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Wisconsin BMW Motorrad Club

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## President's Report

Well, spring is finally here.

I was fortunate to get a hundred miles on one week before blizzardmagetten. It's melting now and I'm looking forward to the season.

The President's opening ride will take place on April 25th. We will meet at the McDonald's Hwy 83 and I-94 (behind where Hardee's was). Meet at 11:30 leave at noon. There is a lunch stop at the end.

I was very impressed with Jeff Johnson's demo at the March meeting. If you have a subject you wish to cover please contact him. Our clubs success depends on people participating. I'm asking everyone new members or seasoned members give a little.

After an exhausting St Patricks week I leave you with this:

"May God Grant you Always..

A sunbeam to warm you,  
A moonbeam to charm you,  
A sheltering Angel so nothing can harm you,  
Laughter to cheer you,  
Faithful friends near you,  
And whenever you pray,  
Heaven to hear you."

Ride safe, at last  
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!!!!

**April meeting topic:** Ross Bennett will present on planning and leading a club ride.

**May Club Meeting will be the Fish Fry** – see article below for details

**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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## April Birthdays!

April 3<sup>rd</sup> Janet Winkels

April 5<sup>th</sup> Mike Lambert

April 7<sup>th</sup> Linda Stauss

April 9<sup>th</sup> John Archer

April 11<sup>th</sup> John Borden

April 17<sup>th</sup> Dan Mueller

April 23<sup>rd</sup> Andy Pretzl

April 23<sup>rd</sup> Bill Ewert

April 25<sup>th</sup> Mike Sarton

April 27<sup>th</sup> Linda Lau

April 29<sup>th</sup> Kristofer Johnson

April 30<sup>th</sup> Tate Wilson

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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.

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### **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. An April secret word is located somewhere in the newsletter! 1<sup>st</sup> 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!

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### **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](mailto:editor@wiscbmwclub.com) [webmaster@wiscbmwclub.com](mailto:webmaster@wiscbmwclub.com) and [socialmedia@wiscbmwclub.com](mailto: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.)*

### **The President's opening ride April 25<sup>th</sup>**

Meet at the McDonald's at Hwy 83 and I-94 (behind where Hardee's was).  
Meet at 11:30 leave at noon. There will be a lunch stop at the end.

### **May Fish Fry Meeting & Ride**

This year's fish fry meeting will be at the Machine Shed in Waukesha Hwy 164 and I-94 Friday May 1st.

Attendees can arrive at 5:30 with Food coming out at 6:30. Meeting to follow. They're will be a fish and chicken buffet.

The cost to members will be 20.00 per person. Will also include a 5.00 adult drink ticket. Soft drinks are included with buffet.

(Prices need membership approval at April meeting)

**RSVP to Bob Lannin by April 26th.**

Anyone who signs up is responsible for payment if not canceled by prior Tuesday.

I hope to see everyone there.

Tentative ride leaving McDonald's Delafield 83 and I 94, meet at 4 leave at 4:30.  
I am looking for a ride leader. (Volunteer?) Call Bob L.

## **Wisconsin BMW Motorcycle Club Ride/Event Report**

No rides reported for March, hopefully there will be reports for April!!

### **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

### **Condolences**

Condolences to George (Pineapple) & Joanne Davies on the passing of Joanne's Father Arnold Koch. Details are here:

<https://www.pagenkopf.com/obituaries/arnold-koch>

### **In Memory Of Howard Oudeans**

Howard Oudeans found peace March 9, 2026, at age 84.

Howie was a charter member of the Wisconsin BMW Club, founded in 1967. Others in the group of 21 were Gil Wozniak, Ward Erdmann, and Ralph Pergande. At that time Ward Erdmann's BMW dealership was located on Packard Avenue in Cudahy. John Erdmann remembers other early members being Del Fischer, Mike Cohen, and Vinnie Tomasello.

The first club rally was held in 1971, which was one of Howie's proudest moments. He attended all the rally's, even if only briefly in the last years. Earlier years were always camping, with his wife Mary and son Brent. Quite a sight on

the road with 3 of them, camping gear and tent, crammed on the bike and in a sidecar !

Howie loved motorcycles, having BMWs, Honda Goldwing, Triumph, and multiple Harleys. His last ride is/was a Harley Trike, which he rode up to last Fall!

Ride on, Howie !!

By Bill Saxler



## Wisconsin BMW Motorcycle Club, March 6<sup>th</sup> 2026 Meeting Minutes

Bob called the meeting to order.

### **Guests attending the meeting:**

Welcome to Todd Poston for meeting with us tonight. Todd rides an R1250RS.

### **President's Report:**

The riding season is almost here!

Please consider volunteering to lead a ride and / or being a Ride Captain. The earlier we plan them the more the rides become real. Please see Jeff Johnson for ideas and dates available.

Please plan on attending German Fest on **Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>**. The German Fest leaders have made each BMW Club rider a sweetheart deal for all club members riding a BMW bike attending to the festival.

The Badger Club has scheduled a memorial ride for Mac for Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.

The Great River Road Rally in Soldiers Grove is the following weekend 5/15 + 5/16. Please see the Madison BMW Club website for details.

Bob will lead the President's Opening Ride in April. More details to come.

### **Vice President:**

Jim announced that we have renewed reservation for the Installation Dinner at the Golden Mast for January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2027.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

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

Eddy and Bob discussed that the rental fee for the Rally site will need to be paid soon. Eddy, Bob, and Tina will coordinate funds to be paid.

Annual membership fees are due this month. \$30.00 / year and \$15.00 / year if you have worked two shifts at the Club Rally.

Tickets for the Wild Goose Rally, April 19<sup>th</sup> are available and cost \$20.00.

### **Secretaries Report:**

Jeff Johnson made a motion to accept the meeting minutes for February as presented in the Newsletter. Bruce seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

### **Constitution Committee:**

A new proposal for a change to the constitution has been made by Mike Cohen. It has been posted in two newsletters. The proposal will be voted on at the April Club meeting.

Correction to the above, apparently my counting skills are less than stellar, the April newsletter posting will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> so the proposal will be voted on at the May Club meeting. Apologies for the erroneous announcement at the meeting.  
Andy Pretzl (ed)

### **Sunshine Committee:**

Angie is recovering well from surgery.

Kevin is also recovering from surgery.

Brian is on the mend and walking the walk!

Its great news to hear that you are doing well! Please continue to get better and we hope to see you all soon!

### **Rally Planning Committee:**

Tina is requesting volunteers for planning the Rally. Please contact Tina and Bob to volunteer.

### **New Business:**

Bruce announced that the Blackhawk Club Swap Meet Rally is April 25<sup>th</sup> . Please see the Blackhawk Club website for details.

Andy recommended that Board and Club Members consider writing "bios" of themselves for posting in the Newsletter.

### **Round Robin:**

Doug requested that we consider having a Round Robin this year. Doug volunteered to coordinate the planning. He recommended that we could possibly reduce the dinner stops from 3 to 2. More discussions to follow.

Jeff Johnson, Board Member at Large, requested that everyone consider leading a club ride this year.

Jeff then led a Technical Session on the different ways to fix a flat tire in the field. Jeff showed the different plug types and tools required. He then demonstrated a repair.

Others came up and performed a repair as well.

The session was really cool and appreciated by everyone.

Thanks Jeff for taking the time to plan and present this!

Jim Fuhrmann made a motion to close the meeting, Jimmy G seconded and the motion was passed.

David Kurth

### **Tire Plugging Demo from the March meeting**

Jeff Johnson did a great job demonstrating several varieties of emergency tire plugs. This was a hands on demo. Questions from the group were really great! This is a new segment of the meetings brought forward by Jeff as part of being board member at large.



**SECOND NOTICE: 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:**

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

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 2<sup>nd</sup> notification of the proposed secret word is residentialism change to the club members, the 1<sup>st</sup> was in last months newsletter ed.)

**Rally Update for our 55<sup>th</sup> Rally from Rally Chair Tina**

We're moving right along with rally planning. I've submitted our information to the MOA. As of press time, we're finalizing the cost for registration. When that has been decided, we'll start marketing. Let's have a rally get together before the May Fish Fry.

My current concern is we do not have a volunteer to enter pre-registration in an excel spread sheet. Also, still looking for a door prize chair.

Looking forward to the big '55' for the Wisconsin BMW Club. Talk it up. Thank you.

Tina

**Save the Date**  
**Sept 10-13, 2026**

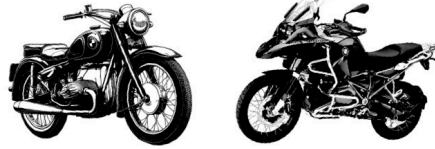
3 nights of camping, Friday evening dinner until gone. Saturday evening banquet dinner. On-site food, soda, beer. Sunday am donuts and fruit until gone. Flush toilets, hot showers, electricity, heated swimming pool (weather permitting). Rally pin and mug to the first 250. Enjoy great riding.

Location: Sky High Campground  
N5740 Sky High Drive, Portage, WI

*Stay Tuned for updates*



*55 Rallies*  
*Countless Memories*



Wisconsin BMW Motorcycle Club  
Sky High Campground 2026

### Invitation to visit the Kisselgoff Motorcycle Museum

Dear friends,

My name is David Kisselgoff. I am a Director of Kisselgoff Motorcycle Museum in Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada. We are a new Vintage motorcycle Museum. We just opened our doors in December 2025. We got over 60 unique vintage and classic bikes on display. The categories include but not limited to police and military bikes, cafe racers, flat track and dirt racers, American classics (Harleys and Indians), large British collection and other European and Japanese bikes. We also got motorcycle memorabilia and metal art. Museum has a Gift shop and, in a month, or two our "Exhaust & Espresso" Cafe will be open too!

We invite every motorcycle enthusiast ride down to Thunder Bay, Ontario and visit our museum! Do Lake Superior Circle tour and stop by to see our museum. Please share this info with you club members, motorcycle enthusiasts and families.

Any questions you might have I will be happy to answer.

Thank you very much

David Kisselgoff [dkisselgoff@gmail.com](mailto:dkisselgoff@gmail.com)

Our website: <https://kisselgoffmotorcyclemuseum.com/>

(Thanks to Bob Reitberger for the information! ed.)

## **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 2 (Updated 2026 1-15)**

OK, now I have a 2009 R1200RT and love it! Previous bike was a 2005 150RT. Most of you know what happened to it but for the few of you that don't, here's what happened; on Good Hope Rd in traffic at about 35 mph the car in front of me slammed on her brakes and I rear ended her. I must have been splashed with gasoline because they say I was on fire! The bike burned up completely! I don't remember the accident at all (woke up in Froedtert Hospital). I ended up

with some broken bones, a few bad burns and a slight brain bleed. Helmet split open in the back. It goes without saying that it would have been my skull without the helmet. I remained in hospital for three weeks. The hospital staff told me they had never had a patient that had so many friends come to visit. They were all club members. That was in September of 2012.

I was diagnosed with Head and Neck Cancer in 2013. I noticed a lump on the side of my neck which turned out to be cancer. The cancer was in a lymph node – the lymph node usually doesn't get cancer; it attracts it from somewhere else. The primary source has never been found, hence the term an "unknown primary". No chemo or surgery, but had 30 days of radiation. I lost about 60 pounds but don't recommend losing weight that way. It's been 13 years and it hasn't come back – it's past that magic 5-year mark when the Dr. says I'm 99% home free.

Since then, I've endured a few other medical maladies (Like triple by-pass). My biggest year riding was about 17,000 miles. This year I'm having 2nd thoughts about riding that big heavy 1200rt. Probably will ride the "small" 650gs we bought from Joy Kuenzi for Jeanne.

I've lived all around the country – Grew up in Connecticut, lived in North Dakota and Montana for 5 years each and moved to Wisconsin in 1970. The move to Wisconsin was job related. I loved Montana and North Dakota but I'm very happy here in Wisconsin where my friends are.

Doctors say my not smoking (quit in 1968) had a lot to do with my speedy recoveries. In the hospital, I met lots of skin cancer patients. Doctors said it's from trying to get tan in the sun. Mike's Health Advice – To protect your yourself.

1. Don't smoke!
2. Don't go out in the sun to get a tan!
3. Don't ride a motorcycle without a helmet!

The WI BMW Motorcycle Club has been an important part of my life. From the monthly meetings, the annual Dells Rally, and to the thousands of miles I've ridden with you, my friends! I'll never forget being surprised (shocked) twice this year. Once for my birthday (75), and recently, "roasting" me at the Water Street Brewery. You guys can certainly keep a secret! Life is a blast! Thank you all.

I've been on the BOD 18 years (17 as Treasurer and now as a Trustee). Also, many years on Constitution Committee.

Only missed one Dells Rally in 53 years!

Jeanne and I have three daughters, one son and five gorgeous granddaughters. Our daughter, Stacy and husband Dave both rode BMWs and were in our club. Our one son, Ryan, used to race at Aztalan as a young teen, no longer rides. Katie and Sarah who also have motorcycle licenses have been to lots of Dells Rallies. All four of the kids have ridden thousands of miles as passengers. Granddaughter Spirit just bought a Triumph 450 and rode to the 2025 Dells Rally.

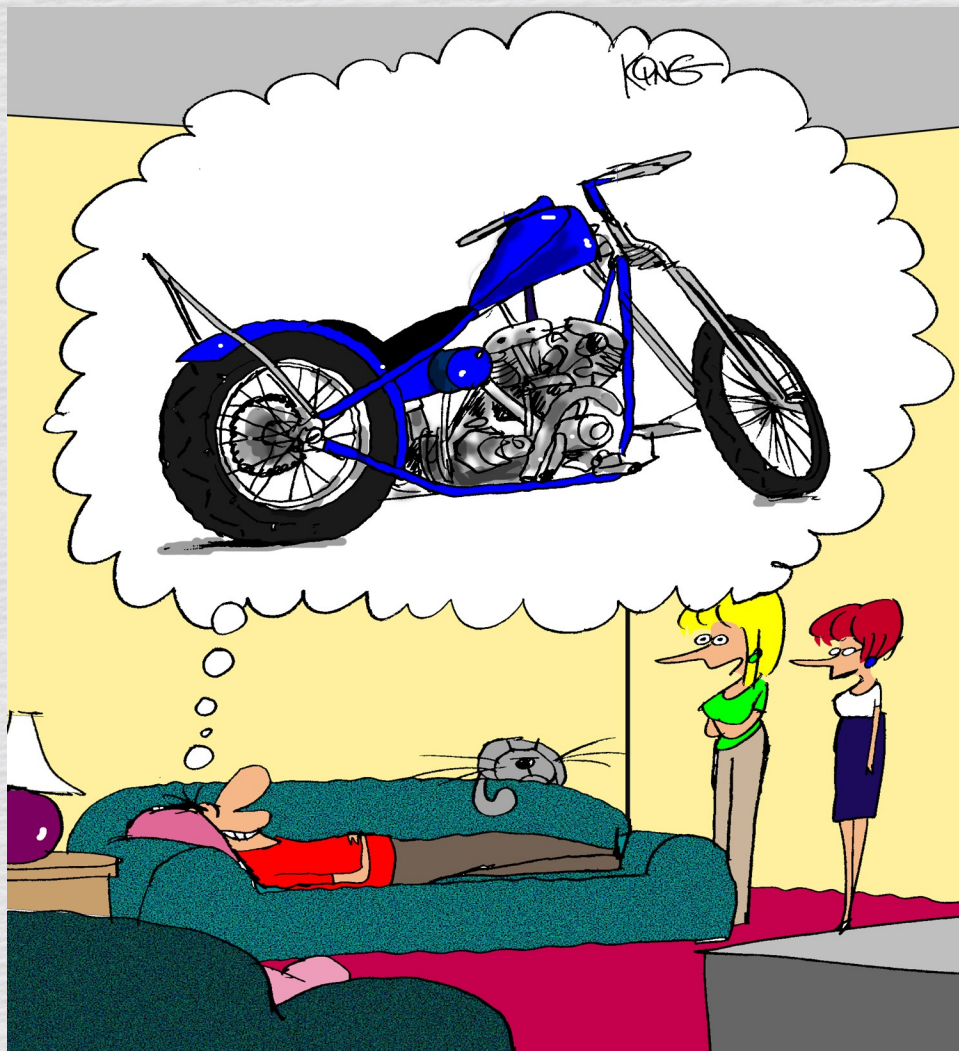


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#### **Yet another note from the newsletter editor**

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 Schuff) I see people sometimes that I don't know and maybe putting a short bio and photo would help all the club members. I submitted mine allowing everyone can get to know the dashing yet humble wordsmith that creates fascinating document every month a bit better. Please jump on board and write up a brief 1 page bio! I **REALLY** strongly suggest the current board members step up also. (This would be a hint gents...) Hope everyone enjoys the cartoon below!

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*"How sweet, he's smiling. He must be dreaming about me."*

Please visit the cartoonist Jerry King's Patreon website he is providing us motorcycle related comics at no charge! <https://www.patreon.com/cw/JerryKingCartoons>



**Blast from the past! President's Closing ride November 2020**

### **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)

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