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WISCONSIN BMW MOTORRAD CLUB

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WISCONSIN CLUB PRESIDENT'S REPORT

IT'S RALLY TIME! After an exhausting August, I hope to see everyone at our *52nd Annual Dells Rally*. Don't forget to bring a friend along!

Bob, our rally chair, has everything in place for us to have a great time. I really hope everyone participates in the event. I simply cannot wait for Vinny's Friday night dinner. Newer members, PLEASE—don't be shy. We really want to get to know you better.

There is a fantastic Rustic Roads Ride coming this weekend! See inside (*page 5*) & on Facebook for details. Speaking of rides, sign up to lead a fall ride. This is the best time of the year for riding.

I want to give a huge shout out to the crew that responded to the call for action and got Brian's yard cleaned up after the tornado. This is the best part of our club. Having other people's back when they need it.

I leave you with this:

May you always have
Walls for the winds
A roof for the rain
Tea beside the fire
Laughter to cheer you
Those you love near you
And all your heart might desire
May Joy abandoned peace surround you
Contentment latch your door
And happiness be with you
Now and ever more.

Ride Safe!

Bob Lannin, PRESIDENT

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesdays thru August 29th

Bike Nights: **LD's BBQ** 6-9pm
2511 Main St., East Troy, WI 53120
~ just FYI ~ Not club sponsored

August 26th — Rustic Road Club Ride

Meet at the **Crossover Cantina**, 28023
Kramer Road, Waterford for breakfast at
9:30 ~ Kick stands up at 11am for ride
Rain date Aug. 27th • Details on page 5

NO CLUB MEETING IN SEPTEMBER!!!

Come to the Rally!!! Support Your Club!!!

September 8-10 — 52nd Annual Dells Rally

Easter Seals Camp Wawbeek
1450 State Hwy 13, Wisconsin Dells, WI
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September 14-17 — BMW RA National Rally

**Canaan Valley Resort and Conference
Center**, 230 Main Lodge Rd, Davis, WV
26260

September 16th — Short Track Racing 5pm

Charlotte Kainz Memorial Race
Aztalan Cycle Club
N6643 Gomol Rd, Lake Mills \$10
Rain date Sept. 30th
~ just FYI ~ Not club sponsored

September 21-24 — 46th Iowa BMW Rally

sponsored by the Pure Stodge Touring
Association in Elkader, Iowa

October 1st — Easter Seals Pancake Breakfast

Camp Wawbeek, Wisconsin Dells
\$10 All-U-Can-Eat 8am-noon
~ just FYI ~ Not club sponsored

October 6th — Club Meeting 8pm

VFW Post 5716, 17980 W Beloit Rd.
New Berlin, WI
New Sign in at the door & get a name tag!

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Happy Birthday To You!!!!

September 2	Bill Lau
September 3	George Lulling
September 4	Karen Williams
September 12	Ross Bennett
September 18	Jan Mueller
September 19	Carol Petrick
September 25	Maggie Galaszewski
September 28	Dick Moore



LEFT:
Desert Don's
Memorial Brick
placed next to BMW
rider & Blackhawk
club member Henry
Badker.
(see article on pg. 3)

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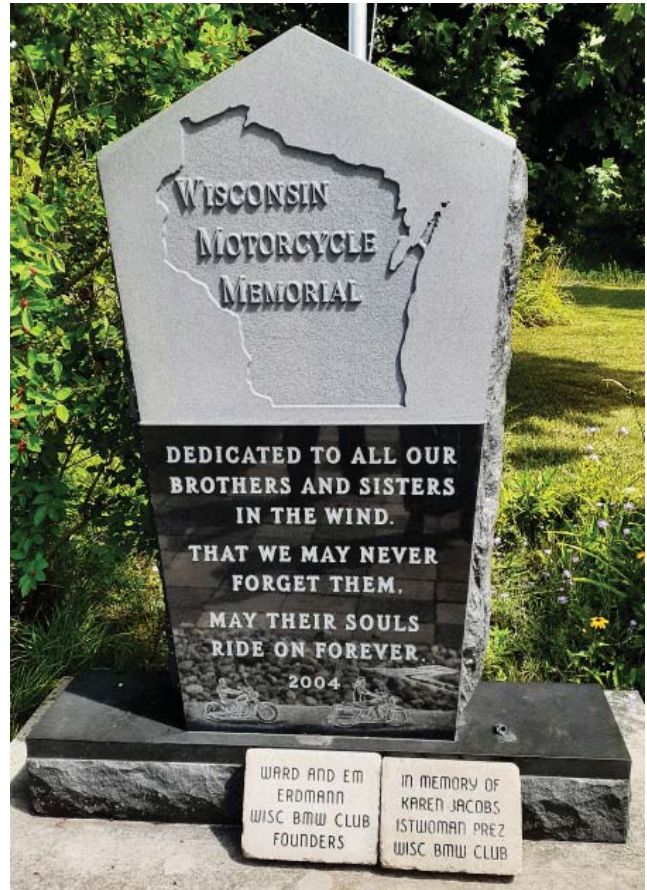
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MEMORIAL BRICK PLACEMENT

The day started out bright and sunny, but became overcast quickly on our journeys keeping temperatures comfortable. Brian and Heidi arrived by car, Kevin and Kathy on bikes, Mike and Jeanne on bikes, and Ward & Em's grandson, John Erdmann and his Uncle Allen, by car. We all got there. Met at the **Greystone Castle** in Sturgeon Bay for lunch, then waited for the drawbridges to go down and headed to the **Wisconsin Motorcycle Memorial Park**. We met up with Andy there. This was the 2nd park visit of the day for John and Allen ~ they attended a brick placement earlier for a friend that was a flat track racer.

The **Wisconsin Motorcycle Memorial Park** is run by the **Door Devil Motorcycle Club**. The land was donated for the park and the club maintains it. The club is celebrating their 75 year anniversary as a club this year.

When the sun was out, it was hot and sticky. And the sun was out while volunteer **Door Devil 'Ace'** worked on removing stones to make room for our memorial stones placement in a long sleeve black shirt. I was sweating just watching him. Thank god for the breeze!



ABOVE: Memorial at the Motorcycle Park with our club bricks.

FAR LEFT: John Erdmann placing the stone recognizing his grandparents as club founders.

LEFT: Andy Pretzl placing Karen's stone—1st Woman Prez.



We located our previous club stones and selected where to place Ward & Em Erdmann's stone, as well as the one for Karen Jacobs. Memories were shared. We asked John to place the stone for his grandparents, and Andy placed the one for Karen. And, well, most of you knew Karen ~ she must have been present because her brick just didn't



want to go into it's spot. Members commented about how stubborn Karen could be. Ace said it was the first time a brick 'argued' about placement. Picture time!

Ace, who was now behind schedule, placed the stone for Desert Don, long time Dells Rally attendee, while we had our photo op. I said a few words for my friend, the Gentle Giant.

After the bricks were placed, refreshments were needed. The Door Devils said the clubhouse was open, and we were more than welcome to join them for a beverage. So most of us went and had a beer or soda with the fine volunteers that run this non-profit park. It's a very reverent site.



ABOVE: Our Club Bricks at the Memorial Park.

SUBMITTED BY HEIDI GOEHRING

WI BMW CLUB MEETING AUGUST 4, 2023

SUBMITTED BY HEIDI GOEHRING, FILLING IN FOR CLUB SECRETARY

Kevin Krueger, VP, called the meeting to order at 8:10 in lieu of President Bob's absence. Secretary Kathy was also absent due to a family emergency.

Mike L. made a motion to dispense with reading minutes from the last meeting as they are published in the newsletter. The motion was seconded and all voted aye.

Guests: Bill Formwalt from Oconomowoc, formerly of Denver, was present on a K1600B. Rick del la Rosa, also on a K1600B was in attendance, as was Jeff Johnson who has a K1600GT. Rick and Jeff have both met all requirements for membership. And Jimmy G's grandson, Donovan Stevens, attended.

President's Report: NA

VP Report: Where are the club rides? No Ride Reports are happening ~ due to a lack of members willing to lead rides. Members and potential members have been inquiring. Can't join a club when 2 rides are required and there aren't any scheduled. Doug T. also noted a lack of volunteers.

Secretary Report: NA

Treasurer Report: Our accounts are flush. Expenses included \$89 for flowers for Dick Burton's service and final receipts submitted and reimbursed to Kathy for the Round Robin.

Rally Update: We had a rally meeting before the club meeting. As usual, volunteers are still needed, especially for set up and tear down. And PLEASE, Members, come! This is our club event!

Sunshine Committee Report: Flowers were sent to Dick's service. Brian has a broken ankle due to dropping his motorcycle on it. Heidi made a plea for any members available to assist to help clean up Brian's yard ~ he lost something like 6-8 trees/broken tops in a tornado 6 days after he broke his ankle.

Member-at-Large: The ride to Boscobel was successful! 18 bikes with 19 riders attended, and upon arrival at the *Unique Cafe*, 4 additional riders were there waiting. *Side note:* 3 of those riders came from MN and got the info through our club Facebook (FB) page. Since that ride, it's been quiet.

Memorial Brick update: No one was interested in a camp out. Andy and Heidi verified plans to attend the brick placement.

Constitution Committee: NA

Website update: On hold till fall.

Social Media Director: We have over 170 Friends on our public FB page.

MOA Report: Mike C. reminded members of the value of the Anonymous Book, and recounted his story of Jeanne's rescue after the National Rally this year. Heidi said she had it in her suitcase when her train to OR broke down and was thinking of using it for a beer run when a train employee told her the liquor store was a block away. Which had other members recounting a terrible rainstorm had them taking shelter in a dry county ~ and MOA members brought beer and pizza to their motel.

**** *Humor: Mike kept calling Kevin, Keith ~ so Kevin started calling Mike, Fred/Frank, whatever came to mind.* ****

OLD BUSINESS: NA

NEW BUSINESS:

An election was held for guests Rick and Jeff who have met all membership requirements. Both were voted in unanimously.

Discussion followed regarding name tags. Most of us forget to wear them. VP Kevin mentioned we could, at minimum, have a roll of blank stickers available. When folks arrive to a meeting, have the sign-up sheet and stickers available at the door for people to sign in and put their name on a sticker to be worn as a name tag. Other discussion surrounding name tags occurred and how best to reward members for their service. In the end, Heidi made a motion to include stickers to be used as name tags available at future meetings. Dewayne 2nd. The motion passed with 1 'No' vote. (Bruce, I know you were just being difficult.)

Rae L. mentioned her sister-in-law is selling a 1985 K100 with under 17K miles.

Mike L. is planning to lead a ride through several Rustic Road Routes which will enable riders to get their WI Rustic Road patch. This is an official club ride. It's scheduled for Saturday, August 26, with a rain date of August 27. (*See page 5 for details.*)

Welcome Back Eddie B!!!

Ron L. made a motion to adjourn. 2nd by Dewayne. The Ayes have it. Meeting closed.



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Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/wiscbmwclub>

@THE MC MEMORIAL



ROW 1: Brian Manke & Heidi Goehring

ROW 2: Kevin Krueger, Kathy Waters, Jeanne Cohen,
Allen Erdmann, & Mike Cohen.

ROW 3: Andy Pretzl & John Erdmann

CLUB RIDE!!!



Meet at the **Crossover Cantina and Eatery** (28023 Kramer Road, Waterford) at 9:30 for a breakfast gathering on Saturday, August 26th. (*The rain date is Sunday, August 27th.*)

Kickstands up at 11am. We will be riding 12 of the **Rustic Roads** along a slow leisurely ride. This is a *smell the flowers type ride*—we will **not** be riding aggressive at all on this one.

This is a mere 110 mile ride, but it is calculated as a 4 hour ride. A “bio break” is scheduled about 1:45 into the ride at a gas station.

Our final destination for another bite is **LDs BBQ** in East Troy. They do so much for the bike community, I want to show some appreciation back to them.

If you are interested in eating at either one or both locations, please let me know so I can give the restaurants a heads up.

SUBMITTED BY MIKE LAMBERT

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More information and registration forms can be found at www.wiscbmwclub.com

RALLY MEETING MINUTES AUG. 4, 2023

SUBMITTED BY MONA RIHN

Bob Preuss announced that everything is in order on Facebook, website, etc.

Heidi will be handling bed roll space.

Pipkorns will be handling 50-50.

Mona will be handling Morning Beverages.

Beer & food on site by our caterer

We will have the same beer we had last year.

Door Prizes - Last year's list assessable from the website
- minimum results
- should we buy door prizes?
- small prizes - i.e. lens cleaners
- should we buy something from Southeast Sales?

Wendy will handle First Aid. She will get assistance or relief from:

Bob Lannin
Angie Bowman
Capt. Ron

Vinnie will handle the Friday night meal.

Friends of B.W. will have a Alcoholics Anomonus meeting on Sunday morning.

Set Up/Tear Down - Jimmy G. - Last year Jimmy had a problem with the garbage. Maybe someone can help him ~ ask if he needs assistance on Sunday.

Seminars - Maybe Andrea Stephenson - Saturday afternoon.

Awards - Heidi will do awards.

Field Events - Bob Lannin

New mugs and new pins were brought to the rally meeting
T-shirts from last year have been stored and can be sold.

Sunday Morning - Ralph Sorenson? Dewayne Williams will call Ralph to help if needed.

At this point we are unsure about vendors.

DOT has not let Bob know if they will bring the simulator.

Program will be same as last year.

Registration Forms are here.

Waivers - we may have - Heidi and Mike don't know if we have. Mike will check for the blue box.

Pay Pal - almost the same registration number as last year.

Save \$11.00 if pre-register.

Dave K. will do Security.

Hagerty sponsorship - Heidi will contact them.

Vinnie - unsure how many to plan dinner for. Plan for 200?
Bob will check with Mike and Tim.

Dave - Security - need a golf cart.

New - if work 2 shifts - potentially there will be a refund on rally fee.

RV camping is the same.

Meeting over at 7:47 PM, seconded by Mona.

CLUB MEMBERS STEP UP TO HELP

I think the word was out ~ Brian Manke broke his ankle on July 22. I was on vacation in OR with Mariah. And of course, when it rains, it pours. Brian's leg became infected and the neighbor's took him back to the hospital.

He had to spend 2 more nights. The hospital wouldn't release him until a knee scooter was found—no weight allowed. Kevin Krueger took on the search. Found! Thanks Kevin!!! The hospital released him.

The following Friday, Fort Atkinson was hit with a small, F-1 tornado. Power was out for some folks up to 3 days! Looking out the windows, Brian could see two trees down—one in his driveway, another downed across the neighbor's. And all Brian can do is sit, foot elevated.

I got home on the 31st. I took one look at his 'incredible hulk' foot and ankle and took him back to the hospital. Next, I surveyed the yard—branches dangling, additional trees down. It was a disaster. I put out a plea at the club meeting on Friday for help.

Thanks to club members Jim Fuhrman, Jeff Bacon, Mike Lambert, Doug Twing, Dave Kurth, Kevin Krueger, Shad Volbrecht and new member, Jeff Johnson, Brian's yard was majorly cleaned up on Sunday in about 4 hours. Jeff B. brought a front end loader which saved everybody's backs from the heavy lifting. It also helped pulling down some branches out of the trees. And ya know what? Everybody had a good time



JIM AMONGST THE CHAOS

helping a member in need.

THANK YOU
THANK YOU
THANK YOU
YOU!!!!



JEFF & THE FRONT-END BACK SAVER!

I rewarded the crew with a picnic lunch in Brian's backyard, AND courtesy of Mariah, a hand-made ceramic BMW Christmas ornament.

SUBMITTED BY HEIDI GOEHRING

C A S T & C R E W



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

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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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