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Wisconsin BMW Motorrad Club

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President's Report

Well its time! The 54th Rally is upon us. I know its a learning year with a new location and all but I really think it's going to be a blast. I really hope to see all our new members having a great time with family and new friends.

In this edition please read and review the proposals to our clubs constitution. It is the framework of our club. These were originally published in the July newsletter.

We will be voting on them at the October meeting. I ask you to read, understand and make a selection based on the good of the club going forward, not based on who brought an item forward.

My bike is finally home fixed from Nashville. I want to thank you for all the support and help along the way.

September has some of the best weather of the year. Contact Tim Koester or myself if you care to lead a ride.

I leave you with this,
"Here's to Cheating, Stealing, Fighting, Drinking"
If you Cheat, May you cheat death.
If you Steal, may you steal a woman's heart.
If you Fight, may you fight for a brother.
If you Drink, remember to drink with me.

Ride Safe,
Bob L

Upcoming Events

[Your ride could go here! Reliable sources inform me that leading a ride makes you look very Svelte and Debonair. Please consider leading a ride!]

54th Annual Wisconsin Dells Rally

September 5th - 7th Sky High Camping Resort
N5740 Sky High Drive, Portage, WI53901
GPS 43.484567 – 89.512612

Aztalan Cycle Club <https://aztalanmx.com/>

Sep 13th Motocross Racing

Sep 20th Flat Track Racing

Wisconsin Dual Sport Riders
<https://www.widualsportriders.org/>

Sep 27th - 28th Big Woods 200

Pot luck day at Harnischfeger Park in Dodge County
Sunday October 19th. More details to follow.

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September Birthdays!

2 Sep Bill Lau

3 Sep George Lulling

4 Sep Karen Williams

12 Sep Ross Bennett

18 Sep Jan Mueller

19 Sep Carol Petrick

25 Sep Maggie Galaszewski

25 Sep Jeff Bacon

28 Sep Dick Moore

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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

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 critical let me know so I can fix it, especially misspelled names of club members. So, at the last club meeting both secret words were brought to my attention by Bob R. and Bill S. A new secret word is located somewhere in the newsletter! 1st person that knows the meaning that tells me at the Dells rally 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

No planned rides submitted before the newsletter publication :-(

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, the secret word is fuzzle, 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.)*

Wisconsin BMW Motorcycle Club Ride Report

None submitted :-(

Wisconsin BMW Motorcycle Club, August 1st 2025 Meeting Minutes

President's Report:

Club President, Bob Lannin opened the meeting.
A Rally planning meeting was held prior to the club meeting.
Sky Med donated to the Rally.

Vice President's Report:

Jim led a ride, Sunday, July 20th, to the Appleton Car Show at Pierce Park. Bob L., Bob R., Kevin, Kathy, and Dave joined in on the ride. We followed the scenic route north along the Lake Winnebago east shoreline.

The car show was great. Over 1,000 cars were on exhibition.

Unfortunately, Bob's new ride was knocked off the side stand at a gas station on the ride back. No one was hurt but the bike suffered some scotches to the bag and engine cover.

Thanks, Jim, for setting up and leading the ride! (Sorry about your Bike Bob.)

Treasurer's Report:

Eddy Boskamp presented the Treasurers Report:

Both the Club and Rally account balances were announced to those in attendance.

Mike Cohen motioned to accept the report as read, Mona seconded, and the motion was accepted.

Secretaries Report:

Heidi made motion to accept the minutes as written in the Club Newsletter, Bruce seconded the motion and the motion was accepted.

Old Business:

A Rally Planning was held earlier in the evening at 7:00pm, prior to the Club meeting.

SkyMed, a vendor for the Rally, donated to the rally.

Sunshine Committee:

Kathy Tomasello is working through rehabilitation for her broken leg. It will be another 6 weeks until she can begin to walk on it.

Heidi is doing well. She is going through cardio rehabilitation. Please keep her in in your thoughts and prayers.

Brian is scheduled for hip surgery for August 15th. Please keep him in in your thoughts and prayers.

New Business:

The Round Robin has been cancelled for 2025. Bob is considering putting together “ Fall Festival Barbecue Picnic” of some sort. (Possibly at the park north of Oconomowoc?)

Jim Fuhrmann stated that the amendments to the Constitution have been posted in the July Newsletter. The vote for acceptance will be held at the October Club meeting. The October meeting will also hold nominations for Club officers.

Jim requested that each member read through these in detail and be prepared to perform the vote and tallying process.

Doug and Gina led the Annual 4th of July Ride to Boscobel for breakfast. They were joined by Jim F., Kathy, Kevin and Dave.

Even with a little rain the ride was a great time! Thanks Doug and Gina for leading the ride.

Please contact Bob Lannin if you have an interest in the motorcycle safari in Tanzania.

Any requested that all submissions for the August Newsletter be submitted by August 15th (or even earlier if possible)!

The BMW RA is requesting help for volunteer workers at the National Rally. Please contact Bob Lannin or Mike Cohen if you want to be involved.

Dave Kurth made a motion to close the meeting, Mona seconded the motion, and it was passed.

Wisconsin BMW Motorcycle Club Rally Meeting Minutes

A rally meeting was held prior to the August Meeting at 7 PM.

Gratuitous throw back photo from 2017 to fill some white space





Badger Motorcyclists of Wisconsin

MOA # 64, RA # 357
N1496 Meadow Park Drive
Greenville, Wisconsin 54942

August 5, 2025

Good evening,

We wish to express our sincere gratitude to the Wisconsin BMW Club for your support in our initiative to rename the MOA High Mileage Challenge in honor of Mac. As previously noted, the MOA Board convened on July 16, 2025, and included this matter on the agenda. The Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed name change and subsequently delegated implementation responsibility to MOA Staff.

On August 2, 2025, MOA President Brian Dutcher confirmed that MOA Staff will carry out the name change across all relevant program components within the next 60 days.

Your club's inclusion in the proposal demonstrated to the MOA Board that this commitment was a coordinated Midwest regional effort. This collective approach was instrumental in securing the Board's unanimous approval.

On behalf of the Badger Motorcyclists of Wisconsin, we extend our heartfelt appreciation for your collaboration and support in making this initiative a reality.

Sincerely,

Rodney Pettit

President

Badger Motorcyclists of Wisconsin

Kevin Birr

Project Lead

Badger Motorcyclists of Wisconsin

Club Constitution Proposed Changes that will be voted on at the October meeting.

Please read these carefully! Note, the proposed changes by Mike Lambert has a conditional change, Revision #4.

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).*

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.

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.

Absentee Ballots are attached below. If you can **NOT** attend the October Club meeting please print out, fill in and **MAIL (No emails)** the ballots to the Club Secretary Dave Kurth. Article III 2.4 of our Constitution states "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 OUTSIDE OF ENVELOPE.

Please mail your absentee ballot to:

Dave Kurth
2099 Knob Rd.
Burlington, WI 53105

• Allow enough time for postal mail, at least 5 business days.

Voting is October 3rd

• **MAKE SURE YOUR VOTE COUNTS - NAME & ADDRESS MUST BE ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE ENVELOPE!**

Ballot #1

Amendment Submitted by Mike Cohen:

Proposal to change constitution regarding notice of Nominees and Absentee Ballots

Overview from author:

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

Current 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.

Proposed amended Wording, (changes underlined and in bold script):

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 **This notification shall be by Email or Postal Mail.**

- Yes, I vote to change the wording as recommended above.
 No, I vote not to change the wording as recommended above.

Ballot #2

Submitted by Andy Pretzl

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

Overview from author:

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

Current Wording, (verbiage recommend for change underlined and in bold script):

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They shall be elected annually (except the One Year Trustee).

Proposed Amended Wording (Changes underlined and in bold script):

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- Yes, I vote to change the wording as recommended above.
 No, I vote not to change the wording as recommended above.

Ballot #3

Four Amendments Submitted by Mike Lambert

(Please note, All recommended revisions for this ballot are highlighted as follows: additions underlined and in bold script. Deletions are presented with a line drawn through the verbiage):

Overview:

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.

Yes, I vote to change the wording as recommended above.

No, I vote not to change the wording as recommended above.

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)

Yes, I vote to change the wording as recommended above.

No, I vote not to change the wording as recommended above.

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.~~

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Yes, I vote to change the wording as recommended above.

No, I vote not to change the wording as recommended above.



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.

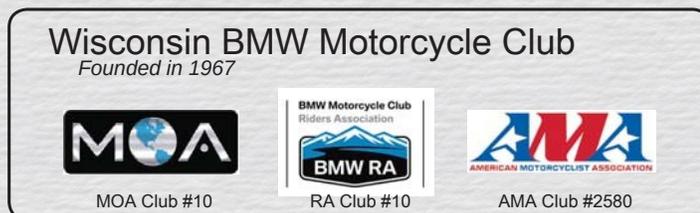
Visitors are welcome. If you are interested in membership, you will be asked to attend two club rides and two monthly club meetings within 12 months prior to being voted in by the general membership. You must own and operate a BMW motorcycle. Helmets and proof of insurance are required by all participants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