

# Beemer Buzz

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Wisconsin BMW Motorrad Club  
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Installation Party 2019 photo by Mona

## WISCONSIN BMW MOTORCYCLE CLUB

Originated in 1967

Meetings are the first Friday of each month at 8:00 p.m. except January, May, and September



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## Wisconsin Club Membership

Many long and lasting friendships have been made through the Wisconsin Club since its inception in 1967. You are welcome to come and join us and meet the friendly and knowledgeable people who share a mutual respect for riding BMW motorcycles.

Our membership includes men, women, families, couples, and singles. Our monthly meeting is held at the New Berlin VFW Hall and is open to all BMW riders. During the riding season, we sponsor many activities, including group rides, tech days, social get-togethers, and in September we host the annual Wisconsin Dells Rally.

Visitors are welcome. If you are interested in membership, you will be asked to attend two club rides and two monthly club meetings within 12 months prior to being voted in by the general membership. You must be the age of majority, carry liability insurance, and above all, own and operate a BMW motorcycle.

Helmets and proof of insurance are required by all participants on club rides.

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## President's Report

Hello from the trenches.

It's going to be a busy month to start off. We have the installation party which is technically the January meeting on the 1st. The February meeting is the following week followed by the bike show in Chicago for those interested.

I'm asking folks to watch the form and Facebook to see if I can get a sleigh ride scheduled. The weather has not been great for such a venture.

I have called BMW North America trying to see what's going on with the Milwaukee market. I am not impressed with the response.

It's that time of year when I ask for volunteer(s) to have a tech session next month. Our next meeting is only a month and a half from Spring.

I leave you with this:

May your heart be warm and happy,  
With the lift of Irish laughter,  
Every day in every way for ever and ever after.  
Ride safe!

Bob



## Short note from your VP

I hope there aren't too many of you that were disappointed in me for rescheduling the Installation party. I had to make a decision based on the facts at hand. The weather reports predicted conditions that warranted either cancelling or rescheduling. I had received many cancellations from members and having lived and driven in Wisconsin winters for more than 50 years I was not, myself, excited about the 40-mile drive to Meyers. The good news is that Meyers was happy to reschedule our event to February 1! Everything, time and meeting wise, will be the same as it would have been in January. A few people that couldn't attend previously will now be able to. A few more will not now be able to attend. For those that have or will contact me to change their attendance status I will change the signup sheet. Otherwise, if I don't hear from you, and your name is on the list, I will assume you are coming. I am sorry for any inconvenience this has caused but such is life in Wisconsin. Please let me know if there are any questions or concerns. Bob Preuss,  
[barnrazer@yahoo.com](mailto:barnrazer@yahoo.com)

## Feb 2020 Dells rally report

Here we go again. This is the big one. This year we celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> year as host to one of the Midwest's premier BMW motorcycle rally's. This is the year we need to go big and produce an event that will not soon be forgotten. In previous years I've ended each of these articles with a request for comments, questions, or anything anyone would like to discuss regarding the rally. This year, more than ever, I need your help. There are many questions that need answers and the greatest resource we have for answers is the experience from the members of this club. We brought back motorized field events with great results. There were a few more activities added to the schedule with room for more. What I need to know is what else we can do. Are there any seminars we should run, any ideas for local riding adventures or local attractions we should promote? Should we change the menus for Friday nights feed or Saturday's feast. And the big one. Should we give away a motorcycle? Many members have suggested as much. This could be the thing that puts us over the top. I've been looking at the market for bike and we could certainly afford a variety of different bikes from R90/6 through later edition oil heads. I've seen many 78-84 airheads out there and a lot of early K bikes. If we decide to go ahead with this, we will likely end up with something that may need work. With everything else I need to do for the rally and the three bikes and a Jeep I'm working on now I am not sure I can take on another project. I am hoping another member might volunteer to spearhead this project. I can do a lot to help but I can't do it all. That being said, Mike C has secured the contract with Camp Wawbeek, Brian and Heidi are on the hunt for Friday and Saturday music, and last year's caterer is working on new ideas for Saturday's feast. As the February monthly meeting will be the installation party on Saturday the first, I would like to have a rally meeting on the following Friday. There is a lot to talk about and it would be a great opportunity to get together for some quality time and comradery. Please contact me with ideas, suggestions, volunteer ideas, or just to talk. There will be a rally meeting, Friday, February 7, at 7:00PM. at the New Berlin VFW post. Bring an appetizer, dish or whatever you like, and we can snack during the meeting. Bob Preuss 262-391-0550 [barnrazer@yahoo.com](mailto:barnrazer@yahoo.com)





# CHICAGO

## MOTORCYCLE SHOW

February 7-9, 2020

DONALD E. STEPHENS CONVENTION CENTER

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*Wisconsin BMW Motorcycle Club*  
**Installation Dinner/Party**



**Meyer's Restaurant**

4260 South 76th Street

Greenfield, WI

*On the corner of Forest Home Ave and Coldspring*

**Saturday, February 1, 2019**

**Cocktails 5:30, Dinner 6:30**

WI BMW Club Members \$19 – Guests \$25

(Adult Beverages & Tip Included)

*Please RSVP*

*Bob Preuss at 262-391-0550*

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# FEBRUARY

2/1 Installation Party

Board Meeting 4:30

Cocktails 5:30 PM

Dinner 6:30 PM

Meyers Restaurant  
4260 South 76<sup>th</sup> Street

02/07 Club Meeting

8:00 PM

02/07 Rally Meeting

7:00 PM

VFW Hall  
New Berlin



2019 Installation Party Wis Club Rally T-shirt Quilt made by Nan Feurer



## February Birthday's

Feb. 5	Bill Stephan
Feb. 6	Dick Burton
Feb. 6	Jinna Bishop
Feb. 8	Rachel Korb
Feb. 14	Dave Hess
Feb. 14	Mary Zinda
Feb. 21	Brent Nelson
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Feb. 26	Mike McArthey
Feb. 27	Al Tickner

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