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Wisconsin BMW Motorrad Club

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President's Report

IT'S FISH FRY TIME!!

The fish fry ride has changed please see article for information.

Last fall I came up with a ride for the spring President's ride. Yesterday I did a pre-ride which revealed part of the route was covered in water. The rest was in very good shape. But this is why we do a pre-ride!

Thanks to Dave Kurth for stepping up to lead the ride. And also to Ross for being a back up plan.

Looking for someone to lead a ride to the GR3. I am happy suggestions and resources are coming from the membership to Jeff Johnson to assist him with the new informative part of our meetings. I have received great feedback. Also check your calendars for a date that you can lead a ride so Jeff can get it on the main calendar.

The Wild Goose run was fun despite the cool weather. The Wisconsin Club took largest club in attendance. Great job!

Also looking for someone to lead a ride for the final goodbye to Mac. He was a member of our club and the Badger club. It is on May 9th. Don't forget to mark your calendar for July 25th German Fest, bike show.

Our club won't work without you participation. I leave you with this;

May God give you...

For every storm, a rainbow,

For every tear a smile,

For every care, a promise,

And a blessing in each trial.

For every problem life sends,

A faithful friend to share,

For every sigh a sweet song,

And an answer for each prayer.

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!!!!

May Club Meeting will be the Fish Fry – Club ride led by Dave Kurth to the meeting! Meet at the Shamrock Club in Big Bend at 4:00pm, kickstands up at 4:30pm. 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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May Birthdays!

May 5th Dennis Pipkorn

May 6th Ron Lampe

May 12th Lori Borden

May 15th Virgil Weber

May 15th Rick Delarosa

May 16th Mary Lulling

May 23rd Chris Emich

May 27 Kathy Tomasello

May 30th Gina Twing

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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 May 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.)*

The President's opening ride April 25th

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 Tina Doggett by April 26th.

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

Club ride led by Dave Kurth to the meeting! Meet at the Shamrock Club W230 S8745, Clark St, Big Bend, WI 53103 (at 4:00pm, kickstands up at 4:30pm

Hope to see everyone there.

Wisconsin BMW Motorcycle Club Ride/Event Report

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

Wisconsin BMW Motorcycle Club, April 3rd 2026 Meeting Minutes

President Bob Lannin called the meeting to order at 8:08 pm.

VP Jim Fuhrman is out of town. Secretary Dave Kurth is attending Good Friday services. Heidi Goehring is acting as secretary.

Guests: Aiden Williams, Dewayne's son, is present. Also George Borst, a rally regular.

It's officially riding season. Hopefully the salt will be washed off the roads soon.

Going out of order tonight.

Treasurer's report: Eddy Boscamp said our accounts are all in order. Expenses paid this month include the reservation fee for next year's Installation Brunch at the Golden Mast, printing expenses at the Cardinal Print Group, and the beer taxes from last year's rally sales to the WI Dept. of Revenue.

Eddy will not be able to make the May Fish Fry and is looking for someone to collect the fees for those attending. Tina Doggett volunteered. He also needs someone planning to attend the Wild Goose Run to take the reservation money from those buying advanced tickets to the Port Club in April. Bob Preuss said he he could do that.

President's report: Bob Lannin is handling the May Fish Fry this year. He tried to iron out issues from last year when we were at the Cotton Exchange, but they increased the costs and basically priced themselves out of contention. We're back at the Machine Shed, who doesn't charge us for the room. Next month's meeting will be held there on May 1st starting at 5:30. Bob suggested the club cover \$5 of the meal cost and include a \$5 drink ticket. Bill Ewert made a motion to approve and Heidi 2nd and the motion passed unanimously.

Remember, if you sign up to go and don't show up, you will be charged! If you sign up and discover you can't make it, call Bob and cancel by the Tuesday prior.

If you weren't at the meeting in April and want to attend, call President Bob and add your name. Still looking for someone to lead a ride to the Fish Fry. The current plan is to meet at McDonalds off hwy. 83 at 4:30.

There is a final farewell for Mac planned for May 9th in Shiocton. There is a ride leaving from Appleton. A light lunch will follow. Contact Bob L. for details. Remember, for many years, Mac was also a member of our club.

On that note, Heidi mentioned that the oldest member of the Madison club passed in early February – John Ong. Anyone interested in attending a full military service for John can contact Heidi. Military honors are planned for May 15th

Old Business: Nothing.

Miscellaneous: Tina is taking over the Social Media Director role. Thank you Tina!

MOA report: Nothing. Although Bob mentioned that the Board of Directors election is coming up. Log in to the BMWMOA website for more info. Also, YouTube is loaded with MOA videos and info.

The President's Opening Ride is scheduled for May 25th. Meet at McDonalds off hwy. 83. The destination is a BBQ place known for excellent food and supporting bikers.

Constitution Committee: Nothing.

Rally Report: Rally Chair Tina updated us. 2026 rally will start on Thursday.

She leaning more retro. The theme is “55 years – Countless Memories.” Volunteers are still needed. Bob made a challenge to all club members to collect one door prize. If every member does this we'll be set. Tina also mentioned she's HUGE on showing our sponsors that we support them. Hupy and Southeast Sales are going to be contacted.

Sunshine Committee: For those that know Roy and Nancy Schindler, their daughter underwent an emergency surgery this week, and she was having another surgery today. Keep them in your prayers.

Dennis Pipkorn had foot surgery and is mending well.

Kevin Kruger is recovering from back surgery and had some initial complications, but all is well now.

Brian is having memory issues, but physically is getting better after all his ordeals.

Jack Clausen no longer has a drivers license and is looking for a ride to this year's rally. If you're near Kenosha or drive through, please bring Jack.

Back to the rally – Tina reserved 3 rooms (cabins?) and 2 have been claimed. If you're wanting indoor sleeping space, contact Tina.

New Business: Big Thanks to Jeff Johnson, Board Member @ Large, for all his motivation in improving our meetings. He introduced Ross Bennett who gave a presentation on how to lead a club ride. In a nutshell, pick a place you want to go to, then see if there is interest. Your ride can be as small a group as 2 club members or as large as your comfortable with. Pick a day and a meet-up location. Go for it!

You should let the webmaster, newsletter editor and social media director know 2-4 weeks in advance to get it announced to members. Watch the weather. Usually a little rain doesn't matter, but severe weather will cancel a ride. If you find you've got a large group, usually 8 or more, call your destination in advance to ensure they can handle the larger group at your designated arrival time. Pre-ride your route to ensure you won't run into any road construction, etc. Set expectations (final destination, ETA, etc.) and stick to them.

For those going on the ride, arrive the meeting place with empty bladder and full tank.

Everyone: Be Alert—Be Predictable—Be Aware. Cautious, Confident and Prepared. The ride lead should also document all riders attending.

Ride leads are needed for the Goose Run to Beaver Dam, The May Fish Fry, and the ride to Mac's Memorial.

Mike Lambert brought up an issue with the club rules about helmets being required on club rides. He said he has friends that aren't in our club that won't wear a helmet, but he likes to include his friends when leading a ride. If it's a club ride, club rules need to be followed. Make it your ride and invite club members.

Jeff updated the club ride calendar.

Ross mentioned that there is a Ducati Single event folks may be interested in attending after the Goose Run on the 19th, Contact Ross if interested.

Bruce reminded all that the Blackhawk club's swap meet is April 25th.

The meeting wrapped up and Bill Ewert made a motion to close the meeting. Heidi 2nd.

Rally Update for our 55th Rally from Rally Chair Tina

Save the Date
Sept 10-13, 2026

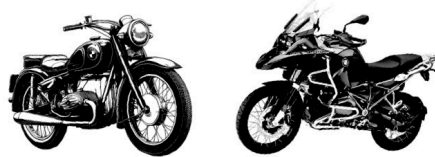
3 nights of camping, Friday evening dinner until gone. Saturday evening banquet dinner. On-site food, soda, beer. Sunday am donuts and fruit until gone. Flush toilets, hot showers, electricity, heated swimming pool (weather permitting). Rally pin and mug to the first 250. Enjoy great riding.

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

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 3 motorcycles for sale:

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.

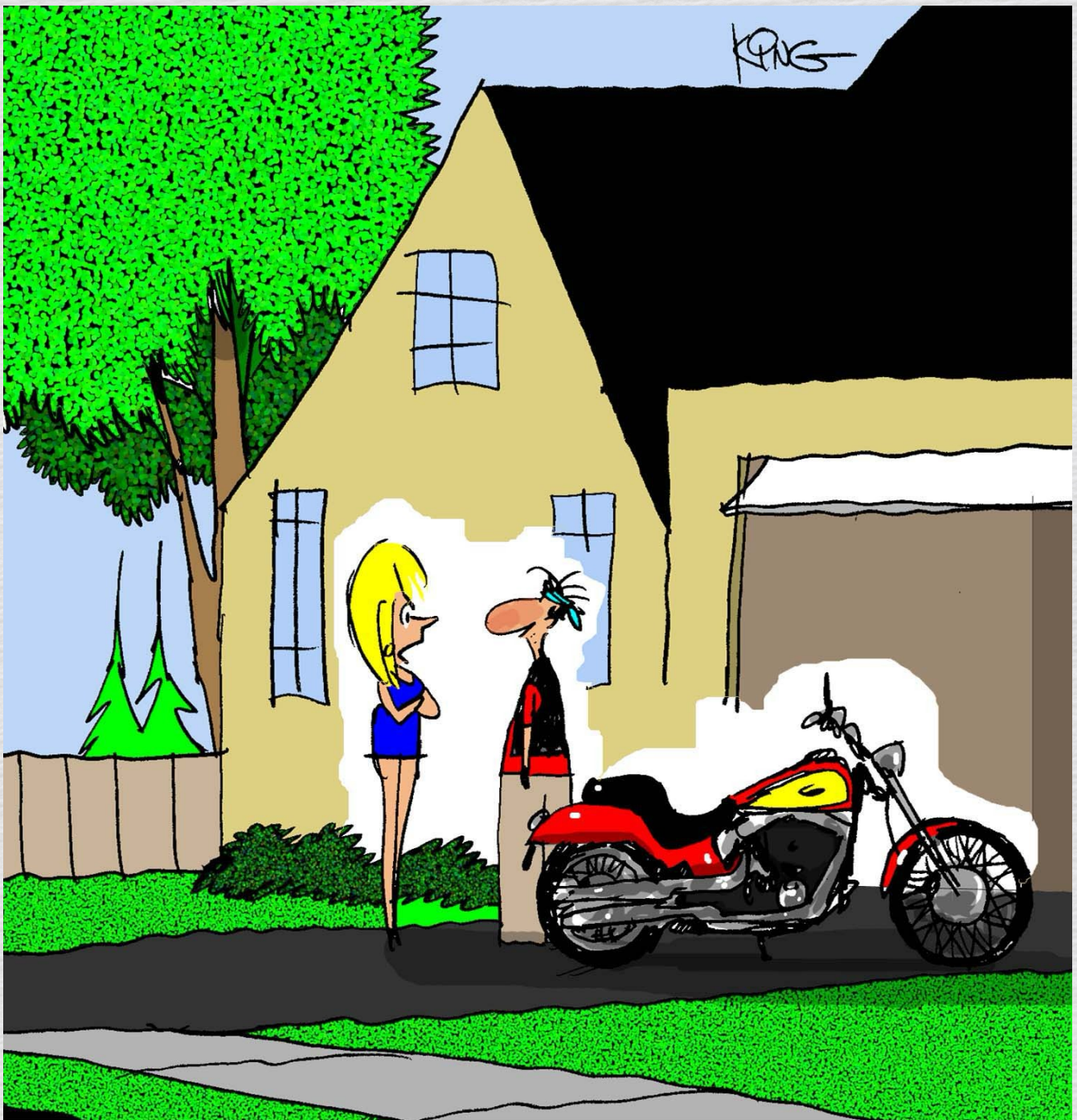
2002 R1150RS, ~70k miles, blue, lowered suspension \$3000 obo
Please contact Brian Manke 262-949-0715 for details about any of these BMWs.

Wisconsin BMW Club Member Bio

No one submitted a bio so there's nothing here to read.

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 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!



"What do you mean you were having so much fun riding with your buddies you lost track of time? You were supposed to be home over a year ago!"

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>

Why do a pre-ride if you are planning on leading a club ride you ask?
Photo courtesy of Bob Lannin. Coincidentally taken while doing a pre-ride!



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, secret word is fangle, 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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