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BADGER MOTORCYCLE WRAP-UP



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July's Meeting Notes

Reported by Dale Geske

Members in attendance:

- Kevin Birr, Howard Blades, John Bolig, Bob Borkowski, Dale Geske, Dick Glaser, Bob Goltz, Glen Hartjes, John Jung, Tom Keenan, Wendy Keenan, Megan Kerrigan, Jim Klas, Jim Kriner, Scott Lawrence, Keith Lennop, Ken McHugh, Larry Mohler, Dennis Munroe, Arlene Neumann, Al Paltzer, Stacy Peterson, Steve Reynen, Joe Schroeder, Pete Schroeder, Eugene Vandenberg, Mike Weiss, Tom Wilson.
- (28 members in attendance)

Meeting called to order:

- Vice-President Jim Kriner called the meeting to order at about 7:30 PM.
- President Al Paltzer was late and let Jim Kriner run the whole meeting. Jim you did a nice job.
- Meeting was held at the Prime Time.

Prior meeting notes & treasurer's report:

- The Secretary/Treasurer read the prior meeting notes and gave the treasurer report. A motion was made and seconded to accept prior meeting notes and the financials.

Guests/new members:

- We had one guest, Scott Lawrence. This was Scott's 4th, 5th or 6th club event. Scott decided he would like to join the club. The club voted and Scott is now a new member of the Badgers. Scott owns a 1993 K1100LT and a 1981 Honda

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

CB750. This time I caught what you ride, unlike the last time. Scott heard about our club through Mac & Stacy. Welcome to the club. I hope you enjoy being member and attend many events.

Meeting Topics Old Business

Name tags:

- The club name-tag saga carries on. Pete Schroeder gave us his long awaited report on the cost of the medallions. If we purchased 100 medallions the cost for each medallion came out to \$13.00. Quite a steal if you move the decimal point to the left at least one place. Thanks for checking into that Pete. Sticky back labels in clear plastic sleeves with pins rule!! By the way everyone that attended the meeting received their very own name tag, (sticky back label in clear plastic sleeve with pin). Now before the next meeting I need to sharpen my pin. Anyone know someone who can sharpen my pin?

Deer Season is over:

• The deer slayer bikes are back and running again. Arlene Neumann's and Mike Weiss's cycles are fixed and road worthy again. We are glad that you guys didn't need repair too! Ya know you don't have to use your motorcycles to kill deer. You could always take up bow or gun hunting instead. At least you wouldn't have to fix your cycles after each kill.

New Business

Million Mile Mac:

• Steve Reynen mentioned Kevin Birr's article on Mac's One Million Miles on BMWs. It was a very nice article on Mac. The article covered the history of Mac's riding on BMWs. Kind of a biography on Mac. Mac, congratulations again! Kevin, good job on the article! I nominate Kevin Birr to be the club newsletter writer. Do I hear a second?

Adopt-A-Highway:

• Mac made a suggestion that our "Adopt-A-Highway" group hook up with the 4-H Club

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Here's wishing all of you a
Happy Birthday for this
month!

Janet Haskins.....5th
Jim Klas.....7th
John Jung.....10th
Bob Brandt.....15th
Tom Keenan.....16th
John Carver.....22nd

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 prior to the meeting for your free drink ticket.

that has adopted the section of the highway to the north of ours. Mac suggested we arrange to do a clean-up on the same day as the 4-H Club and then have a brat fry with them afterwards. A motion was made and accepted to pursue this. Mac will try to check into doing this.

Meeting adjournment:

• A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned!

Good of the Order Raffle:

• Was won by Kevin Birr, our next newsletter writer. The raffle raised \$26.00 for the club.

Other Noteworthy News

June's Ride Report:

• Saturday June 28th was the date the June club ride was held. It was a cloudy day and on the cool side. We had a total of 11 people attend. Stacy Peterson won the \$25.00 gift certificate for Nick's BMW. One attendee, Jay Kromholz, found out about the ride after he discovered the

Badger website while surfing the web. Jay rode an R1100RT. He was the third rider on the way north through the reservation. He hung fairly close to Keith Lennop who was right behind me. We had a mildly spirited ride through the reservation and then continued on to Wabeno. In Wabeno we all realized how cold it had become and it was sprinkling rain on us. We got gas and bundled up and angled southwest toward Antigo. On the way to Antigo we had a big black bear cross the road about 100 yards in front of us. He was in no hurry to cross the road and we were in no hurry to ride past him. Once we got to Antigo we ate at the local Culvers. From there we headed back into the reservation on Hwy 47 and back home. Thanks to all of those who attended. Sorry the weather wasn't a bit sunnier.



*In owner of EAA
What to do with
an old airplane
engine!*

RA Rally Report:
Reported by John Jung

- The Badger's were well represented this year at the RA Rally in Houghton, MI on the campus of Michigan Tech College. Some members camped and a large percentage stayed at the Copper Crown Motel & Mosquito Farm. For those who didn't stay at the CCM&M farm the pool....well I guess I'd call it a cement pond, was a mosquito breeding haven. I believe with a good running start you could have ran across without falling into the (for a lack of a better word) water. The rally had about 12 vendor's including our local BMW Dealer - Nick's. Lots of nice door prizes and a good number of major prizes, one being a full suit from Aerostich. The closing ceremony was held the college's ice arena...Cool Man Cooool! There were miles and miles of beautiful roads to ride through. How many of you got up to the end of Hwy. 41? On my way home I stopped at Crystal Falls for breakfast, halfway through my meal the Keenan brothers

stopped for a bite, and before they were done I understand Geno and Dick Glasser stopped into the same restaurant. The weather was good all weekend with a few showers on Sunday.

2009 MOA Rally Location:

- It was announced that the 2009 BMW MOA National Rally will take place in Gray Tennessee, on July 16th – 19th.

Free Lake Crossing:

- Nick's BMW has coupons for free motorcycle crossing on the S.S.Badger when you purchase a regular passenger fare. Stop in and ask for yours!

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1,000,000 Mile Award:

Reported by Arlene N.

• Mac received his 1,000,000 Award. David Swisher awarded it to Mac at the National Rally in Gillette, WY. There was a grandstand full of people and Mac received a standing ovation. Our club members are very proud of him and gave their best whistles and cheers. Mac had a lot of people come up and congratulate him before and after the award ceremony. Tank and Moose didn't have a clue what was going on.



• The MOA will ship the trophy to Mac and we hope, to see it at our August club meeting.

2008 MOA Rally Report:

Reported by Mac

• We left on Tuesday the 15th and went through the Twin Cities and Fargo to Miles City and on to Gillette. Dale rode straight through. Geno also left on Tuesday at 3 PM and rode to Mitchell, SD. Kevin and his daughter Sam traveled through IA, NB and the Bad Lands. Al and Sandy made it out there by way of a PT Cruiser. Rodney, Billy, new member Scott Lawrence and Santa, (who has been beer garden chairman since 1992) and Dennis Munro all got out there somehow. Dave and Marcie Wiener left on Saturday and went to Yellowstone and beyond. Steve and Ruth Ann Reynen left on Saturday also, to work in Receiving (mail and parcels that were shipped to the rally).

• We arrived about 11 AM on Thursday. We traveled on a great road (59) from Miles City to Gillette, but too many deer were seen to make it a relaxing ride. We met up with Geno, Steve, Dale and Dennis. We left to go to our Motel 6, in Buffalo, 70 miles to the WNW, right into the sun. Only the sun was not shining. There was this dark cloud in the way. We had made it about 40 miles. The cloud was right on our right side, I thought we were going to make it, when the road turned to the right and there it was. I could see for 11/2 miles and the road looked like silver. There were Harley's all over, on the side of the road. We had our air flow jackets on, with water proof liner, but no rain pants. It was about 12 to 15 miles of rain and hail and cold temps. Later we found out Geno was 20 minutes ahead of us and went through it also. You may ask why Buffalo and not Gillette? It was \$75.00 for two people in Buffalo vs \$137.00 for one person, in Gillette.

• The rally was attended by 5,100+. It was spread out some, but the buildings were really nice and large. There was the usual inside and outside vendors. I did not see a tire vendor. There was an oil changing station and bike wash. I think the most talked about was the lack of food vendors. I mean maybe they had 20% of what we had last year, in West Bend.

• They had a great Grandstand for the award ceremony. Karol Patzer gave \$8,500 to the Y.E.S. (Youth Emergency Services). Our club put in \$100. They had a large number of tours to give away. They also had 3 bikes, one BMW-MOA, a 2008 R1200GS, one R90/6 all restored, with LOTS of extras on it. Tickets were sold for it with the money going to the MOA Foundation and one 1972 R75/5, 50% to MOA foundation

and 50% went a scholarship in the name of a young BMW rider who died in an airplane crash.

• Well as usual they give the bike away last. We, that is Kevin and Sam, Scott L., Geno, Jessica, Arlene, Tank and Moose, and myself were sitting in the front row, when they got to the R90/6 (which was black w/gold pin stripping and rally logo painted on the side cover. They pulled



out a ticket, E. V a n d e n b e r g , Geno jumped up. We were all excited for him. (A guy comes up and offered Geno a nice piece of change for the bike but he turned him down. Everything happened so fast. We are (Kevin, Scott and myself, with Jessica's camera) out there taking pictures.

Jessica is calling home to tell her kids about it.

• This bike was manufactured at Throughbred Cycle, in Elkhorn, WI. Glen Bishop was the builder, with volunteer help and was financed by Markel American Insurance Company of the greater Milwaukee area.

• As of the NL printing, Geno and I will be going to Milwaukee to pick the bike up and he should have it at our August meeting.

• *Editors Idea...Should we make this a club run? I'd like to tag along if the time and day works out. - JJ*

Commitments made for future ride and event leadership:

August:

• Saturday, 2nd - The club ride will be led by Kevin Birr. Meeting at 9:30 AM at "II" and "76" at the Phillips 66.

• Friday, 15th - 17th - International Vintage Motorcycle Show & Swap Meet, August 15-17, 2008. Vintage motorcycle racing at the Seymour stock car track on Friday night. See Al Paltzer for detailed information.

• Friday, 15th -17th - Dinky Dozen rally. Same location the last one was held. Also the Badger's Club overnigher this year.

September:

• The September club ride will be led by Howard Blades. More information to come.

• The next highway cleanup will be September 6th.

October:

• The October club ride will be lead by Jim Kriner. More information to come.

• Friday, 10th – 12th - The Falling Leaf Rally in Potosi, Missouri

November:

• The November club ride is open.


December:

• Saturday, 6th - Club's Meeting/Party at Crystal Springs Golf Course. They are located on French Road, by Seymour.

Schedule your event:

• Anyone interested in holding a pizza party, club ride or other special event, please bring them up at an upcoming meeting.

AUGUST 2008

SUN.	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT.
27 Chicken Run Club Ride Meet @ Citgo Fremont's east end Meeting @ 9:02AM Leaving @ 9:32AM	28	29	31	30	1	2 Club Ride Phillips 66 Hwy II & Hwy 76 Meeting @ 9:30AM
3	4	5	6	7  Club Meeting, 7:30 PM at Prime Time	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 International Vintage Motorcycle Show & Swap Meet - Seymour	16 Dinky Dozen Rally Same location as the last one!
17 Vintage Show	18 D D Rally	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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*As always keep an eye on our forum
and it's calendar for the
most up-to-date information and events.*