

# Beemer Buzz

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Fellowship of all BMW Owners  
Wisconsin BMW Motorrad Club  
March 2021 Volume 3



## 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

New Berlin VFW Post  
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New Berlin, WI  
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Joy Zastrow-Mulcahy  
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.

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## **BMW Club President's Report March 2021**



I think it's turned! Blue skies abound this week bringing on the itch for 2 wheels. Very, very soon it will happen. When we do ride together or just see each other please stay vigilant to protect yourself and our friends. We had a couple cases in our group in different families. All appear to be recovering but we can't take it for granted. We can have a good time and be safe at the same time. We have had several individuals that receive their second shot already so we're on our way as a group. I know you're sick of me harping but it's because I care about each one of you.

Still looking for a volunteer to put on a tech session. If you like in person or virtual. We can make it work.

I would like to congratulate Moto Union on being welcomed into the BMW family. It will take a bit to get things sorted and running but they're on the way!

### ON THIS ROAD CALLED LIFE

You have to take the good with the bad, Smile with the sad.  
Love what you got, And remember what you had.  
Always forgive, but never forget People change and things go wrong.  
But just remember, The ride goes on.

HAPPY ST. PATRICKS DAY!

Bob L

## **BMW Club February 2021 Meeting Minutes**

February 5, 2021

President Bob Lannin called the meeting to order.

Meeting Guests: Bill Ewert, rides a 1995 R100GS (it's in very nice shape) and a Gold Wing

### **President's report:**

Bob gave Ross Bennett the floor to update the Club on the status of the BMWNA franchise for the MKE area. The MotoUnion dealership has been purchased by the group that owns Tytlers in DePere, WI. BMWNA is in the process of awarding the MKE dealership to the new owners of MotoUnion. Both groups are working very hard to create a successful BMW dealership for us in the MKE area. The owners bought a great deal of inventory and tooling from Mischler's when they closed. For the near future the BMW dealerships in DePere and Barrington can provide sales and service. Ross also mentioned that he has left MotoUnion and will be providing insurance services in the Wales area. Congratulations Ross!

### **Secretary's Report:**

Secretary Dave Kurth read the minutes from the December meeting. Jim Fuhrmann made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Jim Guthrie seconded the motion and was passed. No new news to report.

**Mike Cohen gave the Treasurer's report:**

There is \$3,549.60 in the checkbook.

Ross Bennett made a motion to accept the Treasurers report, Duane Williams seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Members should see Mike after the meeting to pay annual membership dues for 2021.

**Vice President's Report – Bob Preuss:**

Bob was not in attendance due to illness.

**Newsletter Editor – Ramona Rihn:**

Ramona was not in attendance due to illness.

**Social Media Director – Christine Ledezma:**

No new business to announce.

**MOA:**

No new business to announce.

**BMWRA Representative:**

No new business to announce.

**AMA Report:**

There will be ice races in Oshkosh 2/6/21.

**Rally Chairman Report, Bob Preuss:**

No new business to announce. Bob was not in attendance due to illness.

**Ride Reports:**

Ross, Christine, Bob Lannin, and Dave Kurth volunteered to lead rides this year!

**Constitution Committee:**

No information to report

**Sunshine Committee:**

The Club received a thank you card from John and Jim Borden for condolences for their Mom.

A card is in circulation for Bill Winkels at the meeting. Bob asked everyone to sign it and write a nice note.

**In and Out Board Meeting 1/16/21:**

Discussions held at the meeting:

The club bought two drinks for each member in attendance at the meeting. Bob Lannin made a motion for the club to pay for the \$91.00 spent for the two drinks for each member in attendance at the meeting. Duane Williams seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

The Board recommends that the membership dues for 2021 be \$30.00 per person.

Brad Russell made a motion to set the membership dues for 2021 at \$30.00. Doug Twing seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Tim Koester made a motion for Initiation Fees for new members to be set at \$18.00. Duane Williams seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

**New Business:**

The 2021 Election for the position of Trustee was held incorrectly. The results of the election are void due to the error. The nomination for candidates and voting for Trustee needs to be performed again.

Nominations for 2-year Trustee:

Bob Reitberger nominated Jimmy G.

Jimmy G accepted nomination.

Christine nominated Ross Bennett.

Ross Bennett declined the nomination.

Bob Reitberger made a motion to close the nominations for Trustee.

Duane Williams seconded. The motion was accepted.

Doug Twing made a motion that Jimmy G be unanimous.

Duane Williams seconded. The motion was accepted.

Jimmy G is now the Trustee for 2 years.

**Position of Secretary:**

Joy Kuenzi Zastrow Mulcahy has requested to resign her position as Secretary due to illness.

A special election was held to fill the now vacant position of Secretary.

Joy Kuenzi Zastrow Mulcahy nominated Dave Kurth for the position of Secretary.

Dave Kurth accepted the nomination.

Jim Fuhrmann made a motion to close nominations for the position of Secretary.

Duane Williams seconded. The motion was accepted.

Mike Cohen advised that the annual club membership for the BMWRA for 2021 needs to be paid.

Ross Bennett made a motion that the Club renew the membership for 2021. Brad Russell seconded. The motion was passed.

Mike Cohen made a motion to renew the VFW Hall rent for 2021 for a fee of \$400.00.

There was some discussion that some members would like to consider alternating the days that the Club meetings are held. Discussions for consideration will continue consideration for the 2022 calendar year.

Mike repeated his motion to renew the VFW Hall rent for 2021 for a fee of \$400.00.

Jim Guthrie seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

**Motion to adjourn:**

Doug Twing made a motion to adjourn and Ross Bennett seconded the motion. The motion was passed. Bob Reitberger did not oppose the motion.

David Kurth

2/18/21



# FLEA MARKET & MOTOEXPO

The 2021 Flea Market & MotoExpo has been **POSTPONED** due to COVID-19. Information about a rescheduled event will appear here as soon as it become available

[Flea Market/MotoExpo \(blackhawkbmwclub.org\)](http://blackhawkbmwclub.org)

Submitted by Bob Preuss

Brick ideas submitted by Heidi



**Brick Ideas submitted**

**ONE BRICK – 4 ideas**

WISC BMW CLUB REMEMBERS PAST MEMBERS AND RIDERS	WISCONSIN BMW CLUB HONORS PAST MEMBERS
IN MEMORY OF HARVEY REED GRANDPA TUMBLEWEED	IN MEMORY OF CLUB RIDERS PAST & PRESENT WISC BMW CLUB

**TWO BRICKS – 2 ideas**

THE WISCONSIN BMW CLUB MILWAUKEE WI EST. 1967	THE WISCONSIN BMW CLUB MILWAUKEE WI EST. 1967
DEDICATED TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO HAVE GONE	DEDICATED TO MEMBERS & FRIENDS THAT HAVE PASSED US

**OTHER IDEAS:**

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## ANONYMOUS BOOK

As many of you know, one benefit of being a member of the BMW Motorcycle Owners of America is the Anonymous Book. It remains one of the best tools I keep in my tank bag, with access to thousands of other like-minded riders across the country; actually, around the world. Knowing I have this is my ticket to ride, knowing that wherever I go, I am never alone.

Inside its cover it contains State / City / Phone numbers of helpful members who have offered to step in to rescue another traveler. There are codes which denote their level of help: maybe they have a spare bed you can use. Maybe they have a truck or trailer to rescue you. Other codes include technical assistance, tools and workspace, coffee & conversation, and so much more.

The long awaited DIGITAL ANONYMOUS BOOK is here. It's the same information as the paper edition with a few improvements. Most notably, it's available on your desktop, tablet or phone. And, you can search cities, states or keyword. The even longer awaited ANONYMOUS BOOK APP is here as well! It's the same information as the paper edition, now available as a smartphone app.

Using the Anonymous App allows you to access lists of BMW Motorrad Dealers and Chartered Clubs across the United States. Once you're logged in, you can access the traditional AB listings, provided by MOA members who have opted in to the Anonymous universe. Filter by state and city to find MOA members near you willing to help or just get together for a cup of coffee.

In the October issue of the BMW Owners News, the MOA announced that the popularity of this electronic tool has been enthusiastically received by the membership. With all of this information now available at your fingertips (whether it's a smart phone or a computer), access is much more convenient and current. But let me add ... The "book" is NOT going away yet! When the new technology was announced, they also announced that members now need to "OPT-IN" if they want to continue to receive the paperback-version of the book. This is a new initiative, as the MOA leans into the 21st century. A number of members have requested that they would prefer to stop receiving the book, because the app provides more information and is always kept current. Every member now has access to the MOA Anonymous App. In order to receive the hard copy of the book, Tom and I needed to notify the staff at headquarters to please keep us on that list.

Yep: we are still old school .... We opted in when we read the article last October. SO this week, we received our 2021 Anonymous Books. Hurray! If you were also one of the people who opted-in, keep watching your mail for yours to arrive in the mail. If you did NOT "opt-in", and if you still want the hard-copy of the book, then I would recommend that you call or email the offices to request one ... if that is your wish. You can find their contact information on one of the back pages of your BMW Owners News, or on the web page at [bmwmoa.org](http://bmwmoa.org).

Sue Rihn

Lifetime Member, Wisconsin BMW Club

Secretary, BMW MOA Board of Directors

Friend of the Marque, BMW Motorrad International Council of Clubs

## WISCONSIN BMW CLUB EVENTS

### 3/5 Club Meeting

VFW Hall  
17980 Beloit Rd,  
New Berlin, WI 53146

8:00 PM



#### WIS BMW Club Members with March birthdays

1-Mar	Tom Petrick	11-Mar	Christa Pretzl
2-Mar	Tracey Maszka	16-Mar	Jack Clausen
2-Mar	Paulette Hamel	16-Mar	Rae Lampe
2-Mar	Kevin Krueger	18-Mar	Christine Ledezma
4-Mar	Bob Reitberger	20-Mar	Margo Kurth
4-Mar	Jim Galaszewski	21-Mar	Susanne Joneson
8-Mar	Bob Stelmaszewski	24-Mar	Joanne Guthrie Peterson
10-Mar	JoAnn Grill	26-Mar	Keith Emich
10-Mar	Steve Lemke	27-Mar	Scott McDermott
11-Mar	George Davies	31-Mar	Cheryl Sorenson

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