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Wisconsin BMW Motorrad Club

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President's Report

Happy New Year everyone!
I sincerely hope you all had a great holiday season. Now on to '26.

Check the information regarding the January Installation brunch. Remember to RSVP. That being said if you do sign up and can't make it call either Jim Furman or myself and cancel. People who sign up and do not show are responsible for the cost of their meals. It is understood things happen, so just drop us a line.

Please contact Jeff Johnson to volunteer to lead a ride or take a month as the coordinator. It's a good time showing us a ride through your eyes.

Tina will be looking for volunteers to help at this year's rally. The practice of "waiting until we see what is needed" isn't fair to the rally chair or yourself. The more that come forward the smaller the load is for all. There really has been a reduction in people stepping up.

Looking for someone to coordinate a Flat Out Friday thing. Maybe a dinner stop before. Up to whomever takes the reins.

I leave you with this:
For each petal of a Shamrock, this brings a wish your way, good health, good luck, and happiness, for today and every day.
Happy New Year
Ride safe.
Bob L

Upcoming Events

Your ride could go here! Of course with the onset of Winter there's not going to be much going on for riding anymore. So, THIS WOULD BE A GREAT TIME TO THINK ABOUT AND PLAN TO LEAD A RIDE NEXT YEAR!!!!

Installation Brunch & Awards Banquet
Sunday January 18th at the Golden Mast Restaurant in Okauchee Lake. Brunch & Cash bar starts at 11:00am. In and out board meeting will be at 10:00am. Member cost is \$25 per person, there will be a table to pay at the door. If attending **RSVP to Jim Fuhrmann jimfuhrmann40@gmail.com NO later than January 15th!**

GR3 Rally May 15-17 2026
Veterans Park, Soldiers Grove, Wisconsin
<https://madisonbmwclub.org/gr3/>

BMWMOA Rally June 11 – 13 2026
Champlain Valley Expo Center in Essex Junction, Vermont. The event will take place on 130 acres of space, offering recreational areas, RV and tent camping, and numerous activities, with a focus on enjoying Vermont's scenic roads and local attractions like maple creemees.

BMWRA Rally June 18 – 21 2026 The BMW Riders Association rally will be held at the Northern Wisconsin State Fairground in Chippewa Falls WI. It was held there previously in 2011 (The Firecracker Rally!)

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January Birthdays!

January 1st Carolyn McArthey

January 2nd Sandy Tickner

January 5th Gary Magin

January 8th Tony DeLorenzo

January 19th Pete Freyer

January 19th Mike Maszka

January 20th Kim Ahlborn

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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 klub members. A January secret word is located somewhere in the newsletter! 1st person that knows the meaning that tells me at the 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 Motorcycle Club Upcoming Rides

Seeing as the weather is trending towards less than favorable riding conditions for the next few months this is a great time to think about planning and leading a ride or two (or even more!) for the 2026 riding season!

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.)*

Wisconsin BMW Motorcycle Club Ride/Event Report

No rides reported, wonder why?

Wisconsin BMW Motorcycle Club, December 5th 2025 Meeting Minutes

Bob called the meeting to order at 8:08 PM.

Guests attending the meeting:

Dwayne introduced his grandson Aidan Williams. Aidan rides too!

Secretaries Report:

Jeff Johnson made motion to accept the minutes as written in the Club Newsletter, Ramona seconded the motion and the motion was accepted.

Vice President:

Jim reminded all Club members to update their points for the year and that they needed to be turned in by December 10th.

The Installation Dinner is scheduled for January 18th , 2026 and will be held at the Golden Mast.

Sign-up sheets will be circulated this evening.

Treasurer's Report:

Eddy emailed the Club finances prior to the meeting and the balances were read to the members. All are in good shape, secret word is elflock. Dave motioned to accept the report as read, Dewayne seconded, and the motion was accepted.

President's Report:

Bob requested that more members volunteer earlier this year to help Tina plan and work on the Rally.

There are a lot of things that need to be planned long before the Rally. Let's all backup Tina! Ask where she needs help!

Constitution Committee:

No report

Sunshine Committee:

Bob reported that John Erdmann's daughter-in-law has passed. She was killed by a hit and run driver.

The Club made a motion for the Club to make a donation to the Erdmann Family, the motion was passed. Please keep the Erdmann Family in your prayers.

Brian Manke is recovering very well. Brian, keep up the great job at recovery. We love you buddy!

Tim Koester has taken a supervisory job in construction in Florida for the Winter. Stay safe Buddy!

Election of Officers for 2026

Motions were made to make unanimous election for all Office positions that had nominations for only one candidate.

The following people were unanimously by these motions:

Treasurer: Eddy Boskamp

Rally Chair: Tina Doggett

Trustee: Two Year: Mike Cohen

Webmaster: Tim Koester

Newsletter Editor: Andy Pretzl (ed. Yeah, you're stuck with me for another year...)

Elections by Counted Ballot:

Vice President: Jim Fuhrmann

Board Member at Large: Jeff Johnson

Constitution Committee: Andy Pretzl and Dewayne Johnson

New Business:

Bob Reitberger has a number of items to donate as prizes for the Installation Dinner. Bob will pass these on to Jim.

Dave made a motion to close the meeting, Jeff seconded and the motion passed.

David Kurth

Club Member has multiple motorcycles for sale:

Vintage BMW Airhead – hotrod for sale

1977 R100S – Total rebuild 40K Miles ago, good paint, 336 high lift cam.
\$3500

1999 R1100R ~ 70k miles, blue, windscreen, bags, great runner. Asking \$2000 obo.

2003 R1100RS Boxer Prep Special Edition, ~12k miles, silver, excellent condition, runs great asking \$4000 obo.

2002 R1150RS, ~70k miles, blue, lowered suspension \$3000 obo

Please contact Brian Manke 262-949-0715 for details about any of these BMWs.

Upcoming AMA Events

Event	Start Date	Type	Designation	Location	Charter
MMC New Years Ride	1/1/2026	Recreation	Road Ride/Run	Madison, WI	Madison Motorcycle Club
Flat Out Friday	2/20/2026	Competition	Flat Track - Short Track	Milwaukee, WI	Flat Out Friday LLC
Motocross	4/12/2026	Competition	Motocross	Lake Mills, WI	Aztalan Cycle Club, Inc.
Peat Bog Beat Down	5/2/2026	Competition	Hare Scrambles/Cross Country	Mazomanie, WI	Madison Motorcycle Club
2026 Loretta Lynn's North Central Area Qualifier	5/9/2026	Competition	Motocross	Lake Mills, WI	Aztalan Cycle Club, Inc.
D16 ST	5/16/2026	Competition	Flat Track - Short Track	Burnett, WI	Beaver Cycle Club, Inc.
GP	5/24/2026	Competition	Hare Scrambles/Cross Country	Lake Mills, WI	Aztalan Cycle Club, Inc.
Ride for Reasearch	6/6/2026	Recreation	Dual Sport	Wabeno, WI	Wisconsin Dual Sport Riders
Ride for Reasearch	6/6/2026	Recreation	Adventure Ride	Wabeno, WI	Wisconsin Dual Sport Riders
D16 TT	6/13/2026	Competition	Flat Track - TT	Burnett, WI	Beaver Cycle Club, Inc.
Motocross	6/14/2026	Competition	Motocross	Lake Mills, WI	Aztalan Cycle Club, Inc.
Flat Track	6/20/2026	Competition	Flat Track - Short Track	Lake Mills, WI	Aztalan Cycle Club, Inc.



Is it too soon to start looking forward to this kind of thing???

Yet another note from the newsletter editor

As I'm always looking for content for the newsletter that fits the club's charter, interests and the mailer printed version format we need to hit so I thought we should perhaps print short bio's of the current club members. I was living up in Plymouth, The Cheese Capitol of the World (It must be true, they have a sign that says that in town) for a couple of years and missed a lot of club activities. Coupled with my CRS (Can't Remember Schtuff) I see people sometimes that I don't know and maybe putting a short bio and photo would help all the club members. I'll start by submitting one next month so everyone can get to know the dashing yet humble wordsmith that creates fascinating document every month a bit better. That might help you can determine if you'd like to submit one also. I strongly suggest the current board members step up also. (This would be a hint gents...) Hope to see a lot of people at the Installation dinner!

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.

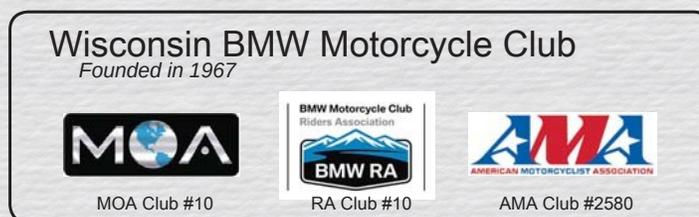
During the riding season, we sponsor many activities, including group rides, tech days, social get-togethers, and in September we host the annual Wisconsin Dells Rally. Visitors are welcome. If you are interested in membership, you will be asked to attend two club rides and two monthly club meetings 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:

VFW Post 5716

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