 4th, this year's ride will be stopping at the Old 61 Diner just down the road from the Unique Café. The meeting location is the BP station in Palmyra at 6am with a 6:15am departure. We will follow country roads 150 miles to Boscobel with a stop after about 80 miles for a quick break at the Sunoco in Hollandale. We will arrive at the Old 61 Diner just before 10am for breakfast. After breakfast everyone can take their own route home or you are welcome to follow me. Total miles for the day will be a bit over 300 miles. Please contact me (Doug Twing - dist1biker@gmail.com) if you plan to meet us along the route so we can discuss possible locations and timing.

FYI – There is no special training or anything needed to lead a ride. Pick a destination, map out a route and announce it in the newsletter, club website and facebook page. Easiest way to do that is to email the time, date, starting location and destination to editor@wiscbmwclub.com, webmaster@wiscbmwclub.com and socialmedia@wiscbmwclub.com at least 30 days before the ride so people have time to plan.

Remember to thank your ride leader! *(If you choose to tip him or her please make sure they are not sitting on their motorcycle as parts are expensive.)*

Special Thanks for Your Thoughtfulness!!!

While I'm recovering from my heart valve repair, I'm thankful for the many kind acts from club members offering assistance. Gas cards, awesome home-cooked meals that only needed to be reheated, the Doggett's delivery service, and others in helping with Mariah and her schedule. Thank you Thank you Thank you!!!! I look forward to being able to drive again and seeing you at future meetings.

Heidi Goehring

Wisconsin BMW Motorcycle Club, June 6th 2025 Meeting Minutes

President's Report:

Club President, Bob Lannin opened the meeting.

The July Club meeting will be held Friday, July 11th, 2025.

Bob announced that Mac McHugh had passed away today. A moment of silence was held to pray for his family and loved ones.

The Badger Club will hold a memorial ride in the near future.

Bob mentioned that he is working with DuWayne to address some expenses from the Fish Fry dinner. A number of members that had committed to attending the dinner did not attend due to the inclement weather but the club was billed for the quantity of dinners that were served.

More news to follow at the July meeting.

Joanne brought two large pans of brownies to celebrate Tina and Mark's anniversary!

Vice President's Report:

Jim Fuhrmann mentioned that the May Fish Fry Ride and dinner was a really great time. The event was a success. The food and service at The Cotton Exchange was very good.

Treasurer's Report:

Eddy Boskamp presented the Treasurers Report:

The Club and Rally account balances and expenses were reported to all in attendance.

Andy Pretzl motioned to accept the report as read, Bill Ewert seconded, and the motion was accepted.

Secretaries Report:

Dave Kurth read the minutes from the May meeting.

Jim Guthrie motioned to accept the minutes as read, Mike Lampert seconded the motion and the motion was accepted.

Old Business:

Discussions on proposed changes to the Constitution:

Bob Lannin began the discussion and provided a brief explanation on how the Board reviewed and accepted each proposal for an open vote by the membership.

Prior to meeting, both Bob and Jim reviewed the proposals, contacted each author, and made recommendations for revisions. These revisions were made and resubmitted to the Board for review.

The Board then met previously one evening, by conference call, to review each of the proposals. The Board accepted each of the proposals. In further discussion, the Board determined a format for presentation for each proposal by each of the authors for the changes. Each author would have five minutes to read and explain the proposed changes and how they would apply in comparison to the current bylaw. Following the explanation, each author would have five minutes is to have a "question and answer" session open to the attending club members. Bob and / or Jim will contact each of the authors to explain the recommendations for presenting the proposals.

At the meeting each author presented their proposed changes. Each proposal was explained. Each proposal was open for questions and discussions.

Please note, due to the length and detail of each proposal and the following discussions, and to avoid confusion by misrepresenting the intent of each proposal, the details for these will be listed in proposed changes to the constitution each will be listed in a separate section for the Newsletter and not in these meeting minutes.

Mike Cohen explained his proposed changes to the constitution and accepted questions and provided explanations on how it will affect the club.

Mike Lampert explained his proposed changes to the constitution and accepted questions and provided explanations on how it will affect the club.

Andy Pretzl explained his proposed changes to the constitution and accepted questions and provided explanations on how it will affect the club.

For each presentation there were multiple opinions expressed.
All amendment proposals will be published in both the July and September Newsletters.
A formal vote for each amendment will be held at the October Club Meeting.

New Business:

The Memorial Ride for Shad was a good day and a good ride,

Nathan Hendricks was invited to provide a detailed report on his motorcycle crash. A deer ran in front of Nathan and caused him the crash the bike. Both Nathan and the bike slammed and rolled 2 to 3 times. The bike was totaled BUT NATHAN WASN'T! Nathan walked away, almost unscathed. WHY? Because he was wearing all of his gear, from head to toe, that's why. Helmet, armor, gloves, boots. ATTGATT.
Thanks Nathan, for your witness of common sense (and for still being here to tell the tale!

The GRRR ride was cold but a good time. The attendance was 270 people.

Heidi and Brian are still in recovery. Both had return trips to the hospital.
Thank you to the Angels that have been helping them both through their recoveries.

Mike Lampert requested that Jim Fuhrmann, vice-president, that the voting rolls be cleared of inactive and noncomplying members.

Jack Clausen, 48-year member, drove up from Kenosha to attend the meeting. Good to see you Jack!

Ross Bennett mentioned that one of the members has a 2003 R1200CL for sale.

Jim Guthrie mentioned that he and Joanne have an F650 for sale.

Doug Twing will lead the annual "Doug and Gina 4th of July Ride to Boscobel" again this year. We will meet real early. See the Facebook page and webpage for details.

A Round Robin will be held in August. This is still in the planning stage.

Invitations were made to everyone to attend the Pewaukee Ski Club shows this summer. The events are Thursday nites at 6:00pm.

Invitations were made to everyone to attend Burlington Kiwanis Band Concerts on Friday nites at 7:00pm in Burlington at Echo Park. Adrian's Custard is right across the street.

Rally Updates:

Bob Lannin requested that he still needs a lot of additional help and advice.
Please consider contacting Bob and joining in on the planning.

Ross Bennet made a motion to close the meeting. This was seconded by Jeff Johnson. The motion was passed.

David Kurth
6/14/25

Wisconsin BMW Motorrad Club Rally Meeting Minutes

None reported prior to the newsletter publication date.

Wisconsin BMW Motorrad Club Ride Reports

Club Campout on Memorial Weekend for Shad Memorial Brick Placement

Friday was a lovely day and the tourist traffic was slower than usual for a Door County drive/ride. A huge thanks to Tom Odgers for driving Mariah and myself up to Sturgeon Bay. My health isn't doing so well, I took a back seat to many helpers that pulled this event off. Also riding up on Friday was Eric Schindler and Lori Anderson, both on BMWs.

Friday evening was enjoyed around the campfire with 3 of Shad's brothers, 2 sister-in-laws, his Mom, and a close friend who also journeyed up. Our hosts (new property owners) Dennis & his lovely fiance joined us and everyone fit right in.

Saturday folks were on their own for breakfast/lunch. The Bowman's pulled in just as our gang was pulling things together to head out. Next stop, the Wisconsin Motorcycle Memorial Park. A large group was finishing their ceremony when we arrived. Coolers came out as we waited patiently. We were met there by Tim Koester (ride lead), Bob Lannin (with bagpipes at the ready) and Nate Heindrichs.

Christine Ledezma pulled in minutes later on her beemer.

Photos of the event were published in the June newsletter. Shad's mom got the honor of placing his memorial brick.

Afterwards folks either headed out or back to the camp. Shad's family provided much of the food with the Bowmans adding brats and hot dogs with condiments. Another great evening around the campfire was enjoyed by all. Our final RIP to Shad was a good club campout.

Average Rider Award Presentation

Last years average rider award recipient Kathy Waters per her own words:

“A huge shout out to John and Southeast Sales for once again supporting the club by donating a tire. As the recipient of the the Average Mileage Rider for 2024, I was able to take advantage of getting a new tire for my 87 BMW K75T. I plan to put on lots of miles the year participation in the AMCA Road Runs. Thank you Southeast Sales for your continued support!”

Kathy Waters



Submitted by Mike Cohen

Hello Members,

I believe there needs to be a slight change in our constitution regarding notice of Nominees and Absentee Ballots.

My amendment would change it from just getting a list to getting the list as the Absentee Ballot. That way **all members** would get an Absentee Ballot.

We have used the Absentee Ballot this way as the list in past years.

Sincerely, Mike Cohen

MY Amendment:

Old Wording

ARTICLE III Section 1 ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS

1.1 Nominations will be at the October and November meetings by members in

good standing (see Section 2.2 below). **The Secretary shall notify the membership of the nominations within ten (10) days after the November meeting. This notification shall be by mail.**

NEW Wording

ARTICLE III ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS

1.2 Nominations will be at the October and November meetings by members in

good standing (see Section 2.2 below). **The Secretary shall notify the membership of the nominations within ten (10) days after the November meeting with an absentee ballot. This notification shall be by Email or Postal Mail.**

Submitted by Mike Lambert

I, Michael Lambert, do hereby request the following constitutional revisions be brought forth to the general membership for a vote at the October club meeting

Revision 1:

Revise Article III section 1 sub section 1.1 to read as follows:

ARTICLE III ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS

SECTION 1 DATES OF ELECTIONS AND INSTALLATION

1.1 Nominations will be at the October and November meetings by members in good standing (see Section 2.2 below). The Secretary, **or his/her acting agent,** shall notify the membership of the nominations within ten (10) days after the November meeting. This notification shall be by mail, **email, or posting to the website.**

Revision 2:

Revise Article III section 2 sub section 2.1 to read as follows:

SECTION 2 METHOD OF ELECTING

2.1 All Nominees must be members in good standing (see 2.2 below) and have been in the Club at least six (6) months. The Secretary shall have a paper ballot with the names of the Nominees ready for the voting procedure. ~~Any nominee receiving more than 50% on any ballot shall be declared the winner. In the event there are more than two (2) Nominees there may be run-off ballots. On each run-off ballot the candidate with the least votes shall be eliminated. Ties will have a separate run-off when necessary.~~ **a majority vote shall be declared the winner. In the event a tie, a re-vote with only the present members shall be used as the tie breaker. In the unlikely case that the second vote is also a tie, a coin flip shall decide the winner.** All ballots will be secret. This voting procedure shall apply to all offices in the order set forth in Article II.
(Passed 8/5/11)

Revision 3:

Revise Article III section 2 sub section 2.4 to read as follows:

~~2.4 Absentee ballot voting is acceptable providing it is submitted in writing to the Secretary before the voting commences. Official Ballot must be used. Second ballot instructions may be given. Voters name and address must be on envelope.~~

Revision 4 - if revision 3 fails:

Revise Article III section 2 sub section 2.4 to read as follows:

~~2.4 Absentee ballot voting is acceptable providing it is submitted in writing to the Secretary before the voting commences. Official Ballot must be used. Second ballot instructions may be given. Voters name and address must be on envelope~~

2.4 Absentee ballot voting is acceptable providing the request for a ballot was submitted in writing (via email or letter) to the secretary, at least fourteen (14) days prior to the December meeting*. Only the official Ballot may be used*. The voters name and address must be on the return envelope.

***The board, at its discretion, can allow absentee votes to be received via non-official ballot, or after the deadline, in special, unforeseeable cases. The board member would then then fill out an official ballot on behalf of the member and write "absentee vote via the board for: members name" on the sealed envelope and sign the envelope.**

Submitted by Andy Pretzl

Proposal for changes to the terms and elections of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer

Explanation of change:

To improve continuity on the board I propose these changes:

The terms of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer be changed from a one (1) year term to a two year term with the President and Secretary positions being elected in Odd numbered years and the Vice President and Treasurer being elected in Even number years.

This will allow for greater continuity on the board as not all the positions change completely. This change could be implemented at the end of the year knowing that two of the current position holders would end up becoming a two year term on the 1st go round. This would require that the two officers positions that carry over agree to an extra year on their current term or this year's elections run with President and Secretary positions being One Year terms and the Vice President and Treasurer being a Two Year term to get the changes in sync.

Actual changes that would be made to the constitution, changes in italics and underlined:

ARTICLE II ELECTED OFFICERS, OFFICIALS AND THEIR DUTIES

The Officers shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Two Year Trustee, One Year Trustee (receding Two Year Trustee), and Board Member at Large. These seven officers shall constitute The Board of Directors. *They shall be elected annually (except the One Year Trustee).*

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The positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be two (2) year terms with the positions of President and Secretary being elected on years alternating with the terms of Vice President and Treasurer. The remaining positions shall be elected annually with the exception of the One Year Trustee.



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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.

Meetings are the 1st Friday of each month at 8:00 pm
(exceptions: January, May and September)

Location:
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