

# Beemer Buzz

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Fellowship of all BMW Owners  
Wisconsin BMW Motorrad Club  
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Captain Ron 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



MOA #10



RA #10



AMA #2580

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## President

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Jim Galaszewski  
Doug Twing (2020)

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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.

### **Wisconsin BMW Motorrad Club Newsletter**

#### **The Beemer Buzz – November, 2020**

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

## **BMW Club President's Report November 2020**



What happened to fall? I hope everyone and they're loved ones are doing well. It was fabulous to see people at Brian's birthday party from which I got home on Monday. I know the people in our club are a resilient and enthusiastic. But we all have to remember this virus doesn't care who we are so stay vigilant.

Nominations are still happening this month if you cannot make the meeting call me during the meeting around 8:15 and I will make sure you are heard. We have to accommodate.

The president's closing ride will be November 7th we will meet at Moto Union at 115th and Greenfield Ave. For those not at the last meeting Moto Union has made application to become a BMW dealership. We will meet at 11 and leave at 11:30. There will be

lunch offered at the end of the ride. If it rains that day or there is salt on the roads I will meet there in my truck for lunch.

Ride safe. Bob L.

### **Secretary's Report**

**By Dave Kurth**

### **BMW Club October 2020 Meeting Minutes**

President Bob Lannin called the meeting to order.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mike Cohen gave the Treasurer's report and reported the amount in the checkbook. A motion was made to accept the minutes, it was seconded. The motion passed.

**Secretary's Report:** Secretary Dave Kurth read the minutes from the August meeting. Dewayne Williams made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Ramona Rihn seconded the motion and was passed.

**President's report:** Bob gave everyone an update on the wonderful time everyone had that attended the Club Campout at Camp Waubeek. Due to the rain most everyone stayed in the lodge except for Eric and himself. The main hall and the huge fireplace really saved the weekend. Everyone did have a good time!

**Vice President's Report – Bob Preuss:** Bob reminded everyone to turn in their mileage reports for 2020.

**Newsletter Editor – Ramona Rihn:** No new business to announce.

**Social Media Director – Christine Ledezma:** Christine reminded all Ride Leaders to turn in information regarding planned club rides at least 2 weeks in advance of the ride date.

**MOA Representative Brian Manke:** The Falling Leaf Rally is October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. The MOA Getaway for Tomah, WI is scheduled for October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Brian is having his annual birthday party at his home Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, starting at 2:00pm.

**BMWRA Representative:** No new business to announce.

**AMA Report:** No new business to announce.

**Rally Chairman Report, Bob Preuss:** Bob announced that we have 11 months to prepare for the 50<sup>th</sup> Rally!

**Ride Reports:** Dave Kurth led a ride to the Club Campout. Dick Burton will be leading a ride to the Slimy Crud October 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Constitution Committee:** No information to report

**Sunshine Committee:** No new business to announce.

**Old business:** Mike Cohen made a motion to renew the Club's MOA membership. Doug Twing seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

**New Business:** Mike Cohen has a few hats available.

Brian Manke, Heidi and Kevin have begun researching a plan for a club ride to Door County and the Wisconsin Motorcycle Memorial. A Motel with 12 rooms, a bar, and restaurant is available and the rates are reasonable prior to Memorial Day weekend. After some discussion the group has agreed to investigate other options for lodging and later dates available in June. Memorial stones are \$150.00 each. They can hold script of 4 lines and 13 spaces per line.

Mike Cohen asked if the Club would renew the MOA Charter for 2021. Dave Kurth made a motion to renew the charter for 2012. Dewayne Williams seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Ross Bennett brought a brand new BMW R18 to the meeting for viewing.

Ross announced that the company that he works for, Moto-Union" is negotiating with BMW North America to become the BMW dealer for the greater Milwaukee area.

Ross asked the club membership to consider contacting BMW North America and endorsing Moto-Union to be awarded the contract for the MKE dealership.

Contact BMW at 800-831-1117 and email at [customerservice@bmwmotorcycle.com](mailto:customerservice@bmwmotorcycle.com).

Thanks Ross! We believe in you!

#### **Nominations were made for Club officer positions for 2020.**

**President:** Bob Preuss made a motion to nominate Bob Lannin for the position of President. The motion was seconded Ramona Rihn and was passed. Bob Lannin accepted the nomination. Bob Preuss made a motion that nominations for President be closed, the motion was seconded and was passed.

**Vice President:** Ramona Rihn made a motion to nominate Bob Preuss for the position of Vice President. Shad Volbrecht seconded and was passed. Bob Preuss accepted the nomination.

Bob Reitberger nominated Kevin Krueger for the position of Vice President. Heidi Goehring seconded.

Mike Cohen nominated Jimmy G for the position of Vice President, Dave Kurth seconded. Dave Kurth made a motion that nominations for Vice President be closed, Bob Reitberger seconded and was passed.

**Secretary:** Shad Volbrecht made a motion to nominate Dave Kurth for the position of Secretary, Bob Reitberger seconded and the motion was passed. Dave Kurth accepted the nomination.

Christine Ledezma made a motion to nominate Joy Kuenzi for the position of Secretary, Ross Bennett seconded and the motion was passed. Joy Kuenzi accepted the nomination.

**Treasurer:** Dewayne Williams made a motion to nominate Mike Cohen for the position of Treasurer. Ramona Rihn seconded and the motion was passed. Mike Cohen accepted the nomination.

Joy Kuenzi made a motion to nominate Jimmy G for the position of Treasurer. Dave Kurth seconded and the motion was passed. Jimmy G accepted the nomination.

Dave Kurth made a motion that nominations for Secretary be closed, Ramona Rihn seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

**Newsletter Editor:** Bob Reitberger made a motion to nominate Ramona Rihn for the position of Newsletter Editor, Dennis Pipkorn seconded and the motion was passed. Ramona Rihn accepted the nomination. Bob Reitberger made a motion that nominations for the position be closed, Dave Kurth seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

**Social Media Director:** Ramona Rihn made a motion to nominate Christine Ledezma for the position of Social Media Director, Dewayne Williams seconded and the motion was passed. Christine accepted the nomination.

Brian Manke made a motion to nominate Heidi Goehring for the position of Social Media Director, Dewayne Williams seconded and the motion was passed. Heidi accepted the nomination.

**Constitution Committee:** Two expired positions are required to be filled.

Dave Kurth made a motion to nominate Dewayne Williams for the position of Constitution Committee, the motion was seconded and the motion was passed. Dewayne accepted the nomination.

Bob Lannin made a motion to nominate Ron Lampe for the position of Constitution Committee, the motion was seconded and the motion was passed. Ron accepted the nomination.

Dave Kurth made a motion to nominate Tim Koester for the position of Constitution Committee, the motion was seconded and the motion was passed. Tim accepted the nomination.

**Rally Chair:** Bob Lannin made a motion to nominate Bob Preuss for the position of Rally Chair, Ramona Rihn seconded the motion and the motion was passed. Bob Preuss accepted the nomination. Dave Kurth made a motion that nominations for the position be closed, Dewayne seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

**Web Master:** Jimmy G made a motion to nominate Tim Koester for the position of Web Master, Ramona Rihn seconded and the motion was passed. Tim accepted the nomination.

Brian Manke made a motion to nominate Heidi Goehring for the position of Web Master, Shad Volbrecht seconded and the motion was passed. Heidi accepted the nomination.

Dave Kurth made a motion that nominations for the position be closed, Ramona Rihn seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

**Board Member at Large:** Jimmy G made a motion to nominate Dewayne Williams for the position of Board Member at Large, Tim Koester seconded and the motion was passed.

Christine Ledezma made a motion to nominate Becky Policht for the position of Board Member at Large, Heidi Goehring seconded and the motion was passed. Becky was not present at the meeting to accept the nomination.

**Trustee (2 year position):** Bob Preuss nominated Jim Fuhrmann, Shad Volbrecht seconded the nomination and the motion was passed. Jim accepted the nomination.

Bob Reitberger nominated Jimmy G, Dave Kurth seconded the nomination and the motion was passed. Jimmy G accepted the nomination.

**Motion to adjourn:** Bob Preuss made a motion to adjourn and Ron Lampe seconded. The motion was passed.

David Kurth  
10/12/20

## Crud Run Sunday Oct. 4th

The morning dawned with bright sunshine.. but Cold!.. definitely a morning for the electrics.Found out the naked R1200R heated grips aren't worth a dam without hand guards for protection.The next farket.

Upon arrival at Hardee's there was a group of Goldwing riders about to head out.. but other then that pretty quiet. Poor planning on my part.. Hardee's lobby was locked and you had to go to the drive up window for service..pays to plan ahead. At 8:30 our group "The Black Forest Strudel Riders" headed out on our jaunt to Pine Bluff..with Bill Ahlborn bring up the rear for stragglers. The sunshine was getting

warmer but the wind chill at speed nullified it completely.



Upon arrival in Pine Bluff I was surprised as to the amount of diehards That showed up considering the event was all but canceled. There were mostly cold weather riders as the more interesting iron was still in the garage. There was a new BMW 1800 boxer and several nicely restored pieces...but they were few and far between. The "Red Mouse Tavern" was serving coffee and an assortment of goodies.

At 11:00 o'clock we headed out to up and across the river to LeLand. We had one detour en route due to high water. LeLand was pretty



quiet although we arrived early about noon. We grab some lunch at the local sportsman clubs stand...brats..sauer kraut..onions..pickles the whole nine yards..Bon Appetit. Ran into Pineapple and Kevin Krause in the sparse crowd. About 1:30 we decided to head out as we had seen most of it..although there was a steady stream of incoming on our way out.

Next Crud Run 1st Sunday in May..hopefully things will be back to normal.

See ya there..

Dick Burton

Editor note: from the Forum

### Mischler's HD & BMW

It is with deep regret after 62 years of serving the Beaver Dam community, Mischler's Harley-Davidson and BMW will be closing our store permanently turning the key for the final time on December 23, 2020. The current business climate has left us with no other viable option.

To our customers who have supported us through the decades, Thank you! We have also been blessed with the most loyal staff that we consider our family, and they have answered to every request presented to them with advancing their education and challenges made. We thank you!

We will continue to offer storage through the winter for your motorcycle. Pick up times will be scheduled in April 2021.

From Facebook (Mona) at the time of this copying this was posted 6 hours ago!



Greetings fellow Covidians,

These are strange time we live in. Like or not, believe it or not, this pandemic has disrupted our lives in many ways. Since March, there have been rally cancellations (including our own), limits on crowd sizes, and a general concern, among many, regarding personal health and safety. Many of us would prefer a "business as usual" approach to our activities while others prefer to be more cautious. This appears to be evident with the turnout at club meetings. Many meetings we counted club members to verify if/if not a quorum was present.

With that being said; it is my responsibility, as VP, to organize our annual awards banquet. Last year was a good one. It was well attended and a good time was held by all. This year may be a bit more questionable. I am writing this, not to suggest we cancel or even change anything, (this will be decided by the membership at an upcoming meeting). But rather to reach out to the club for suggestions, opinions, and general counsel as to how we can have this event with our best interests in mind. In the interest of time constraints, the sooner we come up with options, the easier it will be for me. I will, as always, comply with the will of the membership. Please, let me know your feelings on this matter. I would love to hear any suggestions on locations that would best accommodate our needs.



Thank you, Bob Preuss  
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Photos of the campout by Mona, except the picture of Mona by Bob P.



## WISCONSIN BMW CLUB EVENTS

11/6 Club Meeting 8:00 PM  
VFW Hall  
17980 W. Beloit Road  
New Berlin

11/7 Closing Club Ride Meet 11:00 AM  
Leave 11:30 AM  
*Meet at Moto Union 115 & Greenfield*



## *HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS*

- 2 Mike Cohen
- 4 Amanda Russell
- 14 Christine Archer
- 22 Gordie Paulowski
- 27 Tim Koester
- 28 John Sobchak
- 29 Bob Lannin



Remember the Wild Goose that we didn't have this year! For sure 2019 Heidi, Dewayne, and Karen remember!

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