

October 2010

BADGER MOTORCYCLE WRAP-UP



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NOTE: WE WILL BE GOING BACK TO A 7:30 PM START FOR THE CLUB MEETING STARTING IN OCTOBER !!

September 2010 Meeting Notes:

Reported by Dale Geske

Members in attendance:

- **Howard Blades**, Curt Boettcher, Lisa Boettcher (Skaleski), Ty Dobbins, **Dale Geske**, Dave Grinsel, **Glen Hartjes**, Jim Klas, Ken McHugh, Arlene Neumann, Jim Niemuth, **Al Paltzer**, Jim Paltzer, Carl Van Dera, David Wiener, Tom Wilson
(16 members in attendance).



NEXT MEETING:

THURSDAY OCTOBER 7, 2010

7:30 PM @ PRIMETIME IN MENASHA

Meeting called to order:

- President Al Paltzer called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
- The meeting was held at the Primetime Bar & Grill in Menasha.

Prior meeting notes & treasurer's report:

- The Secretary/Treasurer read meeting notes and gave the treasurer's report from the previous month. A motioned was made and seconded to accept the prior month's meeting notes and financials.

Guests/New Members:

- **Guests:** Rod Roller and Dave Sturgis paid us a second visit. It was nice to see you guys again! You two only need to attend one more club event and you are eligible to be voted in as new club members.

Meeting Topics

Old Business

August Club Meeting:

- Vice President Howard Blades thanked President Al Paltzer for all the effort that Sandy and Al put into the preparation for the August meeting at his home last month. It was suggested we have the meeting at Al's house every month. Sounds like a good idea to me!

License to Cruise - Friday September 24, 2010:

- License to Cruise is a go for this September 24th for BMW motorcycles. This year is the first year that License to Cruise will feature motorcycles and this year they will be BMW motorcycles. Remember we will be parking on College Ave. between Richmond and State St. This is open to anyone who has a BMW motorcycle, not just our club members. Any BMW cycle from any year is welcome to attend, as long as it's well kept, licensed and in running order. No rat bikes allowed. There will be no fee to participate. We can start parking at 4:30 PM. License to Cruise runs from 6 PM until 9:30 PM. Mac will be giving me more info, which I will be emailing out to everyone on our list. Would be participants are encouraged to contact Mac at 734-2945 or through email at hibmwmleramac@sbcglobal.net .

"The Pie Run" to the Norske Nook in Osseo, Sunday August 15th, led by Dale Geske:

- We had 9 people attend this ride. We had a pleasant ride to the Norske Nook and ate our fill of lunch and pie. On the way back to the Fox Valley we stopped at the Highground Memorial in Neillsville. We spent around an hour and a half checking out all of the new things that have been added to the memorial. Thanks to everyone who showed up for the ride.

"The Official August Club Ride", Saturday August 21st, led by Dave Grinsel:

- Dave had 4 people show up for this ride. They ate breakfast at Papa's Cafe on South Commercial in Neenah. After that they proceeded on Dave's ride. It sounded like they had a good ride. Sorry I was unable to attend Dave.

"The RockerBox" August 7th:

- Mac McHugh and Glen Hartjes went to the 2010 RockerBox motorcycle show & swap meet in Milwaukee on Saturday August 7th. They said it was very interesting and well worth attending. The custom bikes were very well done. I didn't get all of the details but from what I heard, this is an event I want to go to next year. I'm sure Glen must have gotten some pictures. If you did Glen, please share some with us!

Central ADVRider Motorbike Rally III, Eagle River, WI:

- Howard Blades and Jim Klas went to the ADVRider Motorbike Rally in Eagle River, during the week of August 22nd thru the 29th. They said the rally had about 200 people attend. They said they had a good time. There was plenty of beer and they had a meal on Saturday night. I think Jim enjoyed the beer as he mentioned it a couple of times. Howard had an interesting time on a particular road with his 650 V-Strom. They both survived the rally in one piece.

New Business

Highway Clean-up September 11th:

- Rick Jarek, our highway clean-up coordinator, said that this fall's highway clean-up will be Saturday September 11th. Those participating are to meet at the "Town of Main" Town Hall on Cty. Hwy. 187, north of Shiocton at 10:30 AM. There will be food again after the clean up.

Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army:

- The club will be bell ringing on Saturday November 13th, from 4 PM to 6 PM. Sign up early if you like. The deadline for signing up with Arlene for a guaranteed spot is September 14th, after this date it is open to the public and you may not get the spot you want. There will be pizza and drink afterwards at the Stone Toad at 1109 S. Oneida St. in Menasha. Please let Arlene know if you will be ringing the bells by September 14th, as she needs a head count for the reservation at the Stone Toad, for the pizza afterwards. So come out and ring up

some money for the Salvation Army. We will try to set up substitutes for people who can't make their planned bell ringing time.

September 12th Club Ride led by Glen Hartjes:

- Glen Hartjes will be leading the September club ride on Sunday the 12th. We will meet at the gas station at the intersection of hwy 10 & 57 in Forest Junction at 9 AM. His ride will most likely take us through the Kettle Moraine area.

Insect Repellant Clothing:

- Lisa Skaleski and Curt Boettcher told us about their experience with insect repellant clothing they recently purchased at Gander Mountain. Curt said that the clothing worked very well and kept mosquitoes from biting. It also works for a variety of insects, not just mosquitoes. They also mentioned this clothing is a seasonal thing, but may still be available on-line.

Advanced Rider Course:

- Wayne Nankervis recently attended two advanced motorcycle courses and sent me info on his thoughts about both of them. I have that information below.

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Advanced Rider Courses

By Wayne Nankervis

Over the past few weeks I attended two advanced rider courses, partly out of curiosity and also to see what new skills I could learn.

The first course I attended was Lee Park's Total Control ARC. It was an eight hour course conducted by Total Rider Tech on Good Hope road in Milwaukee. Total Rider Tech can be contacted at 262-565-3334 or www.totalridertech.com. The course was about three hours in the classroom and five hours riding. The course was mainly about cornering and more specifically about body positioning while cornering. Techniques on throttle control and braking were also taught. Other classroom topics included the mental, visual and confidence aspects of riding using more advanced skills. Suspension design and set-up procedures were also covered.

The riding exercises consisted mainly in riding around 40' diameter circles. Although there was some straight line throttle control and braking exercises. The last exercise consisted of riding in a figure eight pattern to practice transfer of body position from one side of the bike to the other. The meat of the course was practicing a 10 step sequence for cornering. The steps were as follows: 1. Reposition Foot, 2. Preposition Body, 3. Push on Outside Grip, 4. Locate Turn Point, 5. Look Through Turn, 6. Relax Outside Grip, 7. Push Inside Grip, 8. Roll on Throttle, 9. Push on Outside, 10. Move Back to Neutral. I found the process a little cumbersome, although by the end of the day it seemed to get a bit easier to grasp. Traction, path of travel through a corner and delaying the corner turn in point which helps provide a longer distance for braking was also discussed.

Next I took MSF's Advanced Rider Course – Sportbike Techniques (ACR-ST) at Lakeshore Technical College in Cleveland, Wisconsin. It is also an eight hour course. It consists of three hours classroom and five hours of riding. This course replaces the previous Experienced Rider Course (ERC). There is heavy emphasis on body positioning for cornering in this course. I found the techniques used to describe body positioning easier to grasp. Essentially, the technique for positioning your body is to lean forward and inside (in the direction of the turn) placing your chin over the handgrip. This movement is done at the corner turn in point and can be enhanced by putting some downward pressure on the inside footpeg with the ball of the foot and by putting

some pressure on the fuel tank with the outside knee. These techniques do not replace pressing on the handgrip in the direction of the turn. However, when using the techniques in conjunction with countersteering often less pressure on the handgrip is required for turning.

There are also other riding exercises such as braking quickly in a straight line, swerving, riding a modified oval and two different diameter circles. Other techniques that were discussed were trail braking into a corner, two fingered braking and braking to achieve a delayed turn in point. The classroom portion was a combination of discussion on the techniques mentioned above and the mental part of riding.

In summary, each course has some advanced techniques that the average street rider would benefit from. I think, however, from my point of view the body position technique used in the Total Control course is more extreme than the MSF ARC-ST course and is probably more suited to the track. I think the MSF course is better suited to street riding. The cost of the Total Control course is \$295. The MSF course cost at this writing is not yet established, although it looks like LTC is going to market it at some where around \$90 to \$100. LTC has not scheduled any courses as of yet, but as soon as a schedule becomes available I will let the Badgers know.

Meeting adjourned:

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded.

Good of the Order Raffle:

- Was won by Ty Dobbins.

Noteworthy Items

Badger Club Secretary/Treasurer Club Officer Position:

- This will be my last year as club Secretary/Treasurer. I will be stepping down from the position at the end of this year. I wanted to let club members know far enough ahead to give potential replacements a chance to consider this position and hopefully decide to put their name on the voting ballot. I am willing to assist the new secretary/treasurer until they feel comfortable in the position. Dale

EAA Warbirds Badger Squadron 6 Second Annual Fly-In & Display September 18th:

- Club member Ken Kilgas told us about this fly-in at the July meeting. It takes place at the Oconto Airport (OCQ) on September 18th, 8 AM to 5 PM. Warbirds will be on display. Here is a list of other things to look at and do - Airplane & Helicopter Rides, Light Sports Aircraft, Experimental Aircraft, Motorcycle Displays, R/C Plane Show, Food & Beverages, Antique Cars - Tractors, Motorcycles, & Classic Cars Museums. Admission \$2.00 Call 920-246-5620 with questions

Badger Club Rides:

- We still need a club member to step up and lead the October club ride. We typically schedule one ride a month, but we can schedule more than just one. So keep that in mind, especially if you want to lead a ride during warmer weather.

Speed Week at Bonneville Salt Flats - September 2010:

- Doug Dahlke is looking for someone to go with to Speed Week at the Bonneville Salt Flats in September of 2010. He's looking to share motel costs. Give Doug a call if interested. His number is on the club roster.

Future Rides and Events for 2010:

September:

- **Friday 10th thru Sunday 12th - 40th Wisconsin Dells Rally:** A great family BMW Motorcycle Rally in the Midwest. Seminars, door prizes, vintage bike show, kids events, vendors, round the clock free coffee/tea/soda, plus FREE entrance to one of the best water parks in the world famous Wisconsin Dells. Good Wisconsin beer and music, and on Friday free soup and bread until gone, Saturday evening includes an indoor sit down dinner. Camp on grassy or in wooded areas, or book a room at the Chula Vista Resort. Special rates apply so be sure to mention you are coming to the BMW Dells Rally when you make a reservation. Call (800) 388-4782, or visit their web site: <http://www.chulavistaresort.com>. Save money and pre-register. Adult pre-registration is \$35; or \$45 at the gate. Children pre-registration 6-15 is \$24; \$28 at the gate. Rally pin and mug to the first 600. Registration and information at our web site: <http://www.wiscbmwclub.com> or call Jim (262) 512-2774 or email Jim_guthrie@sbcglobal.net. GPS: N 43 39.761 W 089 46.970.

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October:

- **Friday the 1st thru Sunday the 3rd - 36th Return to Shiloh Rally:** Take Hwy 128 13 miles South of Savannah, TN to the "Best Rally by a Dam Site" located at the TVA campground on the East bank of the Tennessee River at Pickwick Dam. The rally will feature BMW awards, door prizes, free firewood, 24 hour coffee pot, hot showers, and restaurants nearby. Historic Shiloh Military Park is just minutes from the rally site. The Rally fee includes camping in the primitive area Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights, BBQ dinner on Friday night, a live band Saturday afternoon. Rally pin to the first 350 registered guests. Early arrivals are responsible to TVA for camping fees before Thursday. Registration at the rally is only \$25.00. No pre-registration. For additional info go to www.bmwrams.com or contact rally@bmwrams.com for other questions.

- **Sunday the 3rd - "The Slimey Crud Run":** Starts about 10 AM in Pine Bluff. Around noon motorcyclists migrate over to Leland. Jim Eng will be leading a ride from Nicks BMW. Contact Jim for more info!

- **Friday the 8th thru Sunday the 10th - Falling Leaf Rally :** Join us for our special 35th anniversary celebration. The Falling Leaf is the premier Fall rally in the Midwest. Potosi, Missouri, 60 mi S. of St. Louis. Camping, firewood, guided gravel rd ride, observation run, 50/25/25 pot, field events, pin to first 600, door prizes, endless coffee & hot chocolate, rally shirts made to order, anvil blast Sat at awards ceremony. Fri night hot dog roast included. Pancake breakfast, lunch sandwiches, & BBQ dinner at reasonable prices from Lion's Club Sat on grounds. Several restaurants in town. Heated meeting hall open 24 hrs. Check website for motels. Vendors invited, no registration fee for vendors. Adults \$22, children 6-12 \$2, children 5/under free; day pass for Sat \$10. No advance registration - everyone pays at the door on arrival. Take Hwy 21 S to Hwy 8, turn W

through Potosi to Hwy 185, bear right on 185 to Lion's club grounds. Or, take Hwy 55 to 67 to Hwy 8 then W to Potosi. Info: Larry Floyd, e-mail at bmwfallingleaf@att.net or 314-892-7012. Before you call, check website: <http://www.gatewayriders.com>.

November:

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• **November Club Ride:** Andy Van Herwynen volunteered to lead the November club ride. More info to come!

Schedule your event:

Anyone interested in holding a pizza party, club ride or other special event, please bring them up at an upcoming meeting. Remember, we can have more than one ride a month, so don't be shy!

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***HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!
TO THE OCTOBER BIRTHDAY
BADGERS***

***CURT BOETTCHER - OCTOBER 1
JOHN SCHOMISCH - OCTOBER 3
JEFFREY HUNTINGTON - OCTOBER 9
JIM PALTZER - OCTOBER 20
SANDY PALTZER - OCTOBER 29***

Remember when you attend a meeting on the month of your birthday; the club will buy you a drink. See our Sergeant at Arms prior to the meeting for your free drink ticket.