

# Beemer Buzz

Dedicated to the Unity, Sociability, and Good  
Fellowship of all BMW Owners  
Wisconsin BMW Motorrad Club  
December 2020 Volume 12



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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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# Officials 2020

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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 – December, 2020**

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All articles by the 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

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



We are entering the weirdest Holiday season I have ever experienced. We need to rely on each other for fun and frolic. Problem is we need to do it at a distance and wearing these dumb masks. So, when y'all gather no need to freak but please be cognizant of others around you. This includes our meetings.

Brian and Heidi have set up a weekend lodging Door County for us to attend the Brick laying at the Wisconsin Motorcycle Memorial. Please seek out the details and book now. They have the whole motel reserved.

I have a premeeting fish fry planned at Danny Haskell's on the east side of Little Muskego Lake (Lannon Rd) they are giving us a private room which you may enter directly from the north door.

I had an opportunity to sit down and chat with Art Mischler. He told me how much he appreciated our clubs support over the years.

If I don't have the opportunity to see you, I wish all a very happy and Merry Christmas and pray the New Year brings us all happiness and

prosperity and many chances to ride and rally.

I leave you with this,      May your day be touched by a bit of Irish luck,  
  brightened by a song in your heart  
  and warmed by the smiles of people you love.  
  Ride Safe

## **BMW Club November 2020 Meeting Minutes**

President Bob Lannin called the meeting to order.

**November Guests:** no new guests

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

**Mike Cohen gave the Treasurer's report:** There is \$3,736.69 in the checkbook. Ernie Grill made a motion to accept the Treasurers report, Duane Williams seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

**President's report:** Bob will be leading a ride Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Meet at MotoUnion at 11:00. There is a possibility the MotoUnion is working with BMWNA for acquiring a dealership.

**Vice President's Report – Bob Preuss:** Bob reminded everyone to turn in their mileage reports for 2020. The Installation Banquet is being planned. More discussion to take place under "new business".

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

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

**Social Media Director – Christine Ledezma:** No new business to announce.

**Rally Chairman Report, Bob Preuss:**  
No new business to announce.

**MOA Representative Brian Manke:** No new business to announce.

**Ride Reports:** Dick Burton led a ride to the Slimy Crud October 4<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Constitution Committee:** No information to report

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

**November 2020 Nominations were made for Club officer positions for 2020.** (Please note: the accepted nominations for positions of officer from the October 2020 meeting follow each office position listed.)

**President:** No new nominations were made for the position of President. Ramona Rihn made a motion that nominations for President be closed, Duane Williams seconded and the motion was passed. Bob Lannin accepted nomination at the October meeting.

**Vice President:** No new nominations were made for the position of Vice President. Ernie Grill made a motion that nominations for Vice President be closed, Ramona Rihn seconded and was passed. Bob Preuss, Kevin Krueger, and Jimmy G accepted nomination at the October meeting. Jim has since requested that he will be declining the nomination.

**Secretary:** No new nominations were made for the position of Secretary. Ramona Rihn made a motion that nominations for Secretary be closed, Duane Williams seconded and the motion was passed. Joy Kuenzi and Dave Kurth G accepted nomination at the October meeting.

**Treasurer:** No new nominations were made for the position of Treasurer. Bob Reitberger made a motion that nominations for Treasurer be closed, Heidi Goehring seconded and the motion was passed. Mike Cohen and Jimmy G accepted nomination at the October meeting.

**Newsletter Editor:** No new nominations were made for the position of Newsletter Editor. Ramona Rihn made a motion that nominations for Newsletter Editor be closed, Duane Williams seconded and the motion was passed. Ramona Rihn accepted nomination at the October meeting.

**Social Media Director:** No new nominations were made for the position of Social Media Director. Dave Kurth made a motion that nominations for Social Media Director be closed, Doug Twing seconded and the motion was passed. Heidi Goehring and Christine Ledezma accepted nomination at the October meeting.

**Constitution Committee:** No new nominations were made for the position of Constitution Committee. Ramona Rihn made a motion that nominations for Constitution Committee be closed, Duane Williams seconded and the motion was passed. Duane Williams, Ron Lampe, and Tim Koester accepted nomination at the October meeting.

**Rally Chair:** No new nominations were made for the position of Rally Chair. Bob Lannin made a motion that nominations for Rally Chair be closed, Jimmy G seconded and the motion was passed. Bob Preuss accepted nomination at the October meeting.

**Web Master:** No new nominations were made for the position of Web Master. Ramona Rihn made a motion that nominations for Web Master be closed, Duane Williams seconded and the motion was passed. Tim Koester and Heidi Goehring accepted nomination at the October meeting.

**Board Member at Large:**

No new nominations were made for the position of Board Member at Large. Ramona Rihn made a motion that nominations for Board Member at Large be closed, Duane Williams seconded and the motion was passed. Becky Policht and Duane Williams accepted nomination at the October meeting.

**Trustee (2 year position):** No new nominations were made for the position of Trustee. Ramona Rihn made a motion that nominations for Trustee be closed, Duane Williams seconded and the motion was passed. Jim Fuhrmann and Jimmy G accepted nomination at the October meeting.

**Old business:** Heidi, Brian, and Kevin have built a plan for a club ride to the Wisconsin Motorcycle Memorial near Jacksonport, WI (Door Cty) for the weekend of June 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The Inlet Motel has been tentatively booked for

both nights. There are only 12 rooms available. Please register a room by Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>. Heidi has requested that club members make a recommendation for what should be written on the memorial brick. A special form was handed out for interested parties to fill out and turn in at the December meeting.

**New Business:** Heidi Goerhing recommended that people that were nominated for board positions draft a biography and reason why club members should vote for them. Please forward this to Ramona by November 20<sup>rd</sup> for entry to the newsletter.

Mike Cohen made a motion to renew the club AMA charter. Brad Russell seconded the motion and it was passed.

Bob Preuss reviewed a number of options for how, when and where to hold the Installation Dinner for 2021. The options were discussed. Bob will investigate further based upon recommendations made.

Duane Williams mentioned that the Christian Motorcycle Club will have a Brat Fry Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 2:00pm at the Elkhorn Piggly Wiggly.

Duane asked that club members keep his parents in their prayers. Duane's Mom has been having issues with her heart and is dealing with cancer treatments. Duane's Mom and Dad are former club members.

**Motion to adjourn:** Duane Williams made a motion to adjourn and Ramona Rihn seconded. The motion was passed. Bob Reitberger opposed.

David Kurth  
11/16/20

A word or two about my candidacy for Vice President.

For two years I have had the privilege of serving as Vice President of the Wisconsin BMW club. I would like very much to have that honor again for one more year. I became a member in the mid-1990s after Brian M. found me a BMW I could afford. I was an eager volunteer and helped organize many of the pre-Chula Vista rallies. Around 1999 or 2000 I was elected Club President and happily served for two years. Personal and financial issues after the millennium led to my leaving the club. I returned to school for seven years receiving an associate degree in electronics and went on to a Bachelors in Management. After the demise of the Hotel rally experiment; I was moved to return to the club. Since then I have been very active in all aspects of the club including but not limited to serving as rally chair, constitution committee member, and club President. My goals have always been the same. I encourage member participation, growing the club membership, and facilitating meeting that are shorter and more productive leaving more time for socialization. I am always available for questions, comments, and constructive criticism. Thankyou for allowing me to serve the club.

Bob Preuss

I have served as Secretary in numerous volunteer organizations and committees for a great portion of my entire literate life. I offer to regularly attend meetings, to write up legible, accurate minutes, and to work with the other officers to provide a smooth-running Club.

Joy Zastrow-Mulcahy



*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, January 16th, 2021**

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

Price to be determined  
(Adult Beverages & Tip Included)

*Please RSVP by Saturday, Jan. 2, 2020*

*Bob Preuss at 262-391-0550*

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Side Note: 13 characters preferred

14 or 15 may be OK

**Motorcycle Memorial Stone**

Office of Treasurer: As I recall Mike Cohen asked for volunteers to assist him. I volunteered. Others also volunteered. We were each seconded. However, I think there was some miscommunication on this position, therefore I decline that nomination.

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I accepted nominations for Webmaster and Social Media Director. I have a very flexible schedule and set my own work hours, therefore I have time to focus on these positions. Here's what I can offer the club.

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I am a Certified Internet Webmaster and have, in the past, been given access to the site to make updates and corrections. When the platform our site is hosted on let's us down, I know how to get in the backend and hand-code the HTML to correct any issues. As webmaster, I'd check into updating the site platform as well as review options with the MOA's **free** chartered club website hosting. I'd also try to update the site more frequently to show that we are an active club by posting current club information, such as club rides and events, on the home page.

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As Social Media Director, I plan to attend every meeting to ensure that current information that can be shared electronically can be posted more timely. I'd work with the newsletter editor, ride leaders, etc., to get the information out to as many members as possible.


Everyone running for office has talents and skills to offer. I send my best to whomever is elected and will support the winners. Thank you for your nominations.

Heidi Goehring

Harv's name was spelled wrong in this example!

Suggested wording for Memorial Stone:
IN MEMORY OF
FELLOW RIDERS
GONE BEFORE
WIS. BMW CLUB
Joy Kuenzi

## WISCONSIN BMW CLUB EVENTS

12/4 Club Meeting 8:00 PM  
VFW Hall  
17980 W. Beloit Road  
New Berlin

1/16 Installation Party 5:30 PM  
Meyer's Restaurant  
4260 S. 76<sup>th</sup> Street  
Milwaukee



## HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAY'S

2-Dec	Becky Policht
2-Dec	Ralph Sorenson
7-Dec	Erin Houlihan (Johnson)
11-Dec	Stacy Hess
14-Dec	Ann Sobchak
19-Dec	Doug Twing
22-Dec	Janet Magin

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