

MAY 2007

BADGER MOTORCYCLE WRAP-UP



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April Meeting Notes

Members in Attendance:

• Kevin Birr, Glenn Bittick, Howard Blades, Keith Brei, Ty Dobbins, Jim Eng, Pat Eng, Dale Geske, Dick Glaser, Gail Glaser, Dave Grinsel, Glen Hartjes, Jeff Huntington, Rick Jarek, Debbie Jentz, Jim Jentz, **Tom Keenan**, Gary Kranzusch, Jim Kriner, Ron Limberg, **Ken McHugh**, Mike Moore, Dennis Munro, Wayne Hankervis, Lori Nauber, **Arlene Neumann**, Al Paltzer, Sandy Paltzer, Steve Reynen, Tom Running, **Joe Schroeder**, **Pete Schroeder**, Carl Van Dera, Eugene Vandenberg, Andy Van Herwynen, David Wiener, Tom Wilson, John W. Jung.

(40 members in attendance)

Meeting called to order:

• President Joe Schroeder called the meeting to order at about 7:40 PM. Special meeting was held at Nick's BMW in DePere.

Guests:

• There were several guests at Nick's BMW that 'sat in' during our meeting. They were:

Mark and Mary Everson, Neenah.

Chuck Janssen and friend Renee, Little Chute.

Eric Schwoerer, Green Bay

Jim and Debbie Panzer, Appleton.

Jim is a past club member and prior Secretary/Treasurer.

Thanks for visiting with us. We're glad you were there! Come again.

Prior meeting notes & treasurer's report:

• Both prior meeting notes and the March Treasurer's report with the supporting bank statement were covered. Motion to accept was made by Arlene N. and seconded by Mike Moore.

Old Business Meeting Topics

Goose Run:

• 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 from Mac before the Goose Run. Mac said that he had only moved 20 of the 60 tickets he had available before the meeting started and during the meeting he gave us an update, 38 of 60 tickets purchased. Yahoo!

• Update, 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 9:37 am for the noon meal. (Note that's a full 5 minutes earlier than reported last month.)

**NEXT MEETING:
THURSDAY
MAY 3RD
7:30 P.M.
PRIME TIME
MENASHA**

Remember the date, Sunday April 22nd. If you can't make it on the bike, come by car, truck, boat or moped.

- Good news 43 of our members have tickets for goose run out of 59 or 60 or about 72%. That sounds real good but we still need to show up. Lets hope the weather is good.

- A note from Mac: I called Joel Mulder about Goose Run tickets. (Joel and his wife Sue have been members 15 years and ride a yellow Gold Wing They live in Fredonia, WI near Port Washington). Sue has a cancerous tumor in her head. Sue was operated on 3 weeks ago and is okay but cannot see very good. Spots were found on her lungs that will be operated on 4/17/07. Then she will start radiation and chemotherapy. She had colon cancer about 5 years ago. As if that isn't enough, both of their kids totaled their cars in the last 2 weeks. Sue needs our prayers. I will be bringing a card to sign at the goose run. Their new e-mail is: jmulder@wi.rr.com. Phone #: 262-692-9545.

Club Roster & Member Information:

- Arlene N. brought up the new member enrollment fee last month. The amount is supposed to be \$5 and not the \$15 paid by the new members in 2006 and 2007. Tom K. stated that each of those members were reimbursed in March.

- Secretary/Treasurer Tom K. passed out an updated copy of club information to each member present. The packet included an updated club roster and a copy of the club bylaws. This packet includes a clear notation on expectations for club participation.

Badger Club Spring Opener:

- To continue our tradition, the club opener will be led by our President, Joe Schroeder. On April 28th Joe plans to leave the Pipe Express in Pipe, WI at 11:40 AM. The ride will be in and around the Mt. Calvery area until settling for lunch about 1:30 PM at the Down Under in Mt. Calvery.

Chicken Run:

- Another tradition continues and our fearless leader '*chicken hawk*' Pete Schroeder will once again lead this event. Pete said it will be sometime in July. He has to work around all the other things going on.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Bill Smith.....	9th
Wendy Keenan.....	11th
Ken Mc Hugh.....	12th
Chuck Stusek.....	12th
Don Jarek.....	15th
Mike Weiss.....	16th
Wayne Nakervis.....	18th

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.

November Ride:

The last open ride event was taken by Andy V. Details to come, but thank you Andy.

T-shirts to Celebrate Wisconsin for the BMW MOA National:

- Orders were taken at the meeting using the forms in last month's newsletter. Unfortunately, I missed Mike Moore's accepted motion that prices for all sizes would be \$15 each so the newsletter and order forms were not correct. Sorry guys, my first mistake this week...
- Tom R. has sent out an updated order form. Please use this or update your total for ordering shirts. Also, an updated order form is on the back of this newsletter. Complete it and bring to the May meeting.
- During the April meeting, Tom K. took 24 orders for T-shirts.
- All orders will be received until the May meeting after which the final order will be determined by Tom R. and Pat Eng. Thanks guys...

New Business Meeting Topics

Unofficial Club Camp Out:

- Jim & Debbie Jentz announced the Unofficial Club Camp Out. It will be held up north at their cabin the weekend after July 4th. There will be a 'boxer contest', swimming, and more. Jim and Debbie will share more at the next meeting.

Two Wheel Tuesday's - Mac:

- TWT will continue for those that want to ride along this year but due to 441 construction, there will need to be another meeting place.

FYI: Starting April 30 through early July there will be repairs to the Roland Kampo bridge (US 10 & Hwy. 441) over Little Lake Butte Des Morts. The project involves deck repair and a concrete overlay, with one lane open in each direction.

All ramps at the US 10, Hwy. 441 & Hwy. 41 interchange and most ramps at the US 10, Hwy. 441 & County P (Racine St. - 1st street east of

Little Lake Butte Des Morts) interchange will be closed for most of the project. Road crews are expected to work 16 to 24 hours, 7 days a week.

With all this work going on Kevin Birr & I think meeting on the west side of the lake will work out better. Kevin has already met at the Fox Convenience store at 1340 Gillingham Rd., Neenah. (Go south on 41 and exit Breezewood Ln. Take the west frontage road north and go 200 feet and there you are. Keep your eyes on the *Badger Bits Forum*. Hope we can start soon.

More construction news: Hwy 41 will be under road repair from Hwy. 26 south of Oshkosh to Hwy. 00 in Fond du Lac. It will be down to one lane in some places. I think it has started already.

BMW MOA National Mileage Contest:

- Mac explained again what the contest is all about and that we have until mid-May to complete the forms and submit them. As usual, Mac is all over this and reminded everyone that he can verify mileage and submit forms for each of us. Thanks Ken!

**Thank You to
Pat and Jim Eng,
&
Nick's BMW
for their hospitality!**

Motion to adjourn:

Made by Jim J. second by Dick G.

Good of the Order Raffle:

Raised \$33.00 for the club.

Secretary/Treasurer Note:

Please be prepared to share the month and day of your birthday at the May meeting. We need to update the birthday record.

Other Noteworthy News

Tire Pressure:

(by Mac)

I was inspired by new comer, Jim Kriner's tire pressure entry in the Forum about supporting your local dealer. I just read the Member's Speak Out section of BMW ON. So many BMW riders have lost their dealers.

In the Forum, Jim talked about tire pressure. I have been using Metzler tires since 1985 and have logged about 700,000 miles and Arlene about 230,000 miles. That comes to 71 sets of tires or 142 tires and not one had a failure -- some flats from nails though.

Here is some history about Metzler:

1863 - Robert Metzler opened a commercial firm selling rubber and elastic goods, in Munich, Germany.

1890 - made multi-level rubber used for balloons, air ships and aircraft construction.

1892 - developed tires for bicycles, motorcycles and cars.

1937 - speed record for motorcycle at 137.29 MPH.

1974 - first low profile tire in the 80 and 90 series.

1978 - first tubeless tire in Europe.

1979 - made motorcycle tires only and moved to Odenwald.

1983 - first tire with kevlar belting

1987 - first silica-tread compound for motorcycle tires, called COMP K. 1992 First worldwide 0 degree steel belt radial rear tire.

2000 - introduced the new METZLER 88, and the rest is history.

As far as I know they are still making tires for BMW as far back to 1970 and now are making tires for the custom bikes, the largest one being a 300/35R18TL rear, the rim is 10.5", and tire is 12".

Getting back to Jim and tire pressure: To validate what he said, in looking over tire pressure in the METZLER book here is what I found:

1200 LT 99-07, front 34-42, rear 38-50.

All other BMWs from 85 to 07: Front 32-42 and rear 36-42 except 81-87 R80GS.

Sometimes BMW pressure will be lower than the tire maker. One only has to look at what happened to the Ford Explorer. I know some riders run the max on the sidewall. Here are some words of advice:

- Talk to your dealer and bikers with the same bike as yours.
- Always have a good tire gauge with you, NEVER trust a gas station. I did one time, when I got home I had 65# in a tire that BMW called for 32#.

National Rally Club Award - Changes:

(by Sue Rihn-Manke)

Now that April is upon us, planning is in full-throttle for the 35th Anniversary Rally. We hope many of you have scheduled time on your vacation calendars for the rally this summer. The dates are July 12 - 15th in West Bend, Wisconsin. There is a lot planned that week: seminars, live entertainment, great riding, vendors, fabulous food, and some Bavarian-style entertainment that might make you feel a bit like you stepped into the land of the Autobahn & Alps.

IMPORTANT CHANGE: This year we have changed the way we will tally the club awards. With the exception of the Virtual Clubs, club information will not be pulled from the registration forms. To be considered for an award, clubs must submit a list of their members in attendance to Awards and Tallies by Noon on Saturday.

We made this change so there would be a more equitable accounting of members who attend the rally, resulting with the clubs more fairly represented in the process. As an added bonus, this will make

it easier for the Awards and Tallies volunteers who do all of the data entry at the National.

“Why the change,” is a question I have heard. Here are a few reasons:

- The system that was used previously worked well to some degree, but fell apart in other ways. For instance, if a person is a member of several clubs, many times the Awards and Tallies team would only enter one (or two) of these clubs. This new method will allow every club who has that individual on their roster to count them.
- In the past, if two people rode in 2-up and indicated a club number on the registration form, then that was counted as 2 members for that particular club. For many clubs, the spouse, child, girlfriend, (etc.) is not included on the membership roster. Technically speaking, this could have given some clubs more than 100% attendance.
- Previously, if a member did not know their club number or if they had bad penmanship, they might not have been counted. And frankly - after a long, hot ride into the rally, penmanship is generally not a concern.

This is no different than any other award at the rally. By making this change, it creates consistency for all of the awards - both individual and club.

This is the same system that is used at the local rally level.

What a great opportunity for even some of the largest clubs to touch base with their members during the rally.

So how should you, the chartered club officers, proceed? First, you should decide if you would like your club to be considered for one of the Club Awards. (See list at the end of this article). If the answer is “Yes,” then come up with a plan that will work for your club.

Here are a few suggestions...

- Bring your club roster to the rally, and when you see someone from your club, ask them to sign it. Beer-stains on the paperwork will be fine as long as it doesn't smudge the ink.
- Notify your members now via your newsletters, emails, and web sites that they need to check in a certain location or with a delegated person.
- Awards and Tallies will be located in the entry of the main pavilion, near Communications. We can keep your club sign-up sheets there, if you like.

Please note that there is still a line for people to enter their “virtual club” information. Awards & Tallies will transcribe the information for the Airheads, IBMWR, Oilheads, Chain Gang, etc.

New Club Awards:

- Largest Local Chartered Club in Attendance - First through Sixth Place
- Largest Special Interest or Virtual Club in Attendance - First and Second Place
- Most Member-Miles by a Chartered Club - First through Fifth Place
- Farthest Chartered Club with Five or More in Attendance - First through Fifth Place

Different Strokes / Different Folks: (Anonymous)

I have recently been swapping several emails with David Hough, a well known cycle safety expert who has been published in the ON many times over. In our emails one issue we discussed is the technical “fluff” of questionable value that BMW has been putting on their bikes in recent years. Well Dave responded with this, I quote; “I learned this winter that BMW AG has finally come around to the awareness that different riders have different needs and want machines with different systems. I've been told that you can order a bike built to

your specs and shipped to the dealer for delivery, with a build/ship time of 3-4 months. If that's true, then I could order say an R1200GS with standard brakes if I wanted it that way, and possibly other options such as a higher ratio final drive. If it's true it's good news for those of us who were finding BMW diverging from our needs. Yep, I agree that BMW focuses on high zoot stuff over practicality, possibly to give salesmen some ammunition to show why paying so much more for a BMW is worth it. Even the Germans have started to wonder if BMW has priced itself out of the market."

Interesting eh? We may be finally able to order our BMWs as we want them, and not as the mighty BMW engineers decide they want our bikes to be. I for one welcome this idea, cause to me the new R1200R is the only significant twin in the past twelve years for what it DOESN'T have.

Commitments made for 2007 ride and event leadership:

April Rides

- Goose Run on Sunday, April 22nd. See details above.
- Club opener on Saturday, April 28th. See details above.

May Ride

- Saturday, May 19th we will leave from the Kwik Trip in Hortonville at 1:00 PM. Please be gassed up and ready to roll by that time. We will ride north with a break after about two hours depending on weather. If any of the group is interested we will stop for an early dinner at a place near Hortonville at about 5:00. If anyone has questions please call 920-739-6686 or e mail: runningtrr@aol.com.

Tom R.

June Ride

- On Saturday June 30th will we 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

- Pete S. to hold the Chicken run in July. Details to come.
- Jim and Debbie Jentz have their 'unofficial overnighiter' and pancake ride to their cabin up north on July 7th, staying overnight and returning on July 8th.
- 35th BMW-MOA National 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.

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at Nick's BMW**

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**Club Ride
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Leaving from
Kwik Trip in
Hortonville.
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for details.**

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