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WISCONSIN CLUB PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Spring has sprung. It's the first day, March 20th, saw temps pushing 70 degs. If you weren't out riding then, you will be soon. Unfortunately, I spent most of that day moving a piano up into the house and could only dream about riding. I am vowing to leave the "Victory" sit as much as possible and ride the K75 this season. I have picked up where I left off (after Mona's Accident) on the R80rt restoration project and hope to see it back on the road this year. Mona and I are going to be retiring from our State jobs in June and hope to have more time for such things.

There will be a lot happening in April. I would like to lead an opening ride on April 16, dependent on weather conditions. We could meet at Hardies on HWY 83 at 10:00AM and find somewhere to stop for lunch or maybe ice-cream. The Wild Goose ride is Sunday the 24th. I believe Dave Kurth is leading that one. The May fish fry ride/meeting will happen on April 29th this year. I don't have the details at this time but announcements will follow at the April meeting. I don't believe there is going to be a Black Hawk BMW swap meet this year or at least I haven't been able to find out anything. This was my favorite source for Airhead parts and I will miss it. Don't forget about the club meeting on April 1st and get out and ride.

Enough for now. Stay safe, ride often, and see you soon.

Bob Preuss, President



UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 1st — *No fooling!!!*
RALLY Meeting 7pm
Club Meeting 8pm
VFW Post 5716, 17980 W Beloit Rd.
New Berlin, WI
- April 16th — President's Opening Ride 10am
Meet at *Hardee's* on I-94 & Hwy. 83
- April 24th — Wild Goose Run 12 noon
Bayside Supper Club, W9231 Co Rd G
Beaver Dam, WI
\$17 in advance • \$19 at the door
See Mike Cohen for Tix or mail him a check payable to WISC BMW Club, c/o Mike Cohen, 9452 N 47th St. Brown Deer, WI 53223.
Include the names of all attending
See page 6 for ride information
- April 29th — Club Fish Fry Ride
Delafield Brewhaus
3832 Hillside Dr, Delafield, WI 53018
RSVP \$22 Members / \$25 Guests
Meet 6 pm • Eat 7 pm • Meeting 8 pm
See page 7 for more info
- May 1st — Slimey Crud Run 8am
Meet at *Hardee's* on I-94 & Hwy. 83
See page 3 for more info
- May 6th — Club Campout 3pm-ish
Easter Seals Camp Wawbeek, WI Dell
See page 6 for more info
- May 7th — Easter Seals Camp Clean-up
Bring work gloves, chain saws, tools, and lend a hand where you can.
See page 6 for more info
- May 8th — Happy Mothers Day!
- June 3rd — RALLY Meeting 7pm
Club Meeting 8pm
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Club Trivia

What happened 55 years ago?

Our Club was founded!!!

Happy 55th!!!

*Happy Birthday
To You!!!!*



April 2

Laury Saxler

April 5

Mike Lambert

April 7

Linda Stauss

April 9

John Archer

April 11

John Borden

April 11

Mac MacDonald

April 17

Dan Mueller

April 23

Andy Pretzl

April 25

Mike Sarton

April 27

Linda Lau

April 29

Kristofer Johnson

April 29

Sandy Stelmaszewski

April 30

Tate Wilson



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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.

WHAT IS A RIDE CAPTAIN / RIDE LEADER

I was recently asked what a Ride Captain or Ride Leader needs to do. It really is not much more than publishing when you are going to go for a ride, where everyone should meet and then show us where you like to ride. I know this may be overly simplified so here are a few bullet points:

- Please contact the Board Member at Large (currently, that's me) and pick a month you are willing to coordinate a couple rides. If you do not want to lead two rides within a month you can recruit someone else to lead a ride. You are not required to lead both rides to be the Monthly Ride Captain and earn 100 points.
- Notify the Social Media Director and the Webmaster to get the ride dates posted at least 2 weeks prior to the scheduled ride. The ride leader earns 100 points unless it is an overnight ride, in which case the leader earns 150 points. Attending a ride earns the rider 30 points unless it is an overnight ride, in which case the rider earn 60 points for attending.
- At the ride meet-up, take attendance to make sure all riders get credit. A picture is also nice. It can be posted in the newsletter with the brief ride report you will write after the ride. Be sure to include the list of riders attending.
- Before departing, conduct a brief meeting explaining the basic rules of our rides and any special instructions to benefit the group.
- Lead the group on a ride over some of your favorite roads. If you enjoy riding the roads, chances are we are all going to enjoy the ride as well. Let's make this a summer of riding to remember.

So far I have volunteered to take the month of July. The remainder of the summer is wide open so let me know if you are willing to be a Monthly Ride Captain for any of the remaining months from May through October. Thank you!

Doug Twing, Board Member at Large



A LITTLE ABOUT THE SCR (SLIMEY CRUD RUN)

There are no big campaigns, no corporate sponsors, no local or regional newspaper or TV promotions, not even the usual obligatory one-size-promotes-all beer banners with the name of the event emblazoned on a huge blank white spot.

Despite all the makings of what should be an unknown event, the Slimey Crud Café Racer Run in southern Wisconsin is attended twice each year, on the first Sunday in May and October, by riders from all over the country and routinely has participants from at least five states in the upper Midwest.

Its origins are nearly as murky as Stonehenge, dating back to the early Seventies according to one of its co-founders, former Triumph/Buitaco/Matchless racer and former Triumph dealer Lyall Sharer. From humble beginnings the event has become an organic thing that thrives on its own energy. At each gathering, it isn't uncommon for anywhere from 1,000 to 3,000 machines to show up.

The Crud Run meanders across the scenic Wisconsin River valley from Pine Bluff in Dane County to Leland in Sauk County. The distance between the villages is less than 30 miles in a straight line. but the road mirage can vary from about 70 to, well who knows? No specific route is prescribed, so the best way to go depends entirely on your imagination.

Despite the name, the event is not limited to the sheathed-

in plastic sportbike set. In fact, while there's something for everybody in every class of bike, the event seems much more like a rolling vintage and classic bike show.

Flathead, knucklehead and panhead Harleys: TR-6, Daytona and Bonneville Triumphs: Lightning and Thunderbolt BSAs: Moto-Guzzi Falcone and 850 LeMans: Ducati SS-900 and Diana: Norton Commando: Vincent Black Shadow: Munch Mammut, BMW: Velocette Venom, Royal Enfield: Indian Chief: Suzuki RF-5: Honda CB-77, Hondamatic, CBX; Laverda Jota: Kawasaki H1. Two stroke, four stroke, rotary. Flat-trackers, touring, choppers, bobbers, adventure bikes, rat bikes, to name but a few of the types, brands and models seen at recent Slimey Crud runs. Its a scene you really need to see to believe.

Of course there's no substitute for being part of the real thing, and fortunately, you've got two shots at it every year. SCMG Café Motorcycle Run for spring is the first Sunday in May

Classic Lines.... Spaghetti... Schnitzel... Rice.... Leave Jake's bar & grill, Pine Bluff at noon for Sprecher Tap Leland..... Ride hard.....Ride short.

Original ad for one of the first Crud Runs

Sunday May 1st.... Meet at Hardee's...I-94 and Hwy. 83 at 8:00; Leave at 8:30. Full tank and empty bladder required.

Submitted by Dick Burton (from Slimey Crud web site)

MARCH MEETING MINUTES



March 4, 2022

The President called the meeting to order.

VP mentioned that he was going to start checking on the motorcycle insurance.

When Mona read the minutes from the last meeting she made a comment about the head stone. One member commented that it is a Memorial Stone. Motion to accept the minutes by Mike Lambert and seconded.

Mike C. gave the amount in the checking account. Everyone who was going to pay dues has paid them. There was a motion to accept Mike's report and approved.

There were 3 guests at the February meeting. Pat McClone has a BMW R18 with a side car and 2 Harleys. Pete Jobe (from Appleton) rides a R50G2. Tim Butler rode his 2015 RS 2000.

Doug Twing will put something in the newsletter as to what you need to be to be a ride leader. He will be a Ride Leader and will submit an article to the newsletter.

Trustee Jim Guthrie, the Constitution Committee, and the Web Master had nothing to add.

Social Media Director – Heidi discussed Automatic Facebook additions. What this means is that Club Rides or Events can be scheduled to appear on Facebook on certain dates. I.e. If someone is leading a club ride that is or isn't planned and is or isn't in the newsletter, the ride can be scheduled to appear on Facebook.

Mike Cohen will be selling Wild Goose tickets tonight and next month. It's on the web. It will be on April 24. Dave Kurth volunteered to lead the ride to the Wild Goose.

Bob Reitberger is another year older today! Happy Birthday!

Rally chair – Per Brian, it will be a different year for us, we will try to solve the problem regarding the cost of food by discussing and negotiating with the food vendors. We need volunteers. We'll try to do it again. Bring someone with you, family, friends. Kids prices were lowered to \$25. There was also a discussion regarding whether to raise the price by \$1. For a variety of reasons, mostly the ease of not dealing with singles, the decision was made to increase the price by \$1. The club agreed. We need everybody to come and work – which really is pleasant as Club Members have the opportunity to talk with other BMW Riders.

Sunshine Committee – Vinnie commented that we all should contact Joy. Just call her to see how she's doing.

MOA – Brian talked about the National in June, celebrating the Slash 5. MOA members have submitted over 5 million miles. They are creating a book of BMW Rider stories. Collecting stories – for 2 payments of \$200-something for a book with your story in it. The price is coming down.

RA is at Maggie Valley in October.

AMA – nothing

Hagerty Insurance will be a rally sponsor. Plus, they pay for the advertising in the newsletter. There are many advantages for the advertisers. The newsletter is sent to prospective members as it is free when emailed. This subject has been beat up for many years. It can be brought up under new business.

Old business – the Memorial Stone for Karen Jacobs has been unable to collect more money. The Wisconsin BMW Club won't be placing a stone and will give everyone their money back.

The newsletter is downloaded at least 50 times from the website.

(Minutes continued)

New business – Work Weekend - Heidi and Brian haven't organized the Club Cleanup weekend. It's Mother's Day weekend. It's only 2 months away. There's plenty of stuff to do from planting flowers to sawing wood. Going up on Friday conflicts with our Fish Fry Ride. Last year some went up after the meeting.

We could stay in the dorms. Who will coordinate it? Who will come up on Friday and need a dorm or who will come up on Saturday. Dave Kurth suggested 2 log splitters and 8 chains saws. Dave will put something in the newsletter. Work is on Saturday. Breakfast and lunch are included on Saturday. We also discussed if it would be possible to move the Club Meeting as May 7th is the Camp Cleanup. April 29th would be a Friday for the meeting and the Fish Fry. Motion was made to make to move the fish fry to April 29. It was seconded. It was agreed to ask the Machine Shed if we could have our Fish Fry there on April 29. Heidi will organize it.

Mike is going through all the applications for club membership. Some are missing, some are copies. If anyone know anything let Mike know. There was info on the back the was important documentation.

It was suggested that we don't read the club minutes at the club meeting. It seemed redundant to attend the meeting, read them in the newsletter, and read them again at the meeting. The club discussed whether to read them at the meeting. It was decided to continue reading them at the meeting.

Brian will be leading a ride from Southeast Sales to the Memorial Park on June 10th. This is to place the Memorial Stone for Ward and Em Erdmann.

Motion to adjourn by Dave Kurth, Bill seconded.

Submitted by Mona Rihn, Secretary

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CLUB WORK WEEKEND AT CAMP WAWBEEK WISCONSIN DELLS

FRIDAY MAY 6TH: CAMPOUT

Plan to arrive Friday afternoon at 3pm or thereabouts. Don't forget to bring a bedroll or sleeping bag!

Dinner is casual. Catch dinner on your drive up or meet up with others once you arrive. (Fish Fry!)

Camp fire and socializing that evening.

Grab a bunk in Van Wei when ready to crash for the evening. Sleep Tight! Big day tomorrow!

SATURDAY MAY 7TH: CLEAN-UP

Get up by 6:00ish, go get breakfast and be ready to work by 7:30 at the camp. (*Option B: Easter Seals will provide a light breakfast and coffee for those interested.*)

Let Camp Clean-up Begin!

Mostly making firewood. The wood pile is pretty low for Camp Wawbeek and for the Rally.

We need workers! We need people skilled with a chain saw.

We need 2, or even 3, log splitters and we need people to work the log splitters, at least 3 workers per splitter.

If making fire wood isn't your thing, Wawbeek also needs house keepers, groundskeepers, and even painters.

If you feel like painting, please bring a quart of exterior white paint, egg shell, your favorite brushes, rags, and a wash bucket.

This all sounds like work BUT! we've always had a great time working together. Its always been a great Club experience together.

Please email Dave Kurth dkurth77@gmail.com if you are planning to attend. Advise if you plan to bring a wood splitter, saw, etc.

Thanks!!!

Dave Kurth

Club Campout & Camp Clean-up Coordinator



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CLUB RIDE TO THE WILD GOOSE RUN APRIL 24TH, 2022

Meet at Black Canyon Coffee at 9am off Hwy. 18.

300 E Summit Ave, Wales, WI 53183

Rain or Shine (if there's rain, cages are appropriate for the faint hearted). Window vans are encouraged if it is a rain day!

We'll be leaving for the ride at 9:45am

RALLY 2022 UPDATE: (NEXT MEETING APR.1•7PM)

Exciting news! Southeast Sales is again sponsoring our rally at the tier 1 level. Thank you John Erdmann!!!!

Also, if you missed the last Rally meeting, we have a new tier 3 sponsor – Hagerty Insurance, Scott Spoerl agency. Great coverage if you have an older bike.

Music has been hired. We've got the *Baker Union Band* on Friday, and *Two for the Road* on Saturday. Hopefully we'll have them in the Beer Garten as we now have a 10x20 tent at our disposal.

Bob and Mona have stepped up to handle 24/7 na beverages. Bob Lannin is taking over the Beer Garten. Vinnie is chairing the Friday night meal and will be serving mostaccioli & meatballs with garlic bread & salad. (*We'll need some hands in the kitchen. Please volunteer!*) Dennis & Wendi will handle the 50/50 again.

Bill Ewert volunteered to hit up *Tytler's* and *Cycle Werks* for door prizes. Heidi and myself will hit up the vendors at the MOA Nat'l in hopes of getting more. So far, we have a \$25 gift certificate for *Fawn Creek Winery* in the Dells.

Thank you to those mentioned above for stepping up! It's folks like you that enable this event to happen—and allow me some sanity.

Due to lack of participation, Bingo has been canceled. Other events are also on the chopping block due to lack of chairs.

Volunteers are Needed!!! Please step up!!! And Please, *Please*, come to the next rally meeting!

Brian Manke,
Rally Chair

MOTORCYCLE MEMORIAL TRIP 2022

Please join us for a club overnight trip to place a Memorial Stone for **Ward and Em Erdmann**, club founders.

When: Friday, June 10th & Saturday, June 11th

Where: Innlet Motel, Jacksonport, WI
(920) 823-2499
The hotel is holding all rooms through April under our club name

9 rooms – 2 queen beds: \$119/2 people/night
2 rooms – king bed \$119/2 people/night
King bed & whirlpool – \$179/2 people/night
Additional people \$10/night/room

What: Placing Memorial Stone for **Ward and Em Erdmann**, club founders, on Saturday at the Wisconsin Motorcycle Memorial Park

Brian Manke will lead a ride to the hotel. John Erdmann has invited club member to meet at **Southeast Sales** for coffee and donuts at 9am. Enjoy a visit and chatting about motorcycle adventures. Plan on leaving for the ride at 10:30.

Fish Fry!!!

NEW DATE: APRIL 29

I got the task of putting together the 2022 Fish Fry Ride. I got the low-down from Ernie and Jo Ann on the Machine Shed and how it all works—only to find the Machine Shed was already booked. I made a few (more like several) calls and was able to get us a good price and a private room at the Delafield Brewhaus, 3832 Hillside Dr, Delafield, WI 53018.

**** Still needed: Ride Leader for this event ****

The room is on the lower level. There is elevator access as well as a private entrance.

Buffet includes: Herb Roasted Chicken and Breaded Icelandic Cod with Red Roasted Potatoes, Coleslaw and Rye Bread. My contact is trying to add mashed potatoes and baked cod to the buffet—cross your fingers.

As usual, we need those planning to attend to RSVP at the April 1st meeting or contact me by April 15th. Prices everywhere are going up, but I was able to book this for \$22 Members / \$25 Guests.

Meet for drinks at 6 pm • Eat at 7 pm • Meeting at 8 pm

Submitted by Heidi Goehring, Newsletter Editor

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 OF EACH MONTH AT 8 PM
(exceptions: January, May and September)
 @ VFW Post 5716
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WISCONSIN BMW MOTORCYCLE CLUB
Founded in 1967

		
MOA Club #10	RA Club #10	AMA Club #2580

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.

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