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Wisconsin BMW Motorrad Club
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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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President's Report

The VFW of New Berlin has cleared us to have our monthly meetings once again. There will be two meetings on Friday June 5th. We are planning on starting with a rally meeting at 7 PM, followed by a regular meeting at 8 PM.

Though we are resuming business this does not mean we're out of the woods, this pandemic is not over. I am asking everyone who would like - to attend.

We are a close-knit group but again we have to protect ourselves, our families and each other, so we need to spread out. None of us are spring chickens anymore. At the meeting please have 2 chairs in between each other (not from same household) and stagger sitting across from each other. Some may prefer to wear a mask, please feel free. We are all adults let's just handle it.

Any questions please call me.

I am so looking forward to seeing you!

Ride safe

Bob Lannin

BMW Club - May 2020 Meeting Minutes

There was no May meeting, therefore there are no minutes

June Rally report

Three months left 'til rally time. There is a great deal of uncertainty as to what things will look like in September. Unless the club decides otherwise, I assume we are, indeed, having a rally. There is still much to be done. I am not planning to change the format from previous years with the exception of giving away a motorcycle. The t-shirt design is ready and I will need to order shirts soon. We will likely duplicate the quantities from last year except with different colors as the blue zip-up sweatshirts didn't go over well.

Mona and I will be aggressively seeking door prizes and any other rally contributions from outside sources. Heidi G. is doing bedroll space. Those wishing to secure a spot can email DellsRallyBedrollSpace@gmail.com. We will need volunteer/s to grill hotdogs Friday night and for various other duties. There will be a rally meeting, June 5 at 7:00 PM before the regular club meeting at the New Berlin VFW post. This is a big one as there will be a lot to discuss. We will not be providing food for this meeting but hope to do so when things get back to normal. If things ever do get back to normal.

As usual, I am always available for suggestions, questions, or anything anybody wishes to discuss regarding the greatest Midwest BMW motorcycle rally ever.

Bob Preuss

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A message about COVID 19 - for Motorcyclists

We motorcyclists understand risk more than the average person. We think about risk when we choose the color of our riding gear or how we dress, when we take rider training courses, when we maintain and farkle our bikes, and every time we retract the kickstand and head down the road.

The COVID-19 pandemic is here and it is having a profound effect on our health, our healthcare systems, and our economic security. It is also affecting our favorite motorcycle makers and dealers, our favorite coffee and breakfast stops, our favorite accessory and gear manufacturers, our favorite racers, and our favorite rallies and events. Many of the riding plans we made in the dead of winter are in doubt as the novel coronavirus tours the country instead. With all of this weighing us down, wouldn't it be great to get away from it all? Riding, after all, is the perfect social distancing escape valve, right?

Not so fast.

With motorcycling, the level of risk that we choose to accept affects mostly just ourselves and our families.

With motorcycling during the COVID-19 pandemic, the level of risk that we choose to accept affects not just ourselves and our families, but our communities as well. Things we do impact not only if we get infected but if others get infected too and how long we all live under this long shadow.

We don't want to lecture riders on whether they should or should not ride. That's your decision to make. We do encourage everyone to listen to local, state, and federal healthcare officials and consider their advice on travel restrictions, closed roads, and social distancing. We particularly urge you to consider the consequences should you have an accident while riding right now. The response and resources you would normally expect from a local hospital might not be available, putting your recovery from any injuries at greater risk.

These are difficult times. These are historic times. But do not despair. We've been through worse and we'll get through this too. Do what you can to support your riding community and do just what your beginner riding instructor taught you to do – focus on the path that gets you safely around the obstacle in the road. Together, we'll #RideItOut.

Be well,
BMW Riders Association submitted by Mona R.



Thank you Dick Burton for posting these in the Club Forum. It's nice to have them in the newsletter. You are awesome!



50TH ANNUAL *Wis. Dells Rally* *September 11 – 13, 2020*

Join us again at Easter Seals Camp Wawbeek
1450 State Highway 13
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
GPS: N43 6406 W89 7576

Pre-register and save \$11 (22%)

Postmarked by 9/1/20

Driver: _____

Address: _____

C/S/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Club Affiliation: _____

Driver: Check One MALE FEMALE

Vehicle: BMW Brand X Vehicle

PASSENGER: _____

Address: _____

C/S/Zip: _____

Names and Ages of children attending:

Medical-Needs camping required?

Yes No

Anyone camping in this area without medical needs will immediately be asked to leave.

Rally includes: 2 nights camping (early arrivals welcome), rally pins to the first 250, rally mugs, shaded camping, hot showers, flushing toilets, 24/7 NA beverages, live music, and a 50/50 raffle Fri. and Sat., Fri. night soup and hot dogs (until gone), Sat. pig roast, People's Choice bike show, 5K run, field events, awards, door prizes, Lions club tent (food, soda, beer, etc.), optional on-site breakfast Sat. offered by Easter Seals, Sun. donuts and fruit until gone, quiet camping, and RV parking.

Bedroll space is available for \$10/person/night with proceeds to Easter Seals. Reservations are highly recommended.

For Bed Space contact:

DellsRallyBedrollSpace@gmail.com

RALLYPRE-REGISTRATION FEES

Pre-registration: Adults \$49.00 / Children 6-15 \$29.00

At the Gate: Adults \$60.00 / Children 6-15 \$35.00

_____ # Adults @ \$49.00 = \$ _____

_____ # Children @ \$29.00 = \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Make Check or MO Payable to: WI Dells

Rally Mail postmarked on/before 9/1/2020 to:

Wisconsin Dells Rally
1170 Shamrock Court
Hartford, WI 53027-8812

PayPal can only be used with online registrations!

Last day for online registrations is Aug 27, 2020

JUNE

06/05 Rally Meeting 7:00 PM
06/05 Club Meeting 8:00 PM

VFW Hall
17980 W. Beloit Road
New Berlin

No Scheduled Club Rides in June

Thanks again, Dick, for the picture



June Birthday's

June 1	Todd Korb
June 4	Tina Doggett
June 5	Mark Doggett
June 6	John Erdmann
June 8	Brenda Huegin
June 15	Jerry Breitenbach
June 16	Jeanne Cohen
June 17	Glenn DiNicola
June 18	Tom Stresing
June 20	Bill Ahlborn
June 21	Ruth Christensen



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