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BADGER MOTORCYCLE WRAP-UP



June's Meeting Notes

Reported by Dale Geske

Members in attendance:

- Kevin Birr, Howard Blades, Ty Dobbins, Dale Geske, Dick Glaser, Dave Grinsel, Glen Hartjes, Rick Jarek, Megan Kerrigan, Jim Kriner, Keith Lennop, Ken McHugh, Arlene Neumann, Stacy Peterson, Rodney Pettit, Steve Reynen, Tom Running, Carl Van Dera, Eugene Vandenberg, Mike Weiss, David Wiener.

(21 members in attendance)

Meeting called to order:

- Vice-President Jim Kriner called the meeting to order at about 7:30 PM.

President Al Paltzer was absent due to a bad cold. We hope you are feeling better Al.

- Meeting was held at the Prime Time.

Prior meeting notes & treasurer's report:

- The Secretary/Treasurer read the prior meeting notes and gave the treasurer report. A motion was made and seconded to accept prior meeting notes and the financials.

Guests/new members:

- We had three guests at the June meeting. Keith Knutson, a former Harley rider who now rides a GS. Dave Yader, a R100R rider, and Scott Lawrence. Sorry Scott I didn't catch what you ride. You all are welcome to attend any of our meetings and events But be careful, anytime after 3 club activities, you can be voted in as a new club member.

**NEXT MEETING:
THURSDAY
JULY 3RD
7:30 P.M.
PRIME TIME
MENASHA**

Meeting Topics Old Business

Name tags:

- The club name tag saga carries on. Geno, Arlene, and Mac printed every club members name on a sticky backed label. Howard Blades purchased name badge pins (clear plastic sleeves with an attached pin), enough for everyone. We discussed using the names on the sticky back labels and placing them in the name badge pins. It was moved that we vote on this method for club name tags. The club voted to use this method for name tags.

New Business

RA Rally side trip:

- There was a discussion on Copper Harbor at the tip of the Keweenaw Peninsula in the U.P. From what was said this is a beautiful area and a must see. For those of us going to the R.A. Rally in Houghton, up in da U.P., Copper Harbor will be well within reach.

Max BMW:

- Arlene and Mac mentioned Max BMW's web site, www.maxbmwmotorcycles.com. They said that this website is a good place to check out the cost of parts for BMW motorcycles. They also tie parts of the service manuals to the parts you inquire about. This could be very useful.

Battery woes at the Slimey Crud:

- Jim Kriner's battery started dying on him in Madison at the beginning of the Slimey Crud Run. Jim's K1200LT was push started and he rode straight back home. When Jim bought a replacement gel battery he discovered that the price at Nick's BMW was cheaper with the club's 10% discount than Batteries Plus. This is nice to know!

Good samaritan at the Slimey Crud:

- Howard Blades mentioned how his cycle suffered a flat in Leland during the Slimey Crud Run, leaving him stranded. The valve stem on his front rim had a leak. A good Samaritan came along and helped Howard remove the front wheel and got it fixed. The whole ordeal took about 4 hours. He said the guy wouldn't

take any money for his efforts. Howard was so impressed by this guy (Marvin Licht), that he is going to write an article for the MOA magazine, thanking and acknowledging Marvin.

Meeting adjournment:

- A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned!

Good of the Order Raffle:

- Dave Grinsel won the raffle. It sounds like Dave Grinsel has won the raffle 3 or 4 times. This kind of makes Tom Running look like an amateur with his two wins. The raffle raised \$27.00 for the club.

Other Noteworthy News

May's ride report & deer herd count:

- Dave Weiner explained what happened on President Al Paltzer's club ride in May. Arlene Neumann and Mike Weiss both hit and killed two different deer just outside of King. They both managed to keep their motorcycles upright. No one was physically injured, but both motorcycles were damaged. Insurance is covering a good part of the repairs.

- Howard Blades mentioned that 80% of motorcyclists who hit deer while riding are killed. Arlene and Mike were both very lucky. Someone sure was watching over them.

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As we turned onto 26 south of Oshkosh we started to see flooding south of Rosendale. We had to ride through about 10 inches of water. We pick up Tom in Madison. Our next stop was Anamosa, IA. We saw flooding all the way. About 25 miles from Cedar Rapids we stopped to get a brat for lunch before heading to explore the National Motorcycle Museum. As we spoke to local residents about the high water and which roads to take. One person would suggest a road to take and someone else would tell us that those roads were also flooded. After long discussion, Tom said, “this looks like a disaster that could be avoided.” We decided to visit the museum and head for home. I’d like to thank Tom for being cool headed. Disaster avoided.

- Some facts: In Cedar Rapids the flood of 1993 reached 21 feet above flood stage. The flood of 1929 reached 27 feet above flood stage. On Friday June 13, 2008 flood water reached 29 feet above flood stage and was expected to reach 31 feet.

The mystery of the BMW raincoat:

By Nancy Drew/Ken McHugh

- At the last meeting I asked for help in finding my BMW raincoat.
- Well the lost BMW raincoat mystery has been solved it mysteriously reappeared and was found tucked away at the end of my workbench in the basement along with my electric gloves, long time heavy warm gloves, old rain pants, socks, rubber gloves & other items. Apparently, when I got the fairing ready for painting last fall, I clean it out and shoved everything into the end of the bench. I found it on Father’s Day. I want to thank everyone that was out looking for it. Let me know when you get old and loose things and I will help you look for them.

Iowa Rally and the river woes:

By Ken McHugh

- Dave Wiener, Al Paltzer, and Tom from Madison were going to the Iowa BMW Rally in Marengo, IA on the Iowa river and I was going to Gina’s BMW & Ned’s in Riverside, IA and planning to return home on Saturday. The Iowa river runs through Iowa City near Riverside.


HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Here’s wishing all of you a
Happy Birthday for this
month!

- Ty Dobbins.....5th
- Pat Eng.....6th
- Dennis Munro.....10th
- John Bollig.....20th
- Doug Dahlke.....21st
- Steve Reynen.....29th

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 prior to the meeting for your free drink ticket.

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SUN.	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT.
29	30	1	2	3  Club Meeting, 7:30 PM at Prime Time	4 Happy 4th of July America!	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
				MOA National Rally Gillette, WY June 17th thru 20th		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Club Ride Chicken Run Details to Come!	28	29	30	31	1	2

*As always keep an eye on our forum
and it's calendar for the
most up-to-date information and events.*

Commitments made for future ride and event leadership

June:

- 19th - 22nd - RA National Rally in Houghton, MI.

*****DATE Change*****

- Sunday, 29th - The club ride will be led by Dale Geske. We will meet at the Cenex Gas Station in Greenville, the intersection of Hwy 15 & Hwy 75, at 9:00 AM, leaving at 9:30 AM. The plan is to head north through the reservation and beyond.

July:

- Wednesday, 16th - Jim Panzer will be leaving for a trip to Nova Scotia. Club members are welcome to join him.
- 17th - 20th - 36th BMW-MOA National Rally is in Gillette, WY. More information to come. See the February newsletter for hotel where other members are staying.
- Sunday, 27th - The annual Chicken Run led by Pete Schroeder. More info to come.

August:

- Saturday, 2nd - The club ride will be led by Kevin Birr. We will meet at "II" and "76" west of Neenah at the gas station on that intersection. The time will be in the next news letter.

August: (cont.)

- Friday, 15th - 17th - International Vintage Motorcycle Show & Swap Meet, August 15-17, 2008. Vintage motorcycle racing at the Seymour stock car track on Friday night. All of this takes place at the Outagamie County Fairgrounds in Seymour, Wisconsin. See Al Paltzer for detailed information.
- Friday, 15th -17th - Dinky Dozen rally. Same location the last one was held.

Also the Badger's Club overnighter this year.

September:

- The September club ride will be led by Howard Blades. More information to come.

October:

- The October club ride will be lead by Jim Kriner. More information to come.
- Friday, 10th - 12th - The

Falling Leaf Rally in Potosi, Missouri

November:

- The November club ride is open.

December:

- Saturday, 6th - Club's Meeting/Party at Crystal Springs Golf Course. They are located on French Road, by Seymour.

Schedule your event:

- Anyone interested in holding a pizza party, club ride or other special event, please bring them up at an upcoming meeting.

