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# BADGER MOTORCYCLE WRAP-UP



## May's Meeting Notes

### Members in Attendance:

• A large group of members were in attendance including the following board members: **Ken McHugh, Arlene Neumann, Joe Schroeder, Pete Schroeder.**

(?? members in attendance)

### Meeting called to order:

• President Joe Schroeder called the meeting to order at about 7:40 PM.

### Prior meeting notes & treasurer's report:

• The President asked for a motion from the floor to suspend reading of minutes and treasurers report due to not having the secretary treasurer present. Motion made by Deb Jentz, seconded by Jim Jentz.

## Old Business Meeting Topics

### Goose Run:

• President thanked everyone for participating in the goose run.

### Badger Club Spring Opener:

• Club opener was well attended, and was a good ride. A side note, don't play hide and seek with Al Paltzer. He found us in route during the

club opener without knowing the route.

## New Business Meeting Topics

### 35th BMW-MOA International Rally:

• Coffee at National Rally - Tom Running will keep us updated.

### Experienced Rider Courses:

• Andy Herwynen reported an experienced rider course will be offered at Lakeshore Technical College. For info on dates, call 1-888-GOTOLTC and see the forum for the schedule.

### Visit to Barber Motorcycle Museum:

• We had positive discussions regarding the Barber Motorcycle Museum in Birmingham, AL. VP Pete Schroeder had recently visited the museum.

### 25+ Year Members:

• Discussed the need to amend or change the club bylaws for 25 year members. Consensus included the need to publish the change in the



**NEXT MEETING:  
THURSDAY  
JUNE 7TH  
7:30 P.M.  
PRIME TIME  
MENASHA**

October & November news letter and have a membership vote at the December meeting regarding the exemption of dues for these members.

### Tech/Special Interest Pre-meetings:

• Jim Kriner asked about hosting tech or special interest seminars on the meeting nights in the winter. Seemed to have lots of interest. Go for it, Jim.

### Former/Returning Members:

• We discussed how to fairly treat former club members wishing to rejoin who have been away from the club for a year or more. Most members thought they should be treated the same as we would treat any new member.

### Motion to adjourn:

Was made, and we did.

### Good of the Order Raffle:

Raised \$34.00 for the club.

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## Other Noteworthy News

### Photo's and Information:

by John W. Jung

• There have been a couple reports of missed information and photos for the newsletter. It would be very helpful that when you e-mail newsletter info. you include "Newsletter" in the subject line. Also, if your e-mail attachment is large, usually happens when sending images/photos, it may fail to go through do to limitations on your e-mail size. If an e-mail fails, you should receive an e-mail notification of the failure from your service provider. Feel free to follow-up on your e-mail with a second brief message or phone call to confirm arrival.

Another option, which all members can now use to share timely information with club members, and those interested in our club, is our Badger Bits Forum. You can upload photos from club rides and share information with other member. This provides a more frequent and timely exchange of information. This site was created for you to share and receive information with club members. More involvement from members on the Forum would be appreciated.

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

Email: [admin@bmw-moa64.org](mailto:admin@bmw-moa64.org) ... or

Email: [newsletter@bmw-moa64.org](mailto:newsletter@bmw-moa64.org)

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Sue Mulder.....	15th
Rick Jarek.....	19th
Joe Schroeder.....	22nd
Gary Kranzusch.....	28th
Jim Jentz.....	30th

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.

## High Ground Memorial:

by Tom Athanasiou

- While at the High Ground for the dedication of the stone that the Badger Motorcyclist's of Wisconsin donated for Outagamie County in October 2005, I noticed that Fond du Lac County didn't have a stone. After getting back, I made the arrangements with the financial support of my employer. A couple of weeks before the ceremony in April 2006, Beth from the High Ground called me and asked who was going to be the speaker for Fond du Lac County. I asked several qualified people to speak, such as a decorated WWII veteran from my church, a friend's son who had just returned from Afghanistan, and a Korean War veteran named Gus Kocos who is proud to have been a paratrooper who made combat jumps as well as being a retired Colonel - but none could make it. Beth called me a few days before the ceremony, and after some discussion advised that I would have to do it because someone needed to get up and say something for each county. Needless to say I have avoided public speaking situations my whole life.

The night before the ceremony I called Gus for advice, who also is a seasoned speaker. He advised that I write my "speech" on index cards for reference, and look at my audience and speak to them instead of just reading the cards. Sometimes he ditches the index cards, depending on the situation. He also gave me some suggestions for the type of lofty things I could express, and said to avoid politics and sounding like you're sitting at a bar talking about things that may have happened while you served. So I sat up that evening and filled a few index cards.

The day of the ceremony was cool and windy with scattered showers, perfect motorcycle weather. On the ride up I thought about an old 1st Sergeant I had in the Army. When I got to Neillsville, I stopped at the diner where the

BMW club had lunch the previous fall, and had a burger and some hot coffee. The place was full of people with their veteran's organization uniforms, who were no doubt also going to the ceremony.

When I got to the High Ground there at least 7 color guard units each lined up in front. Most of those attending had military-type attire, and the rest were well dressed. I was wearing my leather jacket, wet-weather pants, and old boots (i.e. a "rag bag"). I had my fingers crossed that I wouldn't be the first speaker, and there were several others before me. They gave beautiful, patriotic, emotional speeches and were excellent speakers.

Finally Beth called me up, and as I walked up I had no idea what I was going to say. I glanced at my index cards and then at the crowd and thought about what Gus told me, and said "I see there are a lot of veterans out there, and am proud to say that I'm one too." I mentioned FDL WWII vet Jim Magellas, who was the most decorated officer in the history of the 82nd Airborne (my mom is good friends with his sister), my Uncle Dino who was a POW for 1 1/2 yrs in Korea, and J.R. Brown who spent 6 yrs on Viet Nam with the 101st ABN and even went back after getting shot. I also mentioned John Tollefson, my neighbor's son who was killed in Iraq. (When I got back I gave his dad some pictures of the HG and the program which listed his son along with the rest of the Wisconsin service people who have given their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan.)

I looked at the crowd – there were a lot of Viet Nam vets, so I decided to tell them what I had thought about on the way. I said, "Well I guess I'll tell a quick story", and saw some smiles in the audience. "I had a 1st Sergeant who was a decorated Viet Nam veteran, Airborne Ranger, Jumpmaster, Pathfinder, etc. - couldn't say enough about him... One day he gave me some advice." I paused and it seemed as though

everyone was at the edge of their seats.

He said “The best thing you can do is get rid of that damn motorcycle!”

Well, I told them “if it wasn’t for my motorcycle I wouldn’t have been there with the Badger Motorcyclists the previous fall and therefore wouldn’t have been back to dedicate the Fond du Lac stone.” After all the serious speeches everyone must have been ready for some comic relief, as there was a lot of laughter.

### **Mac’s 70th Birthday Party:**

**by Arlene Neumann**

- We want to thank all of you who took time out of your busy schedules, to attend Mac’s 70th birthday party, at Nick’s. Also we want to thank Jim and Pat for letting us have the party at Nick’s. The weather was great and there was plenty of food, but it was the people that made the party a success. Those attending were Tom Athanasiou, Kevin Birr, Jim and Pat Eng, Dick and Gail Glaser, Glen Hartjes, Keith and Janet Haskins, Dave and Debbie Fields, Don Arthur, Ken Kuehn, Larry Wellnitz, Rick and Ginger Cotton, Jeff Huntington, Ron and Marilyn Limberg, Joe Mohler, Dennis Munro, Joe Schroeder and Kris, Pete Schroeder, Carl Van Dera, Eugene Vandenberg, Andy Van Herwynen, Dave and Marcie Wiener, Tom Wilson, the staff at Nicks BMW, my son and his wife Corky and Faye Neumann and my great grandson, Gage. Mark Smith, and most of Nick’s customers joined in to help Mac celebrate. Again thanks to all who made this a very special occasion.

### **May’s Ride Report::**

**by Ton Running**

- The weather was warm with a few sprinkles of rain encountered along the way. Ride participants were Jim and Debbie Jentz, Keith Brei, Keith and Janet Haskins, Dick Glaser, Mike and Bonnie Weiss, Pete Schroeder, Jim Kriner, Tom Keenan on his new Guzzi, and guest Mark Smith on a LT. We rode 187 north

to Shawano and picked up some county roads with a goal of getting to Caroline and Tigerton. Road construction and a little rain required Keith Haskins to take over the lead to get around the road construction on Hy M. Oops, encountered more road construction and a huge shit smear, which led us to Keith leading us on his secret back roads to Marion. A quick stop was made in Marion for those that wanted to put on rain gear. Mark Smith was having some clutch problems and Keith and Pete had to head for home so all three left together to head back toward Appleton. Keith got us to Big Falls and I took over the lead heading through Iola to county B with a great left right turn thrown in only to have a mail delivery car get in the way of most of the group to screw up this fun switch back. We stopped in Ogdensburg for a soda and a group vote was to shorten the ride a little and head back to Hortonville. I hope everyone enjoyed the ride.

## **Commitments made for 2007 ride and event leadership:**

### **June Ride**

- On Saturday June 30th we will meet at 9:00 AM at the gas station in Greenville (intersection of Hwys 76 & 15). At 9:30 AM we will leave and head north on a route that will eventually take us to Marshfield and the Fox Fire Botanical Gardens. The ride to the gardens will take about 2 1/2 hours. I will stop once on the way for a break and gas. The next stop after the break will be at the gardens. Admission is free, unless we decide to take a guided tour for a small fee.

After the gardens, we will eat lunch at a Culvers on the north side of Marshfield. After lunch you are free to take the route of your choice back home. Hwy 10 can be easily picked up on the south side of Marshfield for a direct route back to the Fox Valley. If anyone has an idea for a

fun route home, let us know during lunch. If anyone is interested I can lead us back home on the route we came up on.

I hope you can make it!

Dale Geske

## July Rides

- Another tradition continues and our fearless leader 'chicken hawk' Pete Schroeder will once again lead this event. Pete said it will leave the Fremont Citgo Station on Hwy 10 & 96 @ 9:45 am (east side of town).
- Jim and Debbie Jentz have their 'unofficial overnighter' in Conover, WI. Riding to their cabin on July 7th, staying overnight with a "Boxer" competition, Sunday will be a pancake breakfast for a local organization then returning on July 8th. For more details, please call them @ 920-779-6323.
- 35th BMW-MOANational Rally in West Bend July 12-15. We'll be volunteering at the coffee barn.

## 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

- Andy V. committed to lead this last ride of the club season.
- Anyone interested in holding a Pizza Party or other special event, please bring them up at upcoming meeting.

*As always keep an eye on our forum and it's calendar for information and events.*

## Memories from the Goose Run 2007:



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Birthday  
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**Club Meeting,  
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**BMW-MOA International  
Rally in West Bend, WI**

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**Chicken Run  
Club Ride  
9:45 AM  
Leaving from  
Fremont Citgo  
Station on  
Hwy 10 & 96.  
See Forum  
for details.**

## BMW-MOA's Newest Ambassador:

by John W. Jung

- On Tuesday the 29th of May, Steve Reynen being drawn to Nick's BMW in De Pere, WI under the premise of discussing the latest information on the Badger Motorcyclist involvement in manning the "Coffee Barn" at this year's MOA Rally in West Bend, WI, was introduced as the MOA's latest Ambassador. Ken "Mac" McHugh a fellow Ambassador did the honors presenting Steve (on right) with his Ambassador Flag. With 30 + riders, including members from the Green Bay and Badger Clubs present, Steve was very surprised and humbled to be inducted. Good luck Steve, enjoy the new position.

