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WISCONSIN BMW MOTORRAD CLUB



WISCONSIN BMW MOTORCYCLE CLUB Founded in 1967



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Happy Birthday To You!!!!

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WISCONSIN CLUB PRESIDENT'S REPORT

March is almost here. With it comes the promise of warmer days, spring showers (washing away the road salt), and the start of the riding season. Alas, at this moment it is only a dream as I look outside at the sleet, freezing rain, and even freezing fog that encouraged Mona and I to forgo the hour drive to our jobs in Madison. But, after another seemingly endless winter, there is more to do in March than just prepping the hibernating bike(s).

March 4-6 is "Mama Tried" bike show in Milwaukee, there's a Swap meet in Bangor on March 19, a fellow member, Pete Freyer, has posted on the forum that he is looking for companions for a foray to Florida for some early spring riding, and then there is our March meeting. Preceding the regular meeting—Heidi and Brian are having the first rally meeting of the season. There will be much to talk about and input from everyone will be important for another successful rally. The Covid madness, that has made all our lives difficult over the last year and a half, seems to be subsiding. The economic fallout is still present and is making rally planning more of a challenge than ever. As if it's not challenging enough. I would encourage everyone that has any interest in this event to attend. This is the rally that defines the Wisconsin BMW Motorcycle club to the rest of the country.

Enough for now. Stay warm. Stay safe and see you soon.

Bob Preuss, President



CLUB RIDES

We haven't been as organized with ride captains over the last few years so I am going to try gathering some interest for ride captains here. Please let me know if there is a month that you would like to help coordinate a couple rides.

- **April** We will look to our honorable President for the opening ride and hopefully the weather will be good enough to get in a second ride as well.
- May We have the Fish Fry ride, Slimey Crud Run and the GR3. No stress in picking dates here. Who will step up?
- **June** Anyone like to organize a group ride to the MOA? (*Side note: Brian M. leading ride to Motor-cycle Memorial in Door County*)
- **July** You should all know I will be leading a ride to breakfast on July 4th. Yes, this is a Monday ride. I will likely follow that up with a ride to the Grumpy Troll for lunch a couple weeks later.
- August I am sure there is someone out there who can come up with a couple ideas.
- **September** Our rally is at the beginning of the month and the RA is at the end of September. The weather should be starting to cool down so let's ride.
- October Fall color riding at its best. Where do you like to go see the colors? Care to show us?
- November We will again lean on our illustrious president to close out the season for us.

Let's make this a summer of riding to remember.

Doug Twing, Board Member at Large

FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

February 4, 2022

The meeting was called to order – there were no guests or prospective members

The minutes of the In/Out board meeting were read. Dues were mentioned, they haven't changed the dues in years. Motion was made to keep them the same and seconded.

Sign in sheet – will have an official sign in sheet next month

Secretary – nothing to talk about

Cohen – checking account balanced was announced – we made a large deposit because of the dues that were paid. Other items mentioned:

- The money for awards
- Transferred money from rally account to club account
- The installation dinner
- The collected from club members for installation dinner.
- Mike is collecting dues
- Port Club is having their Wild Goose event \$17.50 in advance, \$19.00 at gate
- We made money at the rally

Spontaneous events – entered in the Forum – Doug will add something for the newsletter ride captions to get more organized rides

Constitution Committee - nothing

Trustee - nothing

Web master – nothing

Social media - see newsletter

Newsletter – everybody got them, social media report in there

- Facebook put some changes in there You cannot post directly to the page. It's crazy.
- Self-Mailer next month; There is only one member that doesn't have access an email listed.
- Heidi will contact the dealer to see if they will put our newsletter can they print it in color? Will verify with their people!
- They got it down to how many pages to get the best postage prices.

Rally – Brian is going to try to keep the rally prices the same. Brian will have a rally meeting before the next meeting. Food prices are going crazy. Can't even get an estimate on the meal. They are talking about a fish fry on Friday if we give him our Hot Dog money, then charge \$5 - \$10. Banquet prices probably will go up. Send out something – volunteer for something. It's all of us or none of us. We all have to work the rally. It sure would be nice if people would volunteer for something.

Sunshine committee – Joy started chemo the end of January!

Old business – Installation party costs and the amount subsided each member paid to attend was mentioned. There was a hall rental. Next year look for a place that doesn't have a hidden cost. Mike was really happy with the place and the food was good.

Jimmy G's name was spelled wrong on the award he was supposed to receive at the installation party. This was the MOA Service Award. He didn't receive the award at the installation party because they spelled his last name wrong. Per Mike, there will be a test on the spelling next month.

(Minutes continued)

Celebration for the Wisconsin BMW Club – 45 year membership award for Vince and Kathy!

Dick Moore became a member during the second year of the club. When Ward Erdman was dying and wanted to go to Sturgis again, Dick took Ward out to Sturgis. He has only missed 1 year of Sturgis in the last 50 years.

New business – Mike made a Motion to stay at the VFW hall it was seconded. No one was opposed.

- Bob R had some Rally shirts in the back to take.
- Mike C. had a way to keep track of all your motorcycle stuff together in the back.
- Bill Ebert volunteered to cut the ballots for the elections

Per Mike C. "No one knows each other's names for 15 years. If we don't know your name, it's because you haven't been a member yet for 15 years."

Final thoughts -

Ride Captains – you don't need to keep up with the ride captain if you're the ride captain— & it's fun!

• • • Bike show in March • Wild Goose in April • MOA national in Springfield, Missouri in June • • • 2nd weekend in June up to Sturgeon Bay for placing Ward and Em Erdmann's Memorial Stone.

There was a Ducati / Zero motorcycle dealership that was having a cookoff.

Submitted by Mona Rihn, Secretary



Future stone:



Ward and Em Erdmann WISC BMW Club Founders

DELLS RALLY 2022: LET THE PLANNING BEGIN!

MEETING MAR. 4 • 7 PM

Well, I really hope you're planning on coming to our next planning meeting which we'll have prior to our regular meeting at the VFW.

I really need your help this year.

We don't have a bike to give away. Covid continues to present problems. And inflation is going nuts. But preliminary work is under way.

The logo draft is on the newsletter cover. If you have another logo idea, please bring it to the planning meeting. I welcome additional ideas.

So, I've been in touch with Scott Thompson from the *Fur, Fin and Feather*—last year's caterer. Prices are going nuts for him—so much so that he cannot provide us with an estimate for the Saturday night meal until things settle down. Also, any ideas of a Friday Night Fish Fry are out. But Scott did agree to continue to be our on-site food vendor. One victory!

Another victory, Heidi and I met with Mary Jo, one of the owners of Myrt & Lucy's Chat and Chew. They are "in" as sponsors again at the tier 2 level. Mary Jo told us she has never seen so many BMW motorcycles in her lot. Let's keep promoting them! And if you find yourself in the Dells area, stop by and tell them "Hi!" from the club. (By the way, their portions are huge! We had a couple

Brian Manke, Rally Chair

of appetizers and

went home full.)

MOTORCYCLE MEMORIAL TRIP 2022

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

Where: Innlet Motel, Jacksonport, WI

(920) 823-2499

The hotel is holding all rooms until March

11th 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

Hotel has had remodeling. Restaurant next door is back in operation. A firepit will be available.

We are still collecting for a stone for Karen Jacobs. Karen held many offices in the club and was always quick to volunteer.

If you were a good friend of Karen's and would like to contribute, contact Heidi Goehring or Brian Manke. Both are listed in the 2022 Club officers list on page 2. If we don't get additional \$\$, we'll be returning funds currently collected at the May meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WISCONSIN BMW CLUB

March 4th RALLY Meeting 7 pm CLUB Meeting 8 pm

VFW Post 5716, 17980 West Beloit Rd,

New Berlin, WI

April 1st — *No Fooling!!!* — RALLY Meeting 7 pm *then....* CLUB Meeting 8 pm VFW Post 5716, 17980 West Beloit Rd, New Berlin, WI



OTHER EVENTS

Mama Tried MotoShow 2022 — March 4, 5 & 6 Eagles Ballroom, Milwaukee https://mamatriedshow.com/

Wild Goose Run — Sunday, April 24 12 Noon Bayside Supper Club, W9231 Co Rd G, Beaver Dam Mike has advance tickets for \$17 that let you sit with the club. Mail checks payable to WISC BMW Club, c/o Mike Cohen, 9452 N 47th St. Brown Deer, WI 53223. They are \$19 @ the door with whatever seating is available.

There will be a club ride to the event.

Club Trivia

What happened 55 years ago?



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MEETINGS ARE THE 1ST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 8 PM (exceptions: January, May and September)

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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 gettogethers, 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.

