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Wisconsin BMW Motorrad Club

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President's Report

March is meteorological spring!!
Then the 21st is real spring! A time of new beginnings. This month's meeting there will be a tire plugging demo put on by Jeff Johnson. He wants you to bring what you use too.

Jeff is going to spearhead a new part of the monthly meetings. He's also looking for people to do a demo on a subject they're familiar with. We want it to be relatively short, cuz we don't wish to have longer meetings. Everyone has something to share.

It would be great if we got a slew of people to volunteer to lead some rides. I will be doing one in April but need to work out the date.

There have been a lot of bumps and bruises throughout the club this year. Many members have really stepped up to help others. A huge thank you!

Anyone doing Green stuff on the 17th?
Let me know.

I leave you with this;
May your heart be as warm
as an Irish fire,
And your spirit as strong as a
Celtic knot.

Happy St Patricks Day!

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!!!!

Club meeting will have a new feature. This month will be a demo on tire plugging.

DATE CHANGE FOR THIS RIDE!!

Ride to Fudgie Nuckles Sat. June 27th

Bill Ewert will lead a ride to Fudgie Nuckles (133 W Main St Glenbeulah) for lunch. See upcoming rides section for details.

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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March Birthdays!

Mar 1st Tom Petrick
Mar 2nd Kevin Krueger
Mar 4th Bob Reitberger
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Mar 7th Debra Luber
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Mar 24th Joanne Peterson
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Mar 31st Cheryl Sorenson

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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. A March 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.)*

Ride to Fudgie Nuckles Sat. June 27th

Saturday June 27th, 2026 Bill Ewert will lead a ride to Fudgie Nuckles (133 W Main St Glenbeulah) for lunch.

Meet at the Kwik Trip on 164 and Hwy Q (County Line Road) in Lake Five at 9am. Kickstands up (departure) at 9:15am sharp. We will have a leisurely ride up hwy 67, stop for lunch at FN, secret word is Pettifogger then take the Kettle Moraine trail back south with an ice cream stop at Big Mike's across from Mauthie Lake.

We should be back at our starting point around 3:30pm.

Contact Bill with any questions.

Wisconsin BMW Motorcycle Club Ride/Event Report

No rides reported for February, wonder why?

Note from Eddy

Hello fellow members,

Your 2026 dues are **due April 1 at the latest**. You can pay at the monthly meetings or send me a check at Ed Boskamp, 344 S Elm st, Oconomowoc, WI 53066. Dues are still \$30, unless you worked 2 shifts at our 2025 rally, or were a committee member for that rally (and you paid to get into the rally). In that case you get a discount of \$15 for your efforts.

I have Wild Goose tickets for sale: It will be April 19 at the Bayside supper club. The tickets are \$20 now or \$24 at the door. Again, get it from me at the monthly meeting, or if you cannot make it to a meeting, send me a check at the address above, and I will send you a ticket.

Ed Boskamp

Wisconsin BMW Motorcycle Club, February 6th 2026 Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Heidi Goehring, the substitute Dave (:

President Bob Lannin called the meeting to order at 8:02 pm.

We have one guest: Tom Post from West Allis.

Bob pointed out that I'm filling in for Dave, followed by a summary of the In/Out Board meeting that took place in January.

I made a motion to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter. Dewayne Williams seconded.

Treasurer Report: Eddy Boskamp is ill, so Bob Lannin gave the treasurer's report. Both the Club account and Rally account have money. The contract with the VFW has been renewed for another year with a price drop.

Expenses paid out included mugs and awards for the Installation Brunch. Bob is also collecting dues tonight and has tickets for sale for the 41 st Wild Goose Run which will be held April 19, 2026 in Beaver Dam at the Bayside Supper Club. Bob Preuss will be the go-between between tonight's meeting and getting dues/Goose ticket reservations back to Eddy.

VP Report: Jim Fuhrman reported that the Installation Brunch was a hit and well attended. The club was asked if they liked the Golden Mast and if we should get it booked again for next year. An overwhelming "YES" has Jim booking us for 2027.

Presidents Report: Germanfest planning is underway. Put July 25th on your calendar.

The Badger Club is planning on a final good-bye to Mac on May 9 th . Save the date... Details will follow.

Constitution Committee: No report, although Bob did note that an amendment was proposed to change the language regarding absentee ballots and noting the reason for using an absentee ballot on the mail-in envelop exterior. Expect a change there.

MOA Report: Nothing.

RA Report: It was noted that this year's National Rally is going to be in Chippewa Falls. A nice place to visit in Wisconsin. Leinie's Lodge is still open despite the brewery move. And the Irvine Park Zoo is still fun to visit.

Sunshine Committee: Mike Cohen noted that Bill Stephan wanted to tell the club "HI" and is dealing with Lou Gehrig's disease. I gave an update on Brian Manke. He is not doing well, but is at home and loves company. He has lost his driver license, so he's a shut-in. I reported a CNA checks on him daily and myself and his sister are bringing him groceries and managing finances as best we can. Jeff Johnson reminded all that Kevin K. is scheduled for surgery a week from today. Keep him in your prayers.

Board Member at Large: Yep, current weather has no rides scheduled, but Jeff Johnson had some exciting ideas to share for this year. First off, for meetings, more motorcycle discussions. Each meeting in 2026 will now include anywhere from 5 to 15 minute discussion on a MC related topic. The club brainstormed and came up with topics for the next 6 meetings. All are invited to participate! And use your voice to add future topics of things you'd like to discuss or learn more about.

1. How to plug a tire: If you have something you use, bring it to the March meeting and share.

2. Helmet Technology

3. Maintenance: Airheads, Oilheads, K-bikes and others (Jeff took a poll on the different types of BMWs club members own). Sub-topics included: Setting points, Bleeding brakes, Balancing Carbs, and Monkey Nuts (?)

4. How to use the MOA Anonymous Book online

5. How to pick up a dropped bike

6. Safety Gear (side note: this one came from my daughter Mariah, our affiliate member with Down Syndrome. Gotta love that! I've trained her well.)

Next Jeff brought out a dry erase calendar and stated this would be at future meetings. We will record up-coming club rides. Rides can be as simple as RTE – Ride to Eat or a favorite place to visit. Doug Twing stated he's doing his annual July 3rd ride. Jim F. said he's game for the Pow-wow. I'm sorry, you'll have to watch future newsletters for more info on the others that volunteered – I was helping hold the calendar, thus my notes were unattended. But trust me, we've got some great rides planned and folks were calling out places they'd like to visit. Very engaging discussion!

Rally Update: Tina Doggett, our chair, stated she's planning on visiting Sky High next week with a goal of negotiating a better contract with the campground and hoping to include Thursday as part of the rally. She also said she's looking for a door prize chair: Please Volunteer! Bob P. mentioned that going to the MOA rally website and viewing the vendors they have scheduled. It's an excellent resource, but Tina needs help in contacting vendors on that list. (I'm gonna add here: the earlier a person starts this, the better your results will be. Volunteer NOW! Once riding season is in full swing, those vendors are busy.)

Bob L. added a Kudos to Bill Ewert who rode to many a motorcycle shop to drop off rally advertising materials on behalf of the club last year. Thank you Bill!

Other Business: A request for a Round Robin Coordinator was made. For newer members, a brief description of this event was given. Basically, 3 stops are determined, usually at club members homes, and food is consumed at each. Put this in the back of your head as the position and stops all remained unclaimed. If you're looking to join the club, get all your rides in by attending this one event. This qualifies as THREE Club Rides.

The May Fish Fry ride was also mentioned. Bob L. is going to contact the Cotton Exchange and see if they can find a few options to fix issues found last year.

As the meeting slowed, here are the final items that were brought up:

Irishfest is August 21-23. Don't schedule a ride... attend!

Bruce Bowman mentioned the Blackhawk Swap Meet in Illinois is April 25.

Jim Guthrie is assisting in selling a 2003 GS that might have over 100K on it, but has totally been a pampered and well-maintained bike.

The club is still in need of a Social Media Director – if your good at Facebook and other online social sites, please volunteer.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of Jim Ketter, a long time member, please let the club know. His newsletter is being returned. Email and phone calls are going unanswered. He's apparently moved – but where?

Angie Bowman is having an artery in her leg replaced on February 17. Keep her in your prayers.

Mark Doggett stated his last colonoscopy was successful! Groan... (this falls under the category of TMI... ed).

Bill Ewert made a motion to end the meeting. Jim Fuhrman 2nd . All in favor. Meeting adjourned around 9 pm. (I forgot to look at the clock. Remember, I was substitute Dave.)

Constitution & Bylaws Amendment Proposal by Mike C.

ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS (CHANGES AND/OR ADDITIONS)

SECTION 4.2 ABSENTEE VOTING ON AMENDMENTS

Present Wording:

4.2 Absentee ballot voting is acceptable providing it is submitted in writing to the Secretary

before voting commences. It must give vote instructions and reason for his/her absence.

Proposed New Wording:

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before voting commences. It must give vote instructions.

Proposal is to remove "and reason for his/her absence".

This has always been silly.

There was no requirement for the importance of the reason.

(This is the 1st notification of the proposed change to the club members, the 2nd notification will be in the April newsletter ed.)

Rally Update for our 55th Rally from Rally Chair Tina.

It's official. Our WI BMW Motorcycle Rally will be held September 10-13, 2026

To save some money, I have paid up front for 3 cabins. We have secured 2 of the Timber Cabins - \$490.00 each with all fees. If the 2 parties interested pass on these, they'll be available. Also, 1 Craftsman is reserved and taken.

Food has been taken care of for Friday and Saturday night.

Thank you to Jeff Johnson for donating the wood again. We will need volunteers to split and cut the wood in August.

If you have friends in the Portage area or have favorite rides yourself, we could use some different rides to put out at the rally.

I'm also looking for someone that has a decent blue tooth set up.
Thank you. Tina Doggett

Motorcycles for Sale:

Mike McCarthy's Motorcycle For Sale – 2017 BMW F 700 GS

39,072 Miles / \$5,500

Black paint with Red Frame Accents

BMW Factory Hard Bags (panniers) with BMW Tail Bag

BMW Factory low suspension with the factory low seat

V Stream – Larger Aftermarket Windshield

BMW Handguards

Handle Bar Risers

Hyper light brake light

New Tires and brake pads 2,500 miles ago

Battery Replaced 2 years ago

Fresh oil and filter - all ready for spring!

Brian Manke 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.

Wisconsin BMW Club Member Bio Mike Cohen – part 1 (Updated 2026 1-15)

There once was a kid from New Haven, Connecticut. By Mike Cohen

Like most 16-year-olds growing up in the 50's I was interested in cars and motorcycles. After buying my first car which was a 1951 Studebaker Convertible (wish I still had it) I set my heart on a motorcycle. My mom, like a lot of your moms said a flat NO to that idea.

During my last 2 years in the Air Force, I had the opportunity to take a part time job at the local Honda dealership in Bismarck, N.D. There I renewed my desire to own and ride a motorcycle. I bought a 305 Dream and then a 250 Scrambler which started my short lived 4-year racing career. I tried my hand at Scrambles and Hill Climbing but finally settled in on what I enjoyed best; quarter and half mile flat tracking. (Even rode the 1/2 mile at Sturges. I was what they used to call an amateur.)

After being discharged from the AF I became part owner in a Yamaha dealership where I bought a 250 Yamaha Ascot to continue racing. It was sometime during those young Yamaha years that an interesting "older" woman (probably in her 40s, me at 22) showed up at my shop on of all things...a BMW! NEVER SAW ONE OF THOSE THINGS BEFORE! She gave me the full sales pitch about how trouble free and reliable they were. How comfortable they were and how easy they were to work on. I WAS SOLD! But having one wasn't to be at that time. The responsibilities of marriage and raising a family were in the near future. In 1970 my family and I moved to Brown Deer, WI. In 1973 I finally got a little ahead financially and was able to buy two used BMW's. A 1972 R75 /5 toaster tank for my wife Jann and a 1971 R75 /5 for me. I later traded mine with Ward Erdmann at Southeast Sales for a new 1976 R90/6 which I had and rode for about 50 years along with about 5 or 6 newer BMW's.

Ward introduced me to the Wisconsin BMW Club. I joined in 1974. This turned out to be one of my best decisions in life. The club introduced me to a great variety of acquaintances with many diverse interests. The recreation and entertainment the club has provided can't be overstated. I think my riding skills and techniques have mostly been formed by riding with the club and its members. Also, the mechanical help and knowledge I've gotten from club members has been tremendous and I thank them all for that.

During those years my son Ryan and daughter Stacy rode many miles as passengers behind Jann and myself (Stacy even before she could reach the

pegs). Stacy continued riding and has ridden to Alaska and California on BMWs. She & her husband Dave were members of our club. She on a R1100R & Dave on a 1100rt. There were 3 or 4 dirt bikes in the family also and son Ryan raced motocross for a few years at Aztalan when he was 10 or 12.

Now skip to 1988. After being divorced I met and started dating Jeanne. Our first date involved a motorcycle ride and she liked it. We were married in 1989. For a few years and many miles Jeanne rode with me as a passenger. With the encouragement of the women riders in the club Jeanne wanted to ride her own motorcycle. Jeanne's first motorcycle was a 500cc Honda but then progressed to a red 1976 R90/6 which we bought from Ken Kuenzi. At that time our bikes were almost identical. Jeanne has now progressed to a 1999 R1100RT and me to a 2009 R1200 RT. We have traveled together many miles and to many rallies riding as far as Florida, Vermont and Montana. The big ride for us was to the Lunatic Fringe BMW Rally in Alberta, Canada.

The Club has been an important part of my life for 53 years.
I cherish all my friends in the club and feel honored to know them all!



(Part two will be in the April Newsletter ed.)

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 everyone enjoys the cartoon below!

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.

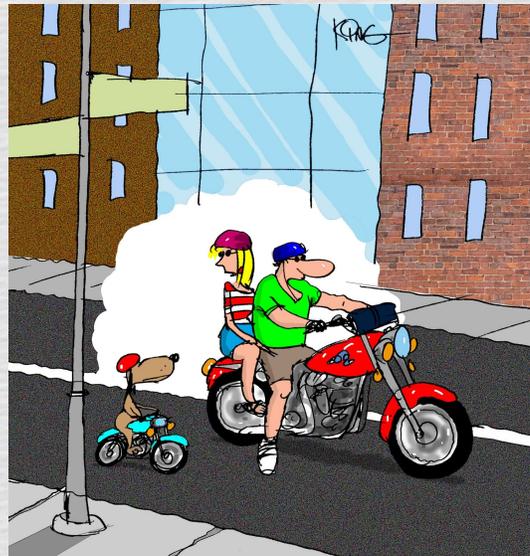
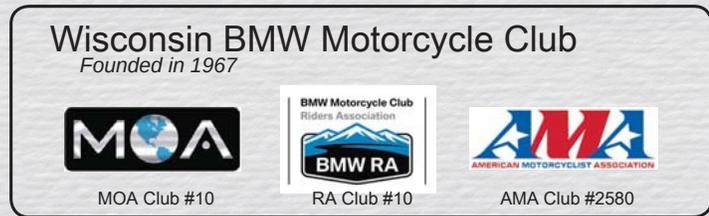
During the riding season, we sponsor many activities, including group rides, tech days, social get-togethers, and in September we host the annual Wisconsin Dells Rally. Visitors are welcome. If you are interested in membership, you will be asked to attend two club rides and two monthly club meetings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

17980 West Beloit Road, New Berlin, WI 262-679-0800



"Yes, I do own a dog. Why do you ask?"

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