

MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



My! What a couple of months can do to a have a meeting go from ok to...Holy Cow!! Our traditional month to 'ride' to Lincoln is February which is usually a challenging time to take a motorbike into the shadow of the Bob Marshall. You have to be pretty brave or stupid. I can only recall there being motorcycles parked in front of a restaurant in Lincoln in February three times. Well, move that meeting to April, especially this spring where riding weather seems to happen on a daily basis, and Waa Laa!

Thirty Six motorcycles show up! Oh yeah, and one Suburban. What a whim! But Mr. Jerry Abbott did enjoy the ride and Mr. Chuck didn't have to worry about losing his rear tire...so it all worked out. That has to be a record for the most motorcycles attending a meeting in the 15 years I've been in the club. A big hand goes out to the main man upstairs for the weather, our club members for their good riding attitudes, and Lambkins for putting up with us. Lambkins large room in back made for a perfect venue. Considering the intimidation factor for them (I'd told them at most 20-25 people)...they didn't fold, but came through with excellent service and food. I think this formula,

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AMA # 6830

Lincoln, Lambkins, and the month of April, may be repeated for the foreseeable next few years. Especially if that fickle April weather co-operates.

Those riding that infamous Sunday were...from Helena: Bob Rennick - K1300S, Steve Moore - R1200RT, John Beyrau - R100RS, Kevin Huddy - Yamaha FJR, Annie Huddy - F800GS, Dick Field - K1200LT.

NEXT MEETING

May 17th

Philipsburg

Sunshine Station

Time: 1:00 PM

From Missoula: David & Kristy Gordon - K1200LT, Lynn & Karen Springer - K75RT, Carol & Gary Graham, each on F650GSs, Greg Hintz - 1800 Gold Wing, John Fredrickson - F800Gs, Larry Banister - K1200GT, Chris Keyes - R1100RT-P, Mike Laughnan - R1200GS, John Webster - K1200LT, Wes Mitchell - R1200GSA, John Torma - K1200LT, Bruce Swanson - Harley Street Glide, Jerry Abbott & Chuck Reaves - Chevy Suburban.

From the Bitterroot: Tony & Gina Martin - Victory, Dave McCormack - Spyder.

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From the Bozone: Kelly & Shirley King - R1200GSA, Mike Kreikemeier - R1200GS (actually Belgrade), Guy Bonnand - Harley Davidson Road King.

From other parts of Montana: Sarge Hoem from Pray - K1200LT, Gordon Phillips from Bigfork - R1200RT, Don Deuel from Arlee - 1800 Gold Wing.

May have missed a few or some may have left early or maybe I counted the waitresses. If so, I apologize. It was pandemonium at Lambkins.

Ok, thanks to all who have volunteered to marshal at the YMCA Riverbank Run in Missoula, May 9th. But now Mark Cadwallader would like to hear from those of you able to volunteer for TOSRV (Tour of the Swan River Valley) which happens Saturday & Sunday May 30-31st. These two events along with the toy run in December, are the only ones our club does during the year to support local causes. It helps our image as motorcyclists to be seen doing something good for the community. That said, please contact Mark at 406-439-4406 or email svpllcmt@gmail.com. You can work all of both days, part of both, or even just a few hours on one of the two days. The riding is fun & the food at the rest stops is fantastic. You will also get a chance to pair up during the marshaling and so get to know other members of the club you may not have known before. Thanks for your help in advance.

One of our biggest events of the year and most fun, is coming up May 15-17. This is the annual Tech Session at Kevin & Annie Huddy's just outside Helena.

It's great in so many ways; learn a thing or two about how to do simple maintenance on your bike as well as meet other club members and enjoy the great food and hospitality the Huddy's provide. Lots of fun! You don't want to miss this. See the details further on in this newsletter. And...if you have not paid your 2015 dues by now, you can bring your check book to the Tech session or the Philipsburg meeting as I know Secretary Treasurer Annie Huddy will be there and will be glad to receive your \$15.00 dues.

Very soon the motorcycle rally season starts across the country. Web Master, Mike Wight, has put many of the local motorcycle rallies occurring in the West. The web site's forum is also a place to go to let people know when and where you might be going and perhaps find other motivated and willing club members to join you.

Missoula members: The Wednesday night rides to the Lochsa should be starting now. This is a weekly reoccurring ride that is pretty loosey-goosey. Historically we meet at the Lolo Conoco between 5-6 PM. Head up Highway 12 whenever you are ready. Recently the retired guys leave early 3-4 PM. Some Wednesdays there may be no one, some nights 6-10 riders. It's 110 miles and a 3 hour event if you eat dinner. If no one shows no worries...just enjoy the ride, The Lochsa Burger and the Marion berry cobbler.

Our club campout, Friday-Saturday June 26-27th, at Lake Inez will be run by David Gordon. My sister's wedding was moved from the MOA rally weekend to

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our campout weekend. This campout is a great way to get in some practice for all those upcoming rallies you'll be going to; unless you're the rider that can just pull out the credit card & thinks camping is a *Holiday Inn* without a pool. ☺

While in the process of researching our dual sport ride for August, Dave Gordon & I found that if you want to stay in West Yellowstone on Friday night, August 7th, you better get on the horn & make reservations ASAP. That place is filling up pronto with most of the affordable stuff already taken. You have been forewarned. The second night we'll be in Dillon and I'm not as worried about motels there. As the start time nears we will be needing to look at what the fire/smoke situation is. Same with the dual sport ride in September in the Flathead.

The spring of 2015 has got to go down as one of the most rideable in recent years. Hope you are all out there wearing down those tires. Look forward to seeing you at the Huddy's Tech Session or at our May 17th meeting in Philipsburg at the Sunshine Station (right on Highway 1 before you turn in to Philipsburg)...time as always...1:00 PM. This meeting is our annual celebration of our member's birthdays. Cake will be served. Bring a friend.

Till then, Happy Trails!!

Chuck Reaves

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TECH SESSION

This is a reminder about the upcoming Tech Day to be held at the Huddy's Outpost on Friday, May 15th thru Sunday, May 17th.

Important: Please inform Kevin and Annie if you plan to attend. Include when you intend to arrive and depart if you plan on spending one or two nights. Email your RSVP to klhuddy@hotmail.com.

*Location: 6750 Silver Fox Court
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PH: 406 4386776 or 6793
Coordinates: 46 43' 52.92"
N 112 09' 23.02" W*

Silver Fox Court is just off Lincoln Road. Lincoln Road runs from exit 200 on Interstate 15 (north of Helena) westerly towards Flesher Pass and the town of Lincoln. Silver Fox Court is 7.5 miles west of I-15 and 42 miles east of Lincoln.

Schedule: The "formal" tech day starts at 9:00 am on Saturday the 16th of May, and runs until the BBQ at around 6:00 pm. You can arrive on Friday afternoon and stay until Sunday morning, then ride to Phillipsburg for the monthly club meeting (102 miles)

What we are doing: The idea is to help riders perform routine maintenance, minor repairs and tire changes on their bikes. If a rider needs tools or knowledge he/she does not have, then hopefully we can provide it to them here.

What to bring: Your motorcycle; a service manual of any sort you may have for your bike; a sleeping bag if you plan to spend a nite. (We will get everyone inside and most on a bed, bunk or couch, but some may have to be on a sleeping pad.) If you are having tires shipped, then you can have them shipped to the Outpost.

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Food will be provided, as will some beverages. If you have a specific beverage you like then please bring it with you.

Pray for good weather.

Kevin and Annie Huddy

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Safety Corner

Last month we had an article on looking where you want to go (or not!). So this month, we'll have another "look" (sorry about the bad pun!) at the importance of looking where you want to go. This time, let's talk about one of our generally most dreaded riding scenarios...slow speed parking lot turns. (Those of us who were in Lincoln Sunday had a great opportunity to practice!). Here's the scenario: you ride into a parking lot looking for a place to park your bike and find 1) it's full of cars, 2) you get way into the lot and then have to execute a tight "U" turn to find a place to park, 3) you're so fearful of dropping your bike that you stop and either get off, pushing your bike, or you paddle walk it around.

There are a number of vital techniques required for slow speed maneuvers (for an excellent article, see this month's issue of the BMWMOA news, page 88-89 by Lee Parks). We're only going to talk about one of them here...that is where should you look to properly execute a tight, slow-speed turn. You look where you want to go, which is generally almost 180 degrees behind you. So, (assuming the proper body position) you want to turn your head and look as far behind you as possible. This will generally require a turn of not only your head and neck, but your upper body as well

(which helps assume the proper body position). Combining this head turn and eyes up, looking where you want to go with proper throttle, brake, clutch control and body position to the outside of the turn, you'll execute a smooth, continuous and successful tight, slow-speed turn.

Here's what you DON'T WANT TO DO... **don't look down at the ground on the inside of your turn!** If you do, you'll find that the bike will want to drop inside and/or you'll be putting your inside foot down which with a moving 600+ pound motorcycle is not one of your smartest moves.

Read Lee Park's article this month. Find a big, uncluttered parking lot, and practice. When you get your slow, tight turns down, you'll dazzle your riding buddies as they'll be in some part of straddle walking or pushing their motorcycles while you ride by and execute the perfect "U" turn and park you ride!

Larry Banister
Retired MSF Instructor

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Mileage Contest

Ladies and Gentlemen...

If you weren't in Lincoln this past weekend, you missed out! We had the best crowd I've seen in a long time; great food and of course the normal level of motorcycle tales! We had a chance to announce the mileage contest and hand out the forms. We got completed forms from Don Deual, Kevin and Annie Huddy, Chris Keyes, Mike Langhnan, John Torma Dave McCormack, and John Webster. These in addition to those we already have from myself, Kim Lemke and Chuck Reaves, we have a total of 11 riders participating to date.

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BMWMOA

The 2015 MOA Mileage Contest form is posted on our Montana BMW Riders web site (www.mtbmwrider.org) (thanks Mike!) and as previously stated, if you want to send me your mileage via email, that's just fine too beemermt@msn.com). In any event, your info must be to me by May 11, to be "officially entered" so as to qualify for the great recognition and prizes given away at our annual Christmas party!

If you are wanting to participate in the national MOA contest, remember: you must submit your BMWMOA form to the name and address on the form and follow the instructions on the back of the form. You can participate in the Montana BMW Riders contest by just sending your info to me, but that will not get you into the national contest. I want to encourage you to participate in the national contest as we (Montana) get a 'by name' listing (see inset to the right, for example) in the annual mileage contest issue (April). It's fun to let the rest of the world know we're alive, well and riding in Montana.

Thanks to all who are entered. If you have any questions, please give me a shout.

Larry Banister
Montana BMW Riders Mileage contest
coordinator

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Top 25 Women Finishers

| MOA # | Name | State | Bike #1 Year | Bike #1 Model | Bike #2 Year | Bike #2 Model | TOTAL MILES |
|--------|--------------------|-------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|
| 94496 | Gail Thorne | MS | 2012 | F650GS | | | 40,206 |
| 9927 | Deb Lower | CO | 2013 | F800GT | 2011 | F650GS | 26,492 |
| 39115 | Heidi Still | AZ | 2007 | F650GSA | 2009 | F800ST | 24,184 |
| 4735 | Margaret Lang | AB | 2001 | F650GS | 1985 | K100RTwSC | 22,669 |
| 89517 | Muriel Farrington | VT | 2012 | F650 | 2007 | F650 | 21,107 |
| 80297 | Jayne Thompson | PA | 2013 | F700GS | | | 20,371 |
| 195153 | Piper Charles | NC | 2012 | R1200RT | | | 19,092 |
| 127041 | Helen Rayborn | TX | 2002 | R1150R | 2007 | F650GS | 18,764 |
| 143476 | Donna Dittow | PA | 2012 | F650GS | | | 17,766 |
| 62737 | Jacqueline Mulhern | TX | 2004 | R1150RS | 2010 | F650GS | 17,569 |
| 140563 | Annie Huddy | MT | 2007 | F650GS | 2011 | F650GS | 17,397 |
| 121097 | Minna Case | VT | 2009 | G650GS | | | 17,045 |
| 138245 | Lisa Hecker | MD | 2008 | R1200GS | | | 16,298 |
| 108960 | Colleen Sepulveda | CA | 2010 | R1200GS | | | 15,170 |
| 196617 | Kathy Swisher | FL | 2002 | R1150R | | | 14,568 |
| 151207 | Beth Madson | MN | 2012 | R1200RT | | | 14,292 |
| 189323 | Lina Rifai | IN | 2013 | R1200R | | | 14,062 |
| 27994 | Karol Patzer | MN | 2012 | F800GS | 2007 | R1200GS | 14,032 |
| 48142 | Ruth Ann Reynen | WI | 2008 | R1200R | 2013 | F700GS | 13,816 |
| 122735 | Martha Brosnahan | NH | 2005 | R1200GS | | | 13,133 |
| 126912 | Mary Begley | WI | 2005 | R1200RT | | | 12,665 |
| 96506 | Tina Hansen | BC | 2005 | R1200RT | | | 12,460 |
| 126149 | Stacey Papinchak | PA | 2005 | R1200GS | 2004 | R1150RS | 12,435 |
| 120873 | Marylee Jackson | SC | 2009 | R1200GS | | | 11,643 |

Editor's note: If you look closely, you'll see two of our members in the top 25, Marg Lang and Annie Huddy...Yea!

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We're on the Web:
www.mtbmwrider.org

And on Facebook:
Montana BMW Riders

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2015 MT BMW Riders Calendar

- January 18th Seeley Lake - Double Arrow Lodge
- February 15th Avon – Avon Cafe
- March 15th Fairmont - Fairmont Hot Springs
- April 19th Lincoln – Lambkins
- May 17th Philipsburg – Sunshine Station
- June 20th Big Fork – Echo Lake Cafe
- July 23-26 MOA Rally in Billings
(Friday 14th- Breakfast ride to Ft. Rockvale Café from the rally)
- August 9th Wisdom – The Crossings at Fetty's
- September 20th Polson – Kwa Tuk Nuk
Lunch meeting followed by optional boat tour of Flathead Lake
- October 18th Ovando – Trixies
- November 15th Drummond – Wagon Wheel
- December 5th Christmas Party at Big Sky Motorsports

All meetings Begin at 1:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

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Mystery Pictures

Kevin Huddy wants you to guess where these were taken:



Editor: I'm guessing near where their bikes were parked.

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Monthly Meeting: Third Sunday of each month, 1 PM, unless specified otherwise. Location Announced in Newsletter.

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Signed articles do not necessarily reflect the consensus opinion of the Montana BMW Riders.

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Editor's Corner

As we get increasingly better at this job of putting a newsletter together each month, we realize that in the old days, the newsletter was everything...it held the club together and was the central vehicle for keeping in touch about events and activities. The newsletter is still that central communication tool but now the web-site is becoming the real place to go to get up to date information and connections with others in the club. That's why we don't publish a real hard copy of the newsletter anymore. We're hoping that as we all get used to bookmarking the MTBMWriders site and going there regularly, you can feel more connected on a more regular basis. Maybe not as bad as checking your Facebook page every day, but at least checking in, participating in the forum and asking questions of the contributors and officers listed in the column to the left. And we'll take all pictures of events or of your favorite rides and try to get them all in the newsletter. Sometimes there's just not enough room. The ones with individual's names added will always get preference.

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2015 AUGUST GS Ride Update

By David Gordon

After the initial response from club members, we will most likely be going ahead with the plan B GS ride which will take place August 22nd 23rd and 24.

Friday around mid or late morning we will most likely meet in Twin Bridges to assemble and fill our gas tanks. We'll proceed south to the Ruby River reservoir. From there we will head south on FR 100 and east on FR 163. This will take us on the road that goes south through the Gravelly range FR 290. At the junction of FR 290 and FR 237 head east and join up with Hwy 278. From there we will catch 87 south and go direct to Henry's Lake or West Yellowstone to spend the night. There is some concern that motel and camping sites may be hard to get for our Friday night stay in West Yellowstone. I have found some 29 camping/motel places in West Yellowstone or nearby. The Yellowstone KOA Mountainside is several miles west of West Yellowstone and offers a Motel 8 on the premises. I thought we might want to make our camp there if it works out and if anyone wants other accommodations, they could search them out. Check out their site:<http://www.yellowstonekoamountainside.com>. I will most likely hotel it just because I don't like to carry camping gear that much anymore, but there is plenty of opportunity for camping in the area around Henry's lake or West Yellowstone. Saturday we will meet up again bright and early and head west towards Monida and Interstate 15. Depending on the wishes of the group or other factors, we'll either take the Big Sheep Creek Scenic Byway to the Clark Canyon Reservoir and head for Dillon for the night, or take a more direct route from Henry's lake west and then north (all dirt) to Dillon. Dillon has a great KOA for those who would like to camp, and many hotels if you prefer air conditioning and a Sealy pillow-top like me. Sunday morning we will

head direct to Wisdom for the August meeting.

All of the dirt roads we are planning on taking should be fairly well maintained and mostly graded. If there happens to be something crop up that is too challenging for big or small bikes, I will not hesitate to turn around and find a safer route. If you haven't signed up as yet, please let me know. (See masthead for e-mail address)

Random Filler Photos (Name that place)



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Hmmm....BMW's...everywhere.



Well, not all were BMW's...we're an equal bike-atunity club.

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Off camera, Chuck is calling out drawing numbers.



Beyrau and Phillips enjoying the conversation.



The Graham's and the Gordon's studying the menu.



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BILLINGS BMWMOA RALLY NOTES

(The following e-mail conversation between Prez Chuck and the BMWMOA rally coordinator is provided for your information.)

"From: sue@beemerhill.com
[mailto:sue@beemerhill.com]
To: Chuck Reaves
Cc: rallychair2015
Subject: RE: Volunteering for Billings rally

Hi Chuck -

Thank you for personally volunteering! I actually have a larger request for you and your fellow Montana members. It requires that you stay a little longer on Sunday morning. The Sunday morning clean-up committee. Typically, this committee is comprised of the people who don't have to travel far to get home, which is usually the nearest charter club. The more folks who can stay a few hours to help that morning, the faster it will go. What does this entail, you are wondering

--- Basically, it means that a group of volunteers will need to walk the grounds to be sure that everything is as tidy as it was when we found it. Ensuring that all of the loose trash is bagged and put in a place that's easy for the paid staff to collect is probably the single biggest item. Most of our members will do this themselves, but there are always a few loose items that need to be picked up by us.

--- Another big item is that we will need a crew of 4 to man the MOA trailer, to load all of the MOA equipment safely for the trip back to St Louis.

--- Probably more that I can't think of right

now, but those are the 2 biggest things.

As a little incentive: We will keep out some of the unclaimed door prizes - hopefully there will be enough so everyone on your team will get a little something to take home with them. Hopefully this will all be wrapped up by 11 AM - 12 at the latest on Sunday.

This year it will be easier than in the past, because the MetraPark has a large staff to handle the projects like breaking down chairs and tables. This is a good thing for us. :)

ANYWAY - I hope your group will volunteer for this. Thanks for considering it, and taking it to your membership.

And, we could use some more articles and pictures for the BMW Owners News to promote the rally. Do you think you could put together an article (or 3) of nice little day-ride destinations? Maybe good places to eat, out-of-the-way things to see (waterfalls, ridge-tops, ride-for-pie, ghost towns, etc.)

We already have a few people writing articles about the "big" rides over the mountain passes, but sometimes our members just want to see something different, that won't require a high-skill ride.

Thanks for anything you can do for us.

Sue, Jiggs, and Vince"

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All members are encouraged to participate in this once in a life time rally here in Montana and if you have suggestions for rides or pictures, please submit directly to the rally chair, sue at "sue@beemerhill.com"

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