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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



MOA #10



RA #10



AMA #2580

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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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All articles by the 20th of the month to:

Newsletter Editor

Mona Rihn

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The editor reserves the right to omit, correct, change, and otherwise edit all submissions.



President's Report

Meeting and event updates.

As the club email stated all club meetings and get togethers for April are canceled.

I have been in contact with Ernie Grill regarding the fish fry ride and meeting in May. At this point we are exploring options. This may include moving the meeting to Saturday and hold the meeting in a park keeping the guidelines in mind and ordering take out. Or even bring you own bag lunch. Stay tuned.

What I'm asking for now is to RSVP to myself or Ernie by phone. Please answer 2 questions. Are you interested in going Friday as the situation dictates. AND if we change to Saturday (weather permitting) are you willing to make it.

If we meet it is my suggestion to combine the business meeting with a rally meeting. We will keep you posted.

RSVP Ernie Grill.
Bob Lannin.

Bob



BMW Club - March 2020 Meeting Minutes

March Guest: Kevin Laufenberg

President Bob Lannin called the meeting to order.

Ramona Rihn read the minutes from the February meeting. Thank you Ramona, for taking the minutes for February and reading them.

Presidents Report - Bob Lannin:

Bob mentioned that there have been issues with getting access to the AMA website. Bob Reitberger discussed benefits of membership in the AMA. Mike Cohen will be requested to review the number of Club members that have actual membership in the AMA.

Vice President's Report – Bob Preuss:

Bob reminded ride leaders that a ride report with a listing of attendees needs to be submitted after each ride. This will enable club points to be assigned for each attendee.

Rally Chair Report – Bob Preuss:

The pricing for registration for the rally has been set at \$49 for guests and Club members will have a different price. The Club will have a raffle for a motorcycle for the 2020 Rally. Rick Hemenway has donated a 1978 BMW motorcycle to be raffled at the 2020 Rally.

Every Rally registration will include one raffle ticket. Additional raffle tickets will be made available. Bob requested a motion to set the price for additional raffle tickets. The question was should additional tickets be \$10 or \$15. A discussion was held preceding the vote. A vote was held and the count was 10 votes for \$10 price and 9 votes for the \$15 price. Because the vote was so close to even it was decided to table the setting of the price until the next Club meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Mike Cohen: Mike was absent and no report was made.

Secretary's Report – Dave Kurth: No new business to present.

Newsletter Editor – Ramona Rihn No new business to report.

Webmaster – Tim Koester No new business to report.

BMW MOA Rally Representative – Brian Manke:

Brian was absent due to recovery from surgery. Heidi Goehring, in Brian's absence announced that the National Rally will be held in Great Falls, MT in June.

BMW RA Report: No new business

Sunshine Committee Report – Bob Reitberger:

Brian Manke had shoulder surgery. Gifts of beer is encouraged.

Constitution Committee: No new business.

New Business:

Ernie Grill will be leading the annual May Fish Fry Ride. The ride will be part of the May Club Meeting, set for Friday May 1st. Times and places are TBD and will be posted.

A sign up sheet was circulated at the meeting.

Planned Rides:

- 1) Bob Lannin will lead the “President’s Opening Ride in April. Date and time to be determined.
- 2) The “Frozen Snot Ride” is scheduled for March 14th. See Facebook page for details.
 - a. Duane Williams announced events for Pediatric Brain Cancer: All Events are in Elkhorn, WI
 - b. Brat Fry March 7 the Piggly Wiggly in Elkhorn, WI.
 - c. A dinner on March 16th at the Pizza Ranch in Elkhorn, WI.

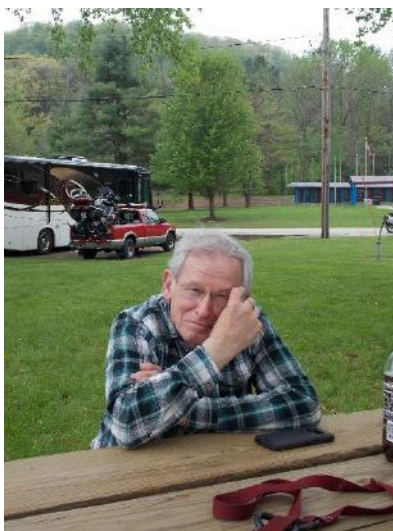
- d. A ride on June 14th, 2020 from Elkhorn.
- e. More details to follow. See Duane to sign up.
- f.
- 3) Jim Guthrie announced that Jim and Lori Fuhrmann will be leading the Pow Wow Rally for July 31 – August 1st. See Jim Fuhrmann for details and tickets. Tickets and motel rooms are limited. See Jim early. Jimfuhrmann@yahoo.com
- 4)
- 5) Kevin, Heidi, and Brian are planning to lead a ride to Door County with the Motorcycle Memorial Park as a destination. Several dates were discussed. The date has tentatively been set for August 14th and 15th.
- 6)
- 7) Dave Kurth asked if there would be interest in a weekend ride and campout to central Wisconsin. The destination to be the Car Museum in Aniwa, WI. The tentative date is July 17th and 18th.

Ernie Grill made a motion to adjourn. Ramona Rihn seconded and the motion was passed.

David Kurth - Thank you



GR3 2020 – you’ll be missed



The Madison BMW Club Board of Directors

A Message from the Board of Directors

The national health crisis now threatening all of us has moved the Board to have a frank discussion of future of Club activities this year. Keeping the health and welfare of our Club members and guests in mind, we have made the following decisions.

The Board of the Madison BMW Club has decided to cancel all club activities for the foreseeable future. This year's GR3 has been cancelled. We are going to reach out to our GR3 guests to let them know of our decision. We will refund all GR3 registration payments that we have already received.

The Board will continue to communicate with the Club as to what activities we will have in the future as we wait to see how the COVID 19 crisis plays out. It is our hope that we can meet again for the Slimey Crud Run in the fall.

Please feel free to contact any member of the Board for more information.

Thank you.

The Madison BMW Club Board of Directors
Submitted by Sue Rihn

Update on COVID-19

Some of you know, most of you don't, that I work for the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS). That building is on the cover. Over the last two weeks, most of staff from my area has been given laptops so they can work from home. As my work is generated from my coworkers, I needed to stay. I could take days off either vacation or personal. I chose to work. Yesterday, I was told that I wasn't going to be working there for a while. On March 25th I picked up my own computer, then I work from home. I'm getting emails from my workers with work. But as of now, Department of Health Services is closed. The doors are locked. I'm sure the Secretary (Andrea Palm) and her staff can still enter the building.

The Capitol, where Bob works, is also closed. I'm guessing the elected politicians are still there, but all other staff is gone. The only people in the capital are homeless. As of today, Bob is still at work. He's in charge of HVAC in the building. He's kind of needed, but can take off if he wants to. Thanks for reading this – Mona

April Rally report

March 2020 came in like a lamb and will go out with uncertainty. While many of you are hunkering down in your homes (Mona included) I am still driving to Madison. Apparently, I am essential to keeping the state capitol building open for business. There will be no trip to Phoenix this month for Mona and I, but that may be a good thing as there is still much that needs to be done for the rally.

Heidi Goehring and Brian Manke have procured the music for Friday night and Saturday. The "Road House Chiefs" are a high energy rock and roll band that will certainly keep the audience entertained. This year Friday night will be the big music event and Saturday a bit more subdued with music (hopefully in the beer tent) both before dinner and after the awards presentation.

Jim Guthrie has agreed to assume the position of project manager. The project being Rick Hemenway's donated 1978 R80/7 that will be the grand prize this year. Due to the Governor's orders, I had to cancel the March rally meeting. That being said I need, more than ever, to hear from members. We may need someone to chair onsite registration. Or, at least, to give Ron Feurer a helping hand. I need ideas, suggestions, (vendors, onsite events, etc.) and volunteer commitments to make this thing the best of the best.

I am hoping to have a May rally meeting. The dates I have in mind are May 16 or 17. This is the date that the Madison club was supposed to host the Great River Road rally. As most of you are aware; this rally as well as almost all public events have been postponed or cancelled for the foreseeable future. I'm hoping life will be approaching a sense of normality by then and we will be able to get together.

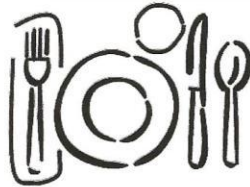
If anyone can suggest a place or volunteer a place to have the meeting please let me know. It would also be nice if someone would lead a ride to the meeting. This, of course, is all dependent on the state of the pandemic at that time. I don't know if the Camp Wawbeek weekend cleanup is a go or not. This info and the state of the May rally meeting will be announced in the May newsletter. Let's keep our fingers crossed that this virus crap subsides quickly so we may attempt to return to normal.

As always, I am always available for suggestions, questions, or anything anybody wishes to discuss regarding the greatest Midwest BMW motorcycle rally ever. Stay safe, keep healthy, wash your hands often, and don't touch your (or anyone else's) face.

Bob Preuss

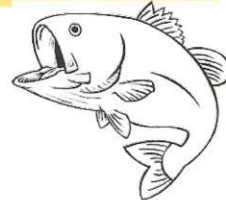
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MAY MEETING IS NOT AT the VFW



It's Fish Fry Time.

By Ernie and Jo Ann G



Please join us **May 1, 2020** for our **Annual Fish Fry Dinner**
This year we're again at The Machine Shed Restaurant

N14 W24145 Tower Place
(I-94 & WIS 164 Exit 294)

Pewaukee, WI 53072

Arrive at 6:30 for Cocktails

Dinner at 7:00 - Meeting at 8:00

Guests are welcome!

(\$18.00 for members and \$22.00 for non-members)

There will be both Fish and Chicken

Please RSVP to Ernie Grill at 262-821-9137

BY April 26th

(Or at the March & April Meetings)

Also

Ernie Grill is leading the ride from

Hardee's at Hwy 83 and 1-94

Meet at 5:00, leave at 5:30

It will be about a One-Hour Ride

We look forward to seeing you all!

APRIL ALL EVENTS CANCELED

MAY EVENTS

05/01 Fish Fry Ride meet at Hardees
Meet at 5:00 Leave at 5:30

05/01 Club Meeting
Cocktails at 6:30
Dinner at 7:00
Club Meeting at 8:00



April Birthday's

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| Apr. 02 | Laury Saxler |
| Apr. 07 | Linda Stauss |
| Apr. 09 | John Archer |
| Apr. 11 | John Borden |
| Apr. 11 | Mac MacDonald |
| Apr. 17 | Dan Mueller |
| Apr. 23 | Andy Pretzl |
| Apr. 25 | Mike Sarton |
| Apr. 27 | Linda Lau |
| Apr. 29 | Kristofer Johnson |
| Apr. 30 | Tate Wilson |
| Apr. 31 | Sandy Stelmaszewski |

Wild Goose 2020 – you'll be missed



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