

APRIL 2007

BADGER MOTORCYCLE WRAP-UP



<http://www.bmw-moa64.org>

Send correspondence to:
Badger Motorcyclist of Wisconsin
P.O. Box 531
Menasha, WI 54952-0531

March Meeting Notes:

Members in Attendance:

• Keith Brei, Jim Eng, Dale Geske, Dick Glaser, Rick Jarek, Tom Keenan, Gary Kranzusch, Jim Kriner, Ken McHugh, Mike Moore, Lori Nauber, Arlene Neumann, Al Paltzer, Steve Reynen, Tom Running, Joe Schroeder, Pete Schroeder, Eugene Vandenberg, David Wiener.

(9 members in attendance)

Meeting called to order:

• President Joe Schroeder called the meeting to order at about 7:30 PM. Snow, sleet and wind didn't keep this group from holding a meeting and wishing for motorcycling weather.

Guests:

• We had one returning visitor who was back despite the weather, Jim Niemuth. Based on the weather, Jim is just crazy enough to be another great addition to our club. In warmer times Jim rides a 2006 BMW K1200LT.

• Welcome back Jim, we've got lots of rides planned this year with the Badgers!

Prior meeting notes & treasurer's report:

• Both prior meeting notes and the February treasurer's report were covered. Tom K. communicated that he had not done a formal reconciliation on our checking since our Credit Union online banking was temporarily down but based on the only outstanding check being for postage, he believes the printed bank statement to be accurate. Tom committed to completing the formal reconciliation as soon as the system

was available. Motion to accept was made by Jim Eng and seconded by Keith B. on the treasurers' report and for the meeting notes.

Old Business meeting topics:

Goose Run

• Mac has picked up the trophy the Badger's won last year and is having it engraved. With all that work we need to keep it again this year.

• Meal tickets are again \$10 each and Mac has them available. Remember that as the club with the highest percentage of members present, we are seated and eat first this year. BUT to sit with the club, you must purchase that meal ticket in advance.

• Vice President Pete Schroeder has again 'gleefully' offered to lead the ride. We will be leaving the Plainview Truck stop, Hwys 26 and 41 at 9:42 AM for the noon meal. Remember the date, April 22nd. If you can't make it on the bike, come by car, truck, boat or moped. We need to bring home the trophy, again. Let's make it a tradition.

**NEXT MEETING:
THURSDAY
APRIL 5TH
7:30 P.M.
NICK'S BMW
DE PERE**

Club Roster and Member information

• Arlene N. brought up the new member enrollment fee. The amount is supposed to be \$5 and not the \$15 paid by the new members in 2006 and 2007. Tom K will refund each of those members their \$10 in March and update the enrollment information form.

• Reminder: After all dues are paid (\$15 and due by April 1st) our Secretary/Treasurer will ensure that each club member has an updated club roster for 2007. Anyone that doesn't want their information shared with other members needs to contact Tom K. before April 1st with that request. This roster will be provided in hard copy format.

Badger Club Spring Opener - April 28th

• In following with our club tradition, this ride will be lead by President Joe Schroeder. Joe plans to communicate the details at the April meeting but shared that the ride will be in the Fond du Lac area. We'll plan on it Joe!

BMW MOA National - July 12-15th

• Reminder: This year's event is at the Washington County Campgrounds near West Bend Wisconsin from July 12th through July 15th.

Contact Information:

President:

Joe Schroeder
E-mail: theraiders4life@aol.com
Home: 920-739-4396
Cell: 920-540-6692

Vice President:

Pete Schroeder
920-757-6113
E-mail: repairright@aol.com

Secretary/Treasure:

Tom Keenan
E-mail: keenantom@earthlink.net

Sergeant at Arms:

Arlene Neumann
E-mail: a-neumann@sbcglobal.net

Club Ambassador:

Ken (Mac) McHugh
E-mail: hibmwmlermac@sbcglobal.net
920-734-2945

Newsletters/Web Page Editor:

John W. Jung
E-mail: newsletter@bmw-moa64.org
920-450-9038



• Tom Running communicated that the only real update on the whole coffee service is that we need to decide if there is a need for any additional signs. The MOA already has some prepared and after a brief discussion we decided that was likely to be enough.

• Nick's BMW will be coordinating some rides from the rally around the area on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the rally. Details to come from the team at Nick's.

Ride suggestions

• Tom K requested any members interested in the rides questionnaire passed out at the Feb. meeting to get back with him.

New Business Meeting Topics:

Club T-shirts

• Tee shirts that celebrate Wisconsin will be sold by Nick's and available in advance exclusively to Badger's members.

• A logo was agreed upon that show's Nick's BMW, our club, and welcome's visitors to our 'dairy air.' Mac made a motion to accept a slightly larger version of the club information on the tees and it was seconded by Al P. Mac thought the cow looked like "an opposed twin with four valve udders." And I thought I was motorcycle nuts...

• Initial prices for the shirts being offered to club members in sizes S to XXXL. Prices for shirts pre-ordered by club members will \$10

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Jim Eng.....	6th
Eugene Vandenberg.....	20th
Gail Glaser.....	22nd
Pete Schroeder.....	23rd
Keith Brei.....	27th
Rodney Pettit.....	29th

Here's wishing all of you a Happy Birthday!

Don't forget, when you attend a meeting in the month you are celebrating your birthday, the club will buy you a drink.

See our Sergeant at Arms Arlene Neumann prior to the meeting for your free drink ticket.

each for S-XL and \$15 for XXL & XXXL. Retail prices for the remaining shirts, a Nick's BMW exclusive, will be determined by Pat Eng after review of all relevant information.

- A pre-order form is attached to this newsletter. Please bring the completed form to the next meeting or mail it to Tom K if you cannot make that meeting. Total number of shirts estimated to be 200-250.
- Motion made to move forward with this whole project was made by Mike M. and second by Dick G.

Badger Web Site Forum

- Several positive comments were shared on what John Jung has done to add a forum to the club web site.
- Please read the instructions carefully on the site or later in the newsletter, so that you can participate. Great job John J, what initiative!

Slimy Crud Run - May 6th

- Tom R. brought this event up. It's the first Sunday in May and a very, very, very informal event. Riders of all kinds of bikes meet at the only Pine Bluff bar and later on all ride over to the two bars in Leeland. Nothing formal, just a gathering and a mass ride on great motorcycling roads.
- Rumor has it that some of the BMW dealers are considering participating in a brunch at that event.

Bad weather meetings

- Arlene N. suggested we use the existing e-mail list to communicate whether or not we are holding meetings in bad weather. While not everyone has access, it is a quick source of information for everyone. We could also use the forum to send an e-mail to all members.

Barber Motorsports

- Pete S. shared his recent visit to Barber Motorsports outside of Birmingham, AL. After spending 6 hours in the motorcycling museum and reviewing the track facilities, Pete said that anyone "within a thousand miles who doesn't

make that trip is crazy." With all the history, bikes, great roads etc., sign us up Pete. I feel a ride coming on.

Nick's BMW Open House - April 6th & 7th

- Set for April 6th and 7th, Jim and Pat will have the new 650's as well as the new 800. Don't miss it.

New Member Information

- Tom K. shared the new member information packet we are developing. It's getting close to completion and should be in hands this Spring. More to come at the April meeting.

Club Officer's 2008

- The current club officers expressed the need for the club membership to help start grooming their replacements. Joe, Pete and Tom said that after this second year, they will be taking some time off before serving the club again. To make sure that the Badger's don't suffer the problems that the Dinks club did, now is the time to start working on replacements.
- Tom R. said that we need to review the bylaws and determine if we can address members that don't participate year after year and just hang onto those who do.
- Several options discussed. Overlapping terms, VP moves to President the next year etc. As a club we need to keep this discussion going. This is definitely a topic for the future.
- The existing officers will continue to refine the club records and communicate the duties for others to consider. We'll start putting in officer duties in the next few newsletters to share the knowledge and take away the 'fear'.
- For our future we need to take this topic seriously.

Meeting Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn. Made by Ken M. at 8:40 and second by Arlene N. They said it at the same time so it seems they had a hot date on a cold night. Way to go you two!
- Good of the Order Raffle raised \$31.00 for the club.

Commitments made for 2007 ride and event leadership:

April Rides

- Goose Run on April 22nd. See Mac for tickets or more at the April meeting.
- Club opener on Sat. April 28th. Details to come.

May Ride

- Tom R. to hold the May 'Rain' ride.

June Ride

- Dale G. to hold the June ride.

July Rides

- 12th - 15th BMW-MOA National Rally in West Bend. We'll be volunteering at the coffee barn .
- Pete S. to hold the Chicken run in July.
- Jim and Debbie Jentz have their 'unofficial overnighter' and pancake ride to their cabin up north on July 7th, staying overnight and returning on July 8th.

August Ride

- Kevin B to lead the August Pie run.

September Ride

- Glen H. has committed to holding the September ride.

October Ride

- John B. committed to holding the October ride.

November Ride

- Still open. Please participate.
- Anyone interested in holding a Pizza Party or other special event, please bring them up at upcoming meeting.

Officer Position Duties

Profile: Club President

The Office of the President of the Badger Motorcyclists of Wisconsin shall be elected by a majority of the members of the organization.

The President shall be elected to a one year term as with all club officers. The term begins on January 1st and ends on December 31st of each year. The annual meeting shall be the official date of the election.

The President is responsible for:

- Upholding the club bylaws.
- Act as Chief Executive Officer of the association.
- Call to order all club meetings.
- Maintain order throughout the meeting of members.
- Empowering club members to perform tasks for the club.
- Act as spokesperson for the club to current or prospective members.
- Complete tasks asked of and presented for.
- Make timely and efficient decisions with the best interest of the club in mind.
- Make judicial decisions if called upon.
- Lead Club opening rides.
- Overseeing tasks of other club officers when they are not present.
- Reporting to the Board of Directors if needed.
- Initiating club member expulsion proceedings.
- Introduce and bring to vote new membership candidates.
- Be available for club members and prospective members to call upon for questions and concerns.
- Communicate questions and concerns to the club at large when asked to do so.

The office of the President must be held by a current member before election. He or she must be of good standing in the club, and be willing and able to attend club functions when required.

The member holding office as President is not currently subject to term limitations and must be voted to the position each year.

Currently there is no system in place for the removal of President. If a vacancy within the

Office of the Presidency occurs the Board of Directors shall elect a successor to complete the current term.

The Office of the Presidency has a responsibility to be professional and courteous with all club members, prospective club members, guests, customers and the general public. The President may be called upon to arrange club functions, organize club gatherings and meetings, and be timely in responding to all deadlines. He or she is responsible for renewing the Charter of the Club to the BMW MOA as well as communicating to the National Chapter of the BMW MOA and all other tasks as needed.

Badger Bits Forum:

- Our Badger forum is up and running. Every member in good standing is welcome to participate. We have several members already taking advantage of the resource. Check it out.
- Only registered members can start topics, post a reply, and add or view an attachment. You must be logged in to do this.

Registering:

- To register, send an e-mail to admin@bmw-moa64.org, include:
 - your name, and
 - 3 choices for your forum name

An e-mail will be returned with access information. Simply click the link in that e-mail and you'll be logged into the forum.

- Click the My Account button at the top of the Forum page to:
 - Change your password to something you will remember.
 - Edit your personal information for others to see.
 - Add an Avatar which is the photo or logo associated with you.
 - Personalize how and what you see on your Forum.

Moving around the forum:

The buttons on the top right are self evident. "Home" will take you to our web page home. To move around within the forum use the club logo to get to the main page of the forum. As you explore forum topics you can use the text under our logo to move back and forth in the forum.

Entering new topic or replying to a post from someone else:

If you want to add a new topic under an existing post, try to keep it within the forum's description. That will benefit everyone. To enter a new topic or reply to a post:

- 1) Click on the Forum you wish to post to. You should see the topic heading in the middle screen area.
- 2) Click the New Topic box (top right).
- 3) Enter the subject and a description, then type your message.
 - You can add a poll. *See the post about our club shirts.*
 - You can preview and edit as you want.
 - If you're replying to someone else's post, just click the Reply box and enter your comment. It will be added to the end.

Calendar:

- The Calendar provides club member birthdays, rides, national rallies, and club events. When you add your birthday with your personal information, it gets added to the calendar automatically. Your year of birth is optional.
- Only member's of the board can post public events to the calendar at this time.
- Our rides and events will be posted on the calendar on our club web site, in the forum, and our newsletter for the time being. But for the most up-to-date information, check the forum.

Forum questions:

- E-mail Forum questions and comments to John J. (admin@bmw-moa64.org) and he'll

get back to you as soon as he can. Try it out, explore, you can't hurt it and familiarity will only help everyone get the most out of it.

- John is working on a PowerPoint presentation that will overview features of the Forum.

Mileage Contests:

BMW MOA Mileage Contest

- Look for the results in the April BMW ON magazine. See how Wisconsin did against other states in mileage, number of members, and average.

- The contest will start about April 14th. There will be a form in the magazine's April Issue. It also is easy to participate in. To keep Wisconsin on top or help to get us back on top, just fill out your form. Put down your mileage as of the starting date. You may think, I don't put that many miles on. Please read the Wisconsin column all the way down. It is our combined mileage that results in recognitions. Try it.

- You can have our club Ambassador (Mac) or have two board members sign and verify your starting and ending mileage.

- If you go to the Goose run you will hear more.

- This mileage contest has nothing to do with the Badger's Mileage contest.

Badger's Mileage Contest

- The Badger's mileage contest is separate from the MOA's contest and runs from each November's meeting until the next November's meeting. Our Secretary/Treasurers will record your mileage. If you gave your ending mileage to him, in November 2006 and you didn't trade, sell, or buy a bike, you are all set. But if you are a new or old member buying a new bike, be sure to let the Secretary/Treasurers know your old bike's mileage was also the mileage on your new one. This is a very easy system for keeping track of your mileage. You can mail, e-mail, or phone Tom K. Now is the time to do it.

- At our Christmas party we have (4) four mileage trophies to hand out:

- High mileage male
- High mileage female
- Average rider
- High mileage passenger

The passenger has to keep track of their own mileage.

Mac

Two Wheel Tuesdays (TWT):

- TWT is an unorganized gathering of all brands and styles of bikes. Most of them are in good shape. Some are show class bikes, new and oldies. Culver's in Milwaukee, on Capitol Drive and 124th Street. The address is 3705 N. 124th St., Brookfield.

- The unofficial time is 6:00 - 9:00 PM. Bikes are coming and going all the time. There may be up to 400 bikes there at one time and 600 bikes all night. Early and late in the biking season there may be only 100 bikes there.

- What we do is usually leave Appleton at about 4:30 PM. That depends on who got the ride organized and also where we will leave from. If I lead a ride, meet at our house, 1115 Red Oak Lane, Appleton. If Kevin Birr leads, we meet on the south bound ON ramp, of Breezewood Lane, Neenah, onto 41. This is NOT a prearranged club ride, that is in the Newsletter a month ahead of time. But this is a ride of club members and friends.

- Anyone can get a group together for the ride. Pick your own time and place. Remember some members are still working and try to pick your meeting place close to 441 or 41, so as not to drive in heavy traffic.

- Also, be gassed up, it is close to 100 miles, from Prime Time. In the summer we usually leave Culver's about 7:30 - 8:00 PM to go home.

- Most of us have something to eat while there. There is a line, but also a lot of workers to help you get fed. You can always find a seat. If you want to go and meet us there, that's fine. We do not have a ride there every week, but if you want to make one every week, go right ahead.

- To get there, take 41 south to 894 South, to Capitol Drive. Turn right, and get in the left turn lane, at first light turn left, at 124th St. go two blocks to stop light, turn right, turn left, into parking lot. This Culver's is not your regular looking restaurant. It is a brick building with other businesses in it.

- You will also be able to find this information at the new Badger's forum Badger Bits, under Club Rides & Events or on the Calender.

Mac

Mac, Geno and John J. took an impromptu ride around lake Winnebago on March 10th. Geno took a photo of us after our coffee break in Fond du Lac.



Front



Back



&



Size:	Quantity:	Total:
S	_____	@ \$15.00 = \$ _____
M.....	_____	@ \$15.00 = \$ _____
L.....	_____	@ \$15.00 = \$ _____
XL.....	_____	@ \$15.00 = \$ _____
XXL	_____	@ \$15.00 = \$ _____
XXXL.....	_____	@ \$15.00 = \$ _____
		Grand Total: \$ _____

Name: _____


Phone: _____

Make checks out to:
Badger Motorcyclists of Wisconsin

Member's Mileage for 2006

Name	First	Cycle(s)	Starting Miles	End Miles	Total	Grand TTL
Birr	Kevin	R 80RT	74,977	76,873	1,896	
		R 80	205,650	213,183	7,533	9,429
Bollig	John	95 R100R	61,262	66,606	5,344	
		86 GL 1200	67,791	70,912	3,121	8,465
Brei	Keith	K 1200 LT	24,973	28,640	3,667	3,667
Dahlke	Doug	96 K1100 LT	49,265	53,118	3,853	3,853
Due	Gary	85 K100 RT	32,540	33,303	763	763
Geske	Dale	06 ST1200	-	10,313	10,313	10,313
Glaser	Dick	K 100 RS	23,007	24,604	1,597	
		05 K 1200LT	14,625	18,548	3,923	5,520
Hartjes	Glen	R 1200 GS	19,350	35,448	16,098	16,098
Haskins	Keith	88 K 100 LT	164,732	167,637	2,905	
		02 Goldwing	17,980	30,831	12,851	15,756
Jarek	Don	02 RT	16,501	21,618	5,117	
		Suzuki	18,014	19,191	1,177	6,294
Jarek	Rick	GS	23,639	36,145	12,506	12,506
Jentz	Jim	K1100 LT	55,461	57,312	1,851	
		R 80	65,111	66,915	1,804	3,655
Jung	John	K 1200 LT	19,574	24,512	4,938	4,938
Keenan	Tom	94 R 100RT	75,204	80,664	5,460	
		86 K100 LT	NA	36,527	NA	
		85 K100 RS	NA	69,838	NA	5,460
Limberg	Ron	99 R 1100 RT	103,326	120,482	17,156	17,156
McHugh	Ken	85 R 80	379,456	379,456	-	
		86 R 80 RT	108,118	108,964	846	
		04 R 1150 R	96,329	142,565	46,236	47,082
Munro	Dennis	R 1150 RT	15,078	22,650	7,572	7,572
Nankervis	Wayne	K 100	66,468	68,631		
		Ducati	14,323	NA	2,163	2,163
Neumann	Arlene	R 80	249,456	261,209	11,753	11,573
Paltzer	Al	83 R 65	88,012	93,859	5,847	
		82 R 65	23,699	25,412	1,713	7,560
Peterson	Stacy	82 R 80 RT	81,540	82,065	525	
		89 K 100 RS	125,352	130,935	5,583	6,108
Pettit	Rodney	00 1150 GS	60,600	68,000	7,400	7,400
Reynen	Steve	85 K 100 RS	250,250	250,575	325	
		01 R 1150 GS	72,100	78,000	5,900	
		03 K 1200 GT	26,640	44,880	18,240	24,465
Schroeder	Joe	02 R 1150 R	18,704	24,312	5,608	5,608
Schroeder	Pete	K 1200 LT	27,457	34,563	7,106	7,106
Stusek	Chuck	RS	28,242	30,452	2,210	2,210
Vandenberg	Eugene	05 K 1200 LT	30,442	38,275	7,833	
		06 K 1200 LT	-	15,711	15,711	
		02 K 1200 RS	19,082	26,691	7,609	31,153
Van Herwynen	Andy	94 R 1100 RS	103,183	115,030	11,847	
		76 R 100 RS	NA	-	-	11,847
Wiener	Dave	00 K 1200 LT	37,778	49,056	11,278	
		83 Honda GL 650	30,115	33,331	3,216	14,494
Wilson	Tom	K 1200 LT	9,700		3,000	3,000
						313,214

APRIL 2007

SUN.	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT.
1	2	3	4	5  Club Meeting, 7:30 P.M. at Nick's BMW	6 Open House at Nick's	7 Open House All Day & Apparel Show at Nick's
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Tech Day at Nick's 12-2 PM K-Bikes Call to sign up.
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Wild Goose Run	23	24	25	26	27	28 Club Opening Ride
29	30					