# Beemer Buzz

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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







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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 – April, 2021

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

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



It's officially spring! The NCAA tournament is in full swing and I have been out planning the president's opening ride. Then I called a member to let him know what I had planned. It came up how important our traditions are. So, I'm going to put the ride I planned off.

I will be leading the "Geese haven't flown back yet ride" Sunday, April 18th. Meet at Hardee's (Hwy 83 and I 94) at 10:00 AM. Drivers meeting at 10:25. leave at 10:30. We will ride to the Bayside Supper Club in Beaver Dam, for lunch of your choice to pay homage to our sister club. In case you haven't been following the news, the Port Club has postponed the Wild Goose run until fall. This event is Dutch treat.

If you cannot make the April meeting and would like to attend the fish fry, call Ernie Grill. Having a fish fry is not a requirement for attending the meeting. We are hoping to

do awards at this event.

I pray everyone is well. I will get my second shot next week. We still have to pay attention. I leave you with this,

May God give you...
For every storm a rainbow,
For every tear, a smile,
For every care, a promise,
And a blessing, in each trial.
For every problem life sends,
A faithful friend to share,
For every sigh, a sweet song,
And an answer for each prayer.

Ride safe Bob L.

### **BMW Club March 5, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

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 and Jeff Mohbeth

<u>Secretary's Reading of February meeting minutes</u>: Secretary Dave Kurth read the minutes from the February meeting. Ross Bennett made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Ramona Rihn seconded the motion and was passed.

<u>Mike Cohen gave the Treasurer's report:</u> Mike gave the balance in the checkbook. Ernie Grill made a motion to accept the Treasurers report, Duane Williams seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

<u>President's report:</u> Bob queried the members present for who had gotten the Covid vaccine. Several members raised their hands. Bob encouraged everyone to be careful and to take this thing easy and let's get through this together.

Bob also encouraged anyone that hasn't - pay their membership dues for 2021.

<u>Vice President's Report - Bob Preuss:</u> Bob had no new news to report. He and Ramona are continuing to recover from their illness.

Secretary's Report: No new news to report.

<u>Newsletter Editor - Ramona Rihn:</u> Ramona advised the members that reports for the newsletter must be submitted by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month to get the newsletter out on time. There are two individuals that chronically submit their articles late every month. This is disturbing for Ramona and people must begin to be more considerate of their agreed upon responsibilities. Ramona stressed this two times. As a side note, the newsletter could use more motorcycle pictures. Please send any cool picture that you have, past or present, to Ramona for entry into the newsletter. (Thank you, Dave, great suggestion! *Mona*)

**BMW MOA:** Brian announced that national membership is at 22,000. This is down from a high of 45,000 in years past.

Brian urged members to consider attending an MOA Getaway weekend. They are lot of fun and located in some special places.

The National Rally is June 24th - 26th.

The Great River Road Rally is May 14th and 15th.

Brian recommended that members consider being part of the MOA Anonymous Book.

**BMWRA Representative:** The National Rally is in August

**AMA Report:** No new news to report.

<u>Rally Chairman Report, Bob Preuss:</u> Rally planning meetings will begin later this Spring. Bob is requesting for advice on how to structure the Rally this year and for volunteers. A bike will be raffled at the Rally. Tickets will be sold at only at the Rally. Members are available to participate. Tickets for the raffle will be sold at the Rally only.

Ride Reports: Becky asked members to sign up the ride leaders this year.

Constitution Committee: No information to report

Sunshine Committee: No new news to report.

<u>Old Business</u>: Brian announced that there are still rooms available at the Motel for the Club Ride to Wisconsin Motorcycle Memorial for the weekend of June 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.

Please submit your recommendations for the script that will be written on the memorial stones ASAP.

<u>New Business:</u> Ernie Grill will be leading the Annual Fish Fry Ride for May  $7^{th}$ . Please sign up on the roster that is being circulated during the meeting.

Christine has injured - due in a nasty fall. Please keep her in your prayers.

Bob and Mike mentioned that the website crashed and has been restored on a limited basis. Heidi is working to develop a new and updated format. Heidi and Mike will be working together to optimize the site with a goal of keeping costs reasonable.

Ross Bennett has a friend that has a R100RS for sale. It's in nice shape. The price is \$5,200.00. Contact Ross if you are interested. Ross has some items for sale on the back table as well.

MotoUnion is in the progress of setting up the new BMW dealership at their facility.

Bob Lannin recommended that we consider developing a plan with MotoUnion to provide buyers of new and used bikes with a 1-year membership.

Bob Preuss recommended that a plan needs to be drafted for this in accordance with Club bi-laws.

John Policht announced that Terry Clark, MOA Ambassador has passed away.

**Motion to adjourn:** Dave Kurth made a motion to adjourn and Ernie Grill seconded the motion. The motion was passed. Bob Reitberger *did* oppose the motion.

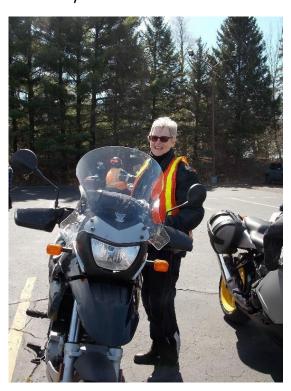
David Kurth 3/19/21

### 2019 Wild Goose





Joy Zastrow-Kuenzi



#### Memorial Weekend

URGENT: Vote NOW (April meeting) for the wording on the memorial stone.

The placing of the memorial stone weekend is June 11th & 12th, 2021 -- stone placement the 12th.

We have reserved the Innlet Hotel. Several rooms have already been booked. There are a few still available rooms. Two night stay is minimum. Prices may be a little lower as the new rates haven't been set yet. We are getting off-season pricing. These are the room rates as of January. Plan on taxes increasing these quotes.

- There are 2 whirlpool suites each with a king size bed -- \$100 per night
- There is an economy King room (one bed) -- I think it's \$70/night
- There are 7 rooms with two queen beds + another with 2 queens that are handicap accessible (total of 9)
  - \$70/night for 1-2 people
  - \$10/night each additional person

We need 20 people with double occupancy to book all rooms. That figures out to \$50/night/person for the whirlpool suites and \$35/night/person for the others. Occupancy will allow up to 40 people with room sharing. If someone wants their own room, they pay the full room price.

No time to dawdle. Book your room today! If we fill the motel, we believe the owners will let the overflow camp in the yard -- not yet confirmed.

The motel is about 15 miles northeast of Sturgeon Bay in Jacksonport, lakeside.

Please vote for the brick ideas offered or provide an idea of your own for the next meeting. You can new submit ideas to <a href="mailto:bmwManke@gmail.comor">bmwManke@gmail.comor</a> <a href="mailto:hgoehring@candoittude.com">hgoehring@candoittude.com</a>, or tell us which you prefer out of submitted ideas. One brick is \$150; 2 for \$300.

WISC BMW CLUB REMEMBERS PAST MEMBERS AND RIDERS THE WISCONSIN BMW CLUB MILWAUKEE WI EST. 1967 (second brick to place next to above) DEDICATED TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO HAVE GONE

#### MEMORIAL RIDE CLUB WEEKEND

Each stone can have up to 13 characters per line (spaces are considered characters). We are asking members to submit ideas for what the stone should say. Use the grid below to assist in drafting up a message. Please bring your idea(s) to the meeting.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

# BMW MOA Mileage Contest WI BMW Club Members

Christine Ledezma - Top 25 Female Summer Finisher, finishing #9 with 10,728

Doug Twing	8,132
Tom Van Horn	6,320
Andrew Pretzel	5,398
Shad Volbrecht	5.024
Sue Rihn	4,738
Brian Manke	4,167
Bill Saxler	3,402
Dennis Pipkorn	3,038
Ron Feurer	2,633
Steve Lemke	2,064
Mike Cohen	1,560
Joy Zastrow-Mulcahy	<u>1,197</u>
Total miles by WIS BMW Club	60,401



Various Dells Rally's









### **April Events**

April 2 Club Meeting 8:00 PM

VFW Hall New Berlin, WI

April 18 Opening Ride Lead by Bob Lannin

Meet at Hardee's - I 94 and 83

Leave at 10:00 AM

Geese haven't flown back yet Ride

Thank you, Bob!

May 3 Fish Fry Ride Lead by Ernie Grill

Meet at Hardees - I 94 and Hwy 83

Leave at 5:30 Thank you, Ernie!

May 3 Club Meeting Machine Shed

194 and Hwy 64 (Waukesha)

Meet at 6:30, Eat at 7:00

Thank you, Ernie!



2-Apr Laury Saxler Linda Stauss 7-Apr 9-Apr John Archer 11-Apr John Borden 11-Apr Mac MacDonald 17-Apr Dan Mueller 23-Apr Andy Pretzl 25-Apr Mike Sarton 27-Apr Linda Lau

29-Apr Kristopher Johnson29-Apr Sandy Stelmaszewski

30-Apr Tate Wilson

