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WISCONSIN CLUB PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Today is Christmas Eve. January first will soon be upon us.

2022 has been a good year for the Wisconsin BMW club. We have had many great events and have grown our membership base.

The upcoming year promises to be a good one. I am looking forward to the enthusiasm and input of new ideas that new members bring.

We could use a few more club rides in 2023. From experience, I know the stigmatism that goes with leading your first ride. But I also know that once you see how easy and rewarding it is, you will do it again.

I would like to see more members get involved with organizing events. There are no limits to where we might go and what we can do.

The December meeting elections brought about many changes in the makeup of the club board. Change can be a good thing and new blood means new ideas and renewed enthusiasm.

I am grateful for having had the opportunity to lead this great organization through 2022 and am anxious to see where our new leadership takes us.

I am looking forward to guiding us through another monumental Dells rally and hope to see an input of new ideas and support from the membership.

Cannot think of too much more to say for now. Mona and I wish everyone and happy and prosperous New Year.

See you at the installation party.

Bob Preuss, PRESIDENT

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 1st —



January 14th — **Installation Party**

Cocktals 5:30 pm

Dinner 6:30 pm

See page 5 for full details

January 16th — Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February 3rd — Club Meeting 8pm

VFW Post 5716, 17980 W Beloit Rd.

New Berlin, WI

It may be cold out, but the warmth of friendship keeps the bitter cold at bay.

February

14th — *Happy Valentine's Day*

March 3rd — Club Meeting 8pm

VFW Post 5716, 17980 W Beloit Rd.

New Berlin, WI

Comes in like a Lion...out like a Lamb

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Happy Birthday To You!!!!



January 1

Carolyn McArthey

January 2

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January 5

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January 8

Tony DeLorenzo



January 19

Pete Freyer

January 19

Mike Maszka

January 20

Kim Ahlborn



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Article submissions are due to the Newsletter editor by the 20th of the month for the following month's publication. The editor reserves the right to correct, edit, change or omit all submissions.

ELECTION RESULTS ARE IN!

Congratulations to the 2023 elected club officers!

Some faces are new—Welcome:

- Kevin K. – Vice President
- Kathy W. – Secretary & Constitution Committee
- Mike L. – Social Media Director

We look forward to your new ideas!

Some faces are old (*er...renewed*):

- Bob L. – President & Constitution Committee
- Mona R. – Newsletter Editor
- Bob P. – Rally Chair

Welcome back!

Some faces remain the same:

- Mike C. – Treasurer
- Doug T. – Member at Large
- Jimmy G. & Jim G. – Trustees
- Tim K. – Webmaster

Keep up the good work!

Regardless, new, renewed or the same ol' same ol', we look forward to your leadership in the new year! Thank you for your active participation in the Wisconsin BMW Club!

The 2023 officers' contact information is listed on page 2 of this newsletter. Don't be shy to share an idea or offer feedback. A successful club needs everyone's involvement. And That Means YOU!!!

For me, thank you for putting your faith in my editing, page layout and formatting skills. It's been a pleasure. I hope you've enjoyed reading the club news in 2022 and this, my last issue, of the club newsletter. I now pass the baton to Mona for 2023. You're in good hands.

SUBMITTED BY HEIDI GOEHRING,
2022 NEWSLETTER EDITOR



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 meetings are 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 own and operate a BMW motorcycle. Helmets and proof of insurance are required by all participants on club rides.

MEETINGS ARE THE 1ST FRIDAY
OF EACH MONTH AT 8 PM
(exceptions: January, May and September)
@ VFW Post 5716
17980 West Beloit Road, New Berlin, WI
262-679-0800

WISCONSIN BMW MOTORCYCLE CLUB
Founded in 1967



MOA Club #10



BMW RA Club #10



AMA Club #2580

DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES

SUBMITTED BY MONA RIHN, CLUB SECRETARY

The meeting was called to order at 8:09 PM.

There were two guests in attendance: Duane Hein and Angie Bowman. Each of them had been on at least two rides and at least two meetings. The President asked each of them, individually, if they wanted to become members. They did! The club voted and each of them were voted into the club.

The subject of the headstones at the Motorcycle Memorial Park in Door County was brought up regarding what they should be made from. A motion was made and accepted that the headstones should be stone.

The Treasurers report:

- The mailing of the absentee ballots was to two people. Most members received theirs via the internet.
- Correspondence—There were no bills.

The President's Report: The President's Closing Ride was in late November. Those on the ride included: Bob Preuss, Mike McArthey, Bob Reitberger, Doug Twing, Mike Lambert, Dave Luber, and Dick Burton. The roads were good. The ride was great. The weather was very nice!

The Vice President's Report: The Installation Party will be January 14 at Meyer's in Greenfield. Tim was looking for a head count for the restaurant.

Secretary's report: All is good!

Treasurer's report: All is good!

RA and MOA report: Nothing is new.

MOA rally has news: The rally is June 8–10 in Richmond, Virginia.

Health and Wellness issues:

- Ron and Rae have COVID
- Vinnie's sister, Lynn, passed away—no details; Vinnie's brother recently passed away also
- Waukesha Dave passed away in 2021
- Mona and Bob went to San Diego to see Sher, then onto Hawaii. They left before the volcano!

Tom Stressing offered some items for sale to club members.

Mike also offered an item.

Old Business:

- 20 year pin for Mike McCarthy
- 20 year pin for Pete Freyer
- 21 year pin for John Borden and Lori
- 21 year pin for Jim Borden

New Business: Dick Moore broke his ankle. He lives in Mequon in an assisted living home.

Black Hawk Swap Meet: It will happen on May 6, 15 miles from Pecatonica. There were be camping available.

Unopposed postions: The club decided to let these positions given to these people. That was Bob Preuss and Joy Kuenzi.

Closing the meeting: Bob Lannin made a motion to close the meeting. It was seconded.

Side note: *This was not discussed at the meeting ... But ... it truly is important. The meeting was December 2 and the positions were voted on. On December 3, I received 2 ballots which were mailed on December 1. They couldn't be counted. Next year, please give your mail a minimum of 2 days. Also, one of them didn't have the name on it. It had the address, city, state, and zip. Could you imagine how long it would take to check the addresses, then write the name on the envelope if everyone didn't give their name. Neither of these two were counted.*



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 14th, 2023

Cocktails 5:30 • Dinner 6:30

WI BMW Club Members \$26 • Guests \$28
(Adult Beverages, Tip and Taxes Included)

Please RSVP by Saturday, January 7, 2023 to
Tim Koester at 414-669-8638 or timinator7000000@aol.com

BELATED PRESIDENT'S RIDE REPORT

SUBMITTED BY BOB PREUSS

I lost track of this as Mona and I left for vacation shortly after the ride.

The ride was a relative success. We left *Leduc's* on time on Sunday, November 6th, after a weather delay on Saturday. We wound our way through Lake country on a few of my favorite roads and a few not so exciting ones. I saved the best for last leading us through the narrow roads that run through the marsh land in Dodge County. We ended up at *Stoll's Olde 109* in Lebanon where we ran into a few more club members out on their own foray. The weather was a bit cool, but it was still a great ride.

Members present: Mike McArthey, Bob Reitberger, Doug Twing, Mike Lambert, Dave Luber, Dick Burton, and myself.

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3 Main Causes of Motorcycle Accidents and How to Avoid Them

by Jason F. Abraham—*Reprinted with permission from Hupy and Abraham*

Many riders hop on their motorcycles to escape for a little while and to enjoy the open road. While riding, the last thing you want to worry about is getting into an accident, but sometimes the unthinkable happens. There are many hazards to look out for while riding your motorcycle and keeping those at top of mind will help you stay safe on the road.

Let's look at some of the main causes of motorcycle accidents.

#1 Distracted Drivers – You can be the best rider in the world and do everything right, but an accident can still be caused by another driver on the road. One of the main causes of motorcycle accidents today is distracted driving. Drivers of other vehicles may not be paying attention due to many reasons -- texting, talking on their phone, eating, changing the radio, etc. In the last 20 years, driver cell phone use has increased greatly and that has contributed to the high number of cars hitting motorcycles. To avoid an accident like this, you'll have to continue riding at your best and try to anticipate what a distracted driver may do. Being extra cautious will help keep you and your bike safe. Keep enough space between you and any vehicles around you and have an escape route in mind in case you need to react rapidly. Making yourself highly visible while riding, through using lights and gear, will help drivers notice you. You can also make sure other drivers you know are aware of motorcycles and to always look out for them. Hupy and Abraham has been spreading the "Watch for Motorcycles" message for decades, trying to make drivers aware that motorcycles are everywhere. If you'd like to get a free "Watch for Motorcycles" sticker, [click here](#).

#2 Left-Turning Vehicles – A main cause of accidents is other cars making a left turn in front of a motorcyclist and colliding with them. Since a motorcycle is much smaller than other vehicles, drivers turning left may not see the bike approaching, may not be looking for them or simply may not be paying attention. An accident like this can be catastrophic and cause serious injuries and, in some cases, death. You'll have to keep a look out for vehicles about to make a left turn. If you can do it safely, look at a car's tires to see if they are turned to the left, which might indicate that they are going to turn in front of you. Keep a good distance between yourself and any car in front of you, so that the vehicle in front doesn't hide you or make you more difficult to see. You can also flash your headlight's brights to a car that may be about to turn in front of you. Always being cautious while approaching an intersection is going to help keep you safe.

#3 Road Conditions and Hazards – There are many things you need to look out for on a motorcycle that may not be considered dangerous while driving another vehicle. Abnormalities on the road's pavement, debris like leaves, grass clippings, gravel and sand, standing water, view obstructions, poorly marked roads and railroad tracks are just some of the road hazards you may encounter on your bike and all of them can cause a serious accident. Make sure you are completely comfortable on your motorcycle and that your bike is in top riding condition before going out on the road. This includes your tires, brakes, lights and wiring. Having your bike in top condition can sometimes help in dangerous situations where you need to maneuver suddenly or react quickly. Always be aware of your surroundings and look out for any hazards that may affect you.

Riding a motorcycle can be risky, but for many of us, the rewards outweigh the risks. Keep your safety as a top priority while riding and that will help ensure your well-being on the road and help you avoid accidents.

At Hupy and Abraham, we do all we can to help motorcycle riders. Our firm has promoted rider awareness and safety for decades. Hupy and Abraham's "Watch for Motorcycles" message is spread through billboards, TV ads, stickers and more to help keep riders at top of mind of other drivers and help save their lives. Stay tuned to HUPY.COM for more motorcycle articles, tips and tricks and videos.

Sometimes, even if you do everything right on your motorcycle, an accident can still happen. If you're injured in a motorcycle accident, call us today at 800-800-5678 so we can start fighting for you. Hupy and Abraham has helped over 70,000 clients receive over \$1 billion for their injuries.

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- Set up a tent in the camping dept. and tell the kids they can come in if they bring pillows and blankets from the bedding dept.
- Hide in the middle of a clothing rack and yell, "Pick Me! Pick Me!" when a shopper stops to browse.
- Go to the fitting room, shut the door, wait a while, then yell, "Hey, there's no toilet paper in here!"



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