



Beemer Buzz

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Wisconsin BMW Motorrad Club

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President's Report

Can you believe how fast summer has blown by? Rally time is here!!

Let's all get behind Tina and lend a hand!!
We even have an extra day! I am so looking forward to seeing everyone. New members PLEASE come. Bring the clan if you like. There's going to be some great rides!

Your vote matters! We were one person away from having a vote on a small constitution change in August. We will be addressing it again most likely in October. Participation is important. I love seeing things from other points of view. Whats yours?

I leave you with this,
Wishing you a rainbow
For sunlight after showers
Mile and miles of Irish smiles,
For golden happy hours
Shamrocks at your doorway
For luck and laughter too,
and a host of friends that never ends
Each day your whole life through.
Ride safe,
Bob L

Upcoming Events

Summer is planning on leaving soon, but it's not too too late to plan a ride!! (Hint, hint...)

**55th Wisconsin BMW Club Dells Rally!!
September 10th - 13th 2026 Sky High Resort**

N5740 Sky High Dr. Portage WI 55901

Round Robin has been rescheduled for 2027!

NEED SOME HELP GETTING AN UPDATE ON MEMBER JIM KETTER – if anyone has been in contact with him or a family member please let the newsletter editor or another board member know. Thanks!

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September Birthdays!

September 2nd Bill Lau

September 3rd George Lulling

September 4th Karen Williams

September 12 Ross Bennett

September 18th Jan Mueller

September 19th Carol Petrick

September 25th Maggie Galaszewski

September 25th Jeff Bacon

September 28th 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 klub members. A September 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

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 Report

Nothing reported for this month :-(

Wisconsin BMW Motorcycle Club, August 7th 2026 Meeting Minutes

Bob called the meeting to order.

Guests attending the meeting:

Welcome to Mark Milseted! Mark rides a 2022 GSA.
Thanks for being with us.!

President's Report:

Bob and Jeff, as a group of six traveled to the Chicago area to attend the monthly meeting of the Chicago BMW Club. They met a lot of nice people and invited them all to our Rally in September.

Bob led the ride to German Fest. Four bikes and 17 members attended the festival.

Secretary's Report:

Dave read the minutes of the July Club meeting.

Mike Cohen made a motion to accept the Secretary's Report as read, Angie, seconded and the motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report:

The Club and Rally account balances were announced to all attendees. Both are in good shape.

Old Business:

The planned vote for a change to the Constitution could not take place because attendance and mailed in votes were one short of quorum. Mike Cohen made a motion to table the vote until the October meeting. Vinnie seconded and the motion was passed.

New Business:

Jeff Johnson is leading a ride on Saturday, August 15th. Meet at the McDonald's in Fort Atkinson at 8:30am. Jeff will lead a ride to Monroe through the Blue Mound area southwest of Madison. We'll have lunch at Baumgartner's Cheese Store and Tavern.

Jeff is requesting help for a workday splitting and loading fire wood for the Rally.

We will meet at Jeff's home Saturday, August 29 th at 9:00am.

Jeff requests that at least 5 hardy souls show up that we can fill two larger trailer loads of wood for the Rally in 3 to 4 hours. Lunch will be at "The Salt Pig BBQ"!

Please let Jeff know if you are going to help.

Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Angie seconded and the motion was passed.
David Kurth

Rally Update for our 55th Rally from Rally Chair Tina

It's Rally Crunch Time

Tina Doggett 2026 Rally Chair

I hope you're all ready for some fun! Here's what we still have needs for. ***I need someone with a truck to transport door prizes and supplies for us.*** Preferably someone arriving Wednesday morning. I am creating bag tags for all those that have preregistered. We'll put these bags together on Wednesday. These arrivals will just have to sign a waiver, receive their bag and go.

See you at our 55th Rally!

Tina

[Unsolicited note from the newsletter editor, please thank Tina and that guy that hangs around with her, I think his name is Mark? for the work and effort they both put into putting together the rally for this year!]



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type in the code "SKYHIGH" to
see all that our resort has to offer!

Club Constitution Change:

Unfortunately, we did not have enough member's votes to complete the approval or disapproval of the proposed Constitution Change.

Please complete and forward your absentee ballot if you have not already sent one in and will not be attending the meeting in October.

DO NOT SEND A DUPLICATE IF YOURS IS ALREADY SUBMITTED!

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.

- ☐ In Favor of eliminating reason for absence.
- ☐ Not in favor of eliminating reason for absence.

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. VOTERS NAME AND ADDRESS MUST BE ON OUTSIDE OF ENVELOPE.

Please mail or email your absentee ballot to:

Dave Kurth
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or
dkurth77@gmail.com



Rustic Road near Lyons WI - Photo taken by esteemed Club Secretary Dave Kurth



Harvest near Rochester WI - Photo by esteemed club Secretary Dave Kurth

Price: \$5200

PRICE WAS REDUCED - NEED GARAGE SPACE!

All the following is on the bike and included.

- In GREAT condition (few scratches on bags)
- Millage 52,546
- Runs perfectly!
- New Battery (\$75)
- New windshield (\$150)
- Saddle Bags
- Trunk/Top Box (\$400)
- Heated Seat.
- Factory lowered.
- Handlebars Set Back. (\$50)
- Extra Front Lights
- Left & Right extra GS Mirrors (\$150)
- Garmin IV GPS installed and working. (\$250)
- Special mount for GPS (\$135)
- Tires - 6,160 miles (Should be ok for a while).

*Prices are approximate.

This is a GREAT motorcycle!

Reason for selling; got too big for me.

Mike C email: 2rpwis@earthlink.net

Vinny is selling - 2013 BMW R1200 GS

35,000 miles / Price reduced to \$6,000

Hi club members, I'm Selling my 2013 BMW R1200 GS motorcycle. The motorcycle has 35,000 miles on it. It features a Triple Black paint scheme, and comes with the optional BMW spoke wheels option.

Included in the sale is a Garmin 6 GPS, hard side bags (panniers) made by Bumot, and a hard top case made by BMW.

Additional extras include a V stream windshield, padded handlebar grips, handlebar risers, and a lowered rear shock to reduce the ride height.

The 2013 BMW R1200GS is an on-off road motorcycle featuring a 1,170cc air/oil-cooled boxer twin engine, producing 110 hp at 7,750 rpm and 89 lb-ft of torque at 6,000 rpm. Key features include a 6-speed gearbox, shaft drive, Telelever front suspension, and standard ABS. It has a seat height of 33.5 inches and a wet weight of around 505 lbs.
\$6,000

262 549-9246 - Vinny

*NOTE THIS IS A LANDLINE AND TEXTING WILL NOT WORK

Brian Manke has 3 motorcycles for sale:

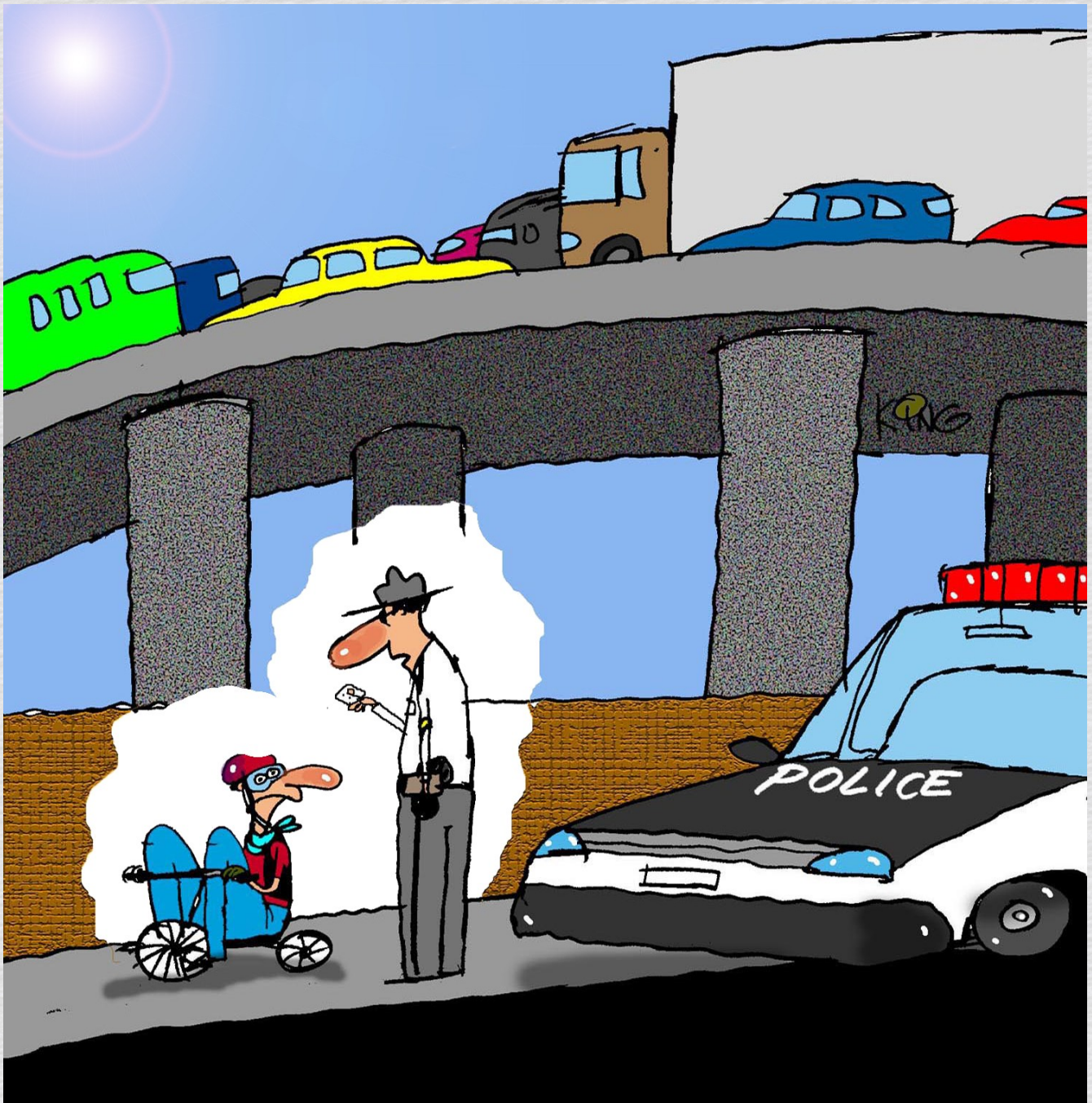
1999 R1100R ~ 70k miles, blue, windscreen, bags, great runner. Asking \$2000 obo.

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.



Elephants with fur in Wisconsin?? Any guesses as to where this photo was taken?



“No, Mr. Barnes, I didn’t pull you over to harass you for being a biker.”

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>

This is the last one folks. I thought it was good one to end the run with...

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 fandangle, you will be asked to attend two club rides and two monthly club meetings secret word is knave 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



