

MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Well we're down to our last month for local rallies. Are you able to go to the Beartooth Rendezvous or B.C. Beemers in Nakusp, British Columbia? And if you did make a rally this summer how about an article from you on your trip and the rally for the rest of us staycationers. Members need to have the opportunity to read something other than the missives from club officers. It's your duty to civilization!

Choteau, Choteau, ohh my darling Choteau! With your Front Range Mountains rolling down to the hops and barley of your plains. You are a far piece, but those Beemer riders, those mile eating motorheads have your number.



There were 10 suspects that made it to the July meeting in beautiful Choteau, MT. The Log Cabin Restaurant, while they wouldn't give us our table till 1:00 o'clock, we were able to frolic & stretch those gluteus maximus muscles on the outside patio till the servers had girded up for us. And they did serve up some great sandwiches and Kevin Huddy did not have an opportunity to order his Nun-Kase. (You had

to be there).

After the meal the ride home was as pleasant but a little more complicated as all eyes were drawn to the skies; in about every direction there were thunderheads. It was a bit tricky dodging the rain on the way back to Missoula. We did get doused just before Rogers Pass but John Torma and Terry Kay are all wet anyway so it was of little concern. Jumping off Hiway 200 on the return we were even able to ride the Old Stage Rd from Helmsville to Drummond. The one mentioned in the July newsletter. Like whip cream on desert! Ahhhh!

Here are the Far-Riders.....From Missoula...John Torma K1200LT, Kim & Rojene Lemke (w/ Tiny and Raleigh) Mazda Tribute, Chuck Reaves R1100RS. From Florence...Terry Kay R1200GSA (he had enough gas this time), Helena...Kevin Huddy R1200R Annie Huddy F650GS, Steve Moore R1200RT, Mike Cable R1100RT. And last (they got there first) but not least, from Townsend, Don & Nancy Davis R1200RT.

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OK ATTENTION...coming up for our August monthly ride...same venue as every August but this ride is the 2nd weekend of the month not the third.

Place is Wisdom, Mt. The restaurant is Fetty's. Located on the only main street in Wisdom. Time...same...1:00 PM.

NEXT MEETING

WEST

Sunday

1:00 p.m.

August 12th

FETTY'S

WISDOM

This is one weekend earlier than usual because of folks going to the Nakusp Rally and Beartooth Rendezvous. So mark your calendar for Sunday, August 12th for this ride!

If you have the time, a great ride for the return is: South from Wisdom thru Jackson, Mt, then approximately 18 miles East of Jackson turn North onto the Pioneer Mountains Scenic Byway which goes by Polaris, Elkhorn Hot Springs, Crystal Park & ending at Wise River. Fantastic paved road, just be aware it is open range for cattle.

Ok, for those of you of the GS/dual sport persuasion. Terry Kay, my son Mike and I, are planning a ride and campout on Saturday August 11th. We'll head out Saturday morning going over Chief Joseph Pass into the Big Hole with the goal of riding the Big Sheep Creek Scenic Byway, the only dirt road touted in the book Scenic Byways of Montana. The road is not hard but is remote. It's approximately 60 miles long. We'll start at the north end on Saturday ending up as far south as we want on the road. Saturday night we'll camp out, Sunday morning into Dell to the Dell Calf-A for breakfast, then on to Wisdom for the meeting at 1 P.M. If we have time Sunday morning we may ride some more dirt. If you are in-

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interested contact me and we'll get the specifics of this dirt venue set up.

Happy Trails!!

Chuck Reaves

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Photos as attachments.

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

Two seat sets for R1100RT and similar: Corbin, very nice leather - \$250; Rich's, \$200. Both are almost unused and are built for a smaller rider. Dick Walton, Missoula, 241-6385.

Looking for hard or soft bags (saddle bags and/or tank bag) in good condition for KLR 650 E model. Call Chuck 406-240-1771 or reavesrealtymt@gmail.com Thanks.

Note: Unless the editor is notified the items are still available, ads will be removed at the end of a 4 month listing. Ads will be dated to reflect the end date.

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2012 RIDES

JULY 15TH
CHOTEAU LOG CABIN CAFÉ
(COULD BE IN COMBINATION W/ A RIDE TO GLACIER)

AUGUST 12TH
WISDOM THE NEW FETTY'S

SEPTEMBER 16TH
HARDY CREEK MISSOURI RIVER INN

OCTOBER 21ST
OVANDO TRIXIE'S

NOVEMBER 18TH
DRUMMOND WAGON WHEEL CAFÉ

DECEMBER 2ND
MISSOULA CHRISTMAS PARTY



CHOTEAU -- A FEW PICTURES



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THE GS SIDE OF THINGS

Chuck Reaves



THREE FLAGS CLASSIC

This year the Montana checkpoint is in Wisdom. Those who have been there to help riders can attest to the good time had.

Larry Banister is looking for volunteers for the checkpoint (in Wisdom) for the 3 Flags Classic. This is Labor Day weekend. Give Larry a call 728-8914 or email beemermt@msn.com

2012 MOTORCYCLE EVENTS AND RIDES IN THE GREAT NORTHWEST

Details for most of these rallies can be found @ www.cyclefish.com

August

August 4 100,000 Foot Colorado Pass Ride
Takes off out of Denver

August 9-12 Stanley Stomp
Grand Jean, Idaho (limited to 200)

August 16-18 Bear Tooth Rendezvous
Red Lodge, Mt. (limited to 200?)

August 16-19 B.C. Beemers Rally
Nakusp, British Columbia

September

Sept. 1-3 Three Flags Classic Check Point
Wisdom, Mt.

Sept. 23 Thunder Mountain Rendezvous
BMW Club of Western Colorado

On a gorgeous Saturday morning in July, three “adventure riders” (Ha!) rode off into the unknown. It was an off-road (off pavement that is) trip that had been talked about for 2 years. So with the cooperation of great weather, the aid of a Forest Service map, water & extra tools (just in case) and an adventure spirit we headed out. Now don’t laugh, cause it wasn’t a gnarly old single track or even a gnarly old dual track.

It was the Tribal/Forest Service road of approximately 40 miles between Arlee, Mt. and Placid Lake, Mt. Still only one of us had been on this road, that being 25 years ago. So adventure it was, but I would have to say it wasn’t anything too serious. It was just plain fun. In fact I would recommend this as a great road for someone wanting to start off ‘GSing’, with the added benefit of beautiful scenery along the way.

The three riders were Chuck Reaves F650GS, Mike Reaves KLR650, and instigator & photographer Terry Kay F650 Dakar.

The road was very good especially on the Tribal side. It was also fairly well marked once we figured out the scale of the map, the miles we were traveling along those map squares and where the 1st turn came in. FYI, the Forest Service map did not designate a number for the Tribal road. FYI, it’s P1000. Otherwise it was a road well marked. Not only was it well maintained but the up and over the divide, if you can call it that, was very moderate.

Upper and Lower Jocko Lakes along the way were the highlights of the trip. We stopped often to enjoy the scenery, take pictures & have some water as it was one of those hot, though not sweltering July days; low 90’s rather than low 100’s. Once through the Tribal part of the ride the road became FS Road 349. This road was also well maintained but the scenery surrounding us changed dramatically as we began the downhill from Jocko Lakes.

We entered the burn area from the big fire of 2007. Amazing how much was burned! Déjà vu to me as I happened to be camping @ Placid Lake the night that fire started; and next morning, us campers were evacuated because of the fire. The flames were spectacular to see then. You realized then as now how many, not just acres, but miles were burned. There were approximately

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10-15 miles of burned forest going from Jocko Lakes to just a few miles west of Placid Lake. All burned to a crisp, now covered in beautiful wildflowers and allowing ginormous panoramas of the Swan Range to the east.

This summer day, as back in the year of the burn, the Placid Lake campground sign showed "Campground Full" as we motored by, near the end of the dirt portion of the trip.

Again I'd say for anyone new to GS riding this is a great 'starter road'. Total time was 6 hours. Time on the dirt part of the trek was 2½ hours; again taking our time.

Hunger hit the adventure riders, so for lunch we detoured to Seeley Lake for Bayburgers on the shore directly behind Lindey's Restaurant. Yum! With lots of adventure under our belts, lots of pictures taken and memories made we headed back to Missoula, encountering lots of adventure with recreationists on Hiway 200 on the way home. It's all an adventure, it's all good.



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