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#### WISCONSIN BMW MOTORRAD CLUB

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## WISCONSIN CLUB PRESIDENT'S REPORT

August already. Summer seems to be racing by. Mona and I have been retired now for a month and haven't had the time to do much of anything that represents the word "retire." I had hoped to have the R80 out by now, but that seems to be a dream at this point.

Good news for Mona. I finally have permission from Hupy and Abraham to repair her R65. It's only been four years since her

accident. Mona likes her Triumph but seems to think, as secretary of a BMW club, she should be on a BMW once in a while.

There were a couple of club rides in July and I am looking forward to the corresponding ride reports.

Heidi and Brian held a "Celebration of life party" for Heidi's brother, Richard. Richard was able to attend but, unfortunately, is nearing the end.

In the bright side, I am happy to see the club growing and glad to welcome our latest addition, Kathy Waters. I can foresee high mileage awards for her on the horizon.

Last but not least—the August meeting will be an important one. This is the last meeting before our spectacular, 51st annual Dells rally (no meeting in September). Please come an hour early, if possible, as Heidi and Brian will be holding the final rally

meeting and there will likely be a lot to discuss. Please attend if possible. Enough for now. See you soon.

#### Bob Preuss, PRESIDENT



#### UPCOMING EVENTS

August 5th — Rally Meeting 7pm Club Meeting 8pm VFW Post 5716, 17980 W Beloit Rd. New Berlin, WI

August 27th —Flea Market & MotoExpo Lincoln Arts Center, Rochelle, IL Sponsored by the Blackhawk Region **BMW** Association See page 6

#### NO CLUB MEETING IN SEPTEMBER

September 9th-11th — 51st Dells Rally Easter Seals Camp Wawbeek Adults: \$50 Pre-reg; \$60 at the gate Kids 6-15: \$25 Pre-reg; \$35 at the gate More info at **wiscbmwclub.com** 



October 7th — Club Meeting 8pm VFW Post 5716, 17980 W Beloit Rd. New Berlin, WI

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# MOTORCYCLE MEMORIAL TRIP 2022

**POSTPONED** – But not forgotten. Update coming soon... Pardon the delay.



### Happy Birthday To You!!!!





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August 7	Jim Klas
August 7	Vince Tomasello
August 9	Joanne Davies
August 9	David Henderson
August 9	Sue Rihn
August 11	Bob Preuss
August 12	Eddie Boskamp
August 14	Lori Fuhrmann
August 17	Elizabeth Nelson
August 23	Jeff Bibler
August 29	Dave Kurth

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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.

# Ride Leader Requests

AUGUST – RIDE CAPTAIN WANTED

9/9-11 Dells Rally – RIDE LEADER WANTED

9/22-25 Iowa Rally - RIDE LEADER WANTED

9/28-10/2 RA National – RIDE LEADER WANTED

> Doug Twing, Board Member at Large



# Helping Our Members

First, Mark and I would like to send our condolences to Heidi with the passing of her brother Richard.

I'd like to suggest that our Wisconsin BMW Club consider posting via email to our members when someone is in need of assistance or has passed. As a member of the Lions Club, we welcome the email blasts from the Secretary regarding Lions in need or ill.

Tina Doggett





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 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.

# *the* "Not to Boscobel" Breakfast Ride July 4th

SUBMITTED BY DOUG TWING

For my 10th annual ride to breakfast this year I was hit by a little unexpected news only a couple days before. The Unique Café was going to be closed on the 4th. With the Unique Café not being so unique anymore anyway and rain being forecast, I went to work planning a route that would keep us a little closer to home. Destination, Sam's Diner at the Tri-County Airport in Lone Rock.

Gina and I were joined by a small group as I am sure the forecast played a role in several peoples decision not to come along. We departed the BP in Palmyra at 6:15am sharp with 7 riders on 6 bikes. Some new roads were explored and we made the usual stop in Hollandale for a bio-break and something to drink. After reviewing the weather radar I made the decision not to cut my planned route short which in hind sight did cause us to get a little wet. We pulled into Sam's at about 9:30. This is a self-proclaimed dive diner with seating capacity of not much more than 20 so we challenged their capacity on the very small grill so it took awhile to get our food. I thought the food was good and would not hesitate to stop again with a smaller group.

When we were getting ready to depart at about 11am it was just starting to sprinkle which quickly turned to rain before we could all get out of the parking lot. Everyone scattered in their own direction to get down the road and ahead of the rain. Thankfully it only took about 20 minutes to get ahead of the rain. In attendance for the ride with me and Gina were Mike McCarthy, Pat Stauss, Mark Dogget, Pineapple and Jim Fuhrmann. I hope you can all make it again next year for the 11th annual ride. I'll try to find a new destination by then.



Photo taken by Doug Twing

PS. Club Ride to the Grumpy Troll got cancelled. Announced on the club forum and Facebook page. Soor, unforseen circumstances.

### JULY MEETING MINUTES

SUBMITTED BY MONA RIHN, SECRETARY

#### July 1, 2022

The Club Meeting was called to order by the President. Tim started passing around the sign-up sheet.

There were two guests at the meeting. Clinton Britt was present. This was his first meeting in several years. He has a new K1200. He has taken a ride to the Smoky Mountains. Kathy Waters was also present.

The President, Vice-President, and the Secretary had nothing to say.

According to the Treasurer everything is "All Good!". There were no bills. The accounts have the same amount as last month.

Mike brought in 3 jackets to be sold from Ron's estate. There are more items to be offered to the club. There were still some members that still need to pay for their previous purchases.

Brian gave the MOA report. The National Rally had 4600 attendees. Many attendees pre-registered to save some money. It was a great time. The MOA Rally will be one week earlier next year.

The RA was considering having a Rally in Baraboo. Their rally would be the same weekend as the Wisconsin Club Rally in Wisconsin Dells. The comment was made that the Wisconsin Club is just too small. The RA suggested we give up our rally date. Eventually they decided to forgo it as it wasn't going to work out for them.

AMA – no report

The Wisconsin Club Rally needs volunteers. We

#### FOR SALE:

#### R1100 RT Parts

I got wheels, I got cases, I got gauges, switches, vitually any part you'd need for an R1100 RT .

also need more door prizes. Ask vendors we use for door prizes. Road Truck and Trail donated a helmet. Every club member should feel free to ask any/all vendors they utilize. Remind potential donors that this is an Easter Seals camp and they benefit from the number of guests that attend our rally. Great and many door prizes benefit our club, the rally attendees, and Easter Seals.

Sunshine Committee congratulated Mona Rihn and Bob Preuss for retiring.

Kathy Waters has attended at least 2 meetings and has been on two rides on her 1987 K75T. Ernie Grill made a motion to accept Kathy as a club member. It was seconded by Bob Lannin. A vote was taken and Kathy is a new member.

On July 16, Brian and Heidi will hold a "Celebration of Life" at Brian's house for Heidi's brother, Richard. Many club members know Richard as he had attended many, many Wisconsin Club Rallies. This will start at noon.

The Midwest Motorcycle Rally 2022 (MMR) is July 14-17 in Winona. Entrance is free.

Information was shared regarding Enhanced Driver's License. They will get you into Canada with no passport needed.

The Facebook page for impromptu Club Rides will be closed. The club agreed to use a new "Cell Phone signup" for a variety of reasons. Most everyone has their cell phone with them always and read the messages.

The meeting was closed.

Working on Motorcycles Teaches Patience ...

and every curse word imaginable!

### What is an Enhanced Driver's License (EDL)?

State-issued enhanced drivers licenses (EDLs) provide proof of identity and U.S. citizenship, are issued in a secure process, and include technology that makes travel easier. They provide travelers with a low-cost, convenient alternative for entering the United States from Canada, Mexico or the Caribbean through a land or seaport of entry, in addition to serving as a permit to drive.

The Department has been working with states to enhance their drivers licenses and identification documents to comply with travel rules under the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI), effective June 1, 2009.

Enhanced drivers' licenses make it easier for U.S. citizens to cross the border into the United States because they include a vicinity Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) chip that will signal a secure system to pull up your biographic and biometric data for the CBP officer as you approach the border inspection booth, and a Machine-Readable Zone (MRZ) or barcode that the CBP officer can read electronically if RFID isn't available.

The top 39 land ports of entry, which process more than 95 percent of land border crossings, are equipped with RFID technology that helps facilitate travel by individual presenting EDLs or one of the other RFID-enabled documents.

The Department has worked with Canadian provincial and federal officials to pursue enhanced drivers' licenses as an alternative to the Canadian passport. Four Canadian provinces (British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario,

and Quebec) are issuing EDLs to Canadian citizens. Canadian citizens can present an EDL when entering the United States from Canada, Mexico, or the Caribbean through a land or seaport of entry.

No personally identifiable information is stored on the card's RFID chip or can be transmitted electronically by the card. The card uses a unique identification number that links to information contained in a secure Department of Homeland Security database. This number does not contain any personally identifiable information.

When you get an enhanced driver's license, you will also receive:

- information on how to use, carry and protect your license,
- and a shielded sleeve that prevents anyone from reading your license.

Submitted by Mona Rihn from https://help.cbp.gov/s/article/ Article-1269?language=en\_US



### RALLY 2022 UPDATE:

We've got our caterer set. Bob Lannin has everything for the beer garten ready to roll. Volunteers still needed.

SkyMed has contacted Heidi re: sponsoring either Saturday breakfast or happy hour in the beer garten. An ice cream social is still a potential. We'll see what's new on that front at the meeting.

A BIG THANKS to:

- Rae Lampe for helping with the door prizes. Heidi has had her hands full over the last couple of months.
- Jimmy G. We greatly appreciate the list of 'to-dos' for set up and tear down. It's going to be our guiding document. Feel better soon man.
- Tina Doggett and Mike Cohen for jumping in and getting our mailing out. I had no idea until someone asked why they hadn't received it.
- Tina Doggett for handling the t-shirts, pins and mugs. That is a big help!!!

So folks, it's getting closer ... are we ready? We can still use more door prizes -- don't hesitate to ask businesses you frequent. Please come to the next Rally meeting prior to our Club meeting on Friday, August 5th. Hope to see you there!

Brian Manke. Rally CHAIR





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