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**Wisconsin BMW Motorrad Club Newsletter
The Beemer Buzz – March 2023**

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President's Report

We lost a branch off our family tree. I learned that term at the Celebration of Life for our long-time member Joy Zastrow-Mulcahy. Joy left us last week after a two-year battle with cancer. She never slowed down or ever complained about. I was interesting to learn how complex she was in addition to what she showed us. Jeanne Cohen made us proud with her remembrance. I was proud to see how many people came to honor our friend.

If the newsletter is late, it is because of me getting this article in late. I apologize.

On a brighter note, it's time to start riding. I will be leading a ride to the tech session put on at Doug Twing's estate on April 22nd. Planning on meeting at Moto Union at 10:30 leaving at 11. Doug has put some excellent sessions on in the past. This ride will be the day before the Wild Goose run.

Please come and participate in the Dell's Rally planning. It would be great if Bob can get the work spread out to make this rally a success and fun for all of us.

Check out the progress on our Facebook page and sign up for the member's page. Progress is well underway for our new website.

Newer members I am challenging you to lead a ride. Give Doug Twing a call.

I normally leave you with an Irish saying of some sort. This month I just want everyone to appreciate each other and not take anything for granted.

There is a lot of love in this club!

Bob L

Club Rides

Ride Leader: Mike Lambert
Bayside Supper Club – Wild Goose
Meet at Stone Creek Coffee at 9:15
Leave at 10:00 AM

Ride Leader: Mike Lambert
Vintage Grounds
Janesville Road
Muskego, WI
Meet at 9:30 AM
Leave at 10:15 AM

Ride Leader: Kevin Krueger
Fish Fry Ride – details to follow

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April Weather and Wisconsin Landscape Rides

As I am looking out my window at a cold, snow-covered Wisconsin landscape, I am envisioning some warmer weather, and upcoming rides. Since our member at large (aka... annual ride coordinator), Doug Twing was stating that as of the March meeting there were no takers for monthly ride coordinators, I guess I can bite the bullet and take that lead for April.

So as the April ride coordinator I will lead two rides that have already been planned. The first is the ride to the Port Washington BMW Club's "Wild Goose Run" lunch at the *Bayside Supper Club* in Beaver Dam on the 16th of April. Tickets for this lunch are available from our treasurer, Mike Cohen, either via check mailed to him or available for purchase at the April Meeting on the 7th. You can also buy tickets at the door, but seating is assigned by club, and the seating assignments is based on these club pre-sales. So, if you buy at the door, you will have a place to sit, but you might not be able to sit with your brothers and sisters from **this** club. The ride will originate from Stone Creek Coffee on Hwy 83 in Delafield (it's a stone's throw from the Hardees that has been so flaky lately). We will be meeting at 9:15 kickstands up at 10:00. This is a scheduled 1 hour 45-minute ride and about 60 miles.

The second ride is a gathering of riders from the Adventure Riders website (advriders.com) on Sunday, April 23rd. This is a meeting of mostly dual sport riders that has an interest in some dual sport riding in our state. The coordinator of this meetup is person named CANNONSHOT on the forums and is one of the major players in posting routes and trip information for dual sport riders in the upper Midwest. This ride will be leaving from Vintage Grounds Coffeehouse on Janesville Road in Muskego and heading to the Delafield Brewhaus on Hillside Drive in Delafield (which is ironically a stones through from the start of the Goose Run) This ride we will be meeting around 9:30 and kickstands up at 10:15. This is slotted as an 1 hour 30-minute ride and about 60 miles. This ride **MUST** have some pre planning as the coordinator needs to have a head count so the restaurant can support us. Please contact me via phone, text, or email at the contacts listed below so I can let the coordinator know how many people are going to be coming. For those of you that are members of the advriders.com forums, the link to the meet and greet is here: <https://www.advriders.com/f/threads/se-wi-meet-and-greets-sun-23-apr-2023-delafield-wi.292843/page-154#post-47049321>

As with all club rides; please make sure you are dressed accordingly, have your bike fueled up and ready to go before the ride starts, and empty your bladder before we roll out. I expect both rides to be leisurely in pace and open to all riders and bike types (an open ride). I will have a Cardo communications system and if others want to pair with me or make a BMW CLUB intercom group, please let me know. Downloadable route GPX files and pictures of the routes are on the club website, and the Facebook group. Since this is Wisconsin in the spring weather may play into these rides. I will ride in the rain, but not soakers or snow. If the weather is too bad, I will be attending both events as planned, but in a car.

Mike Lambert
April Ride Coordinator

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Memorial BRICKS at the Wisconsin Motorcycle Memorial Park - Sturgeon Bay, WI by Heidi Goehring

Some of you will recall, we had a snafu ordering the memorial bricks for the Erdmann's and Karen Jacobs last year: The organization couldn't get engravable bricks. When bricks finally arrived, life stepped in delaying things further. Well, trying to reorder the bricks is again challenging. Orders will not go through PayPal. Good News? I mailed a check and the bricks have been ordered!!!

Next decisions: When to place them? And do we want to make it a club campout?

Last time, we made this a club overnight event. We stayed at a mom-n-pop hotel in Jacksonport which has been sold and is under new ownership. They no longer offer off-season rates, and rates have significantly increased as well. There is no camping option.

This year, I'm opening up my brother's property on the south edge of Sturgeon Bay. Over two acres for camping, firepit, picnic table, gas grill, fridge space, toilet, etc. Bring your own drinking water—the well hasn't been in use for almost a year, so I'm expecting iron. The price is right: FREE. And it's about the same distance from the Memorial Park as the Jacksonport Hotel, very secluded, and yet easy to find.

Don't want to camp? Motel 57 is right in front of the property – like a 1-2 minute walk, if even. Winter rates apply through June 6: \$79/night Standard (double bed with kitchenette) & \$99/night Deluxe (2 double beds and full kitchen). From June 6 through October 30, summer rates apply (subject to change): \$109 Standard/\$129 Deluxe. In summer, a 3-night minimum is required for a weekend stay. Both kitchens & kitchenettes are stocked with cookware.

Tentative dates:

- **Campout** – Tuesday/Wednesday, May 23-24 (Hotel rates are off-season; camping chilly)
 - **Ride up/Ride back:** Single day – Saturday, July 8th (Ride in the morning, have lunch, place bricks, ride home in the afternoon)

 - **Campout** – Friday/Saturday/Sunday, August 11-13 (yeah, it's hot, but Door County is still cool and you can ride up along the lakeshore – 3 night stay at Motel 57 is required and summer rates apply; camping free and comfortable).
- AND/OR
- **Ride up/Ride back:** Single day – Saturday, August 12th (Ride in the morning, have lunch, place bricks, ride home in the afternoon)

 - **Campout** – Tuesday/Wednesday, August 15-16 (Cool ride along the lakeshore; Hotel doesn't require 3 nights; camping free and comfortable)

So, PLEASE, let me know if you're interested in attending this event and your preference for when we do it. Come to the April meeting or contact me: hgoehring@candoitude.com. Thank you!!

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Shoppers: Open 8:00a for breakfast,
then 10:00a - 5:00p for shopping

For More Info

Go to: blackhawkbmwclub.org

<<For photos of our NEW VENUE: On website, click Photo Gallery and then on SmugMug, open 2023 folder>>

On Facebook: Blackhawk Region BMW Club

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This was read by Joy's GREAT Grand-daughter. I thought it was a beautiful tribute to Joy.

Hi everyone, first I want to thank you for being here to remember and celebrate Joy's life.

For those of you who don't know me, I am Melissa, Joy's step-granddaughter. Her and my Grandpa Colin were married in 1980 and he passed away in 1996. That means for the past 27 years Joy has been part of my life by choice. She was 28 when I was born so she never totally felt like a grandma to me. She didn't feel totally like an aunt or a mom or a cousin either. She just felt like Joy, like family. Like a constant in my life that remained there to support me and for me to look up to.

About eight years ago Mike, my husband, and I bought Joy's parent's house. Shout out to Grandma Pearl and Grandpa Ewalt! The home is adjacent to Joy's home and property. Since my brother, and sister and I grew up on this land we affectionately call the homes and the land, The Shire. Joy loved that and would refer to it as such all the time. Remember that piece of information, it will come up later.

Joy used to watch our kids, Millie and Walter while Mike and I were at work. When she would go out of town I would write as a reminder on the calendar "No Joy" and the song "Ain't No Sunshine When She's Gone" would play in my head. She found this piece of information very amusing, and we would sing this together every time she told me she was going out of town. Remember this one too. I promise this will all tie together at some point here!

A little more than two years ago Joy was diagnosed with Cancer, and I began going to doctor's appointments with her and helping her with a few things. I never realized what a blessing that would become for me. Not only did I get the opportunity to spend more time with her but was able to witness how she responded to such adversity. She never complained or asked, why me? Not ever, in two years. Not once. Joy looked at her diagnosis as the card she was dealt and made the best of it, like she did with other difficult things she faced in her life. She truly lived out her name, finding happiness despite her circumstances. She asked questions, researched and set things in motion to donate her body to the Medical College so that she could be of service even after her passing.

That shouldn't be a surprise to anyone in this room. Joy truly lived a life of service. To Christ through her church, to others through Eastern Star, to her community through the Richfield Historical Society, to the planet by saving and reusing absolutely everything. Trust me on that one! She also served her family by watching our kids and allowing us to buy her family home.

When Joy and I were going through funeral wishes she told me that she wanted our song to play. If you were paying attention earlier, you know what that is... "Ain't No Sunshine When She's Gone". And for me to explain it to all of you. Honestly, I struggled with this for the past

couple of months. It felt like a pretty depressing message to say there would be no sunshine now that Joy's gone. But the morning after she passed, I was taking a walk through The Shire and watched the most beautiful sunrise. I said out loud, looks like there is still sunshine, Joy! So, either that song is totally inaccurate or, plot twist, she isn't really gone. She lives on through the lessons she has taught, by living a life doing things that she loved with people she loved, being comfortable in her own skin and serving those around her with kindness and joy.

The week before she passed, I went up to her house to check in and brought my son, Walter. When Joy said goodbye to him, she said, "Bye Walt, I love you, and I will see you around The Shire". For me she will always be there. Thank you, Joy, for bringing the sunshine and sticking around The Shire to watch over me and my family. Thank you for showing me how to live a life of authenticity and how to love others well.

When I was going through some legal documents earlier this week, I found a folded piece of paper with this written on it for me and for all of you from Joy.

A limb has fallen from the family tree I keep hearing a voice that says grieve not for me.

Remember the best times, the laughter, and song,
The good life I lived while I was still strong.
Continue my heritage, I am counting on you.
Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.
My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest,
Remembering it all, how I truly was blessed.
Continue traditions no matter how small,
Go on with your life, don't worry of all.
I miss you dearly, so keep up your chin,
Until the day comes, we're together again."

While the contributor wasn't genetically a Great Grand daughter – she certainly is a Great Grand daughter. We all should have a grand daughter similar to this one! In my opinion.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Bob Lannin
Kevin Krueger
Kathy Waters
Mike Lambert
Jim Guthrie
Jim Galaszewski

Called to order at 7:07 pm

Change the logo to reflect the WI BMW Motorcycle Club.

We want to get the club registered with the IRS to get our 501 c 7 status updated. We need to research further for how to be legal. We may need an attorney to help.

Identify who should be doing the negotiations for contracts in the club. A contract had been completed without notifying anyone on the board. We need to make sure going forward, the President is included with all negotiations of contracts. It will be addressed.

Things were voted on in the Rally meeting that people thought were already determined before being voted on by the membership. We are going to clean up the items from last meeting.

Elections were unusually complicated last time. That will not happen again. One office at a time. We are working on getting this set up on the website.

Our point system is chaotic. The Ride Captain needs to identify who was the leader and who was on the ride. Otherwise, everyone will keep track of their own.

There was an executive session held at 7:43 pm. Minutes will not be published.

All correspondence regarding the newsletter should be email to both Mona and Bob Preuss.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

The Round Robin
Submitted by Heidi Goehring

Mark your calendar: Saturday, June 24th, 2023!!! That's the date we'll have the Round Robin.

More details will be forthcoming as this shapes up. As of now, riders will be meeting at Southeast Sales for donuts and coffee around 9 AM. The first leg of the ride will be headed west to Kevin Krueger and Kathy Waters' home for lunch. Then, get lost (not literally) on very scenic roads with the ride ending in Fort Atkinson where Brian Manke and myself will host dinner. Ride leads are still needed.

So, PLEASE, let me know if you're interested in attending this event or leading a leg of the ride. We have food to coordinate (-:). Come to the April meeting and sign up or contact me: hgoehring@candoitude.com email

hgoehring@candoitude.com. Thank you!

From Your Board Member at Large

As I am always looking for ride captains for this season. Mike Lambert has stepped up to take April. He has a couple rides planned and I will conduct a tech day on April 22. The tech day will start about noon so maybe we can get Bob to conduct his opening ride that morning to the tech day. Watch the forum and Facebook for details.

Kevin Krueger is leading the ride to our Fish Fry in May. I think I'll have to twist his arm to coordinate one more ride in May so I can label him our May ride captain.

Is there anyone out there willing to coordinate a couple rides in June?

If anyone wants to take July, I will coordinate one of the rides for you as I do plan to lead my normal 4th of July ride to Boscobel with the ride actually taking place on the third so the restaurant will hopefully be open.

Heidi Goehring has stepped up to coordinate the Round Robin this year. This normally take place in August but I don't think a date has been set for this yet. For those new to the club, the Round Robin starts with a ride to a location for breakfast, a second ride to lunch and then a third ride to a dinner stop. A schedule will be published so if you can't make all three rides, hopefully, you can join us for a portion of the day.

Submitted by Doug Twing



Ken and Joy, together for eternity!

Wisconsin Club at GR3



Photo's submitted by Mona at the GR3!



<u>Date</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Last</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Last</u>
April 2	Laury	Saxler	April 17	Dan	Mueller
April 3	Janet	Winkels	April 23	Andy	Pretzel
April 5	Mike	Lambert	April 23	Bill	Ewert
April 7	Linda	Stauss	April 25	Mike	Sarton
April 7	Eric	Lange	April 27	Linda	Lau
April 9	John	Archer	April 29	Kristofer	Johnson
April 11	John	Bordon	April 30	Tate	Wilson
April 11	Mac	MacDonald			

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BMWMOA Mileage Contest:

The BMWMOA has run mileage contests for years (our very own Jim L. now doing the compiling). It ran from April to October; More recently, a separate annual contest was added. Forms for both were in the Owners News magazine.

The 'MOA has recently changed things up: There is now only an annual contest (no Apr—Oct), and the forms are only available at the 'MOA website. Let me know if you need help getting at them...

...In last years contest, Wisconsin tied Minnesota for number of finishers, but MN edged us in total miles. Kudos to members Mark H. and Prez Chad for their high finishes!

The 2023-24 Annual Mileage Contest runs from April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024. A valid BMW MOA membership must be maintained throughout the Mileage Contest time period to be eligible. All miles or kilometers reported must have been aboard a BMW motorcycle. Beginning and ending mileage must be submitted on the official form downloaded from bmwmoa.org. Copies of that form are acceptable. Always include your BMW MOA member number on all correspondence. When entering miles or kilometers, always include the total mi/km on a bike with more than 100,000 mi/km with an odometer that has turned over to 0. (25,000 mi/km on a bike that has gone over 100,000 should be reported as 125,000; over 200,000 reported as 225,000, etc.) If you traded bikes or changed speedometers during the contest, send in the final mileage of your old bike and the beginning and ending mileage of the new bike with signatures from the dealer or former owner. If a loaner or rental bike is used, please provide verification of that mileage. If you live in a remote area and have difficulty getting signatures, that will be taken into consideration. n Email Jim Low at mileagecontest@bmwmoa.org with questions. Start forms must be postmarked by May 1, 2023. Mail contest form to: BMW MOA Mileage Contest c/o BMW MOA 2350 Hwy 101 South Greer, SC 29651

2023-24 ANNUAL MILEAGE CONTEST START FORM

The 2023-24 Annual Mileage Contest starts April 1, 2023

BMW/MOA# _____ Female _____ Male _____
 Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State/Province _____ ZIP/PC _____
 Phone _____ Email _____
 MOA Chartered Club affiliation _____

Only miles ridden aboard BMW motorcycles are eligible for BMW MOA Mileage Contests. A valid BMW MOA membership must be maintained throughout the Mileage Contest time period.

YEAR	BMW MODEL	BEGINNING ODOMETER READING	MI/LS/KM

The signatures of two BMW MOA members (not immediate family) or one signature of an MOA Chartered Club Officer, MOA Board member, MOA Ambassador, MOA Staff member, BMW Dealer or Notary Public required for verification.

Contact Jim Low, BMW MOA Mileage Contest Coordinator at mileagecontest@bmwmoa.org with questions.

1. BMW MOA # _____ Witness Signature _____ Date _____
 2. BMW MOA # _____ Witness Signature _____ Date _____

Signature of Entrant: _____
Start forms must be postmarked by May 1, 2023
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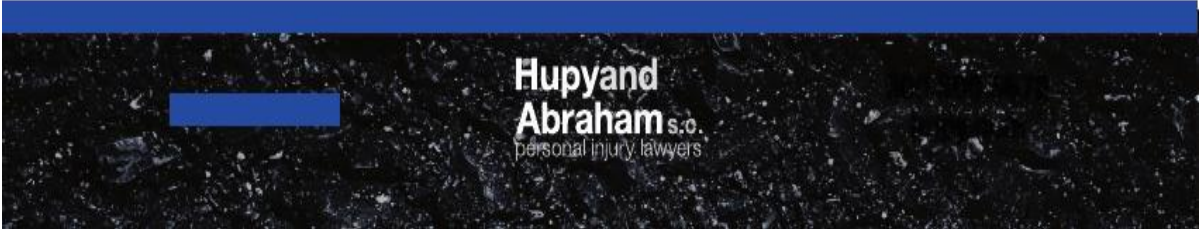
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