

SEPTEMBER 2007

BADGER MOTORCYCLE WRAP-UP



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August's Meeting Notes

Members in Attendance:

- Kevin Birr, Howard Blades, Keith Brei, Ty Dobbins, Mark Everson, Dale Geske, Debby Jentz, Jim Jentz, John Jung, **Tom Keenan**, Wendy Keenan, Jim Kriner, Ron Limberg, Ken McHugh, Mike Moore, Joe Mulder, **Arlene Neumann**, Al Paltzer, Steve Reynen, **Joe Schroeder**, **Pete Schroeder**, Eugene Vandenberg, Michael Weiss, David Wiener, Tom Wilson.

(25 members in attendance)

Meeting called to order:

- President Joe Schroeder called the meeting to order at about 7:30 PM.

Prior meeting notes & treasurer's report:

- Both prior meeting notes and the treasurer report were covered. Motion to accept financials by John J. and second by Keith B.

Guest:

- Rick Van Beek, Goldwing rider who has made the required number of meetings for membership was voted in as our newest member. Congratulation!

Meeting Topics:

Old Business:

Rally Club Shirts:

- Need to research where to get a XL shirt for David Wiener. Somehow we managed to lose his... We'll track one down for you!

**NEXT MEETING:
THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 6TH
7:30 P.M.
PRIME TIME
MENASHA**

BMW MOA National:

- Tom Running donated the remaining open coffee supplies to the Salvation Army. Nice gesture and they have sent us a thank you. Tom K. will pass this on to the MOA.
- Our club won fourth place for attendance at the National. Given the existing rules this was as high as we could achieve. We have a nice logo'd mug for this and Debbie Jentz suggested we raffle it off at the Christmas party. Nice idea Deb.
- Coffee housekeeping issue. There is a Pittsburgh Steelers sweatshirt left over. Any idea who it belongs to?
- We had some more discussion on the whole coffee making experience. Everything from the size of the rally mugs to Tom Wilson's humor to the waiting horde. For all of those who pitched in to help, there was a sincere thank you to all!
- For those club members who did not pitch in and participate with our coffee task, some of which stayed right there on the grounds, the rest of us have to wonder, **WHY ARE YOU A CLUB MEMBER?** We don't need members who won't participate.

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• Next years National will be in Gillette, Wyoming. If you want a hotel call now, the rates are climbing fast. Mac said rooms are tight already with some hotels not taking reservations until next spring. Arlene N. said remember it's really remote. The next hotel is about 30 miles away...

Unofficial Club Camp Out:

- Hosted by Jim and Debbie Jentz was held up north at their cabin. Sounds like they had a great time with a fish fry, scenic rides around Octonogen, Lake of the Clouds, Presque Isle and more. How about a swim and touring waterfalls?
- They passed around some great pictures and it sounds like the time is right NOW to begin planning to attend this event next year.
- Nice event Jim & Deb. Thanks.

The Annual Chicken Run:

• Pete Schroeder was our awesome guide once again. We had some folks that decided to make a GS ride out of it. (Jeff H. remember that a Buell isn't a GS.) Everyone got home okay with just a little break in the ride order. Like usual Pete did an outstanding job finding some of the best twisties in Wisconsin.

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- The club would like to recognize Pete for making a ride into a club tradition. This is the kind of service and participation that we are so so lucky to have and need to appreciate. THANKS PETE!

New Business:

- Ambassador Steve Reynen shared his experience at the Cascade Rally. He said there were about 425 people in attendance. He had an awesome grilled Salmon meal. Beautiful roads and scenery near Mt. St. Helens. Only a three day ride he said. Can you tell he's retired now? (Sigh....yes I'm jealous.)
- Pete Schroeder's mail bag included some \$10 chamber gift certificates from the town of Ashland. See Pete if you are interested.
- John Jung mentioned the Christmas party. He said he would follow up again with the Grainery in Sherwood to ensure they have our reservation and don't require a deposit.
- Mac said he was going to go through the awards and trophy case and 'thin things out'. Steve Reynen suggested a list of each award be documented before anything is given away for good.
- Another word of thanks for Mac and Arlene hosting the July meeting at their home.
- Glen Hartjes hasn't been feeling well and the club will send him a 'get well' card. Glen we want you better and back with the rest of us. Get well soon.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Here's wishing all of you a
Happy Birthday for
September!

Don't forget, when you attend a meeting in the month you are celebrating your birthday, the club will buy you a drink. See our Sergeant at Arms Arlene Neumann prior to the meeting for your free drink ticket.

- President Joe Schroeder reminded the group that at the September meeting we will be asking for members who are willing to step up and become club officers for next year. This is really important since the existing officers have served for the past two years and are stepping down at the end of this year. We will need members willing to serve and we will be voting at the December year end meeting and Christmas party. If you are unsure and have any questions, now is the time to ask what is involved. We need your participation.

- Per the club charter there are several issues that require votes at the Christmas year end party to make permanent charter changes. This is our official notification to members:

- Serving officers do not pay dues.
- 25 years of membership earns exempt dues.

Good of the Order Raffle:

- Raised \$24.00 for the club. Won by our newsletter editor. He asked that no one mention it to his wife or he would have to split the winnings....Opps, sorry JJ.

Other Noteworthy News

Forum Update:

(by John J.)

- Tom K. had a great idea...A "Destination" page in our forum. We can ask questions or add destinations you've experienced first hand. Just one more way to get the most out of our riding season.

GS DOWN...GS DOWN:

- One of our GS riders had a little mishap in the north-woods. The road ended and he didn't stop (that's what a GS is for, isn't it). Anyway he and bike went down and he was pinned under it for awhile and burned his leg in the process. After a little help from the local EMT's he drove it home. He's okay just a burned leg and a bruised ego.

Dog Days:

(by Keith H.)

- As most or some of you know I was in a motorcycle/dog accident on Friday Aug. 10th. I had just turned off Hwy 156 onto Cty Tk (Y) and had just shifted into 5th gear when this dog decided he wanted to occupy the same space as me. I did not see the dog until he came running out of the ditch right in front of me. I tried to swerve but to no avail. I caught him right behind the front shoulder, which then ripped the handlebars out of my hands. (I didn't fare as well as Pete S. or Bob Igl with their run-in's with the K-9 variety). I must not be as strong as Pete S. or Bob Igl. I couldn't hold onto the bars! I hit the road with my shoulder and helmet, and I then went into my Evel Knievel impersonation.

I slid on the front of my helmet and left forearm for what seemed like an eternity. I was transported to New London by ambulance for x-rays, etc. Nothing was broken, just some contusions and minor road rash. I was released later that night. I am home and back to work. The slight road rash is healing fine. This could have been much worse. Thank God I was wearing my Full Face Helmet, Jacket, Gloves and Riding Boots.

I have not heard anything on the bike yet, but I think it will more than likely be totaled. The top part of the fairing is all cracked and scraped badly around both mirrors. The inner fairing is cracked as well. I'm sure the fairing bracketry



is also damaged. The left lower and radiator cowl are cracked very badly. The left crash bar was ripped right off the engine. Mirrors, the left saddlebag, front fender, shift lever etc. are heavily damaged. The front forks are bent quite noticeably. I don't think the steering head was bent. It's a shame as this K100LT has meant a lot to me. It was like an old friend to me. I was hoping to put at least 200,000 miles on it. It had just turned 182,000 miles a couple days before the accident.

I want to thank the Badgers for the nice card. It was very nice. Thanks to all for your concerns, and a Special Thanks go out to Dick & Gail who have always been there for us, but a bigger thanks goes out to Janet for being there for me through all this.

I am truly blessed.

Just in case there are any people that are wondering about the dog - He's Dead.

He wasn't wearing full protective gear!

Ride Report:

(by Arlene)

- We started out on Thursday Aug 9th. We didn't make it out of WI before we had to put on rain gear. The good news was that we took it off just a short while later. We were headed to the Husker Rally, in Franklin, NE. The first day we made it to Sioux City, Iowa, and it was getting warm. The second day out we were in Red Cloud, NE, where we stayed at the Green Acres Motel and headed to the rally. We found out soon enough that Mac's credit card wouldn't work. So Fri morning he called the credit union, back here in Appleton and found out someone had tried to compromise his card so they stopped it all together. Just wonderful, here we are out only a couple days and the damn card won't work. So we found a travel center that had a Western Union office and had money wired to him. We had to wait a few hours for this to take place so we went to the rally and then drove back the 50 miles to get the money later that evening. This was an interesting experience but I hope we never have to do it again!

Then we could enjoy the rally and (I) Arlene won the long distant female and Tank and Moose won the long distant Critter award, with

800 miles. Mac could have won long distant male but a guy from Sweden came in at the last minute. Saturday night we took off for Kearny, NE to our motel and then up early in the morning to head for Bismarck, ND. I forgot to tell you that the temperature on Friday was 101 and Saturday 99. Next it was North Battleford, Saskatchewan, then to Sherwood Park, Alberta to visit our friends. We had not met their two youngest children, Reese and Slade, ages 3 and 4. Tyler, their beautiful teenage daughter, greeted us when we got there. Morley and Susan arrived from work shortly afterwards and we went out to eat and came back for just the most wonderful visit. Our friendship started a while back when Mac got sick in the Northwest territory and Morley, a truck driver, got Mac safely to Edmonton, Alberta, so he could get on a plane to fly home. Then he and his co-driver rode Mac's bike a 1000 miles down to Edmonton so we could go pick it up when he was well again. Now back to our trip, we left there and started for home. We made it back across the border to Shelby, MT and rode around and saw a dam by Fort Peck, on the Missouri River, in Eastern Montana. We ended up in Culbertson, MT that night. Then our final night was in Grand Rapids, MN. Sat found us heading back home and of course the rain just couldn't hold off until we got home. So we rode the last 200 miles in it.

Keep Tom Harbrecht in your thoughts:

(by Mac)

- Tom Harbrecht is a long time MOA member and MOA officer who was in charge of security at West Bend. He was working out of the back of the coffee haus, handing out T-shirts and giving ORDERS. Tom had under gone gastric bypass.

(Tom's Email)

- I have had a minor setback in health but will be happy to comply. I was on an around-the-lake-tour, after the national and stopped for the night at Bay City (7-16-07). After dinner, I was struck with intensive stomach pains,

vomiting, diarrhea and intestinal bleeding. The next day I managed to get the Bay City Medical Center. It took four days to stabilize me and I was then transferred to Ann Arbor VA Medical Center where it was determined I had a bowel obstruction. Exploratory surgery discovered the kinked bowel and it was corrected.(7-24-07). I was released on the 29th and managed to get home. The next day the resident surgeon called me at home and told me to immediately go the VA hospital, as they had found bacteria infection in my blood. I was again hospitalized and treated for this nasty blood infection and finally released 8-4-07 (19 days total). I'm still weak as a kitten but flatly announced to the doctors that I'll be riding my bike to the Dells in mid-September and I expect them. Either they thought it was good therapy or they were humoring me, but nobody objected.

So, what did you do on your summer vacation?

EPM Performance:

- We are pleased to announce the formation of EPM Performance Imports. In the past, you may have known us as Wilbers USA and Run-N-Lites. In addition to those products, we now offer YSS High Performance Suspension Systems, Hyperpro Suspension Products and Moto-LED light conversion kits. For additional product information please visit us on the web at www.epmperf.com.

As an added bonus, we have an exclusive subscription application for an exciting new publication for your review. Almost ten years ago German publisher MO MEDIA issued the first magazine solely dedicated to BMW motorcycles and their riders. Simply called "BMW Motorräder" - BMW Motorcycles, it featured purely Bavarian motorcycling spirit, right from the home of BMW motorcycles.

What had started as a biannual magazine quickly became a much sought-after quarterly reading in the German speaking part of Europe. For American owners and devotees of both old and new models of the famous manufacturer MO MEDIA now offers the successful periodical in an English version. BMW Motorcycle Magazine

will be out twice a year. Just like the German edition it is a high quality production featuring 116 full color pages on high gloss paper.

We would appreciate it if you would consider sharing this information with your membership. If you are interested, we would be happy to send a complimentary copy to your Club for review. Our main objective in this effort is to serve our BMW clients and give them the best information and product service possible.

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Disaster at Moto Guzzi National Rally:

(by Mac)

- Money Creek Campground, 10 miles north of Houston (Rt 16 and the Root River) in SE Minnesota. In talking to Jerry Heil of Hannigan Fairing it started to rain around 8 AM on 8-18 till 8 PM then all hell broke loose. Jerry said they were camping 11 feet above the creek when they turned in. He camped East of the pool, then at 3 AM campers were hollering. The water was at the tents, by the time he got his pants and boots on there was a foot of water in his tent. He dragged the tent up hill then got to his bike. Bikers were helping each other to try to get their bikes to higher ground. When they got up the hill there was a chain link fence that they had to take down. After that they had to go down into the water to get back up another higher hill. That is when his bike took a big drink of water. Jerry's bike was the last one to get out. Some other bikes were left there and some were wash away. Moto Guzzi's trailer was at about the same height as Jerry's tent. In the morning only 4 of the 15 guzzi's at the trailer for test rides were standing but the water had been over all of them so they lost all 15. There are a lot of camping trailers that stay all year long. Some of them were washed down the hill. This is what happened at the lower grounds. I didn't get much of a report on the upper grounds I'm sure that may have gotten a little wet also. This is where the MN BMW Club holds the Hiawatha Rally each year. Jerry said he had to gravel road

it to get to Hwy. 43 and go to I-90 to head south to AR. I have camped at this rally many times. I am glad this was not one of the times.

Commitments made for 2007 ride and event leadership:

September Ride

- Glen H. will host the ride on the 15th. It starts at 10:00 at Rudy's Diner 117 W. Ryan St. (Hwy. 10) in Brillion.

Smart riders will arrive plenty early enough to have breakfast at Rudy's before leaving. We will leave promptly at 10:00 AM.

As most people know Rudy's is one of the best old diners in the state! Great home cooking!

The ride will seek out all the twistey roads between Brillion and the Kettle Moraine.

So if you like the twisties and hills, this one's for you.

October Ride

- Tim Wilson is holding the October ride on the 3rd weekend. Details to come.

November Ride

- Andy V. committed to lead this last ride of the club season.
- Anyone interested in holding a Pizza Party or other special event, please bring them up at upcoming meeting.

As always keep an eye on our forum and it's calendar for information and events.

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**Club Meeting,
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Rudy's Diner
Hwy 10 in Brillion.
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or newsletter
for more detials.**

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